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WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
H. C. Moeck, general sales manager, Plymouth Motor Corporation. "Last month was the best July in history for the Plymouth Motor Corporation."

BONDS FOR TAX OFFICE OPENED

Cutler, Moeller and Hubble Begin Negotiations in City Obligations

Buy Good Real Estate NOW!
Prices will certainly be higher when we offer for sale:
An attractive English brick home on Woodbine. Large living room and dining room. Two other pleasant bedrooms. Bath with tub, shower and tub. Brass plumbing. Heat, all burner, and refrigerator, gas stove. Only \$1250 with \$250 down. Call 2446 for appointment only. Call 2446.

What is said to be the first office in the state whose purpose is to act as a clearing house for the acceptance of municipal bonds in payment of taxes under the provisions of a bill sponsored by Senator A. L. Moore of Pontiac and adopted by the last session of the State Legislature, has been opened in the First National Bank Building here. The office is being operated by Cutler, Moeller and Hubble, Inc., of Detroit, counselors for estates. The corporation was recently given the endorsement of the City Commission to act as its agent in dealing in City of Birmingham bonds to be exchanged in payment of delinquent city taxes, and is operating under a license secured from the Michigan Utilities Commission.

Heads Bond Office



George B. Boutwell

manager of the First National Bank. Mr. Boutwell said that while a few other municipalities have taken advantage of the bonds-for-taxes law, Birmingham is the first to delegate operation of the plan to other than municipal employees.

A New Contestant Wins Puzzle Prize

Con on you, puzzle fans! Cool breeze, an unusually easy puzzle, and yet your just couldn't take it. Disappointing to say the least. If it hadn't been for a brand new contestant, Alice Harvey, 831 East Main avenue, who turned out to be first prize winner in the Eccentric's weekly "Puzzle That Pays" contest and our old champion, Mrs. G. Dewey Kimball, Brown and Pierce streets, and Mrs. Marjorie Eyle, 406 West Lincoln avenue, who won second and third prizes, respectively, originally in puzzle contests last week would have been totally absent.

DeMolays Elect Meirow To Two High State Posts

Hasberger Chapter Adviser Will Resign To Assume New Duties

Appointment of B. J. Meirow of Birmingham to two high offices in state DeMolay work will make it necessary for him to resign as adviser of Hasberger Chapter, with which he has been connected for the past 8 1/2 years, it was learned here yesterday.

SALES TAX BLANKS AT CREDIT BUREAU

First Report Covering July Business, Must Be Filed By Aug. 15

C. J. Brannan, manager of the Birmingham Credit Bureau, has announced that Birmingham merchants must procure blanks for making out their sales tax returns at the office of the Bureau, 207 Waterloo Building.

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At 1171 Birmingham Blvd. English home, 3 bedrooms, tiled bath, library, screened porch, 50 ft. lot. Call 2446 for appointment only. Call 2446.

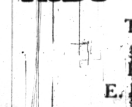
Boutwell in Charge
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Harold Blake

6045 W. Maple Rd. B'ham 2446

INTRODUCING

THEY ARRIVED TODAY PREPARED TO SERVE YOU



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YOU CAN CALL THEM AT Phone No. 1 They are at your constant Command

They Will Be At Home At E. Maple Ave. and Old C. T. Right 'o' Way And they come here to assist you with your coal problems.

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Stations at 511 N. WOODWARD 1180 S. WOODWARD 1104 S. WOODWARD
For Tire and Battery Service Phone 87-J

BUY COAL AND COKE BEFORE PRICES RISE AGAIN! PARKS COAL CO.
Phone 2020

The company plans to purchase in the open market City of Birmingham general obligation bonds, charging for its service \$8 per hundred. The bonds will be deposited with the city treasurer who will issue a credit memorandum for their purchase.

Cutler, Moeller and Hubble will have the effect of still further raising their price, the first taxpayers to take advantage of the scheme will realize the greatest savings, he said.

All bonds, whether past due or to become due, will be accepted in payment of taxes and general obligation bonds must be applied against general taxes, and special assessment bonds against taxes on the special assessment district for which they were issued. Only taxes for the years prior to 1933 will be payable in bonds.

Besides serving as an outlet for taxpayers to retire their delinquencies at a material saving, the plan will also enable the city to reduce its bonded indebtedness. Mr. Boutwell pointed out. He predicted that \$100,000 worth of city bonds would be retired in this manner by Jan. 1, 1934.

INJUNCTION DENIED IN TELEPHONE SUIT
A permanent injunction to restrain the Michigan Bell Telephone Company from asking persons who had "Birmingham 830" whether they wanted to talk to Bronner G. Dewey Kimball or Manley H. Bailey, was denied in Circuit Court Monday by Judge Glenn C. Gillespie.

The injunction was sought by Bailey in a suit filed after he had purchased Kimball's interest in what was formerly the Kimball-Bailey Furniture Home. Bailey contended the telephone number went with the business, and that Kimball had no right to list it and that the telephone company had no right to intercept calls to it. The company was doing only the equitable thing in asking phone users which person they wished to talk with, Judge Gillespie ruled in dissolving the suit.

Both parties in the suit now have new phone numbers.

WANTED
Furnished House with 2 to 4 bedrooms.
Furnished Apartment, with 1 to 3 bedrooms.
Inquiries for good Houses with 2 to 4 bedrooms with one and 2 1/2 baths.

Rice A. Howell
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Wabook Bldg. Phone 328-J

If you feel a bit vague about the meaning of this contest, remember, we'll answer all questions courteously and willingly. We'll give you a prize for you, though, there wouldn't be any fun left for you if you had a little of that old recovery spirit this week.

DEPOSITORY DESIGNATED
The Wabook State Bank was designated as a depository for City of Birmingham funds in a resolution adopted by the Commission Monday night. The resolution left to the city treasurer authority that funds should be deposited there.

GREAT LOSERS
The Van Swearingens may be forgotten in the future, not as the great railroad promoters but the great losers.

WHEAT SHORTAGE
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JAILED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING AFTER CRASH
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More is being heard about how much the Van Swearingens—railroad and real estate promoters—paid investors and Cleveland bank depositors. They won closed Cleveland banks \$17,500,000, plus \$1,000,000 interest.

GERMAN GOODS
The agitation against German goods continues unabated—and is becoming increasingly effective.

TOO MANY HOGS?
Continued low price for hogs is expected to curtail production. The supply is expected to be sharply lower—especially with corn up.

YAN SWERINGEN DEBACLE
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At Rental Headquarters

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SNYDER & BUCK

Real Estate—Insurance
Theatre Building
Birmingham One Four Hundred

Announcement

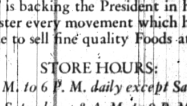
We are pleased to announce to the people of Birmingham that we have opened an office in the First National Bank Building, North Woodward Avenue, under the direction

George Boutwell

who will be assisted by MISS GENEVIEVE WAHL for the purpose of working out an adjustment of delinquent taxes in the city of Birmingham and to serve the people of the community generally in the management of property and estates.

Cutler, Moeller & Hubble

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Estate Counselors and Managers
Financial and Fiduciary Agents
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Detroit



WE DO OUR PART
STORE HOURS:
8 A. M. to 6 P. M. daily except Saturday
Saturday—8 A. M. to 9 P. M.

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120 S. WOODWARD WE DELIVER PHONE 648
"A Market Devoted to the Community It Serves"

SEZ YOU
True False Score

- Hollowness is classed as an adjective in the English language.
- A cleansing agent is called a detergent.
- Inebrious is harmful or unsafe.
- Neurosis is a nervous disease.
- Nil is nothing.
- Puce is dark green purple.
- The epithet of the castle of Theodore the jail sentence would be waived, providing he paid for the damages to Palmer's car.
- "Jure divino" is Latin for "by divine law."
- In the avoirdupois weight, 250 pounds equal one quarter.

Answers will be found on page three, this section.

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A Market Guide To The Better Values