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\$2,531 REFUND MADE TO CITY

Changes In Equipment Help City To Get Wholesale Power Rate

A refund of \$2,531.34 from the Detroit Edison Company on bills paid by the City of Birmingham for electric power for pumping water was announced to the City Commission Monday night by City Manager James W. Parry.

Last spring, the Edison Company informed the city that since it had used more than 500,000 kilowatt hours of electricity for pumping purposes in 1934, it was eligible to receive power in the future at the wholesale rather than retail rate.

The change to the new rate, entailing some changes in equipment, was made immediately. The changes cost the city \$2,540.76, or only about \$9 more than the refund. The Edison Company had indicated originally that the wholesale rate was to have been retroactive to Jan. 1, but the refund makes it retroactive to Aug. 1, 1934, which is the approximate date on which the city began using pumping power at the rate of more than 500,000 kilowatt hours a year.

STOLEN AUTO FOUND; \$500 DRY GOODS GONE

A dry goods salesman's car, containing about \$500 worth of sample merchandise, stolen in Birmingham Friday afternoon while the salesman, Lawrence Tillabaum, was making a call at Levinson's Department Store, was recovered Monday afternoon in Hazel Park by Oakland County deputy sheriff. The car was undamaged, but all the merchandise had been apprehended.

Tillabaum reported to police that he had parked his car on Woodward while making his call. He said he had locked the door of the car but had not locked the ignition.

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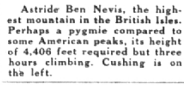
Hitch-bikers Work Way Across



Birmingham Boys Find Automobile Better Than Bicycle For Travelling

Two local boys, Fred Cushing of Oakland Avenue, now one of Coach Harry Kipke's grid hopefuls at the University of Michigan, and Court Cromwell of Greenwood Avenue, who left for Michigan State College Monday, returned recently from a European trip, each of them 10 pounds heavier, each full of interesting adventures.

The boys spent most of their time in England, after landing at Rotterdam and staying four days in Holland. And while they were fortunate enough to secure a motor vehicle for a good share of their sightseeing trip through England, bicycles were their chief means of locomotion for many miles.



YOUTH COUNCIL STARTS YEAR

Will Send Delegates To State Meeting At East Lansing

Opening their first complete year of activity, members of the Birmingham Youth Council will meet Monday at the Community House to elect delegates to the State Youth Hearing at East Lansing, Sept. 28. Roger Toothacker, president of the Council, will be in charge of the meeting.

Each organization represented on the Birmingham Youth Council will select two representatives to send to the state assembly. Dr. Harry Overstreet of New York, one of the leading psychologists of the country, will be the speaker at East Lansing.

About 40 Birmingham organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Christian churches, Service League, church classes, A. A. U. W., Rotary, Lions, Masons and many other youth and adult groups, are represented on the Council, formed last year for the purpose of coordinating youth organizations and adult organizations dealing with youth, of joining on projects better undertaken with their combined resources, and promoting a better understanding among the different organizations dealing with youth.

A community-wide Halloween party will be one of the fall events to be planned by the Council at its Monday meeting.

STATE SECRETARY TO ADDRESS H-I-Y GROUP

H-I-Y will hold its second meeting in the Community House at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday with Ray Johns, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., as the guest speaker. He will speak on H-I-Y membership and work. The program is in charge of Robert Watt, last year's club president.

Election of officers will be held Tuesday, Oct. 1. Because present members would like to have a larger enrollment before the election, it was delayed for a few weeks.



CITY MAY GET NEW PARK SITE

Offer Of Land For Tax Payment May Be Accepted

The first meeting of a committee of the City Commission to study a group of welfare and related problems has been called for Friday evening.

The committee, appointed a few weeks ago by Mayor Harry Allen at the suggestion of City Manager James W. Parry, is composed of Commissioners John E. Martz, Luther Heckcock and Frank S. Packard.

The questions to be considered by the group, which will bring its recommendations back to the Commission as a whole, will include acceptance of an offer from the Leinbach-Humphrey Company to deed a piece of property in the south end of the city for park purposes, in payment of taxes the company owes on property in the city.

It will also consider whether a group of 12 abandoned houses at the south end, which the city has condemned as fire hazards, should be taken over by the city for occupancy by unemployable indigents. Other problems involving welfare and "border line" families will also be studied.

CHURCH GROUPS PLAN PROGRAMS FOR YEAR

Church organization programs for the coming year will be outlined and discussed at the fall planning conference of the First Methodist Church Sunday evening.

A light supper will precede the business meetings of the various church departments each of which will later discuss its aims and objectives for the coming year.

Regular meetings of the Junior church have been resumed, the group holding its meetings during the time of morning sermon, under the leadership of Mrs. Luther Heckcock.

Plans for the annual Rally Day program set for Oct. 6, were laid at the September meeting of the Church School Board.

No wonder a hen gets discouraged at times. She can never find things just where she laid them.

Six Year Old Girl On Way To Detroit Finds She Is Lost!

Betty Jean Noel, six year old Pontiac girl, had a lot of fun attending her first day of school Monday but when she started to go home she got all tied up. She went to school at St. Frederick's in Pontiac. She started her home at 324 West Wilson avenue, but wound up two hours later in Bloomfield Hills well on her way to Detroit.

Sergeant Stanley Keever of the Bloomfield Hills police department picked her up and convinced her that she was going the wrong way. Her uncle, Clifford Noel, called for her and took her home.

BERKLEY RESIDENTS INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Three Berkley residents suffered slight injuries when they were involved in a two-car crash at Maple and Adams avenue at 6:15 Friday morning.

The injured were Albert R. Berg, 69 years old, Albert Berg, Jr., 3 years old, and Thomas Berg, 17 months old. They were passengers in a car driven by Mrs. Mildred V. Berg.

The car driven by Mrs. Berg was travelling south on Adams about 15 miles an hour when it was struck in the middle of the intersection by a car driven by Alex Berbencheck, Royal Oak. The yellow caution light was working at the time.

About \$100 damage was done to the Berg machine. Berbencheck escaped uninjured. Damage to his car was estimated at \$20.

The Hile of Man has placed a ban on ugly buildings.

Another home in Quanton Lake

Ground was broken last week for another attractive home—the fourth—in this outstanding development.

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Papa Baer Visits Little Baers



A bear of a time was had by all when Max Baer's dad arrived at the Spaulding, N. Y. training camp, where he was preparing for his coming bout with Joe Louis. In this charming scene, Mr. Baer apparently is finding it a bit more difficult to tote his lads, Buddy, left, and Max, than he did some 20 years ago.