One of the most disillusioning days of my life was when I discovered that people can say things with an apparent vigor and conviction, and yet not mean what they say at all. I was well past thirty before I was made aware of the need to be sure that some people really mean what they said.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Talk about salesmanship! Here's one where a grocer, asked by a customer if the eggs were fresh, replied, by calling to one of his clerks: "Hey, Charlie, feel of those eggs and see if they're cool enough to sell yet."

Gee! just when it seems as though we might see, in our favorite movie house, a news reel of Congressman O'Connor kicking Charlie Coughlin all the way down Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue, the Congressman gets cold feet and decides he won't kick.

Words suggest various meanings. For instance there was the preacher who said to his deacon: "I touched them rather deeply this morning, don't you think?" And the deacon, with an eye to business, replied: "I don't know yet—haven't heard what the collection was."

Apparently, the State law governing high school secret societies is based upon the belief that fraternities and sororities are evil influences in the lives of young boys and girls. Experience probably has shown the law-makers, on the advice of educators, that such organizations tend to make youth too sophisticated—at a time when youth is unable to meet the temptations that may come to them. What a challenge to the finer sensibilities of fine boys and girls the local school board has created in its desire to protect the youth of this community against unwarranted dangers!

Suggestion to politicians: Just because it is recorded that man's physical self was made from dust, there is no justification—even in an election year—to keep on throwing mud.

Well, I see where Al Smith will be able to take a walk to the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia in June. Or, perhaps, he'll motor down from New York so that, if things don't suit him at the Convention, he won't be too tired "to take a walk."

The week of March 30 is the date set for the charging of Bruno Hauptmann's living body with electricity, to be paid for by the State of New Jersey. We suppose the 198 commercial volts of Hauptmann's physical body, as it receives the tremendous vibrations of the as yet unknown substance of electricity, will divorce his consciousness, his soul, his spirit, from the "house" that it has inhabited so many years upon earth. How strange it all is—mankind uses an unknown force known as electrical current to eliminate evil acts from a "state of being" that is also a mystery. The whole thing sounds like a dream, doesn't it?

Newspaper of the Future

The year is 1950.

The scene is in the general offices of a large metropolitan daily.

The city editor, an efficient, business-like lady, is seated at her desk. All the office force are women; the composing-room foreman is an Amazonian type female, and advertising, lay-out, circulation, all duties around the paper are handled by women.

Suddenly the door to the private office bursts open and in rushes a young lady with a handful of copy in her hand. She lays it quickly on the editor's desk and stands at attention. The "editeress" glances at the copy, then at the girl reporter.

"When did this occur?" the editor asks.

"Thirty minutes ago," the girl replies.

"Too old," the editor snaps, and tosses the copy into the wastebasket.

Another snappy young lady enters soon after with her copy. After glancing at it the editor queries, "When did this happen?"

"Fifteen minutes ago," the reporter replies.

"Too old for the street edition—we can use it only in the state edition," coldly barks the lady editor.

Suddenly there is a swish of skirts and a dapper, snappy little red-headed reporter slams a batch of copy on the editor's desk.

The editor picks it up, and once more the question, "When did this occur?"

The little red-head holds up her hand, and in quick, brisk voice says, "Listen! You'll hear the shot!"—Texas Press Messenger.

FINNIE AND HOLMES AT ART INSTITUTE

Burton Holmes, world's most famous travel lecturer, and Richard Finnie, intrepid young Canadian Arctic explorer, will present next week's motion picture travelogs at the Detroit Institute of Arts. At 3:30 on Sunday afternoon, March 1, Finnie speaks on "Wandering Through French Canada." "South America—Up the East Coast" will be Burton Holmes' illustrated subject at 8:30 Thursday evening, March 5.

BANQUET FOR FATHERS, SONS FRIDAY NIGHT

Harold Webster, Program Chairman, Guarantees Entertaining Time

Birmingham Dads and Sons will get together Friday night at the Community House for their annual banquet, which this year promises to up to the usual high standard of food for the body, fellowship and entertainment for the spirit, and an address guaranted to serve up a well balanced diet for the soul.

Promptly at 6:45 o'clock local Fathers and Sons will march into the auditorium where places are to be set for 400 people, and the event will begin.

F. Morse Cooke, chairman of the committee selling tickets for the affair, stated yesterday that a large attendance is guaranteed, although a few tickets will be available at Wilson's, Shain's, and at the Community House for last minute sale.

"A splendid program has been arranged, one that will appeal both to Fathers and Sons," said Harold G. Webster, chairman of the program committee, this week "A dandy song leader to lead in community singing, two excellent Birmingham girls, Betty Ann Pease and Genevieve Gay, to do the latest in tap dancing, brief talks by two Dads and two Sons, 20 minutes of very interesting magic by Capt. Archie E. Allen, of Pontiac, motion pictures for boys ten years old and under, and the concluding highlight of the evening when Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones, famous Detroit preacher, will give his celebrated talk on 'Adventures Among Great Americans'."

During the dinner William Gail's orchestra will furnish music.

The motion pictures for small boys will be held in the Scout room in the basement of the Community House, while the regular program is carried on at the banquet.

One of the features of this year's banquet will be a "hobby exhibit." Displays of various types of manual training and other work done by local men and boys will be shown in an upstairs room of the House, following the scheduled program.

Among committee chairmen previous committees for the event are Robert D. Lynd, local "Y" secretary, Mr. Webster, program, Mr. Cooke, ticket-publicity by Charles S. Kinnison, Joseph Stroup Sr., dinner, hobby by Merlyn Smiley, and floral decorations by Howard Bell. George R. Averill is serving as general chairman.

JENKS SPEAKS HERE MONDAY

Architect For Homestead Project To Address Women's League

A first-hand account of the work being accomplished by Oakland County Housing, Inc., the Federal-Couzens homestead project, West of Pontiac, will be given the Birmingham League of Women Voters Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Community House, when Barton P. Jenks, Jr., Supervising Architect, will address them.

Mr. Jenks, who is in charge of the construction of 150 houses for low-income workers, will speak on "Low Cost Housing," Mrs. John K. Ormond will introduce the speaker.

The work to be done on the site, where some 150 industrial families will be housed, includes construction of roads, sewer and water systems, communal buildings and improvement of the entire area. Senator James Couzens contributed $550,000 to the cost of the project, and the government provided $330,000.

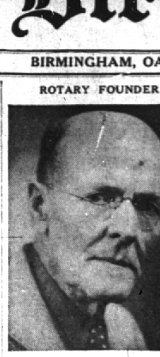
The houses will average 22 by 26 feet in size, according to the original plans. Each will contain six rooms and will be equipped with bath and garage. All will be insulated and the homesites will be landscaped.

Mr. Jenks, who came from Boston to direct the work, is a graduate of St. Paul's School in New Hampshire and of Harvard University. He continued his studies in architecture at the Beaux Arts in Paris, later returning to New York and Detroit, where he was in partnership. When the F. E. R. A. was organized, Mr. Jenks became a member of the staff in the subsistence homestead section. He was loaned by the Government to take charge of the community housing project when it was first established by Senator Couzens.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Robert D. Lynd, local Y. M. C. A. secretary: "I believe that youth really wants to travel a high and fine road toward a day when it can assume its characterful place in life. The occasional boy or girl who wants to deviate from the straight and narrow path should not be allowed to influence the others, and they won't, if they are taken to task at the right time."

ROTARY FOUNDER



Paul P. Harris
Founder and President Emeritus Of Rotary International, Chicago, Ill

MEN'S FORUM HEARS DAVEY THIS SUNDAY

Emotional Reasons Why People Drink To Be Lecture Subject

As a sequel to the scientific facts presented last week by Dean Georger I. Altenburg, of the Highland Park Junior College, on the chemical behaviour of alcohol, the local Men's Forum will present next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Community House a talk and open discussion on a related point by Clarence P. Davey. His subject, which, no doubt, will prove interesting to young folks as well as adults, will be "Emotional Reasons why People Drink Alcohol."

Mr. Davey has had special training and experience in the field of social science. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, holding a Master's Degree in Education from Wayne University. At present, he is in charge of the academic work at the George School, a specialized institution in Detroit.

Regarding the current Forum discussions, it was stated that there is a wide-spread misunderstanding, not alone among the younger folks, of the reasons why imbibe liquor. Experienced scientists, it was said, after careful study of the question, have come to certain definite conclusions, one of them being that those who are too cowardly to face unpleasant facts, drink to lose themselves in unreality. Other reasons will be brought out in Mr. Davey's lecture, it was asserted.

Last Sunday, Dean Altenburg spoke to 140 people, young and old, men and women. Some of the striking statements he made included: "Alcohol, in small quantities, destroys an athelete's precision;" "Alcohol first effects the hind legs of animals, Man's nervous system responds in the same way. A man may steer a car straight, but his feet and legs are slow on brake and clutch." "Alcohol atacks the optic nerve, particularly. Ethyl alcohol, in Beer destroys the ability to tell colors. The red light isn't red to the driver who has had a few drinks."

The Forum desires to make its programs of service and value to the whole community and to that end, it welcomes the men of Birmingham to a Sunday morning hour of good fellowship and profitable discussion, it was stated.

THIRTY YEARS PROGRESS IS ROTARY MARK

Paul P. Harris Of Chicago Founded Movement Feb. 23, 1905

The spread of Rotary in the three decades of its history to nearly eighty countries or regions gives inspiration to the anniversary celebration this week by Rotary clubs of almost 4,000 cities.

The man who founded this world-wide movement on February 23, 1905, Paul P. Harris of Chicago, still takes an active part, and is at this time visiting some of the 250 Rotary clubs in Latin-America, in conjunction with a trip to the South American Rotary conference at Valparaiso, Chile, March 4-7.

Rotary is constantly growing more international, clubs having been elected, without the aid of paid organizers, at the rate of three a week since 1910. In the last fiscal year there was a membership increase of more than 10,000 and the number of Rotarians is now the largest in the history of the organization, more than 164,000. In 1935 Iceland was added to the list of countries in which there are Rotary clubs, one having been formed at the capital, Reykjavik.

One of the significant Rotary events of the past year was the European Rotary conference at Venice, Italy, attended by some 1,500 Rotarians and their wives from almost every country in Europe. Ed. R. Johnson of Roanoke, Virginia, U. S. A., the president of Rotary International, in speaking of this conference, said:

"I was impressed as never before by the dignity and influence which

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WPA CLASSES WILL HOLD SEWING AND COOKING EXHIBIT

Demonstrators From Two Companies To Explain New Processes

Announcement is made by Mrs. Adele Halladay, supervisor of the local W. P. A. educational program, that adult classes in sewing and cooking will hold demonstrations at their respective centers next week at Barnum and Pierce schools

Next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Barnum School, and the following Thursday at the same time at Pierce School Mrs. T. M. Garlock, local demonstrator for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, will discuss the use and care of the sewing machine, showing new stitches and the modern devices on the machine which make sewing enjoying as well as very profitable. It was also stated that the Consumers Power Company have asked Mrs. Claudess Bradley, staff demonstrator, to be present at the cooking class at Barnum School on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. She will talk on the use and care of gas stoves in addition to explaining preparation of a demonstration menu.

Mrs. Halladay said that during the past three years the Singer Sewing Machine Company has generously supplied the educational classes with machines which otherwise would have been unobtainable, in all probability.

Odd Customs Marked The Lenten Periods Long Ago

By E. G. WHITNEY

Do you realize that March 1st is Tid Sunday? No? Well, then, you probably aren't even aware that the following Sabbath is Mid Sunday, followed by Misera, Carling, Palm and Pase-Egg days. My, my, just to think you've been going around telling people how good you intended to be during the season of Lent and here the proper names of the six Sundays in the period don't even register with you. Shame!

Well, since we had to look up the ancient names for those days ourselves, we'll be a bit easy on you—and that reminds us, maybe you'd like to know more about Lent. It's not a span of time in which you give away or borrow things, you know; it's a period when you are supposed to give up something.

Let's see, last Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday, the day preceding Ash Wednesday, or the beginning of the Lenten season. Now if you were well versed on the proper procedure to follow, you probably went out and had yourself a mighty good time on the eve of Ash Wednesday. That is what the people use to do in the 'good old days.' It was all the style then to gorge yourself to the limit and take part in a celebration afterwards. In merry old England the "Pancake Bell" was rung on Shrove Tuesday. It called in all the apprentice boys and others about the house. They would sit down and proceed to eat more than enough pancakes, made in using up all the lard and drippings before Lent began.

And "Lent Crocking" was another feature occuring on Shrove Tuesday. A group of children, led by a captain, would go from door to door singing.

"I'm come a-shroving
For a piece of pancake
Or a piece of bacon
Or a little truckle cheese,
Of your own making.
If you give me a little, I ask you no more,
If you don't give me something
I'll rattle your door."

If the request was denied the door was bombarded with old broken jugs, plates, basins and other discarded utinsels.

Then, at Westminister and Chartelsey schools the students held a "Tossing the Pancake" contest. You can guess how those matches turned out.

Now we come to solemn Ash Wednesday. The fun is over and everyone is determined to be a model of goodness, beginning on this date. So to church. First, in the Roman Church, before mass, the congregation knelt at the altar and the priest put ashes on their foreheads, saying in Latin words to the effect, "Remember, Man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return." The ashes for such services were obtained by burning the palm branches consecrated in the church on the Palm Sunday of the previous year.

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ROTARY LEADER

Ed. R. Johnson
President, Rotary International

MARCH 1 IS LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL CLUBS TO COMPLY

Deadline Set For Social Groups To Conform To Regulations

Birmingham's school board at its February 17th session, declared that it had withdrawn approval of all fraternities and sororities as school organizations which have not confined their meetings to school premises and did not violate legal restrictions by accepting new or additional membership based on the decision or vote of those who compose the groups. It was stated that immediately upon formal announcement of the board's stand no further pledging was to take place. However, student members of the school organizations, it was said, have a transition period, extending to March 1st, in which they may either withdraw from any group which refuses to comply with the new regulations, or they may reorganize their affiliated members into a fraternity or sorority that is acceptable to local school authorities. It was pointed out by the board at their last session that it is incongruous to think of a school club as being approved, and yet outside of and beyond the authority of the school administration.

It was learned that the board has received from an advisor of one sorority her resignation, effective at once. It is expected that all other advisors to clubs that fail to comply with legal restrictions will likewise resign before the first of the coming month.

The active student membership of all Baldwin organizations totals only 122 while the total enrollment there reaches 725 pupils. It is seen that only about one out of every seven students belongs to fraternal groups.

Moore Will Filed In Pontiac Court

Filed in Probate Court, Pontiac, today, the will of the late Andrew L. Moore, prominent Pontiac Attorney and state senator, leaves cash gifts and endowments amounting to $367,400. His wife, Emma M. Moore, was named in the will as sole heir and executrix of the estate. Contingent upon her death, the will provides for and directs the distribution of the estate as follows:

Mrs. Dennis J. Tibble, Pontiac, $50,000. Mrs. Tibble is the foster daughter of the deceased. Central Methodist Episcopal Church of Pontiac, $60,000. Albion College is to receive $10,000 and a fund of $20,000 is set aside for a Pontiac Y. M. C. A., providing such a building is established in the city. An additional $5,000 is bequeathed to the Wilson Avenue Methodist Church, Pontiac.

The late attorney expired from a heart attack in circuit court, Pontiac, last month while trying a case. He was elected to the state legislature in 1933.

PONTIAC CLUB URGES NEW MACKINAC SPAN

At a recent meeting of the Heart O' Nature Club's members and guests in Pontiac, the proposed Straits of Mackinac bridge was discussed and the club went on record as favoring the construction of the span and that financial assistance, now available from the Federal government, be secured for the work.

Representatives of the State Highway Department and the State Highway Department and the State Conservation Department addressed the session.

BROKEN EMERY WHEEL CAUSES FRACTURED SKULL

Jack Lintz, 62, of No. 747 Ruffner Street, received a fractured skull and badly lacerated eyelid Tuesday morning when an emery wheel broke and struck him as he was at work in David Bliesath's blacksmith shop at No. 767 Bowers Street.

Lintz is now in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where his condition is thought to be serious.

INITIAL OPEN FORUM MEET NEXT TUESDAY

Mrs. H. H. Corson In Charge Of Series; Prominent People Assist

The first of a series of open forum meetings, designed to discuss social and economic questions of the day, will be held next Tuesday evening, March 3, at eight o'clock, in the auditorium of the Baldwin Public Library. These meetings are open to the general public, without charge, and are designed to acquaint men and women in such a manner that they may face the coming November elections intelligently.

Mrs. Harold H. Corson, active in the local American Legion Auxiliary, is in charge of the series, and has enlisted a large group of local and nearby men and women to carry the series to a desired degree of practical success. Meetings will be held at the same place succeeding Tuesday evenings, indefinately. The topics to be discussed will, according to Mrs. Corson, be handled from a non-partisan point of view.

Next Tuesday's meeting will be started off with the first of three talks on the fundamental principles of money, wealth, and inflation, by Theodore H. Millington, local commentator on economic and social subjects, whose articles appear in The Eccentric and other Michigan newspapers each week. Mr. Millington will conduct, following his lecture, an open forum period for questions and answers.

Among those who are assisting Mrs. Corson in this series are: J. R. Adams, Prof. William A. Frayer, Mrs. John Black, Mrs. Francis F. McKinney, Mrs. Cecil McCallum, William Cole Allee, Rev. A. Hamilton Aulenbach, George R. Averill, Mrs. A. D. McLay.

Mrs. Lee A White, Robert Watt, Col. William B. Rosevear, Jr. Charles W. Crandell, Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Mrs. Henry Foley, Harold G. Webster, Mrs. Charles J. Shain, Mrs. W. T. Cushing, Mrs. John K. Ormond, and Mrs. George T. Hendrie.

LEGION POST HAS SERVICE AWARD

Veterans' Organization Is Given Citation For Two Reasons

Charles Edward Post No. 14, American Legion veterans of Birmingham, has just received a certificate of meritorious service, awarded by the national organization for enrolling by December 31, 1935 an advance membership for the new year totaling more than the entire number who were in the post during the past 12 months. The citation was sent to Adjutant Gordon L. Bailey, and includes, in addition to membership honors, a meritorious award for work done by the post in forwarding various projects in the Legion program last year.

The effort expended in building up the local post was made largely by Commander Ray Cook and Adjutant Bailey, it was said. The local organization is classed as a small post with membership under 100. However, in view of the excellent showing made by the officers here, the officers feel sure the present number of 59 members will be augmented sufficiently within the next year to excell the century mark.

It was stated that the service award will be framed and placed in the post home on South Woodward.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Miss Beth Ranney attended the formal dinner held Friday evening, February 14th, by the Phi Beta Phi Fraternity, University of Michigan. Miss Ranney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Ranney, No. 519 Wimbleton Drive.

Roswell Curtis, Bloomfield Hills, and John Mumford, Birmingham, spent a busy week-end at the University of Michigan with their fellow members of the houses of Chi Phi Fraternity. Breakfast was held at the house following the J-Hop and a sleigh ride and informal dance was enjoyed Saturday evening.

Three local students attending Michigan University Harry Collins, Jr., Donald Myers and Robert Utter, attended the toboggan party and dance Saturday, and the theatre party and dinner Sunday of Chi Psi Fraternity as part of the J-Hop week-end.

Joseph Hinshaw, Jr., attended the breakfast and theatre party held by Tau Kappa Epsilon, University of Michigan, after the J-Hop dance.

Miss Alice Bull, daughter of Arthur A. Bull, 475 Linden, has made such a high average in her work for the first semester at Frances Shimer Junior College, Mount Carroll, Illinois, that her name appears on the honor roll. Only seventeen girls received this honor for the semester.

Three local girls, Miss Beth Ranney, Miss Dorothy Schwarze, and Miss Carolyn Beltramo, students at the University of Michigan, have been appointed to committees for the next campus dramatics production, "Robin Hood and the Queen's Page," to be given in Ann Arbor March 6 and 7.

It's just about time for a report on the progress of the season, and here it is. The Rev. J. W. Cotter, pastor of Holy Name Catholic church informed The Eccentric, he saw his first robin in 1936, Tuesday morning in the yard of his home on Harmon avenue.

Birmingham churches are using in a women's service to mar the World's Day of Prayer, Friday at the First Baptist Church from 2 to 4 p. m. Mrs. Raymond Peck is in charge of the music. Churches participating include the First Presbyterian, the Methodist church, St. James' Episcopal, United Presbyterian and Covenanter Presbyterian in Southfield.

Herbert Nigg, Michigan student, attended the Medical School Ball and the Nu Sigma Nu fraternity dinner preceding the Ball, Friday evening, February 21.

Julie Kane and Mary Lambie also attended the Ball at Ann Arbor Friday.

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BELIEVES IN FORUM

Rev. W. H. Aulenbach

Rev. Aulenbach said, in referring to the series of open forum meetings which will be held at the Baldwin High School, beginning next Tuesday evening, "It is my opinion that the group sessions will prove beneficial, as they will serve to bring people together in a collective effort to evolve a constructive attitude on governmental problems. These problems will be brought out in the open and carefully examined as a result of such meetings."

CITY ELECTION MONDAY, APRIL 6

Allen, Heacock And Brandt Will Complete Terms On Commission

Birmingham's annual city election, to take place Monday, April 6, will elect three commissioners for terms of three years each. Terms of Mayor Hardy Allen and commissioners Luther Heacock and Arthur J. Brandt expire. Whether they will be candidates for re-election, or whether others will seek places on the governing body of Birmingham, is not yet known.

According to the city charter, nominating petitions for a commissionership require the names of not less than 25 or more than 50, names of local registered voters, either men or women, and must be filed with city clerk Irene Hanley not later than Saturday, March 14, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Candidates, although required to be registered voters themselves, are not required to be property owners in the city.

Persons signing nominating petitions must not sign more than three petitions, one each for three different candidates, according to Miss Hanley, as a duplication of names found on more than the three petitions

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Attendance Mark

Frank L. Packard and Luther Heacock, city commissioners, have missed but two of the 61 commission meetings held here since January 1, 1935, according to the records of Irene Hanley, city clerk. Lawrence Hulbert and Arthur J. Kane are second in regularity of attendance, having missed but five each of the 61 meetings. John Martz, who was elected for three years last April, has been present at every one of his possible 38 meetings. Mayor Allen missed 10 of the 61 meetings, while Arthur J. Brandt missed a total of 19 meetings during the same period, six of which have occurred during the eight meetings held since January 1 of this year.

SURVEY STUDY BY CITIZENS BEGINS SOON

Mimeographed Copies To Be Given Committee Of 22 At Once

Action on the proposed municipally owned electric power plant for this city will, in all likelihood, be held in abeyance by the city commission of Birmingham until the recently appointed citizens' committee of 22, with B. C. Stewart as chairman, convenes, studies the report and tenders its recommendations, it was reported.

At the regular Monday night session of the commission no mention of the recent electrical survey or proposed power plant was made. However, it was learned that the city manager's office has completed the mimeographing of a considerable number of the reports furnished by the Francis Engineering Company of Saginaw and that these copies will be distributed to each individual on the committee representing the citizens. With this information on hand, Chairman Stewart will, in all probability, call for an immediate session of the 22 members so that adequate time will be permitted for a complete and accurate study of the reports' contents. Recommendations of the committee of 22 will then be presented to the commission. There is a possibility that the Commission will receive them previous to their meeting scheduled for March 9th, although about seven prospective members of the committee have yet to signify their willingness to serve in the group of 22.

In the electrical report, it was recommended by the Francis Engineering Company that approximately $750,000 in mortgage bonds would be necessary to adequately finance the proposed plant. The use of mortgage bonds to carry out the installation of a local plant would not affect city, personal or real property, nor would it result in increased taxation here, it was said. Should the power plant fail to maintain itself, the bondholders would have to take over the operation of the plant and no liens could be levied against the city, it was added.

Going into the history of the lighting situation here, we find that in 1934, according to the report of the Edison Company to the Utilities Commission, Birmingham's residence lighting cost amounted to $100,665.07 and that the average cost per kilowatt hour to the consumer was about three and one-half cents. The total revenue secured by the local Edison Company in 1934 for all types of service totalled $187,025.97. There were 2,690 consumers in the city that year, the average sale per capita being 544 kilowatt hours.

Winningham Sign

The commission extended permission to the Winningham Chevrolet Company to erect a neon sign on Woodward Avenue. The application for the vertical display failed to comply with the building code but it was eventually decided, after one hours' discussion, to allow the building inspector permission to issue a permit for the sign's erection.

Letter on Fire Service

City Clerk Irene Hanley read a letter from the City of Detroit, in which it was stated that a contract calling for fire department service from that city to outlying communities in case of emergencies had been revised and that a $5000 bond was no longer required by the smaller cities to secure service. The new contract fixes the hourly rate for each piece of equipment sent to a fire outside of Detroit as $50 while the rate per hour for a fire float is $100.

No action was taken by the commission on this matter. The subject will be brought up for discussion at a later date after members have had time to go into the situation.

LOCAL YOUTHS ARRESTED AND FINED FOR DRINKING

Three local boys were arrested by Police Officer Henry Timm last Saturday night for drinking as they sat in a car parked in front of the Community House, where the local girls sorority, was holding a dance.

According to police the young men had been attending the dance and had left it for the car to drink. The youths were confined in jail for the night and pleaded guilty in court before Judge Forbes Hascall the trial. Sentence was 90 days suspended sentence and $10.00 fine each, plus costs of court.

In connection with this case the local authorities state that they intend to put a stop to drinking at dances and other functions in the city. Fines and jail sentences will be meted out it was stated.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Harry Starr, of Worth Street: "It's only 57 days until Michigan's trout season opens up for 1936. Then I suppose I'll be bothered every week by Spud Simpson, Jack Taylor, and George Averill to go fishin' somewhere."