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Editorial

More On Lawson Brothers

In our editorial last week we referred to a deliberate ordinance violation by Lawson Bros., Inc., who have been represented on our City Council for the past ten years.

This week we feel compelled to inform our readers of other advantages enjoyed by Lawson Bros.

With at least a million dollars in inventory and rolling stock inside the city limits of Midlothian, their taxable value is only \$35,000 for a city tax bill of only \$525. This is a distinct advantage over home owners here, and is part of the reason Midlothian is forever short of money for needed improvements.

At the rate scale enjoyed by Lawson Bros., a home owner with a \$15,000 home would have to pay on a valuation of only \$600 with a tax bill of less than \$12.

Certainly we can't all be Lawson Bros. if we intend to have a town here. Certainly we must not violate city ordinances like Lawson Bros. if we care at all for our town.

Egg On His Face Last Time; A Threat This Time

The Attorney General of the United States, Ramsey Clark, a native of Dallas, got egg on his face the last time he violated the ethics of his profession by coming to the defense of Clay Shaw of New Orleans. As soon as Mr. Shaw was arrested in New Orleans, Clark volunteered that the FBI had investigated and cleared Shaw of any involvement in the assassination. Ninety days later, an assistant to Mr. Clark had to admit that Clark had erred. The FBI had not investigated Mr. Shaw.

This time Mr. Clark is more threatening. On Friday night in a speech at Charlottesville, Va. and in violation of the New Orleans court order, Clark threatened that he might have to "prosecute" Jim Garrison.

We have been wondering if Mr. Clark might be exposing himself to more egg. We think not.

We predict that Clay Shaw will be dead before his February trial date. Ramsey Clark is simply setting the ground work now for a new attack. Outlined in his Virginia speech where he stated: Jim Garrison simply hounded a "perfectly fine man, Clay Shaw, and ruined him just for personal aggrandizement."

Poor, poor America!