

# FEDERAL TAX ON AUTOS AND THEATERS CUT

## CITY'S ANNUAL INSPECTION FOR HEALTH STARTS

Officers Told to See That Trash Is Removed.

A squad of twelve health department officers today began the annual spring clean-up inspection to prepare the city for a reduced death rate from typhoid fever and other diseases.

Dr. Herman G. Morgan, city health officer, instructed the inspectors to examine carefully the yards, alleys and rear buildings at every home in Indianapolis to see that the winter's accumulation of filth and trash is removed.

"In a few years we have reduced the death rate from typhoid fever from 70 to 3.9 per 100,000," said Dr. Morgan. "Your task is to insist upon a clean-up that will bring additional reductions."

Morgan also told the health officers to pay particular attention to possible cases of scarlet fever, which, he said, is an exceedingly dangerous disease, especially in its after effects.

## WEAVER FREED IN CLAIM CASE

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was selected from this new venire and Prosecutor William H. Remy began his case the following day.

Jointly indicted

George A. Weaver and his son were indicted Aug. 1, 1924, a little over a year after the new buildings had been accepted by the county. According to State witnesses, conditions at the hospital in the latter part of 1923 and early 1924 revealed faulty construction, especially in the west wing.

State witnesses testified the walls were out of plumb, concrete was frozen and cracked, mortar had frozen and crumbled, bricks in the attic became loose, the roof sagged, beams and slabs cracked and the maple wood floors bulged. Although some of the defense witnesses admitted a few of these defects, most of them were denied.

Weaver testified that when he learned of the conditions he immediately took a crew of his men and worked seven weeks correcting defects. He said they were nearly finished when Dr. Benjamin Potter, then superintendent, ordered him to halt repairs on order of county commissioners.

Completed in 1923

Construction of the buildings was completed in 1923. The contract price was \$118,500, but was increased to \$123,277.79 when additional work was done. The Weaver claim alleged in the indictment was filed June 18, 1923. This amount was 15 per cent of the total contract price, retained until the work was accepted.

It was revealed Weaver brought a mandate suit against the commissioners and auditor to complete the payment of the final amount which was ordered by Judge T. J. Moll of Superior Court Five.

The jury

Suit for \$140 damages filed against the Weavers by the county commissioners is now pending in Superior Court 2. It was filed June 18 by Russell Ryan, then county attorney. The Republic Casualty Company, bondman for the Weavers, was named as co-defendant. The complaint charged the new units were not constructed according to specifications.

Men who composed the jury were: Francis H. Johnson, R. R. M. 2, farmer; Oren H. Murphy, R. R. D. Box 271, Joseph E. Fleck, R. R. 1, Box 68, electrician; Frederick R. R. D. G. farmer; Fred C. Handell, R. R. A 2, contractor; Benjamin W. Wicker, Greenwood, farmer; Charles L. McMullen, R. R. C. farmer; Andrew J. Van Sickle, R. R. J, Box 338, farmer; Royal L. W. McClain, R. R. F, Box 282, secretary Dairy Producers Association; Eddie Rounton, Canby, farmer; Jacob K. Hessong, R. R. M. 2, fruit raiser and farmer; and S. A. White, R. R. H, Box 359, farmer.

## GET ONE MOLESTER

Negro Taken With Paving Brick in His Pocket.

Police captured one alleged molester Friday night, and another escaped before they arrived.

William Taylor, 35, Negro, 613 N. Senate Ave., was found with a paving brick in his pocket, after he is alleged to have followed Miss Lulu Woods, negro, 1129 N. Senate Ave., for several blocks. Police arrested Taylor.

A Negro attempted to seize Mrs. Ruth Jones, 932 N. Gladstone Ave., when she stepped onto the back porch to get coal. She screamed and he ran.

## TO DEBATE MORTUARY

Services Will Be Held at New Flanner & Buchanan Home.

The new mortuary of Flanner & Buchanan, Inc., at 25 W. Fall Creek Blvd., south drive, will be dedicated Sunday afternoon with services at 3:30 p. m.

## Real Estate Loans

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United Labor Bank and Trust Co.  
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## FLAPPER TAKES STAND

Jury Hear Louise King's Version of Attack.

By United Press  
MASON, Mich., Feb. 20.—Louise King, 20-year old college co-ed, today took the stand in Ingham County Circuit Court here and re-told her version of alleged criminal attack of which she accused Arthur C. Rich, son of a wealthy Battle Creek family. Rich is on trial for the second time, the first trial ending in disagreement of the jury.

## COUNTESS MAD AT AMERICA

Will Spend Life to Prepare Retaliatory Statute.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Offers of sympathy, financial support—and even marriage—poured in upon Vera, Countess of Cathcart, today as she remained upon Ellis Island while the Cunard liner Aquitania, upon which she was to have been deported, sailed for England.

The Countess will stay at the immigration station at least until Tuesday when a writ of habeas corpus is returnable.

Countess Vera continued vindictive toward the government. "If I had been a plain woman, all this wouldn't have happened," she said, "but being a countess well—when I get back home, I'm going to devote a great part of my life to having my country prepare a retaliatory statute."

Earl Carroll, theatrical producer announced he had a verbal contract with the countess to produce his play.

## CAN ENFORCE ORDINANCE

Judge Miller Dissolves Beech Grove Bus Order.

Judge Sidney S. Miller today dissolved a temporary restraining order against the Beech Grove town board prohibiting enforcement of an ordinance preventing buses from operating over streets in that town. Dissolution was on motion of the board, against whom an injunction suit has been filed by the South Side Motor Coach Company.

Judge Miller set Wednesday for arguments on a demurrer filed by the board. The suit was filed after it was charged the town marshal repeatedly arrested bus drivers for violating the ordinance.

## MEXICAN REPLY ARRIVES

Door Kept Open for Compromise on Land Law Controversy.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Mexican note in reply to the latest American protest against alleged confiscatory features of the Mexican land and petroleum laws, was received at the State Department today.

The note reaffirms Mexico's denial that the laws are confiscatory, but does not close the door on a possible compromise settlement, it is understood.

## MINES STILL GUARDED

Close Watch Kept on Ferries and Bridges at Evansville.

By United Press  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 20.—Guards were still on duty today at the nonunion mines here, although authorities believed danger of further trouble between union men and nonunion strikers was past.

Close watch was also kept at ferries and bridges leading across the Wabash River into Illinois as a precaution against any invasion of union men from that quarter.

## SCHORTEMEIER HEARD

By United Press  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Feb. 20.—Frederick Schortemeier, Secretary of State, addressed the men's Bible class of the Aroma M. E. Church in the northeastern part of Hamilton County Friday night.

## FIDDLES READY FOR OLD DANCE CONTEST

Many Entrants Enthusiastic Over Entertainment at Tomlinson Hall Wednesday Night.

"Rarin' to go!" Fiddlers who have entered the old fiddlers' and old-time dance contest to be held at the old dance under auspices of The Indianapolis Times at Tomlinson Hall Wednesday night, are looking forward eagerly to the contest.

"Get my fiddle and my shoes shined up," laughed one entrant. "If they don't like my fiddlin', I'll stop and dance," he said. Entries are coming in every mail and there's sure to be all kinds of fun. The entry list will not close until 4 p. m. Wednesday.

Lorenzo Peck, 962 Highland Ave., who is said to have such a strong "calling" voice that he fairly shakes down the rafters, has offered to be one of the callers.

There is no charge for entering.

## Old Time Fiddlers Coupon

Old Time Dance Editor, The Times.

Please enter my name for The Old Fiddlers Contest of The Indianapolis Times OLD TIME DANCE at Tomlinson Hall, Wednesday night, Feb. 24. I'll be there at 7 p. m.

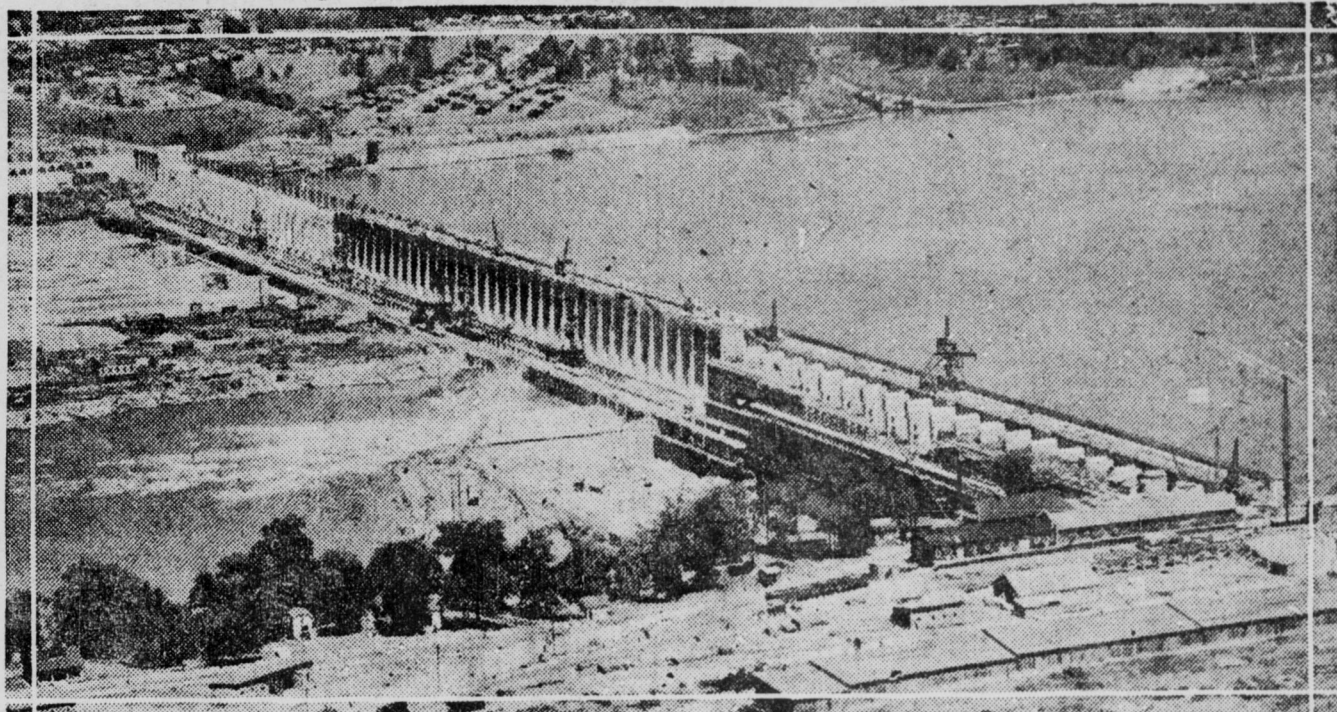
Name .....

Address .....

Age .....

Be sure to send a photograph if you have one, or come to The Times office and be photographed.

## New Airplane Photograph of Muscle Shoals



Here is a remarkable airplane view of the famous power plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., showing the great Wilson dam spanning the river. The question of disposal of the power generated by this project will soon come up in Congress, with rival factions calling for Government operation and for lease to private concerns.

## EDUCATORS OF INDIANA LEAD NATIONAL MEET

Prominent in Sessions at Washington to Start Sunday.

By Times Special  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Indiana educators will take a leading part in the annual meeting of the Department of Superintendence, National Education Association, beginning here Sunday.

Representative Albert R. Hall, of Marion and the Eleventh Indiana district, Dr. Henry Lister Smith of Indiana University, Henry Noble Sherwood, State superintendent of public instruction, and others will speak.

An attendance of nearly 10,000 is expected. President Coolidge will address the educators Monday evening.

Dr. Smith is treasurer of the association and a member of the executive committee. J. O. Chowning, superintendent of schools at Evansville, is a member of the board of tellers.

Hall, formerly a county superintendent, will speak at the meeting of county superintendents Thursday afternoon. Milo H. Stuart, principal of Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, will present a report of the meeting of secondary school principals, on the best size classes.

## MORE EXAMINATIONS

Politicians Prepare for New Assault on Building Department.

Politicians are lining up for another assault upon the city building department, the reorganization of which was authorized recently by the board of safety.

Examinations will be held Tuesday for positions of smoke inspector, city electrical and assistant electrical engineers, chief elevator inspector and assistant combustion engineer.

Smoke abatement committee members of the Woman's Department Club fear the political workers will oust H. P. Tompkins, city smoke inspector, who they say has made a splendid record in enlisting citizens' cooperation.

## ENTERING HOUSE CHARGED

Frank Sewell, Negro, 2223 1/2 Alford St., today was charged with entering a house to commit a felony by detectives who said he entered William Dixon's home, 1960 Yandes St., Feb. 14. Nothing was taken.

## WASHINGTON'S BEER RECIPE FACES TEST

Wets Say They Will Read It at 'Face the Facts' Dinner—Drys Charge It Will Violate Law—Sargent to Rule.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—George Washington yet may find himself—or rather his diary—in the Federal courts for violation of the Volstead act.

The association against the prohibition amendment has announced that it will distribute at its "face-the-facts" dinner next Monday alleged facsimile copies of Washington's recipe for making beer, written in his own handwriting. The association has asked Attorney General Sargent to rule on the legality of such an act.

While the leaders of the wet organization were awaiting the opinion—which probably will not be rendered—Wayne S. Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, said that distribution of the beer recipe would be a violation of the Volstead act.

The wet organization replied that it would be interesting indeed, if the utterances of the first President of the United States were to be considered because of a modern law. It is believed that distribution of the alleged Washington beer recipe will be a part of the program whether or not Sargent rules on the point of law.

"It is unlawful to advertise orally or by print anywhere or by any means or method, liquor or the manufacture of it or how it may be obtained," according to sections 17 and 18 of the National Prohibition act," Wheeler said. "The fact that such a recipe is attributed, rightly or wrongly, to George Washington does not affect the question."

## SCHOOL HELPS NAPOLEON III—The last Emperor of the French.

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ROYAL birth, a princely heritage, an imperial name, a cardinal to christen him, an emperor and empress to stand his sponsors, early exile, persecution, youthful wanderings in search of home, reckless adventures, miraculous escapes, imprisonments, and flights in disguise—these were the circumstances in the life of Louis Napoleon which eventually led him to the throne of France as Napoleon III.

His first period of youthful magnificence made little impression on the boy, for he was only 2 years old when his father, Louis Bonaparte, died. When he was 7 his uncle, Napoleon I, fell from his proud position and was exiled to the lonely island of St. Helena. Then began a long period of wandering in search of a home, Switzerland, Germany, England and America all sheltering him for a time.

## Planned for Throne

But wherever he was and whatever he did, he was always planning for the restoration to rule of the Bonaparte family in France. This was especially true after 1832, when the son of Napoleon I—the Duke of Reichstadt—died. This left Louis Napoleon as the next heir of the great conqueror.

So firm was his faith in his "star of destiny" that he twice made adventurous attempts to seize power in France, but these only brought ridicule upon himself. His opportunity came in 1848, when a revolution drove Louis Philippe from the throne and a French republic was established. Among the names of the candidates for the presidency of the new republic only one was known to the peasants—that of Louis Napoleon. They remembered only the glories of the rule of the first Napoleon, and forgot his costly wars and his despotism; so by an enormous majority they elected his nephew president.

## Followed Napoleon

Louis soon began to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor. In 1851 he overthrew the old constitution and made a new one giving him absolute power for ten years. A year later he assumed the title of "Napoleon III, Emperor of the French," the son of Napoleon I being counted as Napoleon II. All of these changes were submitted to the people for their approval in plebiscites, but the elections were carefully controlled so that the people would vote as Napoleon wished.

Neither Napoleon I nor any Bourbon king could have been more absolute than was Napoleon III during the first eight years of the empire (1852-60). He muzzled the legislative body, he shackled the press, and he controlled the elections. But the people were ready to give up their liberty in return for the prosperity they enjoyed. Napoleon organized banks, built railroads, constructed canals, established hospitals, and gave the laboring men the right to strike. With England, Turkey and Piedmont as allies, he also won a place among the nations by engaging in a successful war in the Crimea against Russia, in 1854-56.

"The Empire is peace," Napoleon

would have said, if he had followed this policy all his life. But he had not.

In an effort to reduce the growing opposition to his rule he began granting political reforms. The period 1860-70 was thus one of new liberalism in the empire. The powers of the Legislature were restored, and ministers responsible to it were appointed. Freedom of the press was granted. But his popularity was too far undermined for these concessions to save him. When France was crushingly defeated in the Franco-Prussian War, in 1870-71, the whole structure of the Second Empire toppled to the ground.

Napoleon himself was taken prisoner when the French army surrendered to the Germans at Sedan, on Sept. 2. "Down with the empire! Long live the republic!" shouted the people in Paris, and on Sept. 4 the third republic was born. The Empress Eugenie, his beautiful Spanish wife, who had wielded a harmful influence on his reign, fled to England, and there Napoleon III joined her after his release at the close of the war.

So began his second exile, which lasted until his death, three years later. He so lacked the genius of Napoleon I that Victor Hugo called him "Napoleon the Little." His name was his principal asset, and with his overthrow the Bonapartist cause was effectively destroyed. The Empress Eugenie, saddened by the death of their only son in a British war in South Africa, lived on in lonely widowhood until 1870.

## MORE INQUIRY INTO SCHOOL HEATING, PLAN

C. of C. Group Makes Recommendation on Shipp System.

Further investigation of heating and ventilating devices in the Indianapolis public schools will be made by Chamber of Commerce committees, it was announced today.

Resolution of a Chamber subgroup education committee recommending thermostatic controls be installed on the system of Clarence C. Shipp and other information collected by the investigating body in connection with ventilating devices will be presented to the Chamber public health committee by Leonard V. Harrison, civic affairs committee secretary and chairman of the subgroup.

## To Be Studied

"The devices will be studied not only mechanically, but also from a health standpoint," Harrison said.

Harrison said he had found that the school board was compiling plans for heating devices which contained features peculiar to the Shipp system.

Harrison reported that the new board had changed plans for the heating and ventilating systems in School 78 after taking office. The old board had made plans for the unit system of heating and ventilating. In a letter from a local engineering firm, the name of which was not divulged, it was said that "the reason the Shipp system is used in so many Indiana schools is because of Shipp's political power."

## Found Inefficient

At the committee meeting it was pointed out that the Shipp system was found to be inefficient on two occasions.

One of these was several years ago when an education committee subgroup investigated the system and found that in many of the school rooms where it was used there was a continual draft. This was shown in the written report of that committee.

## CONSIDER METER PLAN

May Have Testing Laboratory at Purdue University.

Consideration is being given by the public service commission to a plan suggested by Prof. C. Francis Harding, head of the Purdue University electrical engineering school, for establishment at the university of a standards laboratory for testing electrical meters.

Under the present system the commission requires public utility companies to meet certain standards of accuracy in the measurement of current, but there is no official means by which the meters may be double-checked.

## Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

Charles H. Smith, 1218 Cornell Ave., Ford, from Twelfth and Missouri Sts.

Leverne Reidel, 1115 N. Alameda St., Essex, from Ohio and Meridian Sts.

## BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Elmer McDaniels, 951 N. Delaware St., Ford, found at Capitol Ave. and Union Station elevation.

Edward E. Kubie, 151 Madison Ave., Ford, found at Muskingum and Vermont Sts.

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Admissions Over 75 Cents  
Affected—2 Per Cent Reduction on Cars.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—

The American people will pay reduced taxes on automobiles and theater admissions. The tax on estates of the wealthy will be retained.

These are the outstanding points of the tax reduction bill as revised by conferees and which will be passed by both houses of Congress and made a law by the end of next week.

As finally approved by the House and Senate conferees late Friday, the bill carries a reduction of \$381,000 in the Federal tax burden. This amount is \$51,000,000 more than Mellon advised, but the variance is not enough to place the nation's financial arrangements in jeopardy and will stand.

There is opposition to the settlement in both houses, but the necessity for making the bill a law in time to affect the March 15 payments is such that no extended fight is expected. Mr. Coolidge is expected to sign it Friday or Saturday.

The principal provisions now are:

## Motorists May Save

If auto manufacturers pass on the benefits of the new tax reduction bill prices on a \$500 Ford will fall \$11.20. The manufacturer pays the pleasure automobile tax of 3 per cent under the new tax act. Previously the tax was 5 per cent. On a \$1,300 car the tax reduction is \$39; on a \$2,000 car, \$60; on a \$2,500 car, \$75.

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## Surtaxes

Adoption of the revised scale of the Senate making a slight change lowering the House rates on incomes between \$25,000 and \$100,000. The scale runs from 1 per cent on \$10,000 to 20 per cent on \$100,000.

## Estate Tax

Retention of the estates tax with the House provision for a 20 per cent maximum rate and permitting the States to collect 80 per cent of it. Raising exemptions from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Adoption of a modified retroactive clause at a 25 per cent maximum rate.

## Admissions

Retention of the 10 per cent tax on admissions to amusements with an exemption of admissions of 75 cents and less, instead of 50 cents in the present law.

## Automobiles

Lowering the present tax on pleasure automobiles from 5 to 3 per cent.

## Corporations

Elimination of the present tax of \$1 per \$1,000 issue of capital stock and increase in the corporations tax from 12 1/2 to 13 per cent this year and 13 1/2 per cent next year.

## Oil Depletion

Reduction of depletion allowances to oil drilling companies from 30 per cent voted by the Senate to 27 1/2 per cent.

These were the only issues in dispute between the two Houses and the rest of the bill including the normal rate stands as passed.

The agreement is a perfect compromise and varies but slightly from the agreement planned Saturday as carried by the United Press.

The conferees met today to eliminate any errors that may have crept into the agreement and the bill will go to the printers this afternoon for presentation in the House, Monday.

There was no disagreement on normal tax rates. Blankets already were mailed out to taxpayers for return on March 15. The rates and exemptions are:

## Exemptions

For single persons, \$1,500; for married persons, \$3,500. These compare with \$1,000 and \$2,500 under the present law.

## Normal Rates

On first \$4,000 of taxable income, 1 1/2 per cent; on next \$4,000 3 per cent, and above, 5 per cent. Under the present law, the rates are 2 per cent on the first \$4,000; 4 per cent on the next \$4,000, and 6 per cent above.

## Surplus Rates

Surplus begins with a rate of 1 per cent on income between \$10,000 and \$14,000, graduating to 20 per cent on incomes of \$100,000 and above. The old surplus began with a rate of 1 per cent at \$10,000, graduating to 40 per cent on incomes of \$500,000 and over.

## Earned Income

The amount considered as "Earned Income," on which a 25 per cent credit is allowed, was increased from \$10,000 under the present law to \$20,000 in the new bill.

## EXPANSION OF CALUMET AREA HEADED SOUTH

New Homes Are Being Built Beyond Smoky Zone.

By Clyde G. Byers  
Times Staff Correspondent

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., Feb. 20.—

Out of the smoke zone into the ozone is the cry resounding through "Indiana's front yard," the rich Calumet region of Lake County, and the ozone lays southward. Expansion is headed toward Crown Point.

Houses are springing up like mushrooms. Hammond has court proceedings pending before Circuit Judge E. M. Norton to annex twenty-seven square miles—a territory as large as the present city. The territory, around the towns of Munster and Highland, is approximately twelve miles south of previous development.

Land in the section twenty years ago, when the United Steel Corporation laid out Gary, was worth \$25 to \$50 an acre. Lots today are priced at \$500 up to \$2,500. Some of this however, is the result of speculation on the Ford Motor Company's development of 1,000 acres it bought in the Highland tract.

## Large Purchase Made

Frank R. Martin, of the Hammond Trust and Savings Bank, Hammond real estate board president, this week purchased from Gostlin, Meyn and Wells, real estate dealers, a 1,700 foot frontage on Calumet Ave., 200 feet from the Ford purchase, at \$5,500 an acre, for which he said he was offered \$10 more a foot, or a \$16,000 profit, twenty-four hours later.

Ford paid \$575 an acre for his tract. The section immediately south of it, according to Martin, is priced at \$1,250 an acre. A year ago, and fronting on the Lincoln highway, nearly sold at \$250 an acre. It is priced at \$1,000 to \$1,100 an acre.

"Corn you find anything like that in Florida?" asked Martin.

Gary has considerable land pending, also, through which it hopes to annex all the territory in Calumet Township, excepting the town of Griffith, already incorporated. Indications are that last year's apartment and home building record of Gary will be eclipsed.

## Many New Homes

Records of Gary Building Commissioner W. G. Bowman show 1,139 new residences, costing \$2,737,550, went up last year. The total cost of Gary building last year, exclusive of the \$16,000,000 spent by the United States Steel Corporation was \$13,000,000.

## SEVEN SPEED CHARGES

Motorists Are Arrested by Police in City.

Police charged seven persons with speeding today.