Of this I am very sure: If every person would, within the desire and intention of his head and heart, apply the Golden Rule to every human action, our earth would, indeed, become a veritable Utopia. Alas! so many of us brush aside good desires and intentions in the hard struggle for self-preservation.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Hitler counts that day mis-spent
Whose setting sun reveals no new
And ruthless plan created by
His aides to rob or kill the Jew.

The Loss of A Dog

You who know the great part a dog may play in the life of a family, will appreciate the thoughts of Murl H. DeFoe, Charlotte, Michigan, editor, who last week lost his 15-year-old canine pal, "Bum." Three years ago our own family lost "Jack," who had lived with us for 12 years, and many of you may remember what was said in this column at the time. Here is Mr. DeFoe's lament:

"One need never be ashamed if he cries when his dog dies. There is something tender and precious in such a sorrow. Man seems to be more genuine and 'as a little child' when his heart is torn as mine was Monday morning when my good old 'Bum' dog was hit by a car and had to be put out of his helplessness. Not the slightest blame is attached to Murl Nichols, the driver of the car and who made two trips to Dr. Erickson's. I stood by and patted the head of the injured dog and remained until the doctor arrived when I started home in tears, as I am again now trying to write a suitable piece to the memory of my old pal. A few years ago Governor Percival B. Baxter of Maine lowered the flag on the state house during the burial of his dog. Letters of criticism and praise became the big end of the governor's mail, for several days, and he finally issued an official statement in defense of his action. May I quote the opening and closing paragraphs of Governor Baxter's reply to his critics:

"'My faithful dog, unlike many of my human friends, never betrayed nor believed ill of me. In all his life he was never mean nor dishonorable. Can this be said of many humans? If all men would acquire the outstanding virtues of the dog great happiness soon would spread broadcast over this sordid world. * * * It is my prayer that I always may be as unselfish and as loyal to my Master, state, and nation as Garry was to me.'

"In saying goodbye and best of luck to old Bum—he was 15 past—I concur in everything the Maine governor said about his 'Garry' and in my poignant grief I submit to dog lovers everywhere this lovely and utterly truthful sentiment by Confucius, the great Chinese philosopher whose memory is now worshipped by millions of Yellow Men:

"'To love with the heart of a dog one must see with the eyes of God'."

Felix Frankfurter, noted liberal professor of law at Harvard University, has been appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court. "Hot dog!" exclaimed Bill Billow, of Big Beaver, when he learned of the appointment.

Editor Harry Myers of The Lapeer County Press wants to know what has become of the old-fashioned barber shop that used to advertise "Baths" to its customers. Answer: the Government now cleans everybody.

An educated person is one who always keeps an open mind for new truths; a friendly heart for human frailties; a strong hand, out-stretched to help those who need help; a tolerance for the opinions of others if he thinks they are wrong, but a personal conviction to retain the right opinions that he has found, by experience and precept, to be right. And, alas! too few there are of this educated status.

Democracy costs money. Yet, with all its failings, it is the cheapest kind of government that a free people can get.

Power of a free and crusading press is manifest in the Macomb County gambling situation. When newspapers go after the facts surrounding a public wrong, and present these facts to the public, more often than not that public's indignation results in the wrong being righted. But no newspaper, anywhere, can get very far unless, as the result of its publication of a wrong, an aroused citizenry decides to do something about it. In other words, a "free press" is no more powerful than the public opinion it generates into action.

"Listen, girls," says George Shaw in The Pigeon Progress, "we are going to let you in on a never-failing secret of how to beautify the hands. Just soak them three times a day in dishwater while your mother rests."

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'Phone Rate Cuts Save Thousands For Local Users

NEW SCALE TO TAKE EFFECT IN FEW MONTHS

Reductions in Birmingham's telephone rates between here and Royal Oak, Southfield, Detroit, and a number of areas adjacent to the metropolitan center, effective within the next three or four months, were announced this week by the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Estimated savings to local users will amount to approximately $19,000 annually, it is reported.

The reduction came about as the result of an order issued by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, following many months of collaboration between this State body and the Telephone Co. It is estimated that the telephone subscribers in the area affected by the reduced rates will save not less than $233,000 each year.

Reason For Delay

Chief reason for the delay in putting the reductions into use is the fact that the Telephone Company must revise its entire billing system, as well as to acquaint and train telephone exchange operators to record the cost of the individual calls. According to Telephone Company officials, the new rate was arrived at after a long investigation of a million average telephone calls.

At present it costs 15 cents for a talk to any Detroit connection for the first five minutes; ten cents to Royal Oak. Under the new rate Birmingham subscribers may talk to Royal Oak for five cents, also to any place in Southfield township; a call to Detroit, if it is north of Grand Boulevard, will be ten cents for the first five minutes; below Grand Boulevard it will be the present rate of 15 cents for the first five minutes.

Extended Service

By paying an extra 50 cents per month, for instance, for a single party line which now costs $3.00 per month, or a total of $3.50, a Birmingham subscriber may talk to Royal Oak or any place in Southfield Township free, the same as for local calls; this, say telephone officials, will make accessible 12,000 subscribers instead of the present 4,700 in the Birmingham exchange's area. Known as "extended area" service, this extra 50 cents will also make it possible to talk to any place north of Grand Boulevard in Detroit for 8 cents per call, and 12 cents south of Grand Boulevard.

These rates are scheduled for

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OUT GO THE OLD "HAND CRANK SETS"

Good news for Birmingham's rural telephone subscribers came this week with the announcement by Walter B. Fauser, local manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., that all magneto, or "hand crank," telephones will be removed, starting February 10, and regular battery equipment installed. By April 1 Mr. Fauser believes, every "hand crank" set will have been eliminated. The cost will amount to $18,000. New telephone numbers will also be given rural subscribers, and they will appear in the telephone directory that comes out in the spring. The new equipment will cut in half the number of rings now possible on the magneto sets.

SERVICE CLUBS UNITE TO PLAN BIRTHDAY BALL

Civic-minded members of Birmingham's service clubs, Rotary, Exchange and Lions among the men, and the Soroptimist and Business Women's clubs, will join forces to aid the fight against infantile paralysis through a President's Birthday Ball, Monday evening, Jan. 30, is the date set for the affair, which will be held at the Community House, at the same time as similiar affairs throughout the country. Bridge will be provided in the lounge rooms.

There is no chairman for the committee on arrangements, which includes a representative from each of the five clubs, namely Forbes S. Hascall, Rotary; Oliver H. Kirk, Exchange; Arthur N. Wingerden, Lions; Miss Irene Hanley, Soroptimist, and Miss Alice McGregor, Business Women. Tickets may be secured through all members of the five organizations.

To Use Funds Here

Local interest is enhanced by the fact that one-half of the money obtained from the sale of tickets will be turned over to the Community House, to assist local efforts on behalf of crippled children. The other half will go to Birmingham's contribution to the nationally-recognized Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Ga.

The approaching Ball will be the second such affair to be held in Birmingham.

ACORNS TRIM BIRMINGHAM IN CAGE TILT

Receiving its first setback in seven starts, the Baldwin High School basketball team suffered defeat at the hands of Royal Oak High School 24-16, Tuesday night, at Birmingham. Royal Oak's zone defense, Birmingham's inaccuracy from the court as well as the foul line, and Royal Oak's height under the basket proved the deciding factors in a hard-fought game.

The Royal Oak team opened the scoring tallying two field goals and a lone shot before the Birmingham lads found the basket. Two quick baskets by Birmingham made the score 5-4 as the first quarter ended. At half time Royal Oak led 11-8 as neither team seemed able to break through the opposition's defense. The third quarter marked the difference between defeat and victory as the Royal Oak lads compiled nine points while holding Birmingham to only one field goal and a foul shot for a three-point total, this making the score 20-11. In the final quarter both teams played on a par, Royal Oak scoring four points to Birmingham's five.

The Birmingham team seemed unable to hit the basket as shot after shot bounced off the rim. Birmingham's foul shooting was also poor, the team connecting for only six of a possible 16. Royal Oak completed four out of 12.

Royal Oak's zone defense worked well on the small Baldwin floor as the Birmingham team was unable to break through for many under-basket shots.

Seabright of Royal Oak, was high-point man with four field goals and two foul shots for 10 points. He was closely followed by Rollie Langerman with two field goals and five free throws for a nine-point total.

Acting captain Langerman stood out for Birmingham with Seabright, Ribant and Dunkel leading the way for Royal Oak.

"Cingy" Sacho and Al Shaw handled the officiating with "Turkey" Neff as timekeeper.

LIONS HEAR TALK BY FROSH COACH AT UNIVERSITY

"Wallie" Weber, freshman football coach at the University of Michigan, addressed the Lions club at the regular luncheon meeting on Wednesday, at the Community House. He showed motion pictures of the Michigan-Ohio football game, prominent sports event of the past fall.

Illustrating his remarks with the movies, Mr. Weber showed why the general mechanics of the game, chiefly the blocking and tackling, won success for the victorious team.

Richard Fleming, who introduced the speaker, pointed out that Mr. Weber's duties include the tutoring of all football players whose academic work is not up to the scholastic standard.

Bridge-playing members of the Lions Club will meet at the home of D. A. Green, 633 Hawthorne road, at 8 o'clock Friday evening. Club representatives will be chosen for the coming Inter-Service-Club tournament, to be held Monday night at the Community House.

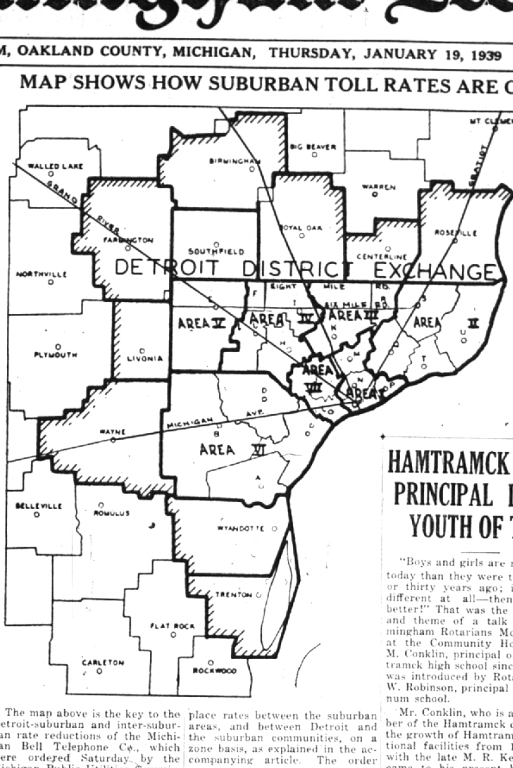
Hear Helen Wiedman, Brilliant Blind Pianist, at Community House, February 9th.

Discuss Secondary Schools' Problems

A meeting of educators from Birmingham and nearby communities was held yesterday at the Community House, for the study of secondary school curriculum. J. Cecil Parker, of the State Department of Education, presided. Certain phases of the work proscribed for secondary schools were discussed during the session, which lasted from 10:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Luncheon was served during the meeting.

Howard D. Crull, superintendent of Birmingham schools, attended, as did educators from Pontiac, Cranbrook school, Denby, Eastern, Northwestern and Cass Technical High schools of Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Melvindale, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

MAP SHOWS HOW SUBURBAN TOLL RATES ARE CUT



The map above is the key to the Detroit-suburban and inter-suburban rate reductions of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., which were ordered Saturday by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission. The heavy black lines delineate the seven ZONES in the Detroit exchange (an exchange which includes Dearborn, Highland Park, Hamtramck, the Grosse Pointe communities, Melvindale, Ecorse, River Rouge, Lincoln Park and Allen Park.) The lighter lines mark the boundaries of 10 suburban Exchanges. The new orders place rates between the suburban areas, and between Detroit and the suburban communities, on a zone basis, as explained in the accompanying article. The order DOES NOT affect calls from one point in the Detroit exchange area to another part of the Detroit exchange area. Neither does it affect calls from one place in a suburb (Royal Oak, for example) to another place in the same suburb. It does affect inter-exchange calls, as distinguished from intra-exchange calls.

Tonsilectomy Fatal To Mrs. Ella Richard

Mrs. Ella Richard of 1139 Emmons avenue, died suddenly at Ardmore Hospital Friday evening at 7:45 of a heart attack following a tonsilectomy.

Mrs. Richard, who was the wife of Oscar W. Richard, an employe of the Birmingham Post Office, had lived in Birmingham for the past 10 years, coming here from Detroit.

Mrs. Richard was born in Corydon, Ia., 55 years ago and was married in Webster City, Ia., Oct. 8, 1902. Besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Errett Anderson of Detroit, survives.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 from the Manley-Bailey Funeral Home with Rev. Adolph Halmhuber of the Trinity M. E. Church in Highland Park officiating. Burial was in Oak View cemetery.

Mrs. Richard was a member of the auxiliary of the Veterans of the Spanish-American War, Pontiac post, and of the auxiliary of the Birmingham post of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars.

N. Y. PROFESSOR TO LECTURE HERE ON FEBRUARY 3

Dr. Harry Allen Overstreet, head of the department of philosophy of the New York City College, will be the speaker at a lecture to be given Friday evening, Feb. 3, at 8 o'clock in the Baldwin High School auditorium. Dr. Overstreet, who will talk on "A Program For a Sound Life," is lecturing here under the auspices of the Birmingham Teachers club.

Dr. Overstreet, who received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California and his Bachelor of Science degree from Balliol College, Oxford University, previously served as professor of philosophy at the University of California before accepting the position as head of the philosophy department at the City College in New York.

In addition to being widely recognized as a lecturer in The New School of Social Research, Dr. Overstreet is the author of several books as well as contributor to widely circulated monthly publications.

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EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS TALK ON COUNTERFEITING

Birmingham Exchange club members Tuesday noon were given a glimpse of the problems that confront Uncle Sam in the protection of his paper and coin money when William A. Carlson, of Detroit, a member of the Treasury Department's Secret Service, addressed them. The meeting was held in the Community House.

Mr. Carlson, a youngish blond figure of aggressiveness, related the history of the Secret Service branch of the federal government, from its official creation in 1865 when Congress created it to suppress counterfeit currency that followed the Civil War. He said that his Department includes in its activities the protection of the President of the United States, his family, and the President-elect, when new administrations come into office.

"Counterfeiting is one of the oldest violations in crimes, and the United States is required constantly to be on the alert for specious currency," said Mr. Carlson. "The greatest number of counterfeiters in our country originally come from southern Europe. Paper counterfeiters generally use the engraving process to make their illegal tender, relaying it through wholesalers, distributors, and then the final passers. The original manufacturer of counterfeit realizes about an eight or ten per cent profit, while the final passer tries to obtain for himself 35 cents on each dollar he puts into circulation.

"The amount of counterfeit that gets into circulation varies, of course. In Michigan, for instance, it may get as low as $100 per month, or it may run up into the thousands. In most cases, banks discover counterfeit money; if more business people were able to detect counterfeit money, our job would be easier, for we could then get more directly to the passers."

Mr. Carlson explained the various methods counterfeiters use in making both paper and coin currency, and also explained how the government makes it. He was introduced by Exchangite Harold B. Ruder, manager of the Wabeek Building here.

Have You Met?—

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Proctor of Wing Lake. They have three children: Edward A. Jr., Woods and Mary Chase. The boys are attending Wing Lake school. The family moved to Wing Lake from Detroit, having formerly lived in Washington, D. C.

HAMTRAMCK HIGH PRINCIPAL LAUDS YOUTH OF TODAY

"Boys and girls are no different today than they were ten, twenty, or thirty years ago; if they are different at all—then they are better!" That was the declaration and theme of a talk given Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon at the Community House by E. M. Conklin, principal of the Hamtramck high school since 1924. He was introduced by Rotarian Miles W. Robinson, principal of the Barnum school.

Mr. Conklin, who is also a member of the Hamtramck club, traced the growth of Hamtramck's educational facilities from 1924 when, with the late M. R. Keyworth, he came to his present high school where only 75 boys and girls were in attendance. Within five years Hamtramck's high school boosted its student enrollment to 3000, and has since become one of the outstanding secondary educational institutions in the entire country.

Situated in the midst of a teeming industrial metropolis, consisting predominantly of Polish population, education in Hamtramck has had a difficult struggle to get where it is, stated Mr. Conklin. Today, with three-quarters of its male adults without steady employment, the problem of financing government there continues to be a strenuous one.

Education Liberates

"But we in the educational field in our city know that only through education can any people be liberated, and so we go steadily forward, winning more and more support for the things we represent," declared the speaker. "In my 30 years of educational work I have come to divide young school pupils into three classes; there is the book-minded class, which becomes business and professional leaders; the social-minded group, which makes salesmen and politicians; the mechanical-minded third, which develops into industrial employees.

"In Hamtramck we have built a great vocational program, where much of our youth is given the opportunity of developing along trade and craft lines. We seek to fit boys and girls for the job of earning a living within the scope of their talents and desires."

Morals Are High

Mr. Conklin said that, contrary to popular belief, the American-born morals of Hamtramck youth are very high. "I don't believe we have a single student who can be classed as a 'Red,' or whose

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

The first honest-to-goodness robin reported in Birmingham put in an appearance in the yard of the George R. Averill home on Rivenoak avenue on Monday, Jan. 16. A look at snow-covered Birmingham would make it seem that the little fellow's attempt to herald the spring had failed. Perhaps he was only attracted by the feeding stand for birds, maintained by The Eccentric's publisher and his family throughout the winter. Cardinals and nuthatches have been spied in the yard, lured by toothsome chunks of suet, and perhaps friend robin got wind of it.

Miles A. Robinson, principal of the Barnum school here, graduated from the Marshall high school in 1920; the Marshall principal then was E. M. Conklin, now principal of the Hamtramck high school. Mr. Robinson, a member of the Birmingham Rotary club, had the pleasure of introducing his former educational mentor to Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon; Mr. Conklin is a member of Hamtramck Rotary. "It is a small world, after all, and human paths wind toward many a crossing," believes Rotarian Robinson.

Birmingham's Exchange club has, in its membership, two Chiefs of Police. Harry S. Starr includes that among his various managerial duties in Bloomfield Hills; John P. Hackett makes it his living in Birmingham. The latter was appointed this week to act as Sergeant-at-arms of the club by Ernest Burtraw, president. The chief duty is to collect fines levied against members for . . . well, for anything some of the more facetious members can think of. Chief Hackett, Wanderer learns, has adopted as his slogan for the year: "The bigger the laugh, the more money I'll collect."

Scoutmasters and their assistants will meet at the Community House this evening to discuss plans for the Scout Indoor Rally scheduled to be held here April 28.

The keen interest shown in the rally held last year in the Baldwin High School prompted Scout authorities to make the affair an annual event. Troop B-5 headed by Dave Wygant, Scoutmaster, was awarded the 1938 banner at the rally held last year. Troops B-4 and B-7 were tied for second place in this rally as the result of contests to show Scouting achievements. Ernest Engel and Leroy Weier are the Scoutmasters of these two troops.

Informal Hearing On Park Proposal Is Set For Monday

COMPLETE PLANS FOR GRADUATION OF 65 SENIORS

Plans have been completed for the graduation of 65 students from Baldwin High School in the class of January 1939, according to the announcement made by Principal Ray H. Bechtold. While not one of the largest mid-year classes, the number of graduates this year is considerably larger than that of a year ago when less than 40 seniors were given diplomas.

The two major events at graduation time, the Baccalaureate Service and Commencement, will be held Sunday, Jan. 22, and Thursday, Jan. 26, respectively. The Baccalaureate Service will be conducted in the First Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor, will preside, and the Rev. J. O. Nelson, pastor of the First Baptist church will offer the prayer of Invocation.

Dr. Martin Speaker

The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. John E. Martin, D. D., of the First Methodist church. Assisting also in the service will be the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, and the Rev. Joseph A. Mears, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, will

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LACK OF CONTROL TRAGEDY OF LIFE, PASTOR DECLARES

Believing that Birmingham pastors have a contribution to make in the field of religious thought, The Eccentric will present each week a portion of a sermon delivered the preceding Sunday in one of the local churches.

The Rev. John E. Martin, D. D., of the First Methodist church, selected the text "With God all things are possible," for his sermon Sunday in relation to the subject, "Can It Be Done?" Dr. Martin said:

"There is considerable doubt in the minds of men that the building of a Christian life is possible in a modern world, and not only a Christian life but beyond this and as important the building of a Christian world. Nor is this confined to men outside the church. It is to be found among those who belong to the Church itself. Of course this doubt cuts the nerve center of Christian living and presents an outlook upon the world that makes impossible the hope of building ultimately a Christian world.

Men Have Lost Faith

"It is worth while then to seek to know what Jesus Christ believed, and we have that knowledge in the language of the text 'With God all things are possible.' Never did he doubt that and as he worked with men, he had the incentive of belief that in the end, God would accomplish His will against all the efforts of men

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COMMISSION ASKS FOR OPINIONS FROM RESIDENTS

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

Residents of Birmingham are asked to attend the City Commission meeting Monday evening and express views, both favorable and unfavorable, on the proposal to purchase for a city park the 15.69 acre tract bordering on the new Woodward avenue super highway in the city's northeast section.

The property was offered to the City for $8,000 by Louis Hascall representing the owners, W. Knox Popplestone and Mrs. T. B. Smith, at the meeting of the Commission Jan. 9. On the invitation of the Commission a group of residents from the northeast area appeared last Monday evening to discuss the project, requesting that it be given favorable consideration by the Commission.

Informal Hearing

As no decision was reached, the Commissioners set next Monday evening for an informal public hearing to give a larger number of residents, both those living in the adjacent section and elsewhere in the city, an opportunity to attend and give their opinions.

One of the highlights of Monday's discussion was the presentation of a petition sponsored by the North East Home Owners Association, read to the Commission by the Secretary C. V. Crockett, Jr., endorsing the purchase of the land for park purposes. Mr. Crockett also submitted to the Commission the names of six or seven residents who opposed the plan and refused to sign. The petition contained approximately 245 signatures.

Birmingham's City Commission wants as many citizens as possible to attend the public hearing next Monday night, at eight o'clock, in the City Hall, to express themselves for or against the purchase of the 15.69 acres of land for $8,000. Last Monday night the Commission listened to the pleadings of a group of property-owners from the northeast section of Birmingham, all of whom expressed the wish that the land be purchased for park purposes. The Commission is expected to make a decision on the matter next Monday night.

Prior to opening the discussion, Mayor John E. Martz announced that he was disqualified to participate as he is the legal adviser of Mrs. Smith, one of the owners. Mayor Martz read an opinion by Harry Allen, attorney and former Mayor of Birmingham, in which Mr. Allen set forth the reasons which disqualified the Mayor from voting or taking part in discussion. The latter turned the meeting over to Commissioner Frank S. Packard as Mayor pro tem.

Residents Favor Plan

In presenting the petition, Mr. Crockett informed the Commission that he estimated 90 per cent of the signers were home owners, and that approximately 30 were residents of the west side of the city.

Among those who live in, or own property in the northeast section, to appear before the Commission, in favor of the plan were George R. Averill, 669 Rivenoak avenue; E. W. Seaholm, 856 Kennesaw road; William M. Lee, 775 Rivenoak avenue; Frank H. Kemp, 244 Wimbleton drive, and John Maynard, 941 Forest avenue. Opposition to the plan was expressed in a letter from Henry Hart of 283 Lake Park drive.

As a property owner in the section adjacent to the proposed park site, Mr. Averill pointed out that the Commission might consider the purchase of this land as protection against the erection upon it of small low-priced dwellings, in the event that it were privately owned, which might have about a depreciation of property values.

Future of Site

"If this Commission does not purchase this land at the price offered," Mr. Averill said, "it is possible in the future, that with the type of dwellings which might be erected, the property values would fall so low that the City might lose more than the price of $8,000 at which it is offered."

"I thought we were considering the project from a different angle, from that of purchasing it for a city park," Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert replied. Addressing Mr. Averill, he asked: "Can you reconcile what you have just said with the condition of finances at the present time? The first $8,000 would be only a starter. If there ever was a time when we should watch expenditures, it is now."

"I have been coming to Commission meetings for 18 years," Mr.

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Music Lovers Don't Miss Most Exceptional Concert February 9th, Community House.