Grass Fires In Troy Peril Homes

CHIEF WARNS OF DANGERS IN TAKING RISK

Residents Fight To Protect Property Against Spread Of Flames

DEPARTMENT IS CALLED

Alarm is felt today over the increasing number of grass fires in Troy Township and vicinity in lieu of rain. Several fires have called for the intense effort of residents in saving their property, and some slight loss has been encountered from the spreading flames whose origin remain shrouded in mystery.

A bungalow owned by Garner Miller, on the Wattles road, was saved by Mr. Miller and Harry Spencer Sunday night after an intense fight with the flames.

Battles Blaze Alone

The fire was discovered by Mr. Spencer who battled it single handed until the return of Mr. Miller who had been visiting friends. It had spread from the Big Beaver road a mile away and its spread to the house was thwarted by back-firing the grass.

About the same time, efforts to stop the slow moving flames which crept over the dry ground near the home of John Truesdale on the Wattles road near the Crooks road, failed and a straw stack was consumed.

Buildings valued at $4,000 was endangered Sunday when a grass fire broke out at 2:15 p. m. near the home of H. W. McSwain on Wattles and Crooks roads. Birmingham firemen responded to the alarm and checked the blaze before damage was done. The property was owned by N. E. Newelly.

Second Troy Call

At 3:15 p. m. Sunday, village firemen were again called to Troy to fight a grass fire near the home of Warren C. Pratt at Big Beaver and Monnier roads. No damage was reported.

A similar serious condition is existent today in Birmingham. William Olsen, fire chief, said, "With the advent of the grass fire season we must again warn villagers against carelessness in burning rubbish. It is always well to have a garden hose available before starting a blaze," he said.

Burning papers were given as the cause of the grass fire which endangered the home of J. L. Lovett, of Dodge road, at 11:30 a. m. Sunday. No loss was reported by firemen.

Village firemen were called to the home of G. D. Wilson, of Quarton road, earlier Sunday to investigate a grass fire in the vicinity.

Three grass fires called out the Birmingham fire department Saturday and were checked before damage was done.

House Periled

A blaze starting in a pile of shingles and rubbish endangered a house under construction on Merrill street. It was the property of Mrs. L. H. Rousseau.

A burned fence was reported Saturday as the only damage from a grass fire on the property of William Beattie at Quarton and extinguished the blaze. The department also answered a call to a grass fire at Pilgrim and Pine roads.

Another grass fire of unknown origin was reported Friday on property owned by the Hannan Realty company at Franklin and west Maple roads.

BIG BEAVER

Plans are being made by the Aokiya Camp Fire Girls for a dance and 500 party to be held in the school auditorium during the early part of April.

The fifth issue of the B. B. S. Echo is on sale. The new editorial staff consists of the following: editor, Helen Ervasti; assistant editor, Sophie Rusin; business manager, Genter Gregor; joke editor, Peter Howlett; art editor, Saturn Frezza; sport editor, Ruth Buckner; school news, Shirley Orr and Mildred Stumpf. The eighth grade is in charge of this publication.

Members of the eighth grade have organized a Young Citizens Club for the purpose of improving conditions in the school, for help to the faculty, and to teach pupils of the school to be better citizens. Genter Gregor has been elected president, Shirley Orr, vice president, and Sophia Rusin, secretary-treasurer. These officers will serve for one month. A constitution has been drawn up, posters provided, and distributed among the class rooms and the halls.

Mrs. Ella Lamb spent Wednesday with Mrs. Theresa Harris and daughters.

William Beach, formerly of Rochester, has opened a general repair garage on the corner of the 16 mile and Rochester Roads.

Miss Lillian Aaronson entertained in honor of Miss Gladys Welch on her birthday, March 9th at the latter's home on Boyd avenue. Many young people attended and enjoyed an evening of bunco games.

A prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hazel Sheriff Friday evening, March 15.

Special services will be held during the week at Troy, beginning March 17, which is designated Big Beaver week. Troy week, which will be held at Big Beaver, will begin the week of March 24.

The annual Father and Son banquet was held in the Methodist Church parlors at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday. Norman C. Orr was the speaker of the evening, and there was a program presented following. The girls from the Sunday school class taught by Mr. and Mrs. Henry James, served.

Eddie—Can you beat it? My sister is only twenty and she's got a bald head.

Marceline—Gosh, has he got money? Film Fun

Doctor: "Your husband needs a rest, madam. I will give you a sleeping draught." —Tit-Bits

BILL BOOSTER SAYS:

FRANKLIN

Lewis Henry returned last Tuesday after spending several weeks in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Albert Miller and son Willis of Langsburg visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bingham, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woodin and daughter of Pontiac were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gray and family.

Mrs. Susan Rayner spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rayner and son of Farmington.

Mrs. L. D. Mead and small son spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Priest, of Detroit.

Mrs. Charles Bingham is in Kansas City, Mo., helping care for her mother who was injured in a fall.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bain recently.

Norman Currin had as his guest over the week end, Kenneth Young of Redford. They are both students at Albion College.

Charles Knowles was given a surprise Sunday in honor of his seventy-second birthday. His daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards and sons Clare and Harry of Clarkston were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Converse, Jr., will entertain Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Facer and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mead at a card party at their home Saturday evening.

George Bingham and daughter, Florence, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer of Maceday Lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McDonald and children of Pontiac were guests Monday at a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones and daughter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lord of Pontiac.

The Southfield Gleaner Society of the M. E. Church held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Flora Sturman, 324 Purdy, Birmingham, recently.

Mrs. B. D. Bigelow of Birmingham spent Sunday with Miss Phena Bigelow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Currin and son Norman and Kenneth Young of Redford motored to Saginaw and Columbiaville Sunday.

Mrs. C. Kline visited at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Reynels and family of Highland, Sunday.

George Bingham and daughter, Florence, entertained the Pedro Club at their home Tuesday evening.

Miss Maryann Ravell, helping teacher for Zone IV, visited the Franklin School Tuesday.

The March meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will be held Thursday, March 21 at the Community Hall. Supper will be served at 6:30. The public is invited.

Mrs. Bruce Dickie and daughter, Marilyn, of North Farmington, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roediger Monday.

Miss Florence Hallet and Theodore Resner, both of Walled Lake, were married at the Franklin M. E. Parsonage Saturday evening, Rev. Walter Luce performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Resner will make their home near the Orchard Lake, and the Fourteen Mile road. Mr. Resner is employed at the Stone Face Garage on the Orchard Lake road.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pickering spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Pickering's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Brodie, and family of Silver Lake.

A birthday surprise was given in honor of Mrs. Mary Bowden, Thursday at the home of her niece, Mrs. Dale Spicer. The guests were Mrs. Charles Knowles, Miss Phena Bigelow, Miss Minnie Lett, Mrs. Fred Van Every, Mrs. C. Kline, Mrs. Daniel McIntyre of Franklin.

NEW GRADER GOES TO TROY

A new road grader for Troy Township is expected to be in operation soon, following its delivery yesterday to the township, according to Garner Miller, clerk. The roads this spring are in fair shape, he said, due to the slow thaw which has resulted in most of the frost leaving the ground.

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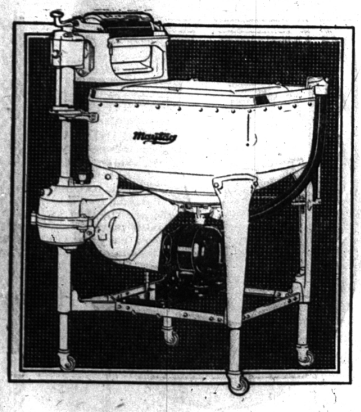

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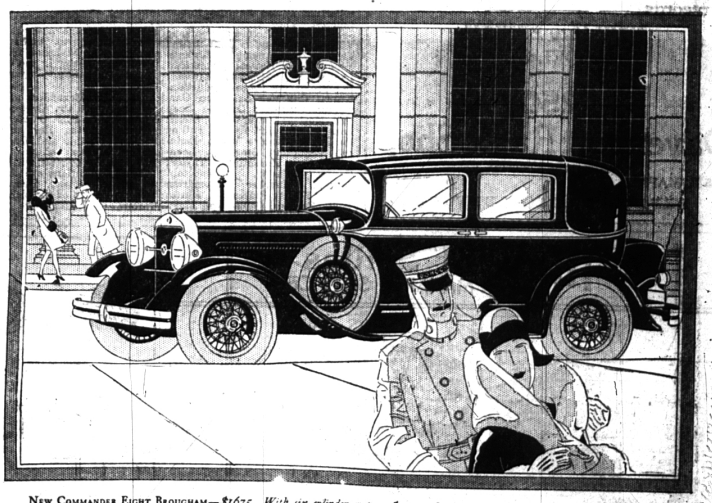

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