

HIS and THAT

"I don't mind making enough money to pay taxes on... slighted a local citizen yesterday."

Being a practical philanthropist, if one can afford it, it is to the credit of the citizen of Birmingham...

Another fine domestic result that TV has brought into many American homes; husbands and wives find less time to argue.

Have you noticed, as you go about each day, talking with others, reading newspapers and magazines, listening to radio or watching TV, how seldom you come upon the name and personality of Franklin D. Roosevelt?

A year ago the less than a hundred voters in Mendon, Mich., elected an all-white slate of village officials—except the one male clerk. Last week the annual election again was held, and the women won out, even though the men had claimed their seat would win.

Newbold Morris, the Truman "cleaner-upper," who is supposed to expose and then rid government of graft and corruption, himself admitted many years of dough through the operation of Communist Party in Chicago.

Should Republicans Pick New Symbol? A Lion, Maybe?

The Birmingham Lions Club apparently is standing 100 per cent behind the Republican party. In a pre-election election last week, the membership solidly backed the GOP and named Gene "Ice" Eisenhower their favored candidate with 23 votes.

Recreation Board To Discuss Budget

The budget for the next year will be considered by the city recreation board at its monthly meeting Thursday evening, March 20.

Say Dad!

AS A MEMBER of the War Manpower Commission, Mr. Lovett helped formulate the rules which govern commission action in this area.

Financial Functions Would Be Centralized By Charter Amendment

One of the most important questions local voters will be asked to decide April 7 will be whether the city should have a finance department which would be headed by a Director of Finance.

Other issues on the ballot will be whether the city should issue \$350,000 in bonds for construction of an east side fire hall, and a proposed change in the city retirement system amendment.

In this and the following two articles will be explained the three proposals which voters will find on their ballots this spring.

The proposed charter amendment relating to the finance department is a complete revision of Chapter VII.

The centralization of financial control has been provided for in the proposed amendment. It is necessary so the city can operate more efficiently.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert has pointed out that the city is in my opinion that such assistance is necessary for the proper functioning of the manager's office.

The proposed charter change follows the "Model City Charter" of the National Municipal League and minor variations and also follows the administrative code of the city of Saginaw, which has established financial controls that have received national recognition.

If the new department is established, the yearly cost probably would be more than \$7,000.

MAYOR DEAN BEIER has stated, "We have had to burden the city manager and other department heads to a certain degree with their own financial and budgetary responsibilities. With one person in charge for the whole city, it can be handled much better and more efficiently."

Previously the city's financial affairs and direction have centered in one person.

Beier stated at a recent commission meeting, "The present charter requires the city treasurer to do all of this. We feel his department has enough to do now with keeping tab on tax collections, special assessments, license fees, water bills and other city revenues."

We must recognize that the city's budget today is far more than it was in 1933, when the present charter provisions were adopted.

The finance director would be appointed by the city manager with the consent of the city commission.

The finance director would be responsible for the city's budget, including the preparation of the annual budget.

(a) Maintain a general accounting system of the city government and each of its offices, departments and agencies; keep books for all city government budgetary control and agency; and keep separate accounts for items of appropriation contained in the city budget; and receive reports of receipts and disbursements from all departments and agencies of the city government.

(b) Submit to the commission through the manager a quarterly statement in sufficient detail to show the exact financial condition of each fund of the city and such monthly and annual statements in form and detail as may be required by the commission or the manager.

(c) Compile such information as may be required by the commission in preparation of the annual budget.

(d) PRESCRIBE THE forms of reports, receipts, and claims or bills to be used by all offices, departments and agencies of the city government.

(e) Examine all contracts, orders and other documents by which the city is bound, and approve financial obligations and approve after ascertaining that monies are available for payment when the obligations shall become due and payable.

(f) Authorize all purchases; establish specifications for material purchased; determine that material or equipment has been received prior to payment therefor; maintain custody of all supplies, material and equipment and provide for transfer or sale of same.

EGBERT SAID, "The functioning of a Director of Finance will provide the manager with information which is essential to the proper financing of the city and with the increased activity in...

City To Undertake \$20,000,000 Water Waste Survey

What is happening to 12 million gallons of city water each month? To answer this question the city commission will spend nearly \$20,000,000.

The city will contract for a water waste survey with the Pitometer Company at a cost of \$4,800. The city also will spend some \$14,000 on labor and transportation as their share of the survey work.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert explained to the commission Monday night that a systematic program to combat and repair water leaks has been carried on by the city, and that several months ago this responsibility was centered on Robert E. Manning, assistant superintendent of public works.

WITH the formation of the South Oakland County Water Authority nearing realization, Egbert urged that a survey be made to further reduce the amount of water lost.

Egbert pointed out that if and when Birmingham does contract with the city of Detroit for water at 20 cents per thousand gallons, this loss would cost the city \$2,400 monthly.

The city now can account for and sell 75 per cent of the water traveling through the mains. The ideal is to be sought in water loss is accounted for and 85 per cent of the metered water. Some loss is not only normal, Egbert explained, but is desirable.

A small loss is looked for to keep water pressure even through the lines and to combat dirt from settling in standing water.

"BEFORE WE began the water department testing for leaks and began periodic checks of flowage, the city could account for only 35 per cent of the water transmitted," Egbert stated.

The Pitometer company will divide the city into four districts, measuring total consumption over a 24-hour period in each.

His findings will be graphically presented on maps and charts to be further considered by the commission. The agreement to the work of the company to the \$4,800 contract, any further repair or testing work taken before the commission.

"THE COMPANY will test all meters above three inches in size wherever feasible.

The city's share of the work will be in furnishing corporation cocks at points designated by the Pitometer engineer, supply labor for operating valves and leak repairs, construct shelter boxes for the company instruments and furnish necessary transportation for the survey.

Many estimates district measurements can be completed within one week.

MRS. MOAKES said the flooded area was caused by a faulty drain which caused the water to back up. The place has been used by neighborhood children for playing rink during the winter months.

SUSAN, WITH her sister Linda, and Lynne, and Susanne, 3 children of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle S. Chesterfield, had ventured onto the ice when they broke, dropping Susan into two to three feet of water.

Mrs. William Bishop, first on the scene, went through the ice but managed to grab Susan and lift her above the water. She was assisted by Mrs. Chesterfield in carrying the child to dry and both women receiving cuts about the legs from the thin ice.

"I WAS SOAKED to the waist when I came out of the water," said, "so that water must have been between two and three feet deep, possibly more. It's hard to say."

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Business Leader's Rites Held

John L. Lovett, 63, one of Michigan's outstanding political and industrial leaders, died early Saturday morning at his home, 5400 North Adams road.

Mr. Lovett suffered a heart attack late Tuesday evening a few hours after he returned from Lansing, and was placed in an oxygen tent. He died at 12:15 Saturday morning.

HE IS survived by his widow, Ava, of Bloomfield Hills; three sons, John L. Lovett, Jr., Bloomfield Hills, Don E. Lovett of Birmingham and Thomas R. Lovett, Wilmington, Del.; two daughters, Mrs. Harry Gyselman of Lansing and Mrs. Delbert E. Boudin of Fort Worth, Tex.; seven grandchildren and one brother, Virgil Lovett of Denver, Colo.

Services were held Monday afternoon from Christ Church Cranbrook, with entombment in White Chapel cemetery. The bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company was in charge of arrangements.

Known widely for his influence in the industrial and political fields, Mr. Lovett was born in Kansas on Oct. 16, 1888, and attended the public schools there. He later attended the Otavus university at Otavus, Kan., and also had degrees from the University of Kansas and Columbia university.

Immediately after graduation from college he accepted a position with the state and two years later became associated with the Chicago Tribune. During his association with the Tribune, he covered the 1912 strikes in the Michigan copper mines.

IN 1915 HE was made assistant secretary of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, serving until 1919 when he became general manager of the Michigan organization. He held that office at the time of his death.

Mr. Lovett was extremely active in politics at the state and national, as they affected industry. During the years he had wielded considerable influence in Michigan legislation and was the force which guided many industrial bills through the legislature.

In the early '20s Mr. Lovett organized several industrial leaders in the state to coordinate the city's tax certificates, providing cash for operating funds of the companies.

A strict Republican in his thinking, he commanded the respect of his contemporaries and was known as a man whose word was unbreakable. Friend and foe alike, recognized him as a man whose promises were kept and whose integrity was beyond question.

DURING election campaigns Mr. Lovett would travel about the state, meeting the men with whom he would be dealing in later legislative contacts.

His influence was instrumental in passing many reform bills sponsored by the late Frank Murphy, including the Public Utilities, 1917 employment compensation and a workmen compensation in the state.

With the start of World War II, Mr. Lovett's activities increased in that he accepted additional responsibilities, working on a national scale.

He was the first industrial member of the area to be named to the OPM where he served in that capacity. He was also the first member selected to the board of governors of the Smaller War Plants corporation.

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DEAN BURNETT MRS. WOOLHOUSE J. C. WOOLHOUSE Mother visits via radio with soldier-son in Weisbaden, Germany. (Dick Shirk photo)

Institute Makes Final Plans Radio Visit with Son Thrills Local Couple

It was a happy "reunion" Sunday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woolhouse of 1618 Birmingham boulevard when they spoke to their son Jim by short wave radio.

Sgt. Woolhouse, stationed in Weisbaden, Germany, "met" his father and mother over the MARS station, D40P, when they were guests of Dean Burnett, 1513 Buckingham, operator of W8PP.

Although Sgt. Woolhouse was suffering an attack of laryngitis, he was able to carry on an interesting conversation with his parents. He spoke of the mid winter which that area is enjoying and of the wife he has taken since going to Germany last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolhouse related news of Birmingham friends of the young man, including Bob Miller, now stationed in Texas, Jim's dog, Jet, also was mentioned.

"We let her smell all your letters, Jim," Mrs. Woolhouse told her son, "and she was her tail over every one! She misses you, just as we do."

Jim said his quarters in Germany were good and he was getting very good food.

BURNETT, himself has met many of the radio contacts he has made. He recently met a man with whom he used to visit when operating a "ham" station in St. Louis.

In addition to the set in his basement, Burnett has a mobile station in his car.

"My business takes me on long trips," he explained. "When I'm on the road I contact a neighbor who keeps a check on my family for me. There's hardly a day that I don't have a direct contact with my family."

"Y' Offices to Move March 30" The local YMCA office will move from 144 West Maple to the new structure at 400 East 14th March 30, according to Ed Kirber.

"Auditors have uncovered widespread corruption in the Japanese government. It's plain that the...

"The House un-American Activities Committee warns the telephone industry to be prepared for communist infiltration. Next time you hear your favorite cowboy discussing Marxism call the FBI.

"A prisoner ran away while a member of the Washington State prison convict baseball team rounded the bases on a homer. A grand lammer?

All makes of linear contact mattresses wanted. See MATTRESSES, COM FANY, Phone Enterprise 6216.