TODAY'S **PROFILE**

For 28 years, Mayor George H. Lysle has been "Mr. Big" to the citizens of McKeesport, but the days

of that dynasty now are numbered. Running for his eighth straight term in office as head of the government of McKeesport, a third-class city of 55,000 population near Pittsburgh. Lysle has been defeated by a young democratic "upstart." He is Frank Euchanan, popular former basketball coach at McKeesport high

Thus comes to a conclusion of continuous rule almost without precedent in American municipalities. It was in 1913 that Lysle first took the oath of office and he has occupied the mayor's chair without interruption since.

Prior to that, the "old gray mayor," now 74, had served on Mc-Keesport's Common Council for 16 years, and was a prominent realtor in the community. He is a native of Camden, Pa., from where his family moved to McKeesport in 1871, when Lysle was only five years old.

Erect and spry despite his age, Lysle is known personally to almost everyone in McKeesport. His office door has been open to every visitor, from the tiniest urchin and guys named "Joe" to politicians and those prominent in business and civic life.

Although his yearly salary has never exceeded \$3,500, the whitehaired mayor has always ruled the city's republican party and the city previous to this year, had little trouble in brushing off opposition.

There is no feeling of bitterness on the part of Lysle, even though he will turn over his office-whose famous door has worn out a set of hinges-to his youthful successor. And he emphasizes that he is not

"Me quit now?" he asks. "Why should 1? I'll keep driving the republican party in this town if I'm the last man left."

But the long-time mayor made no effort to conceal his disappointment and even admitted he was a bit "hurt" by the decision of the voters. He declared he might have been "more vigorous" in the prosecution of his campaign, and emphasized that "you can't take anything for granted in polities."

The republicans already have started a counter-offensive against the new democratic officials, even before they have been inaugurated. An ordinance has been presented before the republican council, stripping the mayor-elect of control of the fire department and other vital agencies which were always under direct control of the mayor's office.

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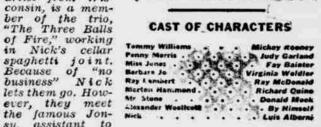
speaker. She will be with us for a before she leaves.

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of Fire," working in Nick's cellar

lets them go. How-

Chapter Four

Over in the Dornan Street Setilement house, Barbara Jo told Penny her version of the meeting with Busch. The child's eyes were shining as she said, "...and all the time Mr. Busch kept sittin" there, smoking that smelly ole cigar. And just when I was sure he was going to say 'No,' Tommy got right on the desk and told him what wonderful kids we were and what wonderful kids we were and how if we didn't get sunshine and fresh air we'd all wind up with pickets."

The quarrel had a funny effect on Tommy. First, he was good and sore. Then, when he quieted

"With what?" Penny asked. Penny got it and laughed, "Darling, you mean rickets."

It was all the same to Barbara

Jo. The results were what counted. "Well anyway he was wonderful and finally Mr. Busch said he'd let him do it and Penny, all I could think of was Tommy being like Abraham Lincoln freeing the

Penny locked at her in amaze-

ment. "Why Barbara Jo, he's fine for the benefit and next morning he was in her office, happy face. Why, he never stops to think of himself at all. But he'll be paid back." Dreamily, she began to hum, "The Man I Love."

Barbara Jo giggled. "You know Penny if it was anybody else but you I'd be jealous."

Penny squeezed her chin. "If it were anybody else but him you could have him."

Mig for her help in getting a theat tree for the benefit and next morning he was in her office, happy and exuberant.

She smiled at him, "Well Tommy, going to send those newspaper pictures to your mother?"

He nodded. "Yeah. She'll think I'm running for President." Then he leaned over the desk. "Jonesy, all hokum aside, what did you think of the performance."

She nodded. "I was really impressed."

lion dollars getting those comedy skits going nice and smooth, build-

like a house afire. The Block Party date was close, when one day Mr. Stone sent for Tommy. Stone had received a letter from the Board of Trustees. It seemed that they were sending the Settlement twenty refugee youngsters from the British War Relief to show them what a real American Fourth of July was like. He read aloud. "A short wave

the time we advertised the block party for. We can't have the Settlement kids in the auditorium then. That'll be right in the middle of the performance."

Stope was conserved. But that's ing available. But Tommy was busy with his own troubles. "Gee Jonesy, I don't see why Mr. Reed would mind. We just want it for one night. We

was concerned but there

mit again. All at once though, he jumped two feet in the air.

Where was his noodle? Why this was perfect. Better than before. Sure they'd have the broadcast... along with the Block Party, straight from the sidewalks of New York.

Store was delighted with the that sweating and rehearsing and she had said, "Forget the whole thing." How could he? Forget all the sidewalks of New York. Stone was delighted with the idea and Tommy rushed out to tell it to Ray and Hammy. The boys didn't catch on at first. "Don't you see?" Tommy said, "Bundles from Britain, will be a swell act for were leaden as he went to the door.

Jonesy had been his best friend and now even she wouldn't do any-Britain' will be a swell act for us to follow. And if they're sensational, so much the better. Look. Think of it. "The Three Balls of Fire.'... Flashlights, radio, front page... twenty little English kids torn from their mother's arms... thrown right into our laps with an

thrown right into our laps with an international hook-up."

Ray scratched his head. "Ye'.n.
I never thought of the publicity

Tommy shook hands with him-self gleefully. "What a Cause. What a Showcase. And here we are try-ing to send a bunch of little kids

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to the country. Why we don't even need that any more."
A voice cut in. It was Penny's.
"Did — did you say, 'We don't need that any

I..." He tried to pull himself together. Gosh, why hadn't the boys stopped him in

"Wait a minute." He walked over and took her arm and said quietly, "You say that as if you hate me." She refused to look at him.
"Why, that's silly. I don't hate you.
I think you're wonderful, your ambition, your talent ...

"Then what's the matter?"
"Nothing." Her voice was tremulous, "I just don't think you're
Abraham Lincoln any more that's

idea. He'd show Penny. He'd make her see that he was going to get those kids to the country or die in the attempt, And if the Block Party and Benefit gave him a boost at the same time? Well, that couldn't hurt anybody could it? Fourth of July arrived, the streets were roped off and Tommy's show got under way. The could think of was Tommy being like Abraham Lincoln freeing the slaves."

Penny smiled but as she thought of Tommy her eyes were bright with hero worship too. "I'll have to tell him what you said. He'll like that."

streets were roped off and Tommy's show got under way. The crowds were wild with excitement and the Refugee children did their broadcast. There was one tremendous cheer after another.

Then the "Three Balls of Fire," came on and when Tommy saw

Barbara Jo nodded violently. "I wish you would. Gee he's exceptional. Too bad he's not better looking."

Penny leek ing for her help in getting a thea-tre for the benefit and next morn-ing he was in her office, happy

good to you Tommy."
"Why not?"

warehouse."
"But it's got a stage. We'll take
that way. Here you are Jonesy, American Fourth of July was like.

He read aloud. "A short wave broadcast has been arranged and the English children will talk to their parents in London directly from the Settlement House. The

Jonesy had been his best friend thing. It looked as if his whole future were just going up in

(This is the worst setback that Tommy has had. Can he think of some other way to put on the show or has he come to the end of his rope, now that Penny, his Good Luck inspiration, has broken with him? Be sure to read the next thrilling installment.)

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could have him."

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She nodded. I was teany in pressed."

He rubbed his hands. "If you liked it we're on our way." Now he dug into his pockets. "Look. We collected forty-two dollars and with collected forty-two dollars and with your contribution it comes to sixty-

skits going nice and smooth, building up the technique of the kid orchestra, standing there, listening Penny tear up his heart with one of her love songs. And the kids were great. They all co-operated like a house afire.

Syour contribution it comes to sixty-seven. Now all we need is a theater. Did you find out about the Old Duchess?"

Her face clouded over. "Yes I did and Mr. Reed still owns it. But I'm afraid it won't be any good to you Tommy."

She made a little gesture. "It hasn't been occupied in years. There aren't even any seats in it. It's really not much more than a

the English children will talk to their parents in London directly from the Settlement House. The broadcast is scheduled for three broadcast is scheduled for three broadcast."

"But that's in Reed and I can now, he's having so much trouble." The telephone rang, and she spoke into it worriedly... something about the Marelli act, which wasn't proving available.

could fix it up."
She rose and for the first time

was no help for it. The Block Party would simply have to be postponed.

Tommy was in despair. "But we'll never be able to get a permit again." All at once though, he jumped two feet in the air. thing.

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