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THIS and THAT

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What Responsibilities Have Newspapers in a Self-Governing Democracy? ... Good evening, folks: Just settle back comfortably in your chairs...

City Defends Its Sign Law in Court Suit

Walker Co. Worried Over Future If Case Is Won By B'ham

Witnesses for the City of Birmingham in a court case today in defense of the city's sign ordinance, which has been attacked by Walker Co., signboard concern, on the grounds that it is unconstitutional...

Speaker Warns America to Avoid War, And Gets Applause of City's Club Men

"When America is attacked, I'll be the first to fight, but however I may cheer the Allies, and pray and hope for Finland, Poland and Czechoslovakia, I don't think America has any business going over there to fight Europe's battles..."

SPEAKS MONDAY

As much as my sympathies are with the Allies, I cannot convince myself that the issue is anything but a purely European one...

GOVERNOR CARR

A dozen or more Birmingham Republicans are expected to attend the annual banquet, Feb. 12, of the Michigan Women's Federation...

Budget Balancer Will Give Talk

Principal speaker will be Gov. Ralph L. Carr, of Colorado, first Republican governor in the state in 44 years...

Boy Scout Week Gets Under Way

A week of activity honoring the 30th anniversary of Boy Scouting in the Birmingham area...

Churches to Mark World Prayer Day Friday From 1 to 3

The banquet will be held at the Elks' Temple. The Michigan Women's Federation of Oakland County is sponsoring a reception and tea for the banquet guests...

Mrs. Lindquist Will Hold Benefit Coffee

Mrs. Mary Lindquist will open her home at 2208 Lakeside drive, Walnut Lake, for afternoon coffee Saturday and Sunday to benefit the Finnish Relief Fund...

Community House Holds Annual Meet

Reports from the staff and from organizations using the house were given at the annual meeting of the Community House held Monday evening...

City Fathers Not Yet Sold on Lake Idea

Although the City Commission resisted the idea that Quorton Lake ought to be made public property and improved, at least one concession was made to members of a garden club committee...

City's Reputation in Bond Market Appears Favorable

A compliment by the financial world to Birmingham's present position as a credit risk was made last Friday when the City sold \$25,592 in new bonds at an average interest rate of 3.7 per cent...

Will Seek Lower Insurance Rate

Because considerable improvement has been made in the Birmingham Fire Department in the past nine years, the City will seek a new inspection toward the end of a better rating and lower fire insurance rates to commercial building owners...

Skating Rink Maintenance by City Now at an End?

In City maintenance of skating rinks at an end? Monday night, a rink report was given by City Manager Donald C. Egbert, and nothing was said of continuing the projects for the rink...

American Legion Party Will Be Held Friday Eve

Birmingham members of the American Legion are looking forward to the post's annual "millionaires party" to be held Friday night at the Home on South Woodward, starting at 9 p. m. The public is invited.

Youthful Salesmen of Speed Governor Show Cops Some Real Speed in Chase

Two youthful salesmen for an automobile governor device proved conclusively the worth of their product when their car, a 1935 equipped, lead Birmingham police a fast chase last Sunday night...

Famous American Stamps Go on Sale

Four stamps in the Famous American series are now on sale at the Post Office. They are Washington Irving, one cent; James Fenimore Cooper, one cent; Walden Emerson, three cent; Louisa May Alcott, five cent...

Sale of 110,000 County Parcels Starts Tuesday; May Last Year

The much-discussed "avenue" land sale, to begin next Tuesday morning at Pontiac, may take a year or more to complete. It was discovered Wednesday by the Eccentric. It may be a month before the 3,750-odd Birmingham parcels listed on the books will be offered for sale...

In School Play Cast

School's production of What a Life! to be presented Feb. 22 and 23. Miss Wood, a senior, has been active in dramatics and in the past nine years, the City will seek a new inspection toward the end of a better rating and lower fire insurance rates to commercial building owners...

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New Night School Courses Starting

The first semester of evening classes closed last week. Classes in shorthand, stenography, typewriting and photography. An organization meeting for second semester classes will be held at Baldwin High School on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13 at 7:30 o'clock...

Service Held Tuesday for Mrs. Luscombe

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillian Kyd Luscombe, 212 Yorkshire road, who passed away suddenly Friday morning at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Fla., were held at the Bell Funeral Home, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Truman Campbell, first reader of the Christian Science Church, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

Arrest Youth, 17, In Car Stolen Here

A 17-year-old boy, arrested while driving a stolen car taken in Birmingham last night, is in custody of police today. Fernalde police made the arrest. The youth gave his name as Donald Stevens. The address he gave Fernalde police was called fictitious.

Arrested Youth, 17, In Car Stolen Here

Arrest last night followed not long after M. R. Mead, 659 Purnham police that the automobile had been stolen at 9:30 p. m. The theft was broadcast immediately by radio. Immediately, Patrolmen William Hunt and Charles, halted the car in Fernalde court yard and arrested the youth. How many among you get too tired to listen to the radio? How many among you get too tired to listen to the radio? How many among you get too tired to listen to the radio?

STEP RIGHT UP!

Come and get 'em folks! Turn to the right and see the difference between a good and a bad movie. This week's new and every week, three movies are listed, shown in random order. The Eccentric's staff has selected two free tickets to the Birmingham Theatre. Call at our office for them.