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### City Seeks Answer To More Liability Insur. Coverage

The city commission is studying the feasibility of purchasing additional general liability insurance for property damage and automobile equipment damage to the blanket liability insurance policies now carried.

The commission asked for information on costs of greater coverage when the question of the city's share of liability in utility company accidents arose at the last commission meeting.

City Attorney Forbes S. Hasell opined that the city faces no liability in the event of utility accidents if the city had no say in the operation of the utilities.

COMMISSIONER Lance C. Minor contended that the whole subject of city liability should be explored and if the city has weak hold-harmless clauses with the utilities the city should tighten these franchises accordingly.

The commission voted to obtain binder coverage of \$100,000 in excess of \$250 on general property damage and \$100,000 in excess of \$250 on general liability property damage.

The city will endeavor to find out. The facts about city liability are expected to be presented at the next commission meeting so commissioners can decide definitely the top limit of liability insurance the city should carry.

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**BONDS WHICH HAD served their purpose went up in smoke Friday at the municipal building as James J. Hogan, auditor, touched a match to Bond No. 1, held by City Treasurer Russell T. Berger, as Mayor Dean Beier and City Clerk Irene Hanley look on. The bonds, issued in 1940 at a face value of \$215,592.94, "Series G-1 Refunding bonds" have all been paid and retired. This issue was to cover a "tax anticipation" issue dating back to 1930, and was made to obtain a lower interest rate for Birmingham taxpayers. (Eccentric Staff Photo)**

### City to Give \$75 To Safety Banquet Set for June 17

Over-riding the opinions of Commissioners Lance Minor and Frank Rising, Birmingham officials have voted \$75 toward the banquet which the Citizens Safety Committee has scheduled for June 17.

Mayor Dean Beier pointed out that several of the outstanding patrol boys of the Birmingham school district are to be invited to the affair, and suggested the sum to help defray expenses.

Minor said he did not feel the city commission was within its rights to feed anyone with the taxpayers money and offered to donate \$5 from his own pocket.

### Drive

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major medical centers of the country.

**PARTICIPANTS** in the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund are: Children's Cottage, Detroit, Osteopathic, Florence Crittenton, Grace Northwestern, Harper, Mt. Carmel Mercy, Oakland, Oakwood, Providence, St. John, St. Joseph Mercy (Pontiac), Sinal, and Woman's hospitals.

Other Detroit area hospitals with expansion programs under way or completed are: Bon Secours, Detroit Memorial, Henry Ford, Herman Kiefer, Highland Park General, Receiving, and St. Joseph Mercy (Detroit) hospitals.

Emphasizing the carefully planned coordination and long range significance of the hospital program in Greater Detroit, Whibler read a series of congratulatory comments by local and national leaders in the health field.

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, U. S. Surgeon General: "I am pleased to learn of the remarkable accomplishments achieved by the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund in developing a unified hospital system for the city of Detroit. I am proud to take this opportunity to extend my personal congratulations and those of the United States Public Health Service to the people of Detroit."

"I DON'T THINK we have any right to do it and should go slow on such things," Minor said. "First thing we know we'll be supporting the track team!"

"I think he has the right idea," Rising said, offering to give \$5 or even go out and raise the entire amount.

The banquet is planned for the purpose of receiving the safety awards which the National Safety Council has granted the city in view of its 1951 record. Plans are being made for a NSC representative to make the presentation.

dent of the Michigan Hospital Service: "The Greater Detroit Hospital Fund has done an outstanding job in making the people of the metropolitan Detroit area actively aware of their responsibilities and in stimulating them to an achievement that can be cited, without any reservation, as a monumental example for the rest of the country."

In describing the composition of the 20 million dollar fund, Webber lauded business and industry of the area which, through general acceptance of a formula figure of \$27.91 per employee, subscribed for over 12 million dollars for the creation of hospital facilities to be used by workers and their families."

**FOUNDATIONS**, he said, contributed more than four million dollars and the remainder came from individuals.

The Hospital Fund president said the success of the movement was the result of effective work by leaders of the participating hospitals and of the hundreds of volunteers in the campaign.

Mentioned for outstanding achievement were: William J. Norton, chairman of the administrative committee; Cleveland Thurber, chairman of the foundations committee; John R. Davis, Herbert B. Tris and Richard W. Jackson, who served as general campaign chairman during various stages of the program.

Special tribute was paid to the late Dr. Bruce H. Douglas, former Detroit health commissioner, "whose supervision, planning, technical advice and broad vision meant so much in the conception and the conduct of this unique program."

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**DR. JOHN W. CLINE**, president of the American Medical Association: "Your organization deserves the warm commendation of all who are interested in the extension of medical care and the preservation of the American voluntary hospital system."

Dr. Anthony J. J. Rourke, president of the American Hospital Association: "On behalf of the American Hospital Association I congratulate you on the leadership and effort which made possible this largest program ever conducted for hospital financing."

Raymond P. Sloan, editor of "The Modern Hospital" magazine: "The Detroit pattern based on new concepts of financing our voluntary hospitals should and undoubtedly will be studied and adopted by other civic-minded groups throughout this country."

**DR. E. D. SPALDING**, president of the Wayne County Medical Society: "We of this organization, probably better than any others, are in a position to evaluate the size of your accomplishment and the benefits that will accrue to the citizens of Detroit therefrom. We are wholeheartedly complimentary you on the completion of a task so well done."

Dr. Kenneth B. Babcock, president of the American Medical Association

### Road Oiling Hearing Scheduled for June 16

Birmingham's summer street oiling program will be discussed at a public hearing which commissioners have scheduled for June 16.

Two types of treatment are planned this season. For streets which face permanent improvement in the near future, or where bare structure is poor, a one-year oil treatment is scheduled. Mat treatment on the better-conditioned streets will carry a two-year guarantee.

### Bradford Assessment

Birmingham city commissioners have approved the assessment roll for the construction of the Bradford water main, from Elton to Melton. The entire amount will be charged in one payment against private property owners.

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