EFFECTIVE CITIZEN CO-OPERATION

WHAT IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS SHOULD BE EACH BODY'S BUSINESS

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Getting down to brass tacks

The initial step in the most important advance movement which possibly could be made by the city was taken on September 21st, when the City Council decided to send a deputation consisting of:

> Mayor Hocken Controller McCarthy Alderman Wickett City Treasurer Patterson City Auditor Sterling

to examine right on the ground the workings of the municipal accounting departments of New York City and Reading, Penn.

This is the first step in a thorough reorganization of the city's accounting system which will supply adequate machinery by which the responsible financial and accounting officers of the city can currently and easily as a matter of routine

- 1. Supply all information necessary for effective administration;
- 2. Maintain an adequate accounting control of all city departments;
- 3. Issue balance sheets with supporting detailed statements in such form that the "man on the street" can understand;
- Know exactly what the city owes and what the city owns;
- 5. With the aid of the city departments prepare an itemized, segregated budget which will be a real statement of the city's yearly program.