A little water, some warmth and sunshine, and the PLAN behind the fragile blade of grass, the tiny unshaped bud, the stalwart tree, unfolds in Spring's eternal maternal coming. Life is an abundant thing.

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THIS and THAT

People in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills area were made happier last week with the announcement that the Grand Trunk plans to have commuter trains running between Detroit and Pontiac, probably during the early part of July. This will enable many people who now live in Detroit, but who long have wanted to "live in the country," to move out to this community. People who own real estate here, and "keep their heads," ought to realize a tidy profit from their holdings.

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Earl G. Potter, of Rivenoak avenue, was made a member of the local School Board last week, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation and death of Fred V. Quarton. Mr. Potter has been connected with school work for many years; he is old enough to have acquired a practical philosophy of life, and young enough to make it fit into everyday existence. He is a distinct addition to the School Board. This and That hopes he will bring honor to himself and a fine concept of education to the system.

Man is the only recognized biped walking in an upright position. If he will pattern his thinking after his stature, he may attain a still greater degree of uprightness.

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Thirty-five years ago, slightly more than one generation of man, a pair of interurban street car tracks was threaded from Detroit to Pontiac, via Woodward avenue. "The electric cars will ruin the steam railroad lines, and put them out of business," declared many observers of that day. Alas, and alack! the electric cars have gone, and the steam railroad announces new plans to carry passengers to and from Detroit.

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Birmingham's board of review will meet May 27, 28, and 29 in the Municipal Building, to listen to your objections to the 1931 village tax assessment placed against your property. On those days you are given an opportunity to have your say in court." If you don't appear, you must not sneer, but take with cheer, the tax assessed against you.

75,000 TULIPS

Would you like to see 25 or 30 varieties of tulips, all in full bloom, their total numbers approximate 75,000? Then you are invited to drive over to White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, East Long Lake road, and absorb their riotous beauty. Howard Wendorph, superintendent of the cemetery, who formerly lived in Birmingham, has waged the initiative in the general public. The gates will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until sundown every day.

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Somebody once made a deep remark about "great minds running in the same channel." So This and That wishes to offer a modern version of the same thought: "grate minds stagnate in the same rut."

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This and That takes off its hat to Judge's lovely verses; who says the rhyme runs not on time will win the poet's curses. So pinch your specs and crane your necks and read the poet's whining; for spring is here—good cheer! good cheer—continue with this pining:

"The crocuses are crowing, the southern zephyrs blowing, the nectarines are seeking by the sea; the cat-tails catter-waulin', the cauliflowers calling, and spring is springing up along the lea.

"The yellow cowslin's slipping, the catnip starts anipping and the saps along the streets begin to stir; you know the spring is springing when the bluebells' bells are ringing and the pussy willow buds begin to purr."—Judge.

One of the many fine examples of determined young manhood to be found in Birmingham is Jimmy Drumm, son of Mrs. Kate Drumm, 307 Harold avenue. Jimmy is celebrating his 19th birthday this week. The history of his youth would have been welcome material to Horatio Alger, Jr. Ever since he was a boy, Jimmy has been active and willing in doing his bit to help support the little family which includes his mother, a smaller sister and himself. Last year he graduated from the Ford Service School in Detroit, and now he's back at Baldwin determined to complete his high school education there. He has one year more after this. And with all his practical ability, Jimmy has found time to serve this year as manager of the Baldwin swimming team. Keep it up, Jimmy, we're all for you!

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TAX INCREASE IS SCHEDULED AT BLOOMFIELD

Village Rate to be Doubled; Valuation Placed At $5,855,400

RESERVE FUND GONE

The assessed valuation of property in Bloomfield Hills Village for 1931 is $5,855,400, or $441,750 less than the figure established in 1930. The new rolls were approved and accepted by the Bloomfield Hills Commission Tuesday night.

Along with the drop in valuation, which was due to a system of equalization on both real estate and building values employed by Village Engineer Harry S. Starr, who did most of the actual assessing work, the village is due for an increase in the tax rate of more than double the 1930 rate of three mills.

Although it has not yet been definitely established, the new rate is almost certain to be seven mills, according to Mr. Starr. The increase must be made despite the fact that the budget remains approximately at the same figure as that of the previous year's budget, or about $60,000.

Reserve Fund Exhausted

The reason for the increase, Mr. Starr and the Commissioners explained, is that a reserve fund which had been built up out of the surplus in operating expenditures over a period of several years was dumped into the general fund last year, thus reducing the amount which had to be raised by taxation.

That move resulted in a decrease in the tax rate of nearly 50 per cent, but now that the reserve fund is exhausted, the tax rate must be increased again.

"That rate for 1931 will be seven mills," Mr. Starr said. "The village budget for 1931 is about the same as for 1930. The rate for 1930 was three mills, but this low rate was made possible by the action of the Village Commission in utilizing reserve funds to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation.

Conference Meet

"This reserve money having been all used last year, the budget must

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VETS CONVENE HERE JUNE 11

Prominent Speakers To Address Annual District Legion Convention

Between 400 and 500 World War veterans are expected to gather in Birmingham Thursday, June 11, for the annual convention of the sixth state district of the American Legion, preliminary plans for which were announced Monday night by Lloyd L. Stanley, member of the committee from the local post which will be in charge of the conclave.

Joseph F. MacGregor, in charge of securing speakers for the convention, announced that Seymour R. Person of Lansing, congressman-elect from the sixth Michigan district, has already consented to address one of the sessions, and that several other men of state and national prominence have been asked to speak but have not yet made any answer.

These include Senator James Couzens; James K. Watkins, Detroit Police Commissioner, and Arthur F. Kettering, general research engineer for the General Motors Company.

All sessions of the convention will be held in the Community House. There will be afternoon and evening meetings, and a banquet. Several department officers and men of national prominence in the ranks of the American Legion are expected to be present.

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! for a free choice read the story in this issue of The Eccentric.—Adv. 21

58 Nations Pledge Amity At Cranbrook Ceremony

A pilgrimage to light a candle at the altar of Good Will was made Sunday evening by representatives of many lands who took part in the candle lighting ceremony held under auspices of the Women's Council for Education in International Relations in the Greek Theater at Cranbrook, the Bloomfield Hills estate of George G. Booth.

More than 58 nations were individually represented by men and women wearing native costumes in the solemn procession that filed to light candles from the central candle of Good Will, presided over by the spirit of World Friendship, impersonated by Miss Frances Alvord of Detroit.

The ceremony was held in observance of Good Will Day, marking the 32nd anniversary of the first Hague conference held on May 18, 1899. The Women's Council, which embraces 10 Detroit women's organizations, is dedicated to the cause of world peace. Mrs. Harold T. Miller, president, explained to the group which attended the ceremony.

"If we are ever to succeed in banishing war, it will be only by the long, patient, but irresistible process of education," Mrs. Miller said.

Miss Alvord, clad in symbolic white, opened the ceremony by lighting the candle of "World Friendship," as she solemnly pronounced the words, "As light begets light, so love and friendship beget love and friendship. We devote ourselves here to the cause of international good will."

Holding her candle aloft, she beckoned to those representing the nations of the world, who then came forward, each lighting her candle, until the entire group was assembled. Then, pledging themselves to international good will and world peace, they filed slowly from the stage into the recesses of the theater, completing the ceremony.

An address on "International Problems Confronting the United States," was given preceding the candle ceremony by David R. Porter of New York, international

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M. E. Church Marks 104th Anniversary At Sunday Service

In 1827, when William Patter, of Ohio, journeyed to Michigan to form a society out of a small group of worshippers, he established what is today the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Birmingham, which will observe Its 104th anniversary next Sunday.

The occasion will be marked by two addresses by prominent members of the church. Harvey Staley, treasurer for more than 30 years, will speak on "Our Church In Retrospect." M. M. Morgan, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has chosen for his subject, "The Church Today and Tomorrow."

Methodists were the first to form a church society in Birmingham, and the first also to erect a church in the village, which they accomplished in 1839.

POLICE SEIZE SLOT DEVICES

Test Case Scheduled Today On Status Of Mint-Vending Machines.

A test case to determine the status of mint-vending slot machines in Birmingham is scheduled to come before Justice of the Peace Floyd S. Buck at 2 P. M. today following the confiscation of five of the machines by village police last Thursday.

The defendants in the case are Fred Schultz, proprietor of a cigar store at 233 East Maple avenue; W. J. Malarney, proprietor of a gas station at 992 East Maple avenue; Ben Bidwell, proprietor of a pool room at 130 South Woodward avenue, and John Baldwin, proprietor of the Eco City Lunch at 1692 South Woodward avenue.

All four men were arrested on charges of operating places where gambling is permitted, and a slot machine was seized in each place. Police said they had evidence that checks won on the machines were being redeemed in merchandise by each of the four men.

A fifth machine was confiscated from Mac's Service Station at 781 South Woodward avenue, but the owners were not arrested since police had no evidence that the checks were being redeemed. The seizures were made by Lieutenant Richard Lawler, Detective Joseph MacGregor and Patrolman James Anderson.

According to Chief of Police John P. Hackett, the machines have been in operation here about 30 days. They were installed at that time, he said, by the Superior Confection Company, with the permission of the prosecuting attorney on the understanding that the checks would be used only in playing the machines and would not be taken in trade.

A package of mints is returned every time a nickle is put into the machines, which excludes them from the category of gambling devices until such time as the checks won in play are cashed in for merchandise, he said.

This is the first time in the memories of both Chief Hackett and Judge Buck that the slot machine problem, always a bone of official contention in the larger cities, has been brought to the attention of Birmingham authorities.

Schultz, Bidwell and Baldwin were arraigned on the gambling charge Friday afternoon, and Malarney yesterday afternoon. All four stood mute and were released on their personal recognizances to await the hearing today.

Banks To Close Wednesday Afternoons Beginning June 3

Beginning Wednesday, June 3, all Birmingham banks, following their regular custom, will adopt a policy of Wednesday afternoon closing during the summer months. The closing hour on Wednesday will be 12 noon.

"Kidnapped"

Cry Rouses Neighborhood And Pajamas Roam Cemetery As Harry Climbs In Bed With Pal Of Week

Harry and George were pals of only a week, but friendships flower early among youngsters.

Therefore it was only natural that a posse of neighbors, searching Greenwood Cemetery and environs in pajamas in the fear that Harry had been kidnapped, should find him slumbering peacefully in bed with George.

Harry, six years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bissett, threw the neighborhood into a general alarm at 2:30 A. M. Saturday when his mother discovered him missing from his little cot in their bungalow at 639 Bloomfield court.

Police were called and the court roused as a general search was begun for the "kidnappers" by men, women and children in various degrees of night clothing and dishabille.

The cemetery, most likely retreat of the villains, failed to give up its charge from the shadows of tombstones, and desperation multiplied in the breasts of parents and neighbors. The search was on, and the scouring continued to no avail.

Finally the front door of the home of A. W. Zimmer, just across the court from the Bissett bungalow, was found open. Boldly entered Sergeant William Greer and Patrolmen Leon Gotting and Henry Timm of the Birmingham police department. The Zimmers were roused.

"An extra boy? We have six children of our own, but maybe we can find another."

Thus the missing was found, tucked snugly away with George Zimmer, seven years old, in his bed on the second floor. Two other young Zimmers were sleeping soundly nearby.

Harry's mother was called and the "kidnapped" was awakened.

"Gee, mother, they get up early here," was the only comment.

It was Harry's first adventure in sleep-walking, according to Mrs. Bissett. The force of friendship had led him to his playmate, one he had known for only a week when the Bissetts first moved to Bloomfield court.

An open front door, left unlocked by one of the older Zimmers on their return from a high school party, made the adventure a complete success for all but the neighbors.

HONOR COURT SETS RECORD

Most Scout Advancements In District's History To Be Cited Tomorrow

The annual spring Court of Honor for Boy Scouts of the Birmingham district will be held in the Community House at 7:30 tomorrow night, with a larger total of advancement awards scheduled to be distributed to members of each of the five troops in the district than was ever before handed out at a Court of Honor in Birmingham.

The awards include every advancement known to scouting from tenderfoot inductions to the awarding of Eagle Scout badges and Eagle Palms. Two scouts are slated to receive the Eagle Badges and five the Palms.

Juvenile Judge to Speak

The speaker for the court will be Judge Harry S. Hulbert, presiding justice of the juvenile division of the Detroit Probate Court. Judge Hulbert will speak on "Privileged and Under-Privileged Children," and will also be called on to make the Eagle awards.

Junior officers of each troop will make the lower awards for their respective troops. Col. Edwin S. George Medals for winners in the psalm-memorization contest, sponsored at Colonel George's suggestion, will be awarded by Rev. W. Clarence Wright, pastor of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church.

Besides the awards to individual scouts, a pennant which has been donated by the Detroit Boy Scout Council, is scheduled to be presented to Troop B3 for winning the inter-district swimming meet last month. A pennant will also be given to the troop with the most parents of members present at the court. A humorous skit and a one-act play will complete the program.

Compete For Cup

The individual awards to be given at tomorrow's Court of Honor represent the advancement made by scouts of the Birmingham district during the period from Jan. 1 to May 1.

That the number of awards is greater than ever before is due primarily to the fact that competition for the Baldwin Cup, which

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Petitions Request Closing Of Alleys

Petitions signed by all but one of the affected property owners requesting the closing of an alley running east and west between Watkins and Stanley streets, and another running north and south connecting those streets was presented to the Village Commission Monday night.

The Commission voted to hold a public hearing on the petitions at its meeting Monday June 15. The petitions were presented for the property owners by E. W. Kurth, who claimed the alleys have not been used as thoroughfares for several years.

MRS. HORWATH HEADS SCHOOL TEACHERS' CLUB

Mrs. Aris Horwath, English teacher at Baldwin High School, was chosen president of the Birmingham Teachers' Club at the annual elections held at Baldwin Wednesday afternoon. William Maywood, senior high school session room teacher, was chosen vice-president.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Alvena Beals, Adams School, secretary; and Donald Joy, Adams School, treasurer. Those named to the board of directors were E. T. Engel, Barnum School; Mrs. Lois Hicks, Baldwin; Miss Alice McManus, Adams School; and Miss Anna Eilola, Pierce School. H. Earle Correvont, Baldwin High School, was the former president of the group.

VILLAGE TAX ROLLS OPENED

Will Remain On Public View Until May 29; Assessment Decrease Anticipated

The Birmingham Village assessment rolls, completed last week by Village Assessor Albert H. Noonan, were opened to the public Monday morning and will remain open until after the Board of Review completes its three-day session on Friday, May 29.

Although the total valuation will not be computed until that time, Mr. Noonan said yesterday that he is certain the figure will be lower than the valuation of $24,872,000 established in 1930. Whether the decrease will be great or small he was unable to say.

The decrease is due to the fact that in his assessment this year Mr. Noonan completed his program of equalization begun in 1930. At that time he introduced the use of definite basic standards for equalizing land and building values, and this year has adopted further standards in establishing an equalization of building values.

Very few protests had been received up to yesterday on the assessments as they have been written into the tax rolls. Mr. Noonan said, although the normal number of persons have come to view the rolls. The assessor is empowered to make whatever alterations he considers justified before the Board of Review meets.

Louis Hascall and Scott E. Hersey, along with Mr. Noonan, will comprise the Board of Review. They were appointed by the Village Commission Monday night, and will meet Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 27, 28 and 29, to hear complaints of property owners and make necessary adjustments. Mr. Hascall also served on the board last year.

THEFT OF TOOLS PUZZLES POLICE

$187 In Valuable Saws Taken From Abbey Road Shed

Police are continuing their search this week for the thief or thieves who broke into a shed belonging to H. N. Davock at 307 Abbey road sometime last Wednesday night or Thursday morning and stole a quantity of carpenter tools valued at $187.

No clues had been discovered up to yesterday, according to Detective Joseph F. MacGregor, who said entrance to the shed was gained by someone who broke the lock on the door.

Most of the loot consisted of valuable saws of various makes and descriptions. Approximately $150 worth of the tools were the property of Roy Buckles, 160 Edith street, Pontiac. The others belonged to George Hunt, 324 Greenwood avenue, Birmingham, and A. P. Kleimer, 117 Putman street, Pontiac.

The thief left no trace of his identity, although a maid at a neighboring house reported to police that between 7:30 and 8 P. M. Wednesday night she saw a closed car drive towards the shed and a man get out. The man was about 5 feet 10 inches tall and wore a light suit and light cap, she said.

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BIG BEAVER YOUTH KILLED IN AIR CRASH

John L. Beaubien, 20, Dies Instantly In Wreck Near John R. Airport

STRONG WIND BLAMED

Funeral arrangements were being completed today for John L. Beaubien, 20 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Beaubien, of Boyd avenue, Big Beaver, who was instantly killed when a borrowed plane he was piloting in a solo flight Monday morning crashed in a field on a farm near the John R airport at Sixteen Mile and John R roads.

The cause of the crash is not definitely known, although it is believed a stiff tail wind which sent the plane into a tail spin was directly responsible for the tragedy. Reports that the youth was stunting just before the smash-up were denied by officials at the airport.

Beaubien was an amateur pilot with about 20 flying hours to his credit. It was while attempting to increase his number of hours to become eligible for a pilot's license that he came to his sudden death.

Plane Disappears

He took off from the John R field at about 9 A. M. in a Monoscoupe borrowed from the owner, Michael Them, manager of the airport. His mother, standing in the kitchen of their home, saw him circle about once, and then lost sight of the plane.

Other witnesses watched the youth fly about 20 minutes when suddenly disappeared behind a clump of trees on the Charles Gunco farm.

Then, together with Ernest Gocha of Berkley, and Edward Keigh and George Williams of Birmingham, drove immediately to the spot, where they found the passenger compartment of the plane demolished and Beaubien's body resting on top of the motor. The ship had skidded 10 feet along the ground before stopping, showing that the pilot had attempted to level it off before reaching the ground.

No Inquest

Birmingham police and Coroner G. Dewey Kimball were called immediately, but no inquest was deemed necessary. The funeral will be held from the Guardian Angel Church in Clawson at 9 A. M. tomorrow, with burial in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Redford. Rev. William Des Longechamps will officiate.

Beaubien, who was well known in the southern part of the county as an amateur boxer, having appeared in several lightweight matches in Hazel Park, Mt. Clemens and Clawson, had been a resident in Big Beaver with his family for the past 15 years.

Surviving besides his parents are six sisters, Madeline and Grace Mary, both at home; Mrs. Harold Church of Warren, Mrs. Carl Miller of Centerline, Mrs. Edward Beach of Big Beaver and Mrs. Douglas Bailey of Redford; and two brothers, Richard and Cyril, both at home.

Beaubien's fatal crash occurred

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Township Official Marries Brother Of Village Treasurer

As a surprise to the friends of Mrs. R. Margaret Thomas, Bloomfield Township treasurer, comes the announcement of her marriage to Philip Plumstead, in Bowling Green, O., Monday.

Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Plumstead, who is the brother of Charles E. Plumstead, village treasurer, met when Mrs. Thomas was assistant to the latter about six years ago.

They were married at 9 o'clock in the morning, and were unattended. They will make their home at 248 North Bates street.

No Memorial Day Parade This Year, Legion Says

There will be no Memorial Day parade in Birmingham this year, according to officials of the local post of the American Legion which has customarily sponsored the event in the past.

The ceremony was cancelled as an economy measure, following the Legion's desire to conform to a policy of retrenchment recently called for in all lines of activity by present conditions, according to David H. Thompson, commander of the post. The custom will be revived in future years, he said.

In place of the parade, a few brief ceremonies under the Legion's auspices will be held on Memorial Day morning, beginning with a flag-raising ceremony at 7:30 A. M. at which the Legionnaires will be assisted by Boy Scouts of Birmingham troops.

Scouts will also join the Legion, along with public school students, in short public memorial service at Greenwood Cemetery, beginning at 9:30 P. M.

Lloyd L. Stanley, member of the local post, appeared before the Village Commission at its meeting Monday night to announce that the sum of $125 usually donated by the village towards a Memorial Day celebration would not be asked for this year, but made a request instead for $50 to go towards defrayment of expenses of the annual sixth state district American Legion convention to be held here June 11.

The Commission voted against the request on the grounds that it would not line up with the Commission's intention of eliminating unnecessary expenditures in the future. At Commissioner Hulbert's suggestion, Mr. Stanley agreed to raise the money by popular subscription among the business men of the village. Each of the Commissioners contributed $1 "to start the ball rolling."

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On School Board

RESTRICTIONS ON DOGS RAISE PROTEST STIR

60-Day Confining Ordinance Is "Inhuman," Owners Tell Commission

MEASURE IS RETAINED

Nearly two score dog owners flooded the Village Commission room at its meeting Monday night to protest that the ordinance recently passed by the Commission forcing owners to keep their dogs confined to their premises is "inhuman," enforced by "high-handed methods and almost an encroachment on personal liberties.

Despite the protests, the Commission retained the ordinance without revision, although the members indicated that a more satisfactory substitute, if it could be found, would be welcomed.

The ordinance was passed for a 60-day period, and provides that all dogs found running loose, even though they are licensed, will be impounded by the police. The owner may redeem his dog by paying a forfeit of $5 within 72 hours after it is caught. After that time, the ordinance reads, the dog will be shot.

Defends Ordinance

"I'm still not convinced the Commission is not right in asking that owners keep their dogs tied up," said village President Harry Allen near the close of the discussion. "It seems to me that the burden should rest on the owner of the animal to keep his dog fenced in rather than on the property owner to fence his land to keep the dog out."

George M. Dwelley, 1179 East Maple avenue, and Stowe D. Baldwin, 1288 Dorchester road, were the principal spokesmen for foes of the ordinance. Sentiment at the meeting was preponderantly opposed to the measure, although it had one champion outside the platform of the Commission in Milton Schatz, 540 Chesham avenue.

"I consider the ordinance inhuman," Mr. Dwelley said, "and would like to have the Commis-

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PASS ON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Bloomfield Commissioners Vote To Pave Part Of Lone Pine Road

A resolution calling for the concrete paving of Lone Pine road from Cranbrook to Orchard Ridge roads at an estimated cost of $40,375, the village to pay 40 percent of the expense and the property owners the other 60 percent, was adopted Tuesday night at an adjourned meeting of the Bloomfield Hills Village Commission.

A hearing on the resolution at which the Commission will entertain objections to and suggestions on the proposed improvement was set for the next regular meeting Tuesday, June 2.

The Commission also voted to improve portions of Cranbrook, Dunston and Church roads by surfacing with tarvia at an estimated expenditure of $2,200, the cost to be divided in the same 40-60 proportion between village and affected property owners. Both improvements were voted following the presentation of petitions of taxpayers at the meeting of the Commission on May 5.

The village's portion of the expense in the Lone Pine road improvement will be financed by a bond issue, the exact amount of which has not been determined.

According to Village Engineer Harry S. Starr, actual construction work on the improvement cannot begin for several weeks. Following the hearing on June 2, a second hearing on the assessment rolls must be held after contractors' bids have been received. Legal machinery is expected to delay the work until the middle or latter part of the summer.

The bond issue by which the proposed improvement will be financed will be spread over a period of five years. In amount it will be considerably less than the estimated cost of the improvement, Mr. Starr said, and will necessitate an increase of less than one mill in the tax rate.

The construction will be entirely of concrete, with concrete curb, gutters and the necessary drainage structures. The concrete pavement will be surfaced with a coating of tar and crushed slag. The improvement is for a distance of about 3060 feet.

The resolution is regarded as the first step toward the event-

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HUSTON ENTERS STATE CONTEST

Baldwin Senior One Of Eight Students To Reach Speech Finals

Joseph Huston, Baldwin High School senior, is one of the eight finalists who will compete in the state high school extemporaneous speech contest to be held Saturday evening at 8 P. M. in the rotunda of the lounging school of the Western State Teachers' College at Kalamazoo.

By placing second in both the sub-district and the district extempore contests, Huston won the right to represent Baldwin in the state finals Saturday.

Although entrants in the district contests were given a brief period in which to prepare their speeches on the subjects drawn, no such opportunity will be allowed contestants in the finals.

The judges for the contest will be Laura Shaw, professor of speech at Western State Teachers' College; Vern Halse, professor of history at Western State; Howard Corbus, professor of agriculture at Western State; Willis Dunbar, professor of history at Kalamazoo College, and D. J. Heathcote, principal of Washington Junior High School, Kalamazoo.

Contesting with Birmingham's representative will be boys and one girl from seven other state high schools, as follows:

Robert Clark, Marquette; Norman Kuhne, Hancock; Rex Orton, Aldergan; Carson Easton, Pontiac; Charles Brownson, Flint Central; Abe Zwerdling, Ann Arbor; Kathleen Prater, Paw Paw.

A silver championship loving cup will be presented to the school in which the winner of the state contest is enrolled. First and second place winners will receive gold and silver medals respectively.

The district contest winners will receive banners in their school colors.

The speakers will be the guests of the college in the afternoon at a baseball game between Western State Teachers and Hillsdale and at an all-student dance to be held in the evening following the contest.

HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schweizer, Jr., and family who moved to Birmingham last week from Temple, Pa., and are now living at 1152 Buckingham road.

They have two children, Carl Schweizer, III, eight years old, a pupil at Adams School, and Alice Bigelow, one year and a half old. Mr. Schweizer is associated with the Braun Lumber Company.