All parents, never having been parents before they began raising their present families, were rank amateurs, of course. Isn't it rather ridiculous that so much of our early training takes in so many items other than the serious business of guiding children?

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

In the June issue of the Hoosier Editor, published by Frederick Landis of Logansport, Ind., there appeared a humorous letter from the pen of this famous newspaperman, addressed to President Roosevelt. In part, it follows:

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. President: I see by the paper that you are going to arrange it so folks can get money to fix up their homes. I am mighty glad you are going to do this, because up to date I haven't been able to get in on any of the easy money, but this opens the gate.

And then, a lot of things around our house ought to be fixed. You know how it is, Mr. President; you know how a place runs down, if you don't keep at it all the time.

I suppose some of your government agents will be coming around any day to see what I need, but I'm going to tell you about a few things that I need, that occur to me now, and maybe you can send them to me, straight from Washington, either the things or the money.

First of all, the kitchen needs papering, that is, the ceiling. You see, the water pipes busted in the bathroom, and that's over the kitchen, and now the paper on the kitchen ceiling sags down like an elephant's pants. Some of the other rooms need papering, too.

We've either got to paper them or clean the paper that's on them. If you have wall paper, send it, or if you have wall paper cleaner, send that and I'll act accordingly.

If you send the wall paper cleaner, be sure to see that the lids of the cans are on tight.

I can call out the home guards and we can clean the side walls ourselves, but we can't clean the ceilings. Have you appointed any fellows yet to clean ceilings?

Understand, I am not looking for a job, because the last time I cleaned the ceiling in the parlor I saved 35 cents, but I had to pay Doc Nelson ten dollars for bicopathic treatments to get my neck back to its original postoffice address.

And now, while I'm writing, another thing occurs to me. If it's all the same to you, Mr. President, I believe we'll take the plate rail out of the dining room. Plate rails, you know, are away out of date; they're so far out of date that it's almost time for them to come in again.

If we do take this plate rail out, it's going to leave a streak half way up the wall, and this will call for the new wall paper. Either that or we'll have to put a ruffle around the sides of the dining room.

Which do you think would be better?

While we're fixing up the dining room, we really ought to have a new dining room table. This one we have now is too light. We got it at a bargain sale.

It's so light, Mr. President, that when anybody sneezes, the table shakes and spills soup all over the rest of us.

We ought to have a new dining room rug, too. You know how one thing calls for another. This rug that's down now has been cleaned a lot and there's a big spot where I've been throwing things to the dog.

And the screen door to the dining room ought to be patched. While we're eating, the flies enter in mass formation, and attack us on the left flank.

The cellar ought to be cleaned and the junk pushed back against the north wall. This junk isn't worth anything, but we've had it so long we've become attached to it. We've been pushing it back every spring for 25 years, but during the winter it crawls out again. You've been keeping house long enough to know how such things go.

In the sitting room we ought to have a new chandelier. I don't know whether you have any chandeliers handy. This one we have slants northeast by southwest at approximately the same angle as the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

What do you do with a davenport when the bottom falls out? The bottom fell out of ours six months ago.

We always have to watch it and steer company away from it, for when it looks alright from a distance, when you sit down on it your eyes are on a level with your knees. What would you suggest about this?

Have you any stuffing you could send me?

Over the mantlepiece we have a picture of Washington Crossing the Delaware, and it needs a little treatment.

It's discolored and you can't tell whether Washington is crossing in a boat or a flivver.

The piano needs tuning and it ought to be touched up with a little mahogany stain where the veneering has worn off.

And the ivory is off some of the

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ALLIED YOUTH WINS REVENUE FROM RUM ADS

Local Post Declared Victor In Competition Sponsored By Eccentric

4 JUDGES DEADLOCKED

Any and all revenues accruing to The Birmingham Eccentric from national liquor advertising in the next 12 months will be turned over to the Birmingham Post No. 7 of Allied Youth, Inc., to be used in promoting temperance in the community.

The fund will go to the Allied Youth in accordance with a competition announced several weeks ago, when The Eccentric made the offer of its national liquor advertising revenues for the ensuing year to the Birmingham organization submitting a written plan for temperance education, which, in the minds of the judges, promised to be most effective and beneficial. The Eccentric guaranteed the fund for the first year would be at least $100. Whether or not this method of disposing of the fund is continued from year to year, The Eccentric will continue to devote these revenues to temperance education as long as it continues to accept liquor advertising.

Two Plans Submitted

Two organizations entered proposals in the competition—the Allied Youth and the Birmingham public schools. The merits of the plans were so evenly divided that the original board of four judges became deadlocked, two voting for one plan and two for the other, and a fifth judge had to be called in to break the tie.

The original judges were Mrs. Thomas R. Navin, prominent Girl Scout worker; Mrs. L. N. Pyle, president of the Community House Association, Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, city health officer, and Harold A. Dillery, an attorney and former village president. The fifth and deciding judge was the Rev. Dr. R. D. Hopkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

The proposal submitted by the public schools, through Superintendent Charles W. Crandell, was brief and couched in general, rather than specific terms. The majority of the judges favored the Allied Youth plan because it offered a more definite program.

Will Bring Speakers

The program calls for 25 per cent of the fund to be turned over to the organization's central committee in Detroit, part of it to be used in the publication of the "Allied Youth Blotter". Fifty per cent of the fund will be used in sponsoring meetings, debates, and discussions of an educational nature, and in bringing to Birmingham speakers on temperance subjects. The remaining 25 per cent will be devoted to social activities of the post.

The last provision met some opposition from the judges, on the grounds that such social activities, being restricted to members of Allied Youth, would not reach the rest of the community, and that no part of the fund should be used for the sole benefit of a particular organization. This objection was met by the argument that parties sponsored by the Allied Youth, where the use of liquor is not essential to a good time, would constitute an effective lesson in temperance to the rest of the community.

The Allied Youth plan, which was drafted by the post's finance committee, composed of David

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Allied Youth Post Organized In '32; Has 123 Members

The Birmingham Post of Allied Youth, Inc., winner of The Eccentric's national liquor advertising fund award, was organized in June, 1932. For several months before that time, a number of Birmingham young people had been affiliated with the single Oakland County Post, with headquarters in Pontiac.

There are now three posts in the county, one in Pontiac, another in Birmingham, and the third in Rochester. The Birmingham Post, No. 7, was the seventh to be established in the Detroit Metropolitan area, and has 123 members at the present time. Its officers are Carolyn Beltramini, chairman; David Curry, Jr., vice-chairman; Lillian Walton, secretary, and William Howting, treasurer.

The national organization was founded in New York City in 1929 by Dan Poling, and now boasts 1,000,000 members.

The organization is open to any boy or girl between the ages of 16 and 21 who is willing to sign the Allied Youth pledge to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Persons over 21 may continue their affiliation with the group by becoming sponsors.

The local post holds two meetings each month throughout the year, some of which are open to the public, and the others for members only.

Starlings To Get Further Shotgun Bombardments

The starlings which are making a first-class nuisance of themselves by roosting by the thousands every evening in the trees at the corner of Knox and Poppleton avenues may be in for another rude awakening tonight.

They received such an awakening last Thursday evening when five or six of the town's ranking marksmen, with numerous city officials and several scores of ordinary citizens for an audience, gathered to take some well-directed pot-shots at the birds shortly after they had called it a day and gone to bed.

The shot-gun bombardment resulted in the death of between 200 and 300 starlings. It also resulted in a significant diminishment of the flock, since several hundreds of the birds have not returned to take up their old roosts alongside their more obstinate and less scary neighbors.

More Attacks Needed

Two or three more such attacks will be needed, however, to thoroughly convince the birds they're not wanted, experts believe. There may be one tonight, according to City Manager James W. Parry, if the sharpshooters are available, the weather favorable, and the neighbors agreeable.

Gun shot is apparently the only medium that is at all effective in ridding a neighborhood of starlings. The birds have infested the trees in the vicinity of Knox and Poppleton streets for several seasons, until now the flock is estimated to contain from 10,000 to 15,000 birds, minus those that were killed or frightened away last Thursday. The firemen last summer tried both smudges and water attacks, but neither was successful in keeping the ornery birds away for more than a couple of days.

A newspaper clipping stating that a certain type of fireworks known as Chinese devil-chasers had been used effectively in scaring off starlings from other communities, was read by the City Commission Monday night by Mr. Parry, but he put but little stock in the suggestion, and his hearers were no more deeply impressed than he was. Shot-guns are far and away the favorite weapon against starlings.

Decractor Speaks

But even shot-guns have their detractors. Harry S. Starr, who lives on Worth street, in the starling-infected area, informed the Commission Monday that his young son with a pop-gun had frightened away as many birds as the half-dozen shot-guns in last Thursday's bombardment. This was regarded, however, as an overstatement, made principally for rhetorical effect.

At any rate, the city is determined to chase the starlings out, and shot-guns will continue to be used until a more effective method is discovered. The trigger-men who led the attack last Thursday included Sergeant Delyle Service and Detective Earl Moody, crack shots of the police department, and City Treasurer Harold H. Corson, Commissioner Frank S. Packard and Knox Poppleton, who learned their marksmanship in the forests. All five are said to be prepared to re-enter the fray at a moment's notice.

SWIMMERS TO GIVE PAGEANT

100 Boys, Girls To Take Part In Dramatization At Barnum Pool

A swimming pageant for boys and girls of all age groups, and in which non-swimmers and experts alike will take part, will be the next large feature event of the city's FERA summer recreation program. It will be held Friday, Aug. 10, in the Barnum pool, with a matinee at 3 P. M. and a second performance at 7:30. About 100 are expected to participate.

The pageant, a dramatization of the poem, "Wynken, Blynken, and Nod", will be directed by Miss Carolyn Salisbury, and Henry Price, and form and stunt swimming will be demonstrated in its presentation. Admission prices will be 10 cents for children and 15 cents for adults, the proceeds to be turned back into the pool maintenance fund.

Dates for five Gypsy trips to be held during the coming week, each from different playgrounds, have been announced by Miss Miriam Brown, general supervisor of the recreation program. The first one will start this afternoon from Pierce playfield. A combined trip for the users of Quarton and Adams playgrounds is scheduled for Monday; for Baldwin playground, Tuesday; Barnum, Wednesday, and Bennaville, Thursday. All of the trips will start at 4 P. M., and end back in Birmingham at about 7:30.

The children who go on the trips will be urged to wear Gypsy costumes and carry picnic lunches. The groups will be chaperoned by the playfield leaders, assisted by adults who volunteer their services. Camp fires will be laid by the woodcraft classes under the direction of Gerald Hilts.

A track meet in which both boys and girls will participate is scheduled to be held next Wednesday at Pierce Playfield. Events for the intermediate groups will be held in the morning from 9 to 11 o'clock, and for the senior sections in the afternoon from 2 to 4.

A new playfield, directed by John Schwank, with the help of Miss Ruth Staples, was opened Monday on the corner of Bennaville and Woodward avenues, bringing the total now in use in the program to six. A parade of the playground users, organized by Raymond Spencer, advertised the new field. At the Baldwin playground Donald Ellenwood has taken over the leadership, filling a vacancy caused when the former leader found permanent employment in Lansing.

Esther Lee Mixer, Janet Carlton and Kaieg Wagner were the winners in a jackstone tournament held recently at the Adams playground, under the direction of Mrs. Francine Johnson. They received passes to the Birmingham Theater as their prizes.

After tomorrow, the recreation committee's display window in a vacant store on West Maple avenue will feature nature work of the boys and girls who use the playgrounds.

15 PER CENT OF CITY TAX LEVY COLLECTED

Fifteen per cent of the city's 1934 tax levy had been collected up to yesterday afternoon, it was announced at the city treasurer's office. Total collections to date amount to $30,040.09, on a levy of $200,000. Collections for the corresponding period last year totalled $33,236.67, or 14 per cent of the levy of $226,000. City taxes are payable without penalty until Sept. 1.

MOORE TO ADDRESS YOUNG G. O. P. CLUB

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the recently organized Birmingham Young Republicans Club next Tuesday evening, at which the speaker will be State Senator A. L. Moore of Pontiac. The meeting will be held at the home of Manley R. Bailey, 361 North Woodward avenue, beginning at 8 P. M.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

Representatives of all teams in the Birmingham Softball League have been requested to meet at 8:15 o'clock tonight in the office of The Eccentric.

Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

The second round of the annual inter-club golf tournament between the Birmingham Rotary, Exchange and Lions Clubs is scheduled to be played next Wednesday afternoon on the south course at Oakland Hills, when the Exchangites will defend a substantial lead hung up in the first of this year's matches, played last month at Elizabeth Lake. The Exchange Club is also the holder of the Weyburn Brothers Trophy, given annually to the winner of the three-match series. In counting the score, the cards of the lowest eight players for each club are totaled for the club's score.

Chief of Police John P. Hackett will be the honor guest of the Detroit Racing Association at the Fair Grounds track Saturday, which has been officially designated as "Birmingham Day." The feature race on the card will be the Birmingham Handicap, with $2,500 added. Tickets which will admit Birmingham residents to the track on Birmingham day for only the tax and service charge, are being distributed by local merchants. Walter Kock of the Racing Association will be in charge of the Birmingham Day program.

After the City Commission Monday night had adopted a resolution denying water to any home where the water bill is not paid within 30 days after it falls due, Frank W. Atkinson, Bloomfield Hills attorney, who attended the meeting, thought of a complication which the Birmingham solons had apparently overlooked. "That seems a cruel thing to do," Mr. Atkinson commented, "in a town where you're not allowed to buy beer by the glass."

William Strong of Crooks road celebrated his 82nd birthday Tuesday. Although Mr. Strong has not been in good health for the past few years, many of his friends called on him to congratulate him on attaining his 82 years. Flowers, cards, and telegrams arrived in profusion all day and last, but not least, came a beautiful birthday cake, baked by

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400 TO ATTEND POOL BENEFIT AT WESTWOOD

Proceeds From 'Birmingham Night' To Aid Barnum Swimming Pool

LIONS CLUB IS SPONSOR

More than 400 local residents will attend the "Birmingham Night" benefit program to be held Monday night at Westwood Symphony Gardens, it was estimated by a preliminary ticket sales report presented at the first August meeting of the Lions Club at Detroit Golf Club yesterday. Proceeds derived from the event will be devoted to keeping the Barnum School swimming pool open through August.

George Olsen and his world-famous orchestra, Ethel Shutta, vocalist, and the Detroit Philharmonic Orchestra will all be featured on the program, which is scheduled to start at 8:30 P. M. The Philharmonic, under the direction of Samuel Benavie, returned to Westwood Saturday for an indefinite engagement, and is playing nightly before Olsen begins his dance programs. Monday night, one section of the large open-air garden will be reserved for those attending from Birmingham.

The event is the second in a series sponsored by the Lions Club to insure the pool being kept open throughout July and August. In order for it to be possible to maintain the pool during the remaining four weeks, it has been estimated that $100 must be raised at this or future benefits.

Tickets are being sold by all members of the Lions Club, divided into two teams, and at The Eccentric office and LaBelle's Book Store. William Spence and Joseph Stroup, Jr., head the Lions Club teams which are competing for the highest number of sales.

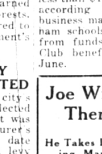
The Westwood management has agreed to return one-half of the proceeds of all tickets sold in Birmingham to the Lions Club for the pool fund. Dr. J. B. Hassberger, general chairman of the pool committee, stressed the fact yesterday that tickets must be bought through the Lions Club in order to figure in the pool fund. Admission at the gate to the affair at Westwood will not be divided with the Lions, even though Birmingham residents purchase them. The regular price of 55 cents a person will prevail.

At the present time there is less than $10 left in the pool fund, according to Louis M. Randall, business manager of the Birmingham schools. This amount is left from funds raised by the Lions Club benefit musical comedy in June.

Joe Wins Contest, Then Is Crowned

He Takes Leading Part In Talking Marathon, But Loses Running Race

Joe J. Jackrabbit, that kangaroo politician, was suffering today from a regrettable lack of discretion he displayed yesterday afternoon at the annual county Republican picnic. Joe's failing brought him into conflict with Ozzie Olinski, campaign manager for one of Joe's opponents, and Joe emerged from the encounter none the better for wear.



Ozzie

Everything went well at the picnic until about 5 o'clock, when the marathon-talking contest started. Up to that time, Joe and Ozzie, who have been bitter rivals for years, stood exactly even, Ozzie and his candidate having won the three-legged race with the help of a head start which the judges didn't see, and Joe having put it all over everybody else in the pie-eating contest. Joe hasn't lost a pie-eating contest in 22 years.

The talking marathon was the last event on the program, and it was pretty apparent that both Joe and Ozzie wanted to win when they scrambled up on the platform together in front of some 2,000 wildly cheering Demublicrats.

The three or four other contestants who entered the marathon weren't in it, of course, and Joe and Ozzie, and all of them had dropped out before the end of the first half hour. Joe and Ozzie rattled on for a full hour, when a two-minute rest period was called.

Instead of resting, however, Joe went over to Ozzie's corner, put his arm around Ozzie's shoulders, and began to whisper encouraging remarks into his ear. Some people maintain that Ozzie should have become suspicious right then, and that whatever happened after that was Ozzie's own fault. But however that may be, when the contest started up again, Ozzie hadn't anymore than got started talking when several of Joe's campaign cards began falling out of Ozzie's whiskers.

At the sight of those cards,

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Returns In September

ANTON BREES

Definite arrangements for the return of Anton Brees, world-famed carilloneur, to give a series of carillon concerts on the bells at Christ Church Cranbrook during September have been announced by officials of the church. There will probably be eight concerts in all, but the schedule has not yet been arranged.

Mr. Brees, who last played the Cranbrook carillon in the summer of 1932, when his weekly concerts attracted thousands of listeners from all over this section of the state, plays every winter at the Bok Singing Tower in Florida. This summer he is playing the carillon at Duke University, Durham, N. C.

HALF OF DEPOSITORS FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM

Not more than 50 per cent of the depositors of the First National Bank have filed proofs of claim for their deposits, Thad D. Seeley, receiver, said yesterday. Depositors must file proofs of claim to make them eligible to receive further dividends, and officials of the bank are anxious to have all claims on file within the next 30 days.

Mr. Seeley also revealed yesterday that several hundred checks, totalling about $16,000, representing payments to depositors from the 25 per cent dividend paid by the conservator more than a year ago, are still unclaimed.

ADAMS SEWER NEARLY FINISHED

Machinery Expected To Be Moved Today To Wider Woodward Project

Laying of pipe in the Adams avenue sewer is expected to be completed some time today, with the exception of about 100 feet of small crock at the north end which must be put in by hand, City Manager James W. Parry said yesterday. When the pipe is laid, about a week will be needed for back-fill and cleanup work before the street will be ready again for normal traffic, he said.

With the completion of the trench-digging activities at the Adams job today, the mechanical hoe which has been in use on the project for the past three weeks will be moved to the Wider Woodward avenue sewer along the old Grand Trunk right-of-way, where about 1,200 feet of pipe remain to be laid. About two weeks will be required for that work, Mr. Parry said.

Both projects were begun under the FERA and are being completed by work-wage labor, with the help of machinery. The machinery and a balanced crew of laborers are working six days a week on the project.

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FIRE CAUSES $5,000 DAMAGE

Dog Kennels Threatened By Flames Which Leveled House and Garage

Flames leveled a house, garage and outer kitchen on property at 32460 Pierce street, just south of Fourteen Mile road, late Monday afternoon, causing damage of between $4,000 and $5,000.

The property is owned by William Duff, of Southfield Township, and the buildings were rented by John C. Zimmerman, owner of the Rhinegold Dog Kennels, one of the largest Doberman Pincher kennels in the country. About 30 Dobermans were in the kennels when the fire broke out, but were removed safely to an adjoining field.

The property lies in Southfield Township, just outside the Birmingham city limits, so that although the Birmingham fire department was called, it was unable to go to the scene. A few of the members of the department who were off duty, however, aided the Bloomfield Township department in saving a large barn and several other buildings in connection with the kennels.

The fire was first noticed by workmen at the kennels. They saw smoke pouring out of the kitchen at the rear of the house, and hastened to put an electrical pumping apparatus into operation, but found that wires leading into the pump-house had been burned and the current cut off.

The men formed a bucket brigade, raising water from a well with a hand pump, but even with the help of the Bloomfield Township fire department, and the Royal Oak Township department which arrived later, were helpless to do anything except prevent the flames from spreading to the barn and kennels.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The house had been occupied by one of Mr. Zimmerman's kennel men, but was empty when the fire broke out. The house contained numerous trophies won by Mr. Zimmerman's dogs, and the complete records of the kennels, including pedigrees, stud books and correspondence, all of which were destroyed.

City Takes Suggestion Of Girl, 12, For Naming Park

What was formerly Bloomfield Township Park officially bears the name of "Springdale Park" today, and 12-year-old Florence Lawler has a permit to use its golf course for the remainder of the season without charge for being the first person to suggest the name.

After prolonged consideration, the City Commission Monday night adopted the name "Springdale" from a list of nearly 50 which had been submitted in a re-christening contest, in which the season playing permit had been offered as the reward for the person suggesting a title which would be accepted. "Springdale" was suggested by four different persons, Florence, who turned it in first, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Lawler, 464 Oak street.

Second prize, a free playing permit good for 30 days, went to Mrs. E. F. Painter, 859 Watkins street, for her suggestion "Recreation Park." Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert held out for that name to the last, but the other five members present voted for "Springdale."

Thus the park will again be known by a name which became attached to it shortly after it opened five years ago. Some residents of the community have always known the site as "Springdale," although that name has been less

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CITIES TO FILE SUIT IF STATE DENIES APPEAL

Court Fight On 1934 Equalization Report Appears Certain

TWO UNITS WOULD JOIN

Slight doubt remained today that the Cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills will take their protest against the 1934 Oakland County equalization report into court if the State Tax Commission denies the appeals the municipalities filed last week.

Although definite authorization of a suit was held up, pending action on the appeals, a majority of the members of the Birmingham City Commission appeared to be definitely in favor of opening a legal battle, if necessary, following a conference Monday night with Frank W. Atkinson, Bloomfield Hills commissioner and city attorney, and Mr. Atkinson said he believed the Hills Commission would be similarly minded.

If a suit is begun, Mr. Atkinson's firm will undoubtedly be retained to represent the cities. The same firm last year drew up a suit against the 1933 equalization report, which is still pending in Circuit Court. A new action, Mr. Atkinson said, could take the form of either a supplementary bill to last year's suit, or an entirely new bill to be consolidated with it.

"Same Treatment"

"It looks to me as though, unless we do one or the other," he said, "we'll continue to get the same treatment from the county equalization committee, year after year."

Although both Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills were given slightly lower valuations in this year's equalization, the percentages of the total county tax they would be forced to pay were reduced an amount insignificant in comparison with the increases they received last year.

Mayor Harry Allen, at Monday's conference, warned the Commission that a suit will be costly, and that it should not be started unless the cities intend to carry it through to the finish.

"If we're in we're going in to it unless we go sled length and make the full fight," Mayor Allen said. "If we go into it at all, we must go in to win. The situation that we won't get out for a few hundred, a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars. We would have to put in enough to pay a lawyer for spending some time on it."

Might Cost $5,000

In making what he called a "rough guess" at the cost of a suit which would attack the equalization "from all possible angles", Mr. Atkinson put the figure at $5,000. The purpose of such a suit would be to prove gross disparity between the valuations placed on Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills property and those on property in other sections of the county, he said, adding that much of the factual material for the suit could be gathered by regular officials of the two cities.

Inasmuch as officials here and in Bloomfield are of the opinion that the State Tax Commission virtually dictated the 1934 valuations to the county equalization committee, denial of the formal appeals filed last week is expected

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HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. Warren K. Lee, who moved to Birmingham recently from Detroit, and are living at 536 Southfield avenue. They have no children.

Mr. Lee is sales engineer for the Wilkening Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, Pa.

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