Most of us grow up into adulthood without a great deal of explaining on the parts of our parents. When we reach maturity, it then becomes our eternal task to measure up to the ideals we mentally perceive.

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THIS and THAT

The gentleman who first said, "Opportunity knocks but once," was technicologically inexact (if we may indulge in polysyllabic humor). We see evidences every day that Opportunity not only knocks many times but usually persists in ringing until someone answers. That failing, and the bell losing all its audibility through sheer exhaustion, Opportunity then changes miraculously into the Wolf at The Door.

All of which will serve to introduce a little story first told to us by Oscar, an amiable colored man who frequently entertains and assists members of the local police department during those long hours of the night when the only interruptions from a routine of sitting and standing and sitting again, are the regular reports of the officers on their beats.

Oscar was reminded of the story by Sergt. Bill Green. Sergt. Green had just looked at the clock to learn the correct time. Probably a sleepy villager had called so that he might set his alarm clock.

Oscar laughed heartily for a few moments, for no apparent reason and Chief Hackett and the rest of us laughed too. "You know," Oscar said, "what you all just done reminds me of somethin'."

"Uh-huh," Bill said, tolerantly, "what that?"

"Well, Sam Moss, he run a pawnshop on Michigan avenue, an' one night," Oscar continues, "a fella livin' out Heath Redford, he call up Sam to find out what time his watch, what he left in hock that mawnin', way 'tis. Cain't you imagine how soah Sam was to be got up lahtes' to tell dat fella 'way out in Redford what time 'tis? Heh, heh, heh!"

And now, to the beginning again:

The simple incident of a man calling up the pawnbroker late at night, just to find out what time it was by his (not the pawnbroker's) watch, could easily be the basis of a story. You could hang a reasonable plot around the incident and make it tragedy, drama, a love story—or comedy, which it was. There's opportunity in the little story. It could serve as the introduction, the climax, or the conclusion of an excellent short story, or the Great American Novel. Opportunity knocks. All you authors and potential dramatists, the foregoing is Opportunity again.

Word comes from Hollywood, Calif., Waterbury, Conn., Durham, N. C., and other intellectual centers, that the latest fad at parties is to embarrass your guests, if possible, by inveigling them into a game which requires an encyclopedic knowledge and no end of cerebration. It's another one of those question games. Each participant is asked questions about history, science, invention, religion, government, music, etc. The answers must be given seriously.

As a matter of interest, if you are interested, we approve of such contests—in so far as we can, of course. Therefore we submit a few questions ourselves.

What European nation, now under the third dictatorship, seeks a remedy to its governmental problems in "constitutionalism," and what steps are being taken to obtain that "constitutionalism"?

How has electrification effected the farmer?

How would you establish equalization of taxation between land and industry?

How has the advancement in aviation affected the railroads, busses and steamship lines in the matter of rates during the past five years?

With the possible exception of Norway and Sweden, what country leads the world in its book-buying capacity?

What middle western senator recently refused to attend a dinner in Panama if liquor was to be served?

What is the French spelling for Mainz? Where is Mainz? What famous printer comes from Mainz?

In defeating the Foster Capital Punishment bill the people of Michigan gave evidence enough that they are not content to take the easiest way out of one of the oldest social mazes. Now may the people summon further courage to abolish the abuses against society by enforcing and strengthening laws to prevent crime as well as to reduce it to a minimum.

Each drop of rain
Its duty does
To shape the flower's
Lovely curves,
Or make green grasses grow.

Each moment's sun
Its warmth bequeathes
A recompense—
And on my knees
I thank my God it's so.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS OFFICE

is the sign on room 115 at the Adams School.

Allons! Springtime poets, this sign merits an apostrophe! It matters little whether singular or plural possesive, now's the time!

Michigan Rejects Death Penalty By 55,000 Majority

Opposition Buries Foster Bill In State; Oakland County Gives It 275 Vote Majority; Republicans Win

Michigan voters, by a majority of more than 55,000, Monday emphatically expressed their opposition to the proposal to restore the death penalty in this state. With only a few more than 700 precincts out of 51,260 yet to report, the vote on the Foster Capital Punishment bill was yes, 216,794, no 267,954. Other proposed legislation in three bills, with fewer precincts reported, also were buried under an avalanche of votes and State, County and Township Republicans were again elected by a large majority vote.

"On the basis of incomplete figures, 17 counties gave approval to the death penalty bill, including Oakland County, which gave it only 275 votes majority out of approximately 23,000 votes cast. Wayne County defeated the bill by more than 10,000 majority, while Kent and Macomb counties upheld it.

The bill to aid the State in improving landing fields for airplanes was losing by 10,000 votes with approximately 1,100 precincts in the state yet to be heard from and the refunding bond proposal faces defeat by approximately 18,000 votes.

Governor's Statement

Governor Wilbur M. Brucker Tuesday evening, when certain his advocation of the death bill had been so opposed by the people, said in part:

"The result of the vote on capital punishment is satisfactory from many angles. It has been beneficial to get the sentiment of the people on this important problem by means of the referendum. The vote itself evidences serious and thoughtful study by the electorate.

"From all this, no law enforcement officer can afford to neglect this plain mandate from all of the people to exert every energy to the utmost to combat crime with every existing weapon of the law."

Republican candidates for State and Township offices all won by

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NEW BUSINESS GROUP FORMED

Co-operative Organization Holds First Meeting; LaBelle Is Chairman

Birmingham business and professional men, bent upon forming a cooperative organization to foster a closer relationship between themselves and the citizenry, held their first meeting in the Community House Tuesday night. Forty-one persons were present. Alfred LaBelle, local merchant, opened the meeting with a brief presentation of the aims of the group. Raymond Peck, another prominent Birmingham business man, presided over an open forum that followed Mr. LaBelle's talk.

A nominating committee consisting of Charles B. Randall, Harry Bissett, Grover Cook, and Clarence Warner, selected the following directors: Alfred LaBelle, George E. Averill, Ralph Wilson, Frank E. Mulholland, Joe Stroup, Ray Peck, and Walter Moreland. The directors, at a meeting following the general get-together, elected Mr. LaBelle as chairman, Ray Peck, vice-chairman, Mr. Averill as secretary, and Oscar Peterson treasurer. The directors also assigned the assignment to act as objective committee.

To Write Constitution

A committee to write a constitution and by-laws was appointed, as follows: Harry Bissett, Charles G. Parks, and Allen Arnold. Another general meeting will be held in the near future.

Those present included: Louis E. Davidson, Ingwald Wangberg, Charles Scott, O. J. Braaten, Elbert C. Holcomb, William E. Olsen, Emil Olin, Harry Bissett, Earl Gaskill, Victor Peck, George R. Averill, Charles B. Randall, Ralph Wilson, Frank E. Mulholland, William Wood, Clarence Warner, Archer W. Brant, See-Bird, Charles G. Parks, H. P. Dowling, William Thomas, William G. McBride, William Moller, Charles Miserer, B. L. McNellis, Allen Arnold, Phil J. Williams.

Robert C. Peck, Robert Oliver, Raymond Peck, Lee Frank, Grover Cook, Alfred LaBelle, Paul N. Averill, Jack Lynch, Mrs. Marguerite Harris, Mrs. T. C. Hogling, Frank E. Mulholland, Joe E. Stroup, J. E. Taylor, Arthur Mitford, Horace P. Shaw, Harold Klein, Lester Sells, J. M. Harding, Mr. Allen.

Assessor's Building Survey Here Nearing Completion

Accurate and detailed information on every building in Birmingham will be presented for the first time in the history of the village to the board of review when it meets, May 27, 28 and 29, if opportunity enables, Albert W. Noonan, village assessor, to complete the work in which he has been engaged since last July. Most of this work has already been completed, he reports, and Birmingham will have one of the most complete records of building valuations in the state when the work is completed.

Letters to all property owners in the village have been sent out during the past several months advising them of the necessity of relations of their buildings and urging them to discuss any problem of cost or specifications with the assessor before the board of review meets.

The building cost affidavit sent to the property owners contains the location of the building, its cube space, the house number, description of the property, the name of the contractor and the kind of a contract under which the building was constructed.

Contain Building Description

These affidavits also include a itemized list of the amount spent for carpentry, brick work, concrete work, plumbing, plastering and lathing, heating, painting, electrical work, roofing, the work excavation, papering, glazing and stones exterior walls, and information regarding the heating system, plumbing, floors, partitions, number of rooms, bathrooms and fireplaces as well as bays, porches and garages and their dimensions and the amount of fire insurance carried.

Among other things taken into consideration in the building valuation are the restrictions, a chronological chart of the former assessed valuation, improvements to the land, such as gas, water, light, sewer and street advantages, kinds of materials used in construction, built in features, etc.

Most Complete Record

Completion of the land valuations in the village was begun by Mr. Noonan after a series of conferences with a committee of seven prominent village real estate men, contractors, attorneys and appraisers last summer.

With the exception of Flint and Detroit, no other community in this part of the state has so complete a record of land and building statistics upon which to determine the assessed valuation of property for the tax rolls, it is reported.

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SUCCUMBS

Miss Alta Symons

DEATH TAKES MISS SYMONS

Prominent Village Girl Buried At White Chapel Memorial Park

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday from the First Methodist Episcopal Church for Miss Alta L. Symons, the Rev. R. M. Atkins officiating at the ceremonies. Miss Symons, a graduate of Baldwin High School and well known in the village, died Thursday at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after an illness of four weeks. Burial was in the Court of Memories at White Chapel Memorial Park.

Miss Symons was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Symons, 544 Brown street. Besides her parents she leaves six sisters, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Howard J. Wendorff, Mrs. Hazel of Birmingham, Mrs. Loren O. Brien, of Manton; Mrs. Mary O'Brien, of Bentley, Mrs. Okla Knox, of Ira, Mich., and a brother, Lloyd, of Drayton Plains.

Miss Symons was born Nov. 8, 1902 in Grand County, Ind., and lived in Birmingham 13 years. She had been employed by the Parks Coal Co., and also as a stenographer at the Cranbrook Foundation where she worked for the past two years. Miss Symons was past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club and was a graduate of the Business Institute at Detroit.

At the services, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Joseph, of Battle Creek; Mrs. Elva Bliss, of Kalamazoo, Donald Crandall, of Battle Creek, and Mrs. Vera Shultz, of Birmingham, were heard in a group of songs. Miss Symons' request that "Sweet

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LABORER SLIGHTLY HURT IN CAVE-IN

Suffers Only Sprains When 8-Foot Ditch Falls At Oak And Westwood

Neal McDonald, 26 years old, a laborer employed by Flatman and Dinsmore, contractors, was crushed between two walls of earth and sand which caved in on him while he was excavating a ditch at 11 a. m. Tuesday at Westwood avenue and Oak street.

McDonald was taken to the St. Joseph Hospital after an examination by Dr. O. O. Beck who pronounced his injuries not serious. Patrolman Earl Moody and Detective Joseph MacGregor took McDonald to the hospital in the S. O. Wylie Bell Ambulance. McDonald, who is single and lives at 117 East Brown avenue, Royal Oak, suffered only muscular sprain. The ditch in which he was working was eight feet deep and was being built for sewer pipe connections.

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THREE BANDITS HOLD UP 'CAVE,' JOCKEY CLUB

Escape After Robbing Patrons Of County Restaurants of $550

SOUGHT IN DETROIT

Oakland County Deputy Sheriffs, Detroit and Royal Oak police are continuing their search today for three well-dressed, youthful bandits who escaped with $550 loot after holding up The Cave barbecue establishment at Woodward avenue and Coolidge Highway Sunday night. Earlier in the evening the same bandit trio held up and robbed the Jockey Club, Twelve and One-Half Mile and Southfield roads, where they obtained $200. Detroit police believe the same things held up the Edison Hotel in Detroit two hours before the Cave robbery.

The Cave barbecue was held up on Feb. 7 and the manager, Jack Harbison, of Birmingham, was robbed of $113.

Suspect Released

One man, arrested in connection with the holdups, was released Monday after questioning by Royal Oak and Detroit police when victims of the bandits declared that not answer the description of the youths. He was Peter Angelond, 15186 Quincy avenue, Detroit. Also was traced through an automobile license number given police as the one borne by the machine in which the bandits escaped.

From the Cave barbecue held up amounted to about $350 in cash and jewelry valued at nearly as much. Harbison, proprietor of the barbecue, lost the greater part of the cash but the 10 couples in the barbecue were robbed of money and jewelry. Harbison was robbed of $285.

Half an hour later the bandits walked into the Jockey Club where they held up Thomas Dwyer, proprietor, and several patrons, escaping with about $200.

Remained Half an Hour

The gang visited the Jockey Club at 10:30 p. m. when they ordered sandwiches and remained in camp for half an hour. As they departed they asked Dwyer concerning the day's business and receipts and inquired about the electric plant.

At 1:45 a. m. the gang visited

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NEW ADJUSTMENTS ON WELL PLANNED

Pump Changes To Reduce Power Bill On Derby Project 25 Per Cent, Parry Says

The cost of supplying the power for the pumping of water from the Derby well will be reduced approximately 25 per cent after a new pump has been "pulled" and trimmed by the well contractors who have agreed to come here and do the work the latter part of this month, James W. Parry, village manager, told the commission Tuesday night.

The normal pressure at the well when water is being pumped at 65 pounds while at present the pressure is 95 pounds, Mr. Parry reported. The Derby well, he added, has been closed since last October and the Lincoln well has been supplying the village water.

Use of water during the winter in Birmingham has been the lowest in the history in the last four years, he added.

Embezzler Given Long Jail Sentence

Lee Adams, 22 years old was sentenced to spend from 7½ to 15 years in the Michigan State Prison at Jackson in Circuit Court Tuesday on a charge of embezzling $608 from the Jordan Chevrolet Sales agency here on Mar. 24. Adams was arrested on a Chicago bound Grand Trunk passenger train while fleeing from Birmingham. Quick action on the part of Birmingham police resulted in his capture within half an hour after the theft and his disappearance were reported.

Begin Collection of 1931 Dog Taxes

Collection of the Oakland County dog tax by 30 men employed by the county under the direction of County Dog Warden, Charles Johnson was begun Tuesday. A penalty of $2 will be assessed dog owners who failed to obtain dog licenses before Mar. 31. To obtain licenses, Mr. Johnson announces, will mean confiscation of the dogs.

'Y' PING PONG TOURNEY TO BE PLAYED TODAY

Ping pong players of the local Y. M. C. A. will compete with a team of four boys from the Highland Park Y. M. C. A. today at the local 'Y' headquarters. The boys on the Birmingham team, coached by Irwin Cone-Straight, Neff, are Howard Johnson, James Kelley, Robert Frost and Al McBroy.

Tomorrow at 5 p. m. the Birmingham boys games champions will compete in the state tournament at the Central Branch of the Y. M. C. A. in Detroit.

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Largest Advertisement

This issue of The Eccentric contains the largest single advertisement ever published by the Birmingham business concern during the 53 years of our publication history. The advertisement is for the Birmingham Department Store, Louis E. Davidson, proprietor, and consists of a complete four-page section, devoted to the store's thirty-fourth anniversary.

HONORED

—Photo by Arnold

Frank W. Higby

AWARD GIVEN LOCAL YOUTH

Highest D'Molay Merit Degree Conferred On Frank W. Higby

The highest honor that can be conferred on a member of the Order of De-Molay has been awarded to Frank W. Higby, scribe of the local James S. Hassberger Chapter, according to word received from Washington, D. C., at the recent meeting of the Grand Council of the order. The Legion of Honor award which has been conferred on Mr. Higby is given for meritorious and unusual service in behalf of the order.

Mr. Higby, who is 20 years old and lives with his family at 839 Ridgedale avenue, was made a member of the local chapter in May, 1927, and since that time he has served one year as Orator, two years as Treasurer, nearly two years as Secretary and one year as Treasurer of the Metropolitan District.

In addition to holding these offices, he has been active on various committees, especially the Delphian play committee, having been entirely responsible for the programs the past two years. These presentations netted the order more than $150. Mr. Higby also has been active in affairs of the community, having been president of the Greenfield Luncheon Club, president of the High School Alumni Association, president and secretary of his Sunday school class and business manager of the orchestra at the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

The ceremonies at which the degree will be conferred will be held in Detroit the latter part of this month when seven others will receive a similar award. Mr. Higby is the third member of the Hassberger chapter to receive the award. The others so honored are L. Shanley Rosse and William Spence.

"Frank is very dependable and one of the hardest workers the chapter has ever had. It is an honor that has worthily earned and his example should be an inspiration to other members of the order," B. J. Meirow, "Dad" of the order, declares.

Arguments On Proposed Postoffice Alley Heard

Continuance of the hearing on the proposed construction of an alley from Oakland avenue north to Euclid avenue between Ferndale and Woodward avenues, commonly known as the Postoffice Alley was granted until next Monday night by consent of the village commission Tuesday in order to permit Mr. Louis Hascall to obtain the lease which the United States government signed for the postoffice site.

Vigorous objection to the construction of the alley and the subsequent plan for assessing the cost of the project was voiced by several property owners at the meeting Tuesday night. More than 50 percent of the property owners, however, petitioned for the alley in August 1928, making the establishment of an alley in that location mandatory unless some compromise or further delay can be obtained.

Parry Outlines Project

When the hearing opened there were about 12 property owners present and James W. Parry, village manager, explained that it was proposed to build the alley with an outlet on Woodward avenue, just south of the First Presbyterian Church, whose northern boundary is Euclid avenue. It is proposed, he said, to take all of the 18 feet necessary for the width of the alley from the east ends of the Woodward avenue property and the Woodward avenue property owners are to bear the complete assessment for obtaining of the right-of-way. The improvements, however, he said, were to be paid for by assessing all of the property owners, both on Woodward and Ferndale avenues, whose property abutted the proposed alley. The former assessment, he said, would be approximately $6.50 per foot and the latter $3.50 per foot. The cost of the entire project is estimated at $4,204.21 for the improvements and $4,950 for the right-of-way, of which the village would pay approximately 20 per cent.

Robert Birmingham, one of the property owners, declared, "I think it's the most unheard of thing to start that alley at this time. I'm quite sure it would not benefit anything the church property and I think it could be delayed until a time when business warrants it. All the interested persons I've talked to are emphatically are opposed to the construction of the alley at this time. I think the matter should be delayed."

Other Complaints Heard

Other property owners on Ferndale avenue complained that the proposed plan for the alley would not benefit them because the grade of the alley would be four feet below their lot levels and would necessitate additional filling expense. Robert D. Lynd declared that he thought it was a serious question as to whether the alley would benefit Ferndale property at all and did not think it would be necessary for 20 years.

Mr. Hascall expressed surprise that certain owners, with whom

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Vern Griffith Made Lions Club Member

At the regular business meeting of the Lions Club in the Community House yesterday noon, Vernon Griffith, chief of the Birmingham Fire Department and a member-at-large of the Lions club, was formally received as a regular member. The organization also named Arthur Wingerden, Dr. N. Weir Burkman, Walter Moreland and G. Bowey Kimball as delegates to the State convention at Battle Creek, May 17, 18 and 19.

The nominating committee for the annual election of officers is composed of Carl Ely, Claud Moor, Morris Kinsman, Arthur Wingerden and Pete Barnett. Nominations will be made in May, elections in June and installation of officers in July.

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Property Owners' Group Asks Many Township Reforms

Urges Drastic Wage Cuts For Bloomfield Officials; Advises On Gravel Pit, Park, and Budget

The Property Owners' division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board last night took its first step towards effecting a reduction in taxes when it accepted and endorsed the recommendations of the committee appointed to study the Bloomfield Township government. These recommendations included a reduction in many of the salaries of township officials, advocated witholding of further payments on the $104,850 gravel pit, and urged sweeping changes and economies in the operation of the township park.

The committee also discussed at length, proposals for improvements in the township budget, which, it reports, has never been adopted as a financial measure by the township. At 9 a. m. today the property owner's division is expected to present its report at the annual meeting of the township board.

The committee which made the report is composed of David Levinson, Charles E. James, F. J. Warnick and A. L. Moses. Those who attended the meeting last night were: Charles J. Shain, chairman; Scott Hersey, Edward L. Bryant, Robert K. McClellan, Henry Hart, Harold S. Gray, John S. Black and Eugene Walton.

The report of the committee, as revised, is as follows:

Mr. Charles J. Shain, Chairman, Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board:

The Committee, as appointed by yourself, has had several meetings and also has gone over the records in the Bloomfield Township offices. We have also discussed with the Township officers the various matters which we, as a committee, have been appointed to cover.

You must realize that your Committee is under a serious handicap when you consider the short space of time allocated to us for doing this work. It therefore should be apparent to you that, at the very best, only a cursory examination of the records could be made, and our report will be rendered to you on that basis.

In going over the records pertaining to salaries, expenses, and various other items of expense incurred by the township which necessarily is passed on to property owners in the form of taxes, we find that quite a few adjustments can be and should be made, with the thought uppermost in mind that only by this manner will it be possible eventually to reduce taxes.

We, therefore, in Committee assembled, make the following recommendations:

That the township board hold regular monthly meetings in the evening, open to the public.

I. SALARIES:

Supervisor—$4,000.00 per annum, plus $7.00 per diem Board fees.

Clerk—$3,000.00 per annum, plus fees averaging approximately $150.00 per annum.

Treasurer—$1,800.00 per annum.

Highway Commissioner—$2,400.00 per annum.

Justices of the Peace (while serving as members of the Town-

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$18,000 SOUGHT IN ROLL CALL

Community House Asks $7,000 Less This Year, Drive Starts Apr. 20

Birmingham's Community House will ask the citizens of the Community for $18,000 to operate its activities during the coming year.

This announcement was made at a meeting of the steering committee of the annual roll call which is scheduled to start on Apr. 20 by J. Fred Woodruff, executive chairman for the campaign. This is $7,000 less than last year, thanks to the economies of operation which have been effected in the past few months together with the increased revenues which are coming to the Community House from its paying activities.

At the same meeting Mr. Woodruff announced the general plan of the campaign. This will be a personal solicitation by volunteer workers, both men and women, who will be divided into teams and assigned a certain number of calls.

To start the ball rolling in preparation for the roll call, Mrs. L. N. Pyle was hostess at a tea at the Community house on Tuesday afternoon to the women team captains. Mrs. Pyle is general chairman of the women's solicitation and her tea served to get the captains together and to assign them a list of workers for their teams.

Women's Teams Captains

The following are the women's teams captains: Mrs. Irving Babcock, Mrs. James Barr, Mrs. W. B. Brown, Mrs. F. B. Etter, Mrs. F. D. Fartar, Mrs. Ellene Glover, Mrs. C. G. Hemmiller, Mrs. H. J. Klingler, Mrs. Harold Middleton, Mrs. Norman Lyle, Mrs. C. C. Patterson, Mrs. Warren Pease Jr., Mrs. Latta Porter, Mrs. R. S. Preble, Mrs. Raymond Reilley, Mrs. R. W. Rose, Mrs. H. P. Shaw, Mrs. F. W. Shuell, Mrs. Verne Skillman, and Mrs. H. H. Gardner.

Harold Gray, chairman of the men's soliciting committee, has already selected his captains and asked them to serve but has not yet heard from all of them accepting the post. He expects to complete his team heads by the end of the week.

Formal activities of the campaign will begin next Wednesday afternoon with tea for the women solicitors. This meeting will be addressed by Mr. Woodruff and detailed instructions regarding the work of the solicitors will be presented by W. A. P. John, general chairman of all soliciting activities. Wednesday evening the men's teams will gather for a dinner, as the guests of Mr. Gray, and both Mr. Woodruff and Mr. John will speak.

Work Starts Monday

The actual work of the solicitors will start on Monday, Apr. 20 and that evening a dinner will be held for all workers at which reports of the first day's efforts will be received and further instructions and helps will be provided. On Wednesday, Apr. 22, there will be another tea for the women workers and on Friday, Apr. 24 a second dinner for all solicitors. The

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Hearing On Budget Again Is Delayed

Because the committee appointed by the Property Owners Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board to study the proposed village budget had not concluded its work when the village commission met Monday night the hearing on the budget was continued until next Monday night when the public will again be invited to consider the proposed $401,165 budget.

POLICE CHIEFS' ASS'N HONORED HERE TODAY

Members of the Police Chiefs' Association of Wayne County will be guests of the Birmingham Police Department at the Community House at noon today, with Chief John P. Hackett of Birmingham acting as host, James W. Parry announced to the commission Tuesday night.