

URGES CITY HONOR JOHNSON'S BIRTH

**Councilman Wants Cleveland
Day Fete Combined With
Celebration.**

**Believes Many Civic Improve-
ments Can be Begun
in July.**

To mark the birthday anniversary of Tom L. Johnson and make it a civic occasion, Councilman Menning will ask that the corner stone of Cleveland's \$2,000,000 municipal lighting plant on the lake front be laid July 18.

Menning further proposed yesterday that in order to make it one with the Cleveland day celebration, which is observed July 22, the dedication or commencement of other great public institutions or improvement be arranged to fall on one of the days intervening.

It is his belief that the birthday anniversary of former Mayor Johnson should be combined with the Cleveland day celebration and that eventually the celebration which now falls on July 22, marking the anniversary of the founding of Cleveland be transferred to July 18, because of

the fact that the two days are close together and that one observance might mark both anniversaries. Yesterday Menning stated that he would suggest a number of ceremonies to connect the two dates this year without combining them in one day's celebration.

Central viaduct will be completed during the summer and thrown open to the public as a high level bridge without a draw. The new West Side market will finally be opened and it is believed the new boulevard from Edgewater park to the viaduct will also be completed in time for use during the summer. It has been suggested that both West Side improvements be dedicated on Cleveland day. Work on the boulevard project is progressing rapidly and it is now believed that appropriation proceedings will be necessary in but a few cases. It is believed that the entire project, including both purchase and improvement can be carried through with the \$500,000 allowed by the council.

Engineer Ballard hopes to have the municipal lighting project well along in summer. Borings are to be made in two weeks and the work of putting in piling will be begun as soon as possible. Bids on \$1,000,000 lighting bonds are to be received April 8, but some preliminary work can be started before that time.