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ROAD HEARING DATE NAMED

Telegraph Highway Right Of Way Parcels Object Of Meeting

A hearing will be held Monday at 10 a. m. on two parcels of land needed for the paving of Telegraph road. The hearing will be held in the Oakland County road commission office in Pontiac with Grover C. Dillman, state highway commissioner, present. One piece through which the

road passes is owned by Vincent Stock and subject to contract interests owned by C. H. Wilson and M. M. Burgess of Detroit and the other is owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Old and is subject to contract interests owned by Bloomfield Community Land company of Detroit.

The state has not been able to reach an agreement for the purchase of these two parcels of land over which the highway will pass in its course south of Pontiac.

Better illumination of highways is recommended by engineers as a means of reducing accidents.

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AMONG THE WOMEN

Mrs. Evans 'Mothers' 90 Boys

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS

A "mother" to 90 boys—all between 10 and 15 years old. That was the experience of Mrs. Katherine Evans, of 1028 Chester street, who this August accompanied more than 90 youths this summer from Birmingham and environs to the Y. M. C. A. camp, Copacetic near Fenton in the capacity of registered nurse.

And Mrs. Evans has returned from her 10 day stay at the camp, loud in the praise of the Y. M. C. A. and its methods. "I am even more interested in the Copacetic camp and in the new Birmingham camp which is to be opened next year at Leon Lake near Howell," she said.

To Mrs. Evans, perhaps, no phrase better typified the goal of the "Y" camp than the motto which the village boys came to know so well—"all for each and each for all."

"The boys learned to abide by that law," Mrs. Evans said, "and in their adolescent way they learned something about community living."

Councils

In the camp, Mrs. Evans explained, the boys are governed by two councils, their athletic council, which planned the games, and the recreational activities and the camp discipline council, the judiciary body of the camp. "Above all, there a boy learns to live on his own," Mrs. Evans said. "Birmingham is not comparable to many communities. The boys from this locality are unusual. It is seldom that an underprivileged boy is found among the group so in some ways 'Y' work can not be of as much value to them as in other communities, but even for boys of the calibre found in a village, such as Birmingham, I believe that the 'Y' camps have considerable to offer."

From the viewpoint of a nurse Mrs. Evans sees much of value in Y. M. C. A. activities. "Life at a 'Y' camp builds up good health," she said. "The out-of-door life is the natural life and the food that is served is balanced and healthful. Even though Birmingham is not an average community, village boys can profit considerably by a stay at the 'Y' camp," Mrs. Evans believes.

The campfire, which was held nightly at the camp under the direction of Irwin Neff, Jr., was of considerable value in Mrs. Evans' opinion. "An educational talk, songs, and a discussion were part of the hour," she believes that perhaps the greatest benefit was derived from the discussion," she said. "I remember in particular one evening the boys were asked what they believed was the most important thing camp had done for them. I was amazed at the freedom in discussion among these boys. They were sincere

and delightfully natural. There was little of the self-conscious in their replies."

Values Told

The knowledge of group living which the boys glean in the "Y" camps will be of particular value should they enter a college or university, Mrs. Evans believes. "Camp life teaches a boy to live harmoniously, a fact which is particularly of value in college. The boy who goes to camp for the first time finds himself thrown into a boy's world where youths conduct themselves much as adults, solving their own problems and setting up their own laws. If they have lived their own camp motto of "all for each and each for all" they have gone a long way in developing the attitude with which to face both college and after life," she is convinced. A poise and knowledge of manners which is more than sportsmanship is developed among the campers, in Mrs. Evans' opinion. "Then there is the benefit to be derived from the study groups," she put in.

Mrs. Evans is the wife of Henry S. Evans, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, and is a registered nurse receiving her certificate in Pennsylvania. She trained in the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh, later doing one year private duty there. She is a native of New Castle, Pa., receiving her education in the public schools there and later in Westminster College. For the past three years Rev. and Mrs. Evans have lived in Birmingham.

Birmingham AS SEEN BY—

JOHN B. HOWARTH
First National Bank building.
Nature of business:
Real estate and general insurance.

How long have you been in this type of business?
I have been here 10 years.

What led you to choose Birmingham as the location for your business?
Friends induced me to buy an interest in an established business, which, with my son, I later acquired completely.

What do you think of Birmingham's business future?
I think the future of this village is excellent.

What do you consider Birmingham's greatest need?
Better transit facilities are, in my mind; Birmingham's greatest need.

Are you desirous of keeping the village of a residential nature?
Yes, by all means.

What factors will encourage more buying in the village?
Well selected stocks at reasonable prices in the merchandising field is what is going to make for buying in Birmingham.

What do you say the merchants make a better shopping area?
On the whole we now have a fine lot of retail merchants here, but I believe that well displayed merchandise, uniform courtesy and prices that are fair are the things depending upon them to keep buying at home.

What growth do you expect of Birmingham during the next five years?
If the Grand Trunk railway carries out its plan of adequate communication service, population should double in five years.

Have you any "pet" idea you would like to see manifested in the village?
Yes, my idea is to encourage home owners, producers and merchants by taxing improved property (homes, stores, stocks or merchandise, etc.) more lightly and discourage vacant lot speculation by taxing idle vacant land more heavily. The Notch gives value to land except the growth of population and the march of civilization to which every inhabitant contributes by his presence. A larger part of this "unearned increment" should be taken through taxes for community service, and less of the wealth earned by workers.

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