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**WORK ON HALLOWEEN CURFEW LAW DELAYED**

Lack of time has prevented the compiling of any information to be used in drafting a proposed curfew ordinance to prevent further Halloween disturbances, City Manager James W. Parry said Tuesday following the Commission meeting Monday night at which there was no further discussion of the proposed measure. Mr. Parry said his first step would probably be to ask the Michigan Municipal League for information as to how such curfew measures are enforced in other cities.

A curfew law to prevent a recurrence of events which happened here this Halloween was first suggested by the Commission at its meeting last week, when Mr. Parry was instructed to gather information and submit such an ordinance.

**POICE 'ROUGH TACTICS' HIT**

**Eye-Witness of Halloween Roundup Scores Methods Used by Officers**

The police resorted to unnecessarily "rough tactics" in their handling of the disturbance here on Halloween, C. H. Curtis, 131 Cedar drive, charges in a communication addressed to The Eccentric.

Mr. Curtis, an engineer, declares that his sense of justice was offended by the treatment accorded some of the 100 boys and by the officers who arrested them in an attempt to curb property destruction. Practically all of the boys spent most of the night in jail, although only three were later taken before Justice Forbes. S. Hassall and fined for malicious destruction of property.

Mr. Curtis, who was a spectator in the police station while some of the boys were being brought in, carried his complaint to the City Commission last week, after the Commission had passed a resolution commending Chief of Police John P. Hackett and his department for the manner in which they handled the affair. City Manager James W. Parry, Mayor Harry Allen and Commissioner Luther Hesseck were among the judges of the Chief of Police's round-up of Halloween celebrants was in progress.

**Suggest Church Attendance**

In his letter, Mr. Curtis says he believes a curfew law, such as that proposed by the Commission to control the situation another year, would be useless, and suggests instead that the city hold a carnival and dance be held for the young people. He also recommends a resolution commending Chief of Police for youthful law-breakers.

**His letter follows:**

"Because of the fact that I criticized the methods used in the handling of certain of the young men taken in during the Halloween fracas, I have been requested to present the situation as I saw it and present something constructive which may prevent a repetition of the deplorable affair.

"With my family, I went up town to learn the cause of the fire alarm, arriving at the corner of First and Maple in time to see a young man being carried to a machine by two other young fellows and a patrolman. I parked my car and sought to find the reason for the commotion. I was informed that one of the patrolmen had had some trouble and in the excitement one young fellow had been malicious.

**Goes To Station**

"I walked to the corner of Maple and Woodward, wondering what it was all about. I saw two young fellows, about 18 years old, some running and the patrolmen. I don't doubt but that they were potential trouble makers, but were not engaged in any overt act at the time. They were told to get home by the officer at the corner, but that they should obey his orders, as they were breaking no laws by standing on the corner. A car drove up with a patrolman in it, and he promptly ordered them in to the car. My wonder of what was going on increased.

"I went over to the police station to learn what was being done, and what had been done. While standing around with a few of the other curious I saw one slender young fellow, perhaps 19 years old, roughly shoved into an adjoining room and before the door slammed shut, saw the officer seize him by the throat and slam him into a chair. It appeared that the officer then began to shake him in the chair. The door slammed shut, and I did not see anything further until the young man emerged with the officer at his back. He was then shoved into a cell of the arraignment desk. Of course, several of the city fathers did not see this, but two others beside myself were witnesses.

"I felt then, as I felt that my sense of justice had stood enough, and that a complaint should be voiced before the Commission. I arrived at the Commission meeting in time to hear a motion read commending the police for their efficient handling of the offenders.

**Deplores 'Mob Spirit'**

"I do not wish to sanction the efforts or the methods used by the young men, led by mob spirit, to do that which under other circumstances, let us hope, not one of them would have been guilty of using in search of excitement. I cannot sanction either the methods used by those in charge of (Continued on Page 5, Part 2)

**Boy Scout Leaders Plan Rally Dinner For Parents**

A rally dinner for all adults who are interested in the Boy Scout movement is to be held in the Community Club at 622 Woodward, Tuesday, under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Boy Scout District Commission.

The dinner is planned especially to give parents an opportunity to meet the scout masters and members of the District Commission to discuss mutual problems, and to furnish a better understanding of the various accomplishments of the Boy Scout movement in general.

There are six Scout troops in the Birmingham district, a present, each in charge of a scout master and an adult troop committee. In planning the rally dinner, the great benefit and pleasure from the many activities that constitute scouting, it is important that his

parents understand what is being done and why.

The brief program, arranged by Melvin Hart and William C. Allen, will include a trumpet solo by Elizabeth White, and short talks by Marjorie Tate, and short talks by Charles G. Kingston, T. W. Eustis and Mrs. George Rouds.

Following this, parents will meet with the scout masters to discuss of which their boys are members, to consider in more detail the problems confronting the leaders, and meet other parents whose sons are members of the same troops. The discussions will be in charge of the various troop committees.

Tickets for the dinner should be secured in advance from L. E. Billings, Charles G. Kingston, G. Olen, Robert Hubert, Lester Selts, T. W. Eustis, or W. A. Skunk.

Arrangements are nearing completion for the party to be sponsored by Birmingham Boy Scouts at the Community House next Tuesday, 9 o'clock. The committee in charge reported yesterday that the advance sale of tickets was unusually large, indicating that the party will be even more successful than that of last year.

**WABEEK BANK PLANS BRANCH**

**Approval Of State Department Awaited On Fernalde Project**

George B. Judson, president of the Wabeek State Bank here, has confirmed the report that the stockholders and directors of the institution have approved a plan for opening a branch bank in Fernalde.

Formal sanction of the state banking department to the plan is now being awaited. Mr. Judson said, and negotiations have been opened for obtaining a lease of the building on West Nine Mile road in Fernalde which formerly housed the Fernalde State Bank.

The date of opening the new bank will not be determined until after the state's approval has been secured and the lease obtained, Mr. Judson said.

In the event the new bank is opened, the capital stock of the present institution will be increased from \$62,500 to \$150,000, he added. The new bank would be a branch of the present institution, and the same board of directors would be in control of both.

Fernalde has been without banking facilities since 1931.

**Commission Refuses Tree Planting Fund**

The City Commission Monday night refused to vote an appropriation to finance the removal from the city nursery of about 700 trees and the re-planting of them along streets in the city.

City Manager James W. Parry said about 500 trees in the city's stock of approximately 4,000 trees were now large enough for planting, and estimated that they could be set out now, with the use of paid labor, at a cost of about \$150. Unless the trees were re-planted within the next three weeks, he said, cold weather would prevent their removal until next spring.

Commissioner Luther Hesseck suggested that the project be held up until spring, when labor might be available from another government work relief program. Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert also recommended that the re-planting be deferred until funds are more readily available.

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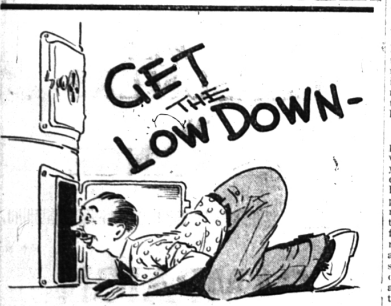
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**9 O'Clock TOWN**

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**One or two persons, writing at the desk in the post-office Saturday morning, were horrified to see the ink-balls of that previously well-behaved piece of machinery, "Earl," he cried, "you'd better send the wrecker. I can start the car, get it in gear and even start it, but I can't get anywhere." But finally controlled his laughter. "Sammy," he broke in, "never mind the wrecker. I think Ted has the jack out from under by now." Sammy drove off in further confusion, and a few seconds later he was back in the street.**

At Vass, of Beverly Hills, was riding around town Monday accompanied by a spy young lieutenant. It's about six months old, neither friendly nor unfriendly, and seemed interested more in traffic than in us. We petted it, timidly, and strolled nonchalantly along, feeling quite brave. Al will offer it for only a day or two, so if you're interested you'd better hurry.

**Mrs. George Beaigneul, who teaches French in the FERA adult education program, noticed, on Halloween night, that four young women of high school age were standing outside the window of his classroom, munching apples and reading. He was surprised to see a parent enter. His native curiosity aroused, Mrs. Beaigneul stepped to the window and asked them to come in. In they came, single file. Unable to resist the apparent opportunity, M. Beaigneul pointed to the blackboard, where they rested a bottle conjugated verb.**

"Will you," he asked one of the visitors, "please complete the conjugation of the verb 'to love'?" The young lady rose, went to the board, took chalk in hand and finished the task, unerringly. Just as she was leaving, she turned, a tiny gleam of triumph in her eye, and said: "You didn't think I could do it, did you? Well, I had Stickle for a teacher, and she didn't take any excuses." The women then departed, apparently feeling they had the situation well in hand.

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**3 Men Arrested As Drunk Drivers**

One Gets 45-Day Sentence, In Fined, Third Pleads Not Guilty

Three men were arraigned before Justice Forbes S. Hassall Saturday morning on charges of drunk driving, and a fourth on a drunk and disorderly charge. Two of the men pleaded not guilty and demanded \$5,000 bail, a third, paid a fine and the fourth was committed to the County Jail in default of both.

L. K. McGraw, 30 years old, of Fenton, Mich., was sentenced to serve 45 days in the county workhouse for drunk driving while unable to pay a \$50 fine. Horace Newton, 44 years old, also of Fenton, who was a passenger in McGraw's car, pleaded not guilty to being drunk and disorderly, and posted \$25 bond to await trial, which was set for Dec. 7.

Des J. Beavan, 45 years old, of 967 Benningville avenue, Birmingham, was fined \$45 on drunk driving charge.

Dan Butler, 35 years old, of the Edison Hotel, Detroit, also charged with drunk driving, pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for Nov. 23. Bond of \$100 was not furnished.

It is said that 90 per cent of the gradual extinction of American automobiles is due to the gun-and-automobile combination.

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**GIRL, 16, HURT WHEN STRUCK DOWN BY CAR**

Leona Lawson, 16 years old, of Scott Lake, was injured slightly last Thursday night when she was knocked down by an automobile as she was running across South Woodward avenue near Maple avenue. The car was driven by Richard Duchene, 511 Girard street, Royal Oak. It was not held.

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