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BIRMINGHAM OBSERVES FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Chief Olsen Urges Care in Handling Furnaces and Stoves in Winter

More than 14,000 lives were lost, 16,000 persons were injured, and

\$570,000,000 worth of property destroyed by fire during 1925, according to figures just released by the National Fire Protection association. The increase in property damage as compared with figures of 1915 is \$395,222,721. It is to try to cut down these figures that this week is being set apart as National Fire Prevention Week.

While the number of fires in this vicinity has not been large lately, according to Chief William G. Olsen, of the Fire Department, the advice

offered by the National association is not to be ignored. "Every month could be like August, when there wasn't a single fire in the village," he said, "if persons would just be careful. Here are some of the suggestions for decreasing the possibilities of fires made by the association: "Keep your premises clean from rubbish and inflammable material. "Make periodical" inspections of your heating plant, electrical equipment and wiring to see that they are safe.

"I think those two alone would prevent most of the fires. They're so easy to do, and yet people will neglect them. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure in the case of a fire almost more than anywhere else."

Bloomfield Hills School Shows Increase in Enrollment and Staff

Attendance at the Bloomfield Hills elementary school, totalling 46, is an increase over that of last year despite the loss of 12 pupils at the close of school last year. Eighteen are enrolled in the upper school, the four upper grades, and 28 in the lower school, consisting of four lower grades. This year's attendance is the largest since the school opened, four years ago, Miss Jessie Winters, principal, states.

This fall for the first time, a play school for pre-kindergarten children has been established and now has an enrollment of 10. It is considered part of the lower school. This department meets from 8:45 to 11:45 a. m. and its activities consist mainly of supervised play and fundamental learning, the children being from three to five years of age.

Employ Six Teachers
 Six regular teachers are now employed. All are college graduates with considerable experience in elementary school work. There is also a special music teacher giving vocal and piano lessons to 10 pupils. The older boys take athletic under the direction of Max Warrenner of the Detroit City College.

Dr. Campbell Harvey, a Pontiac child specialist, gives the children regular medical examinations. Meals cooked in the school's own cafeteria for the students of the upper school, are planned by an experienced dietitian, according to Miss Winters. Special equipment and rooms of the school include a manual training room where the boys do handicraft and shop work, a library on the third

floor, to which books are being added from time to time, and a natural science museum started this year. A few mousetrap birds and an alligator are already part of the collection.

For assemblies, gymnasium and similar work the meeting house room is used. This small auditorium was the first unit erected, and is also used as a church where the Rev. S. S. Marquis officiates.

Experiences Steady Growth
 Constant growth has marked the school since it started, four years ago, both in pupils and equipment. Miss Winters began with eight pupils in the meeting house, erected in 1918. Several rooms were added the year after the school started, and last year the cafeteria was built.

With an attendance of last year of 40, some pupils were lost through having completed the course of study offered, or moved away. This is the largest number ever lost, Miss Winters states.

The school building is a gift to the community by Geo. G. Booth, whose Cranbrook estate is at the northwest intersection of Cranbrook and Lone Pine roads. Mr. Booth is now building a large Gothic church on the southeast corner of these roads, and a senior boys' school far to the west, on the Lone Pine road.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

(Little Editorials picked up by the Staff in and around Birmingham)

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools: "The law says that all towns of 10,000 or over should have evening schools. I don't know the exact population of Birmingham, but I should say that the school district has more than 10,000 population. However, I have had very little call for night classes."

Rev. C. M. Thompson, pastor of the Southfield Methodist Church: "The right-hand turn by auto drivers at signal crossings is dangerous to pedestrians. All traffic should be held up by the signal. What special right should any driver have to run on simply because he is turning to the right? The man on his legs has a right to a chance to cross the street in safety, of which right he is deprived by the fellow who speeds to the right around the corner. I saw a woman with her baby car have to halt in crossing the street at Maple and Woodward avenues to keep a dog over her. Pedestrians haven't much of a chance for their lives in these days of speeding autos, and should surely be allowed the right to cross the street with a fair degree of safety."

Police Serg. Clark Green: "A probable reason for the falling off in the number of arrests here during September compared to August is the change from a summer to a fall month and the natural decrease in the number of tourists who pass through Birmingham. Records show that most persons arrested here are not residents of the village."

ATTEND THEATER
 Members of both the boys' and girls' Glee clubs attended the performance of "Pinafore" Wednesday evening which is playing at the Shubert-Lafayette Theatre, Detroit.

The great organ at the Sequel-Centennial auditorium at Philadelphia has more than 11,000 pipes and is the largest in the world.

Between 8:30 p. m. and 4:30 a. m. the "anyone" calling rate over the long distance lines will be approximately 50 per cent of the day rate. These discounts will apply on calls on which the day "anyone" rate is 40 cents or more, the minimum rate on such calls between 7 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.

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SCRAPPING WARSHIPS IS NOT DISARMAMENT ROTARY SPEAKER SAYS

Plumb, Detroit Chemist, Says Nations Equipped With Mass Chemicals, Most Deadly Instruments.

BROTHERHOOD IS SOLUTION
 "That the disarmament of a nation means more than the mere scrapping of battleships or the decrease of a standing army was emphatically pointed out Monday noon when Roy Plumb, chief chemist for the Fraccon Laboratories, of Detroit, addressed local Rotarians on "The Fallacy of the Present Conception of Disarmament." Mr. Plumb, a member of the Hamtramck Rotary club, was the guest of Rev. R. M. Aikin; he is also the son-in-law of Rev. C. M. Thompson, of Ferndale avenue, this village.

"You read much these days about America's plan of scrapping battleships, or the lowering of our standing army or navy, of rigid economy in government, and you immediately assume that the United States is doing its share in disarming itself in preparation of war; you, sit back snugly in your chairs and believe that the nations of the world are sick of war, and are preparing for peace."

"You are absolutely wrong," declared Mr. Plumb, who is recognized as one of the best chemists in America today.

War Chemical Contest.
 Since the advent of high propellant explosives as the chief weapons of combat, war has had a chemical content. The nation that has the greatest amount of chemical apparatus at its disposal always proved to be the victorious one. It is true that battleships and armies are necessary to carry on war, but they were but the mere vehicles for letting loose high explosives, and, when high explosives were not to be had, proved of little value in protecting a nation against the enemy.

"The most abundant element in nature is nitrogen," went on Mr. Plumb. "The atmosphere which you breathe contains 75 per cent nitrogen, an agency that not only sustains human and plant life, but is also the chief ingredient of high explosives. No nation is to be blamed for building chemical apparatus that produces fertilizer for the soil or dye products for commercial uses. Yet, in the very effort to build up chemical products in the United States we are increasing our ability to produce explosives for war."

Rapid Change.
 "Let me give you an example of how quickly peace-time chemical production may be changed into weapons of death. Before Germany declared war in 1914, one of her chemical plants was producing 800,000 pounds of synthetic indigo each month; in less than 24 hours the apparatus was changed over to the production of an equal amount of mustard gas. So it is with chemical apparatus used for other commercial products; nearly all of it may be changed over in almost the twinkling of an eye to the manufacture of high explosives or death-dealing gasses.

disarmament of material weapons of war will never prove the solution of the imminent problems of peace. In my opinion the only thing that can prevent one nation being arrayed against another is to foster the old-fashioned fellowship of mutual confidence and understanding, with the injection of Christian principles into everyday life."

READY TO WEAR!



DRUNKEN DRIVING CASE UP TODAY

Pleading not guilty before Justice Floyd S. Buck in Justice Court to a charge of driving while drunk George R. Caswell, Orion, was put on \$200 bail and his trial was set for this afternoon.

Caswell was arrested by Patrolman Richard Lawler who says his attention was attracted to the man when his machine was taking a zig-zag course through the streets here.

George K. Caswell, same address as the alleged driver paid a fine of \$20 on a drunk charge. They were together when arrested.

During the last fiscal year the United States exported 29,412,243 false teeth, worth \$1,286,938.

Gasoline taxes in the United States yielded \$148,258,987 last year.

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PHONE RATE CUT NOW IN EFFECT

Reductions in long haul long distance telephone rates effective Oct. 4 will range as high as 25 per cent, according to a statement by R. J. Coyle, manager here for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, who quotes that the basic station-to-station (anyone) rate from here to New York, for instance, will be cut from the present \$2.40 to \$2.55. The reductions that have become effective affect long distance calls from points within Michigan to points outside the state. Reductions on long haul messages between points inside the borders of Michigan were made effective July 10.

Effective, also, on Oct. 1, were extension of the privilege of reversing charges on station-to-station (anyone) calls, which has applied only to particular person calls in the past. After that date, too, an earlier evening reduced rate period on "anyone" calls will be in effect, with a reduction of about 25 per cent from the minimum rate on such calls between 7 p.

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