A New Year! A time for making new resolves to do old things better and new things well! If there is any one thing I shall attempt to improve myself on for this year it shall be to think and speak with less criticism about things and people; the older I get the more I recognize the absolute need for plenty of tolerance.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

"JUST SAY MY NAME IS BILL JONES, AN AMERICAN"

My good friend Harry C. Bolsford, of 212 Pilgrim avenue, recently handed me a copy of The Shaft, a house organ published by Edgar T. Ward's Sons Co., on the front page of which is a splendid article with the above caption. Wrote Mr. Bralsford: "George: This is so much like your attitude on this that I thought you would be interested." Thanks, Harry. I am—and I hope readers of this column will be, too, before they lay down this issue of The Eccentric. Here is the article:

I suppose it's generally true. You run into an old friend, and you hear news that's most welcome. Funny, in this case, the way it happened. I hadn't met him in ten years.

"Well, sir," I said, "it's mighty good to say hello again. What are you doing?" He winked one eye and whispered, "Sh.! I'm trying to keep it a secret, I'll tell." I said, "I wouldn't tell a soul." And he winked again, and said, "all right, I am a propagandist."

"What, you too?" "Sh. not so loud, he cautioned, "yes, me too, and why not? Everybody is more or less a propagandist today. I have been listening to a hundred speeches and I am trying to make it out—who is for England, who is for Germany, and who is for the United States? Well, sir," he confirmed, "it's a puzzle. I don't know who is for peace, and who is for war, but I do know one thing—one thing I am absolutely sure of," he said.

"What's that?" I asked. "Just this," he replied, "the man you are talking to now is for Uncle Sam, morning, noon and night and all hours in between. See this?" and he pointed to a package under his arm. "Propaganda?" I asked. "Yes, sir." And he opened it just enough for me to peep in, and there it was—our country's flag.

"You know," he said, "I have made an amazing discovery. We have been arguing Europe, Russia and all points East and West, and far too many of us have been blind to the greatest blessing of all . . . the good old U. S. A.

"Sure," he said, "I knew the national anthem when I was a boy, but it was just a song for my children to sing in school. I have passed the statue of General Washington, and, well, sir, it was just a piece of marble. I knew we were a free people, but it was something I have been taking for granted, like water and sky, and morning and night. I knew all about Congress, and I was one of those fellows who always laughed when Congress was put into a funny cartoon, . . .

"And I suppose I have passed my country's flag, and, well, it was just a flag to come out on a national holiday; you know, to remind the children." Then he reached for his hat and bared his head as he touched his country's flag, touched it reverently and tenderly. "The war has suddenly opened my eyes," he said, "no, not to any danger from the outside, to the danger of indifference here at home, in our own town.

"I have suddenly become aware of what it means to be free in America, and my whole being trembles as I speak it even to myself. What it means to say, **I am an American.** . . . To look at my children and say, **they are Americans.** You see, I have become a propagandist for the greatest God-given blessing any people have ever known. The statue of Mr. Lincoln isn't just a piece of marble to me any more. My country's constitution and the bill of rights are going up right over the table where we meet every night . . . to see them, and feel them, and know what they mean.

"And my country's flag—it's going up over my doorway for my children to see every day, and the next man who laughs at Congress, who sneers at a body free to debate, in a world in which so few are free, the next man who does it," he said, "fights me." "Yes, sir," he said, "I am a belligerent militant propagandist for the good old U. S. A. And the next man who shouts **Jingo** will have to show me which particular kind of totalitarianism he is secretly rooting for."

Radio Distracts Boy Driver, 15; His Car Rams One Ahead

The distraction of car radio was given as the reason for an automobile crash at 8 p. m. Sunday evening at Woodward avenue and George street.

John Stewart Besemer, 15 years old, of 15 Sylvan avenue, Pleasant Ridge, driving north on Woodward, reported to police that he was examining his radio, and looked up too late to avoid ramming the rear of a car driven by Gordon Horle, 31 years old, of 630 Ardmore avenue, Ferndale. Mary Horle, 28, was slightly injured, according to the police report. No charge was placed against Besemer.

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LIONS PRESIDENT

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Mr. Kelly

Kelly Appoints Lion Committees

James J. Kelly, installed Wednesday as president of the Birmingham Lions club, made the following committee appointments for 1940:

Major activities, Robert McGaw, chairman, Walter R. Raychel, Floyd Swayze; Program, Richard H. Fleming, chairman, Rolland Webber, Carson C. Bingham; social and entertainment, Russell McBride, chairman, Lester Sells, B. E. Holfus, Donald S. Bell; flower and sick, Raymond H. Peck, chairman, Howard D. Crull, George McIrish; attendance, Dorval Symons, chairman, John Springman, Claude Morrow; athletics, Earl Gaskill, chairman, Dr. A. L. McNaughton, D. A. Green; Boys' work, Heber P. Gahm, chairman, Donald E. Terry, Dr. J. Paul McConkie; membership, Paul Neal Averill, chairman, Mark Bearss, Lloyd Smith; publicity and rose, Paul J. Savage, chairman, William Spence; auditing, Walter L. Moreland, chairman, Alfred Fox; Lions education, Emerson C. Brown, chairman, Clarence W. Blenman; extension and inter-club relations, Milton H. Berz, chairman, Clare Scrivens; budget and finance, Frank Higby, chairman, Ralph A. Main and P. G. Burnett.

Unionist Leader To Speak Tonight

Several hundred Birmingham people are expected to meet tonight at Baldwin Library Auditorium to hear the Rev. Fr. Sebastian Erbacher, president of Duns Scotus College, Redford, and a leader in Catholic trade unionist education.

Fr. Erbacher is chaplain of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, and is chairman of the Archdiocesan Labor Institute, which is in charge of parish labor schools for the training of unionists in Christian principles and parliamentary law and public speaking. He and Fr. Coughlin are sometimes pointed out as two leading exponents on the Catholic viewpoint in labor relations, although their views do not always coincide.

After his talk, beginning at 8 p. m., there will be a discussion period. Henry M. Foley will introduce the speaker.

National Bank Pays Six-Month Dividend Of 50 Cents a Share

The Board of Directors of the Birmingham National Bank this week declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, to stockholders of record on Jan. 2, 1940, payable Jan. 6, next Saturday.

This dividend is taken from earnings of the institution for the semi-annual period ending Dec. 30, 1939, and represents the tenth consecutive cash dividend paid by the bank to its common stockholders since the bank was organized in June of 1933.

Next Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, at 8 o'clock, the bank will hold its annual stockholders' meeting, at which time a report of the bank's activities for 1939 will be given, and directors elected for the current year.

Speaking of current conditions, Charles E. James, president of the bank, yesterday stated that "while many events have taken place during the past year, both domestically and foreign, to disturb business, nevertheless business has ended the year in a much better condition than when it started. All indications are that 1940 should be as good or better than 1939, barring unforseen foreign complications."

Victor and Bluebird Records. New release weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. ad.—tf.

City Wins Suit Over 'Heights' Water Service

Annex or Provide Own Facilities, Is Ruling of Court

With "The Heights" lawsuit won by the City, the Commission is awaiting the next move by residents of the 92-lot subdivision which juts into Birmingham limits north of Oak street, between Lakepark drive and Pilgrim.

The suit was decided last week by Judge George B. Hartrick, in Pontiac, who held that Birmingham is justified in refusing to give water and sewer services in "The Heights" if the residents there decline to annex to Birmingham. A formal decree to that effect will be entered in a few days.

Plans Undecided

Arthur L. Philp, developer of the subdivision, was in Chicago, Wednesday, and could not be reached for comment. His partner in the venture, Henry Whiting, said yesterday that their plans were undecided. In the past, both have been favorable to annexation but have not had the support of their residents, who voted 7-2 against annexation in 1939 and 9-0 against it in 1938.

If Philp and Whiting desire to place the question on the April ballot, for a fourth vote by the

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Charge Boy, 14, As Reckless Driver

A 14-year-old reckless driver, awaits disciplinary action by Oakland County Juvenile Court following a three-car crash which occurred Tuesday afternoon at Hunter boulevard and Oakland avenue.

The youth, Robert J. Valley, 14 years old, of 734 West Chawson road, admitted to Police Sergeants Delyle Service and William Green that he failed to stop for the highway. He was driving west on Oakland, crossing Hunter. In the west lane, his car was struck by a machine driven by Fred Wilson Morris, 21 years old, of 66 West Huron, Pontiac, the boy's car then spinning into a third machine, that driven by Mrs. Carl Westerby, 359 Big Beaver road, Birmingham, who had halted preparatory to crossing Hunter.

Ed. Osmundson, 57 years old, of 66 West Huron, riding with Morris, received three broken ribs and a knee injury. Mrs. Westerby was bruised, while Mary Richards, 6 years old, of 3611 Big Beaver road, riding with Mrs. Westerby, suffered several lossened teeth.

The boy was charged with reckless driving by police.

'King of Kings' Film To Be Shown Here At Methodist Church

The famous Hollywood $2,500,000 motion picture epic, "King of Kings," will be shown nightly at the First Methodist Church here for a week, beginning Sunday, Jan. 7, it has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. John Edward Martin. There will be no admission charge, although a collection will be taken to defray expenses, while a portion of the surplus will be sent to Chinese relief fund.

Of this picture, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman said, "The King of Kings" film is the best motion picture in the world to-day, representing a great religious theme. The Catholic Standard and Times said, "The King of Kings" is a film of enchanting, gripping, and beautiful nature." The Congregationalist said, "Nothing like it has been done before and it is not likely to be surpassed in its field."

The New York Times said, "During its screening hardly a word is uttered among the audience. It is in fact the most impressive of all motion pictures." The National Board of Review said, "The King of Kings has come and conquered. It has been received with a unanimity of approval perhaps never accorded to any other picture."

This great picture will be presented every night at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the First Methodist Church, from Jan. 7 (Sunday night) to Jan. 13, (Saturday night), inclusive. It is not shown for revenue but as a feature picture in a religious presentation to the entire community. Everybody is invited to see the picture. It is shown under the auspices of "The Christian Expansion Organization of America."

Have You Met?—

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Toy, of 515 Madison? The Toys moved to Birmingham about the first of December following their marriage in Detroit at Thanksgiving time. Before her marriage Mrs. Toy was Audrey Jane Bastow.

Mr. Toy, who is affiliated with the Toy Sales company of Detroit, chose Birmingham to live because he had become acquainted with the city through coming here weekly for vocal lessons.

What Country Needs in '40 Outlined by Citizens Here

"What do you think the Country needs most in 1940?"

That was the question posed to the City Commission, Tuesday, by The Eccentric and to several private citizens, with a variety of answers the result.

Shortest answer of all was that of Harold H. Corson, the City's energetic treasurer, who said: "Hard work!"

Several gave the classic answer: "A good five cent cigar!" and each attributed the sayings to a different man, leaving the reporter badly muddled on the correct authorship.

Following are the answers:

Mayor John E. Marts: "Abler leadership for some of our labor unions."

Commissioner Luther Heacock: "We need more people applying the Golden Rule to every day living. If every one treated the other like he would want to be treated, this would be a better world."

Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert: "This country needs most to get its money to work."

Commissioner Ray A. Palmer: "I think the country needs continued and growing confidence in the stability of affairs so that people may carry on with a reasonable degree of certainty."

Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody: "More business in politics and less politics in business."

Commissioner Frank S. Packard: "We need the return of individual independence in the following particulars: (1) Ceasing to expect all sorts of panaceas from the government—after all we are the government and when more people realize that the government is [illegible] than we are, it will become [illegible] difficult for our politically [illegible] representatives to continually increase our national deficit. (2) Ceasing to request and expect special privilege by governmental action such as subsidies, tariffs, rate-fixing legislation and all other legislation which tends to benefit one particular class of people or business at the expense of others."

Fred C. Hamill, 563 West Bates: "Being a Republican, I think we need a new administration. However, I approve of Roosevelt's foreign policy, like many other Republicans. I think the Republicans have a fairly good chance of winning the next election."

William E. Kegel, 911 South Bates: "It is not new to say it, but this country should do everything possible in 1940 to stay out of war."

Horace W. Potter, 855 Harmon: "We need an improvement in poli-

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Year-End Brings Minor Fires Here

The end of 1939 and the start of 1940 brought several small fires in Birmingham.

At the B. R. Dobbs home, 384 Puritan, a young child tipped a Christmas candle burning in a bay window, and the curtains caught fire, according to the fire department. The damage was estimated at $125.

The first two fire calls of 1940 occurred on Ruffner avenue. As Philip Reed, 1329 Ruffner, finished thawing water pipes with a blow torch, he suspected a fire and came to the fire department asking for a check. In his absence a small blaze broke out, but it was extinguished by neighbors.

At the E. Collins home, 1388 Ruffner, Jan. 2, a smoke pipe plugged causing Mrs. Collins to call the department.

Last Friday, a chimney burning out became so hot that the cleanout door at the base became hot and ignited a box touching it. It was at the Glen Wells home, 164 Baldwin avenue. There was little damage. At the Fred Norton home, 747 West Maple, there was a small roof fire on Dec. 28.

A defective fireplace was blamed Dec. 27 for a minor blaze at the home of A. E. Roberts, 2195 West Maple avenue.

Mother of Local Woman Hit, Dies; B'ham Youth, Driver

Harry M. Denyes, Jr., 22 years old, of 361 Pleasant avenue, Birmingham, was the driver of a car which struck and killed Mrs. Emily Green, 232 East Oakridge avenue, Ferndale, at 3 a. m. Sunday as she was walking home. The mishap occurred at Woodward and East Oakridge, and Mrs. Green, who was 66 years old, died en route to Royal Oak Private Hospital. It was said she had received a broken neck.

Denyes made a statement early Sunday to Assistant Prosecutor Donald A. Plankel, of Ferndale, and related that he was driving home, going north on Woodward avenue, in the extreme right lane of the highway, he felt his car strike an object. He stopped, ran back, and found the unconscious woman.

Plankel questioned the youth again Tuesday, but announced that from the evidence at hand, there was no basis on which to prove any negligence.

Mrs. Green is survived by her husband, Edward, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Williams, of 779 Southlawn boulevard, Birmingham.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Steinbaugh Funeral Home, Ferndale, with burial in Oakview Cemetery.

City's Submarine Snow Sweeper Snorts Again After Quadruple Bath in Lake

Birmingham's famous submarine snow sweeper will snort its way to Quarton Lake again today, none the worse for its swim in the depths of the lake last Friday and Saturday. Not even an asthmatic wheeze bothers the tractor and its rotary broom.

The Far Out

It all started last Friday when Mark Dance, head of the Department of Public Works, told Charles Belyea to run the 4,000 pound machine to Quarton Lake and sweep the snow off the ice. The ice had been tested and had been found to be within five and six inches thick. Through a misunderstanding, Belyea drove too far out onto the lake, and at a point near the dam, the ice gave way, and with crunching and gurgling, the machine sank into the depths, with only the broom attachment preventing total submersion. Both the fish in the lake were reported badly startled.

Belyea clambered out of the icy water, and then the real trouble began. A heavy pole which Mr. Dance calls a "gin pole" was sunk vertically in the ice and a cable attached to the tractor. Then a guy post broke and down to the depths went the whole works-into 14 feet of water.

Luckily, the cable was still attached.

Then the sweeper was raised again. This time a part of the tractor broke away and down again to the bottom of the lake! The third time, the gin pole itself collapsed and the tractor was dunked again.

Submarine Trick

Finally, a submarine trick was tried. The cable was lowered under the ice through a notch cut in the surface, and from a winch on a truck on shore, the ponderous machine was towed under water to shore and on dry land once more. Victory!

All night long Dance and his crew toiled, but by 6 p. m., Saturday, the tractor was in the DPW garage, toasting its tractor treads in the heat. Yesterday, the engine was started again.

No Baby Reported

Probably delayed by bad weather, the Stork as yet had failed to deliver a 1940 baby to a Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills or Bloomfield Township mother yesterday—or at least no birth was reported, and as a result of this quite unavoidable delay, the annual First Baby Contest has been held over another week.

The first newcomer reported by noon Wednesday noon, Jan. 10, will receive the many prizes offered by Birmingham merchants.

Ice Skating Rules For City Revealed

Perfect skating weather: little snow and temperatures below freezing for more than a week, have made skating a leading sport in Birmingham the past week, and it should be even better with the new floodlights and WPA supervision announced Wednesday by City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

Skating rink schedule regulating hours playing has been aspired by the City Manager. Six rinks are in operation, a seventh is planned.

Four floodlights to be mounted atop a 50-foot pole arrived Wednesday and would have been installed at once on Quarton Lake except that the manufacturer sent the wrong size sockets. New ones are to arrive by air express today. WPA supervision started Wednesday and other workers will be put to work today.

Quarton Lake will be the headquarters of the hockey players with the sport permitted at all hours south of the Harmon avenue line. A regulation rink with hockey posts will be built, and it was learned that teams are being organized. The floodlights will be turned on daily from 5 p. m. until 11 p. m. All hockey playing and "fast skating by larger boys" must be done south of the Harmon line, it has been decreed.

The Adams rink at Rivenoak and Worth is open to hockey playing only on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5 p. m. to 6 p. m. It is suggested that only elementary and junior high students use this rink.

At the Torrey Field rink at the east end of Ruffner, hockey is permitted Monday, Wednesday and Friday. North half the rink is reserved for smaller children. Floodlighting may be installed.

Three rinks for small children are at Dorchester park, at Edinborough; Humphrey, west of Woodward; and Quarton School. Another rink is contemplated for Barnum School.

Installation Set For Tuesday Night

Installation of officers of Hasberger chapter, Order of De Molay in Birmingham, will be held Tuesday at the Birmingham Masonic Temple.

The installing team is composed of district deputies headed by Harold F. Koch, who is deputy for the State Grand Council Order of De Molay. The public is invited to attend the installation which starts at 7:30.

Those to be installed are Robert Brooks, master councilor; Edwin Wolf, senior councilor; Harry Sevin, junior councilor; Robert Falberg, senior deacon; William Merrill, junior deacon; William Tighe, senior steward; Delbert Adams, junior steward; Edward Hascall, orator; Frank Boomer, scribe; Jack Pearce, treasurer; Warren Watts, sentinel; James Juhl, chaplin; Robert Pettypiece, marshall; Lloyd Duval, standard bearer; Dale Clements, almoner.

Preceptors are Robert Frasier, Paul Westerby, George Austen, Don Erickson, John Porter, Douglas Ewen, William Bell.

Advisors are M. D. Watts, E. A. Burtram, Walter Townsend, Lloyd Dennis, Perry Vaughan, James L. Spence; chairman, Rev. Howell G. Guin of Franklin.

The Minnisingers Male Chorus of Detroit will provide music for the occasion.

Walnut Lake Group Seeks Used Clothing For Finnish Relief

Donations of clothing for shipment to Finland will be accepted at Walnut Lake clubhouse Saturday and Sunday, according to plans announced this week by a committee which has organized the collection.

Sponsors are the Robert Herndon Realty Company and a committee comprising members of the Finnish Independent Club, Andrew Wierimaa, secretary, and the Walnut Lake Colony represented by the following people: Mrs. Otillie Schultz, Mrs. Clarence King, Mrs. Robert Herndon, Mrs. Lyle Tremaine and others. Coffee and cakes will be served in the clubhouse.

The committee seeks donations of used wearing apparel, such as shoes, stockings, underclothing, and also blankets and bed clothing. Donation of money is not sought.

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Building Total Here Increases $100,000; Predict Good 1940

With private building last year in Birmingham more than $100,000 ahead of 1938, an even greater building year has been forecast in some quarters for 1940. One terrace-apartment project for 30 families is already in prospect for the new year, as well as several other building jobs.

Several real estate men contacted by The Eccentric expressed confidence in continued heavy building in Birmingham during 1940.

"Business right now seems to be generally good, and that is reflected in our line, too," one real estate man declared. "Of course, I defy anyone to predict accurately how long it will last."

"James B. Baynes, City building inspector, declared Wednesday that so far as he could determine, the prospects for 1940 hold forth continued steady building.

The proposed terrace apartment structure is planned for the southwest corner of Woodward avenue and Harmon, zoned "Business A" and therefore permitted for multiple residence type development. It would consist of four or five units with quarters for 30 families in all. Plans are not yet definite, it was learned.

Private building during 1938 has been computed at $544,472, compared with $652,468 for 1939. Not included in the 1938 figures are the $175,000 sewage disposal plant nor the $27,000 municipal garage; nor is the new post office building, now under construction, included in the 1939 total. These three projects are added indications of the city's growth, but are not considered as significant as the larger activity in private home construction.

In 1938, 162 permits were issued; in 1939, 170 permits. Fol-

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Electrical Law A Tough Question

Birmingham's new electrical ordinance, adopted a week ago Tuesday (Dec. 26) by the City Commission, was held open for further changes Tuesday night when part of the code was protested by Harry E. Bissett, appliance dealer who does a limited amount of electrical work in installing his products.

The discussion was long and involved, leading to the comment from Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert: "I give up; I won't under-stand it." You are referring to the City Manager and these fellows (the electricians) will have to thrash it out some time before next week."

$25 License

Last week, the ordinance was adopted, calling for a $25 license to be paid by every contractor and $1 by every journeyman electrician, who carl work only under a contractor. (The ordinance follows action in other communities made necessary by the State Supreme Court decision invalidated the State code and licensing plan.)

Bissett did not attend the meeting last week, but on learning of its features he got busy and convinced City Manager Egbert that it would be fair to him and other appliance men to charge only a $5 fee for the small amount of electrical work they do.

Tuesday electricians Harry Mudge, Milo Fisher and Roy Hawthorne agreed this was fair enough. Egbert then read his proposed amendment to the ordinance limiting the $5 licensees to "one circuit." That was the first hitch.

Bissett protested that some of the new air conditioning systems require two circuits, and it was then proposed to have out the circuit restriction and simply specify what devices the $5 licenses would be permitted to wire for.

Doubts Workability

"That won't work," Bissett said, "for the appliance business constantly changes. You might have to change the ordinance all the time."

A final suggestion was that the Examining Board to be appointed should be empowered to draw up a list of the limitations on the $5 licensees.

It is likely that Egbert will discuss the matter further with those concerned and bring forward another proposed amendment for the ordinance as originally adopted Dec. 26. (The adopted ordinance Dec. 26 did not go into effect immediately because the ordinance has not yet been published in a legal notice)

Has Choice of Either Army, Navy Career; Decides on Annapolis

Charles Gardiner, 18 year old son of the Clarence V. Gardiners of 412 Greenwood avenue, is in the unique position of having received appointments for both West Point and Annapolis United States service schools.

Although he received his West Point appointment more than two weeks ago, young Gardiner indicated Wednesday that he would accept the Annapolis appointment, which was made Saturday by Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg.

After seeking a nomination from Rep. George A. Dondero, Gardiner made application to Vandenberg for a similar position in October as he said Wednesday, "just to make sure."

Charles will enter the Academy Dec. 20. He attended Baldwin High School before graduating from Bullis Tech in Washington, D. C. in June of 1938. At the present time he is attending Lawrence Institute of Technology where he is a sophomore studying aeronautical engineering.

Oakland Ave. Light Now Being Installed

Workmen began Wednesday installing the long-awaited traffic signals at the Oakland avenue intersection of Hunter boulevard, with a State Highway crew on the job. The project should be completed within a week, it was said.

A three-car crash occurred there Tuesday afternoon which a red traffic light might have prevented.

Suggests 3 Plans For Sewer Project

Three proposals for building a sewerage system under Northlawn avenue and under a proposed extension of Fairway drive were submitted to the City Commission and interested taxpayers by City Manager Donald C. Egbert, Tuesday night. They are:

(1) The complete plan for Northlawn and Fairway, with the total cost, at ordinary contract, estimated at $13,123. This would be assessed a $1.03 a front foot plus $8.53 per thousand feet of area. Because most of the lots are of uniform depth, it has been possible to combine the two rates into a rate of $2.30 per front foot of lot. However, it is planned to use WPA labor, deduct 40 per cent.

(2) This proposal hinges on the opening of Fairway drive in the block directly south of the Lincoln avenue well site. When the well site was purchased, the City agreed to install a gravel road on the outside edges of the 700-foot property so that there would be

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Thief Steals Two Cars in Evening; Takes Latest Models

A double automobile theft, the first of 1940 and perpetrated with two brand new 1940 cars, was reported at police headquarters. The cars were recovered but the thief is still at large.

First, the thief took a 1940 Dodge in Royal Oak and drove it to Birmingham, abandoning it near 263 Puritan avenue. Then he jumped into a 1940 Mercury car parked there by Ralph DuBois, son of F. W. DuBois, 263 Baldwin avenue, and drove it away. At 11:55 p. m., it was recovered in a Royal Oak parking lot, damaged so that it was necessary to tow it back to Birmingham.

Police have no proof that the same thief took both cars, but it is their official surmise. It was reported that the keys were left in both cars. The Royal Oak Auto was driven from the owner's own yard.

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