EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1920

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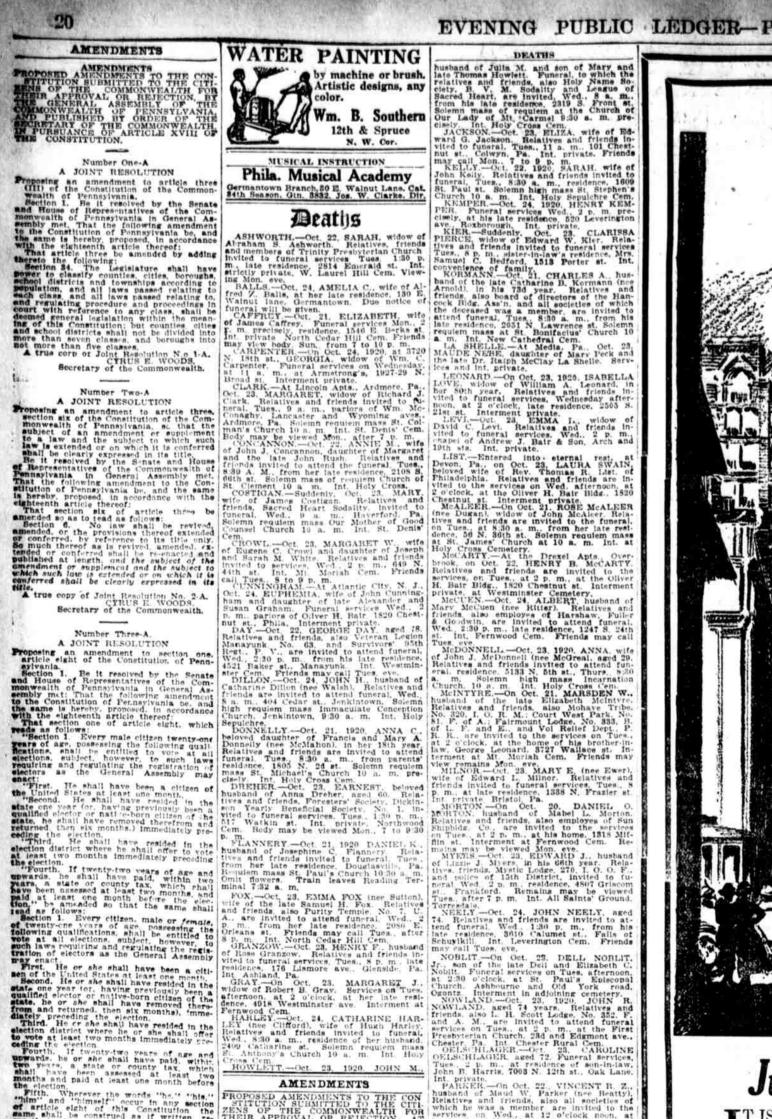
> > As a citizen and as a taxpayer you ought to know how the money is spent. You ought to know whether the city gets dollar for dollar out of the taxes you pay.

> > > It is the business of the Bureau of Municipal Research to give you specific information concerning what the city is doing; to co-operate with officials and to help them find better ways of doing things.

> > > It operates to give you facts on which to base intelligent opinion. Problems of municipal government are becoming constantly more complex. The Bureau of Municipal Research antagonizes nobody if it can be avoided, but it gets facts concerning city governmentfacts only, and lets you know what is being done with your money.

Just what is the Bureau of Municipal Research?

T IS an agency of alert citizenship maintained by 2000 public-spirited men and women of Philadelphia. It employs a staff of investigators, statisticians and specialists in accounting, engineering, health, civil service and



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law, equipped to solve technical problems of city gover nment of vital interest to you.

The Bureau of Municipal Research is the servant not only of the city but of yourself. Its province is one of helpfulness.

Witness These Facts:

When Philadelphia wanted a new charter, the Charter Committee depended upon the assistance of the Bureau of Municipal Research in the preparation of virtually every section of the new document.

When the Constitutional Revision Commission proposed a state budget system, the information they worked on came from the Bureau of Municipal Research.

When the Mayor's Committee on Mandamus investigated the situation which drains the treasury of \$2,500,000 a year without Council's control, its principal recommendations were suggested by the Bureau of Municipal Research.

The Bureau has done many other things:

It began scientific study of the street-cleaning problem before the new charter went into effect, and at the Mayor's request officially participated in the engineering study authorized by Council.

It has fought five years, mostly single-handed, for standardized salaries in the Civil Service; and it has stood without partisanship against political manipulation of the service.

It initiated most of the city's modern accounting methods, and has brought about improved budget procedure and more profitable employment of city money.

It reorganized the Bureau of Compulsory Education and led to cutting down truancy in Philadelphia.

It is responsible for the creation of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, which protects your wife from being "short-weighted" or "short-measured" by dishonest dealers.

It is responsible for greater efficiency in the Bureau of Vital Statistics and the Bureau of Housing and Sanitation and for the creation of the new Departments of Public Health and Public Welfare.

It has forced desirable publicity in Sinking Fund matters and has taken many steps to improve administration of the fund. It saved seven cents in the 1917 tax rate, by forcing the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to give up \$1,160,000 to which the fund was not entitled.

You ask "Why such an agency?" And we reply that it is necessary for the reason that YOU, as a citizen of Philadelphia, are ultimately responsible for your City Government.

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And It is working now for

- A real financial program for Philadelphia, including an intelligible and practical city budget.
- Better schools for your children and more pay for your children's teachers.
- The institution of municipal street cleaning.

Correction of the so-called Mandamus evil.

Economical management of the Sinking Fund.

City employes well trained and well paid; independent of politics; fewer drones.

A dependable, adequate and wholesome water supply.

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