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"YES, A PATH OF CITIZENS" — BY NICH

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This was the substance of a rapid-fire speech made Tuesday by James Lynch, Pontiac attorney, before the local Exchange club at the home of Mr. Lynch, who is an ardent Democrat all his life, was the guest of Exchange James F. Wood.

All Given Responsibility

"As individual members of our country we ought to take a real interest in the affairs of government," said Mr. Lynch. "It has been said that the power of government lies in the ballot box, but it is in the ballot box, as voters, that this power places directly upon each pair of shoulders a responsibility. The responsibility, the ability for our contribution for the manifold privileges that each of us enjoys in this country.

"You can't expect to run a business by devoting only one day a week to it, and then, at the end of the year to it; you have got to be there a part of every working day, so that you are familiar with the peculiar problems of that business. So it is in affairs of government. All of us are workers, or shirkers, for our country; how can we intelligently give our best thought to America if we are not interested in the problems at election time? How can we vote and how few of us really do so for the best interests of the United States, or on even a state or local issue, when we are unacquainted with the issues involved."

Problem Is Internal

"A good deal is said, these days, about the immigration problem," said Mr. Lynch. "This is really not so great a problem as it is made out to be."

9,445 More Miles Of U.S. Roads Built

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 9,445 miles of Federal-aid roads were completed. An additional 4,587 miles is reported completed but has not been inspected and accepted according to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

B'HAM FIREMEN HELD 12TH ANNUAL PICNIC IN DETROIT THURSDAY

Leaving behind their helmets, hatches and hose with the few men who remained, the Birmingham fire department accompanied by the village commission and chaplain by the Birmingham police force spent yesterday at Palmer Park, picnicking and alternating between good and bad weather. This was the twelfth annual affair of its kind, and in twelve years much has been accomplished. The picnic ideas for picnic and an elaborate program lasted throughout yesterday.

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63 Per Cent Of Taxes Are Collected Here

About 63% of the total taxes for the village were collected during the thirty days ending August 1. Since that date the taxes have come in more slowly and there is now a penalty of 1% for the month of August. It is estimated that never more than 85% of that amount of taxes is collected in the village, the remaining 15% being collected in Pontiac, after the books are closed here.

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Local Institution Starts Work On Plans To Completely Remodel Old Quarters

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