

Progress of Hills Hospital Reported Upon

By G. R. A. ... and Now I Find Myself Actively in Government

Well, folks, beginning January 1, 1947, it appears that I shall be a full-time member of the Birmingham and Lansing. What started out last March to be a personal effort to assist in the election of King Sigler to win a primary election campaign, then got into a state effort to help in the general election Nov. 5, has taken me to the State Capitol where, at Mr. Sigler's personal request, I shall embark upon the assignment of serving in his office as Executive Secretary.

You perhaps learned about this appointment Friday of last week, when he made it at Lansing. Thus, after more than a score of years as a private citizen and newspaperman, part of whose time has been directed to assisting in stamping out predatory business control of State government, and State about to engage, actively, within the structure of government itself, with King Sigler and his cabinet in an endeavor to bring about "clean and honest government."

I have no illusions about this new job. It will be a period of confining, hard work, the scope of which is limited only by one's time and talents. I have accepted this assignment in the spirit in which I have accepted all my other assignments. I shall challenge to engage, personally, in a further practical community service program to which I can help in self-government work.

Between now and January 1 I will be in Lansing, where place I will take over Mr. Sigler, who has been in the office since the time of his election. I have been acquainted with the various departments of the State since that time, and I have been in the office of the Governor, Mr. C. C. Nolta, since that time.

Thus, folks, I shall enter upon this new assignment in the spirit of meeting new and civically adventurous experiences. That I will prove me humbler... but those mistakes, I can assure you, will be only of judgment, not of will, and will help to carry me over the rough highways!

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Kim Sigler Names George R. Averill As Executive Aid

Beginning January 1, 1947, George R. Averill, publisher of The Excelsior, will assume the duties of Executive Secretary to Gov. Elect Kim Sigler, with offices in the State Capitol at Lansing.

Averill's appointment was announced by Mr. Sigler from Lansing last Friday, Nov. 22. Mr. Averill, an old friend of the Governor-Elect, played an important part during last spring and summer in Sigler's primary and general election campaigns.

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Proof Positive: The Real Thing



H. A. Houston (left), 783 Westchester, and H. E. Groves of Ann Arbor, former Birmingham resident, pose with the two bucks they obtained within minutes after the hunting season opened in northern Michigan.

A 150-pound, 4-point buck was the first of the season to be taken in the city to offer up their thanks for the many blessings the past year has brought to them, before going home to their Thanksgiving turkey.

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Brownout Measure Effected Last May Re-enacted by City

The City of Birmingham for the second time within a year will be required to dim its lights in an effort to conserve coal supplies.

With the current nation-wide coal strike very seriously threatening American industry, closing American schools and even drastically curtailing the efficiency of the hospitals and clinics, for the second time in 1946, J. A. Krug, Solid Fuels Administrator in Washington, has advised all State governments that each community within the State promptly take action to conserve fuel.

Mayor Milton F. Mallender received such a warning from Captain Donald S. Leonard, State Fuel Administrator, Sunday evening, and at the Commission meeting Monday night, a brown-out ordinance covering the City of Birmingham was passed.

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