

**2 Boys on Probation**  
Two 14-year-old Birmingham youths, arrested Dec. 6 for taking a neighbor's car without proper permission, have been released on probation to their parents by the Oakland county juvenile court. Because of their ages The Eccentric withholds the boys' names.

## New Annexation Hinted In Intersection Study

Problems involved in reducing traffic hazards at the intersection of N. Woodward and Hunter Boulevard were discussed at a meeting Friday of Birmingham city officials with representatives of Bloomfield township, the Socoy Vacuum Oil company, and the State Highway department.

City Manager D. C. Egbert and City Engineer Richard Gare advanced a plan for re-routing traffic that would eliminate the present intersection. It also was disclosed at the meeting that to put the plan into effect, the city may have to annex the property that lies between the two streets and north of the present city boundary. Birmingham's plan consists of closing off the present intersection and extending Oak street across the strip of land to Hunter to create a new intersection.

ACCORDING TO City Manager D. C. Egbert, the plan's purpose is to provide a right angle approach to Hunter that would eliminate hazards because of the slanting manner in which Woodward now

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## Police Recall 1933 as Year Of Tornadoes

Michigan State Police will look back upon 1933 as the year when the tornadoes struck Port Huron and Flint.

The experience was one they will not forget and from which they prided in further perfecting their plans and preparations for handling major emergencies. Because tornadoes in Michigan are a rarity and the one at Port Huron was considered as such, the calamity that followed on June 9 at Flint was entirely unexpected.

**BEGINNING AT 6:32 p.m.** with a dispatch that there had been a tornado in the Erie area, within another two hours the territory covered included Pleasant Lake, Milford, Flint, East Texas area, Oscoda, Columbiaville, Kings Mill, Lakeport, Brown City and Imlay City.

It was not until 9:02 p.m. that the first word was received of the Flint disaster at the operations office, and many State Police were already at other areas visited by the tornado or were on their way. As the magnitude of the disaster began to be disclosed, all available troopers were mobilized and rushed to the scene. Those on their way to other storm districts were recalled and troopers already at these places were withdrawn to Flint as soon as possible.

**FOR THE PERIOD** of a week the State Police were out of business insofar as carrying on general field activities and highway patrol. The only officers still at posts were those needed to take care of the radio and telephone. Another detail was tied up in an escaped prisoner hunt in the upper peninsula. It was July before the last of the men were released from the tornado detail. The escaped prisoner hunt in the upper peninsula had its beginning May 22 when seven inmates of Marquette prison managed to break to freedom. By June 7 six of the men had been captured, one of them after he had crossed the border into Wisconsin. The seventh, Lloyd Russell, is still at large. He is now on the FBI list of the 10 most wanted men.

**AS THE YEAR** drew to a close, city, county and state law enforcement agencies were again engaged in a large scale manhunt, this time for 13 convicts who escaped from Jackson prison a few days before Christmas. Within less than 48 hours 11 had been captured, eight

## 'Private Eye' To Talk Before Detroit Town Hall

Raymond Schindler, famed "private eye" will speak on his favorite project, "The Court of Last Resort," at Detroit Town Hall, Wednesday morning, January 20, at 11 o'clock in Fisher Theatre.

The Court, which is the brain child of mystery writer Eric Stanley Gardner, is a philanthropic organization devoted to freeing innocent men and women from prison. Schindler acts as special investigator for the Court. In his "Sherlock Holmes" role, Raymond Schindler has solved some of the baffling crimes of the day, including the noted Oakes murder in Nassau. He was the first detective to use the dictaphone and lie detector. Incidentally, Schindler never carries a gun when working on a case.

In the Jackson area and three in Detroit. The two others were caught by police in a Richmond, Ind. hotel. It was the largest mass escape in Jackson's history.

Traffic continued to be the outstanding problem in 1933 and although final figures are not yet available the year witnessed a new high estimated total of 59,210 deaths and 57,285 injuries. The number of accidents increased to an estimated 138,206.

Motor vehicle registrations went up to 2,796,192 and mileage traveled on the basis of tentative figures was estimated at 26,118,100,000, a gain of nine per cent.

Despite all of the special assignments, provisional figures show the department spent 488,539 man hours on patrol in 1933, the highest in history, and received 75,845 complaints, another record. Arrests totaled 77,943, not including 3,712 juveniles.

## Fourth Family Service Meeting Slated Jan. 26

The Family Service of Oakland County will hold its Fourth Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre of the Birmingham High School. There will be a short business meeting with election of new members to the Board of Directors and a report of the year's activities by the Executive Director, Estella M. Martin.

Featured speaker of the evening will be Bertha Capen Esposito of Stoughton, Mass., long a national leader in the social welfare field. Her topic will be "Community Rewards of Harmonious Family Living." The meeting is open to the public. Family Service of Oakland County has offices in Pontiac, Birmingham, and Royal Oak. The organization offers service in relation to personal and family difficulties.

**MARRIAGE** strains, children's development, adolescent conflicts, physical illness and handicaps, emotional disturbances, and economic adjustments through budgetary help, are among the problems brought to the agency. The agency is a participating member of the Pontiac Community Chest and United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, and

receives financial support from the Pontiac Area United Fund and the United Foundation of Detroit. It is a member of the Michigan Association of Family Agencies and the Family Service Association of America. Board Members from this Area are Paul Neal Averill, Mrs. Edwin J. Anderson, Mr. Carl Ingraham, Mrs. T. Hollister Mahley, Mrs. John Rumsey, Mrs. Malcolm Welby and Leonard T. Lewis.

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