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THIS and THAT

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Self Insurance of Small Risks Talked for City

Egbert Recommends Building of Fund Covering Minor Loss

A plan for self-insurance of smaller risks borne by the City in the performance of its functions was advanced by City Manager Donald C. Egbert at the Commission meeting Monday night.

Where Smythy Once Toiled

Adult Classes, Free This Year, Now Starting

Offer Many Courses Including Typing and Homemaking

The most comprehensive program of free adult day and evening classes ever offered in Birmingham has already begun, it was reported to the Board of Education Tuesday evening by Supt. Howard D. Crull.

5th Columnist Brisk Competition Marks Bond Sale of School District

A minimum of \$124,251 in municipal bonds of the district in a recently held sale put through Tuesday night by the Board of Education. Bonds totalling \$400,000 were sold at an average interest rate of 2.345 per cent, a figure more favorable than the City of Detroit has been able to secure Tuesday.

Will Charge \$10 For Evening Use of Gymnasium

The Y.M.C.A. basketball league, badminton group, volleyball club and other groups were informed by the Board of Education, Tuesday night, that the district will charge \$10 for the evening use of the gymnasium.

War and Despotism Go Together, Says Judge Hartrick

War is a necessary evil, but it is not a necessary evil if it is fought for the sake of a few dollars, Judge Hartrick declared Tuesday at the annual meeting of the Birmingham Rotarians.

Will Improve Springdale Park

Improvements to the golf course at Springdale park through private use by operation were recommended by City Manager Donald C. Egbert in a report made Monday night to the board of directors.

McGaw to Be Host To Lions Directors

Robert McGaw will be host Tuesday evening to the executive board of the Lions club at a meeting to be held at 8:30 at his home.

These Parties Are Getting So Good, Halloween Should Come More Often

Public minded Birmingham citizens are already plotting ways and means of outfitting Halloween parties for the city next year. A gala parade, scores of prizes, a tantalizing barbecue, a musical party and a variety of other things are being planned.

Bowling Contest of Great Interest to Open Alleys

A match game for the history books of Birmingham bowling will officially open the new Birmingham Recreation alleys Saturday afternoon. A team of 12 men will roll against a team of Birmingham merchants.

Zig-Zag Costs Man Fine of \$25

Charles Weiss, 45 years old, of 4450 Maple road, Pontiac, was arrested Sunday morning at Ruffner and Woodward avenues and charged with reckless driving. Police say his car zig-zagged on the road and finally hit a post. Arraigned before Justice Forbes S. Hascall, Monday morning, the man pleaded guilty and paid a \$25 fine.

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County-Wide Meeting Called to Explain Huron-Clinton Park

The Oakland County Citizens League will sponsor a county-wide meeting in Pontiac Senior High Auditorium, Wednesday, Oct. 2, at which speakers will explain Detroit-Huron-Clinton Parkway Playground proposal which comes before voters in five Southern Michigan Counties Nov. 5. Speakers include Mr. Sidney D. Waldron, Clarkston and Fred L. Shaw, Detroit.

Franklin Blacksmith Shop More Than 100 Years Old

Hear Ye! Hear Ye, lovers of the genuine! Not far from Birmingham, in the village of Franklin, is to be found a group of curiously old buildings most of which are in their original state. Franklin is known as the "Town That Time forgot," its quaint and picturesque charm is well known in this section of the country, but the history of the rare old buildings is not so well known.

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Boys' Rifle Club Talked by Group

A rifle club is to be organized by a number of High School boys. The City Commission learned Monday night when three of them appeared and asked permission to construct a range on the 66-acre property known as the City sewerage disposal plant.

Swimming Pool

Birmingham Council of P.T.A.'s submitted a letter asking for more information on the projected use of the Barram School pool. First figures estimated the cost at \$8,000 for use of the pool 12 weeks of the year, six days a week, days and evenings. No estimate has been given for part-time use of the tank.

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There is Peace and Other Values

There is a life and language of and about the farm that too few of us who live in urban communities understand. Even in part a few days ago it was my assignment to assist in appraising a wealthy man's estate, part of which consisted of a 300-acre farm in north-eastern Oakland County. It is a man's type of farm, splendidly equipped, good live stock, the most modern and efficient of equipment, part a riding stable and part a great business enterprise. My partner in this appraisal, fortunately, was raised on a farm, so we got along all right. It was my duty to see that the property, broad, rolling hills, some of the crops in, some of them still to be harvested, was appraised with efficiency everywhere; proof that Nature is quite willing to open her inexhaustible wealth to those who know her and work hard through her seasons. As the farm superintendent accompanied us on our inspection of the farm premises, we stopped at one end of the cow pasture; the superintendent sang out in a semi-hushful way that sounded like "ku-boss! ku-boss! ku-boss!", and within five minutes 50 head of cattle (lots of dams) and their babies) came stampeding from several points of the compass, and hovered all around our car. At another point on the trip the superintendent decided to bring to our view a number of fine Belgian horses, which he did by a peculiar whistle with "W." in it. In the cities, too, our industrial efficiency, and many of us know the mechanics of operation of the production; the alert farmer, too, has his own efficiency methods, his speed, his skill, his energy, his initiative, his inspiration to be seen in his eyes when, as a youth, he spent several summers on the farm of a relative in Ohio. My profound respect about this fact was that I don't know much about the routine mysteries and methods of farming, or I'll wager that I'd get me a small one for regenerating purposes, if for nothing else. For (SEE THIS AND THAT, Page 2)

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Football Fans! Turn to Page 4 of Part 2 For Details of Football Forecasters' Contest Which Starts This Week

Being a good citizen in a democracy is no easy task. Democracy assumes that each citizen will pay enough attention and thought to the problems involved to make it work. Dictators don't expect the citizens to think about and solve the problems. To prevent loss of our democracy, each of us must be a better citizen.