

**20 FIRES CAUSE BUT \$15 LOSS IN MONTH**

Twenty alarms were answered by the Birmingham fire department in September, but the total damage amounted to only \$15, according to the monthly report of Chief Vernon Griffith. Buildings and contents valued at \$17,000 were endangered by the flames.

The men spent three hours and 14 minutes in actual fire fighting and trucks travelled 4120 miles during the month, according to the report. Thirty feet of ladder office to give you his attention.

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and 1930, which must have considerably depleted the total property of the township, it is my opinion that there is no decrease in features should show a decided decrease, rather than any increase at all.

Townships Scored

In other words, what is actually the case is that while township expenses have raised only 47 percent, their total taxable property value has probably been lowered. Of course, where a village incorporated or annexed township property, there is no decrease in the township valuation, but there should be a decrease in the services rendered which should be reflected in a reduced budget.

Speaking of Oakland County alone, the statement continues: "We first notice that both valuations and expenses have risen far more in Oakland County than the average in the state. It is equally true, however, that the expenses have increased at a much greater rate than assessed valuations. It is also true that the village and township units have been the greatest offenders in this respect, as the village units have also been in the County of Oakland."

Cities Annexations

"I pointed out in the analysis of the state as a whole, I repeat that it is my opinion that the showing of the townships within Oakland County is not as favorable as at first appears, for the reason that the total value of the total valuation of township property rose so rapidly or to the extent that all the properties in the county did."

"I think the actual increase would be in the neighborhood of 139 percent. This comes from the knowledge that much township property and services were absorbed in the aforementioned period through the incorporations and annexations of cities and villages."

"And for this same reason, I believe the showing of the village property would be much better than at first appears. I think the actual increase in the village property would be much greater than 139 percent, while their expenses were raised only 177 percent, in contrast to the 197 percent increase in the townships."

Village Complimented

"In the light of all this, it is interesting to note that the Village of Birmingham is one of those necessarily few units of government wherein the expenses of the government have not only exceeded the increase in taxable property, but have been actually considerably less."

"In 1923, the assessed valuation of the Village of Birmingham was \$5,829,700. It had increased in 1930 to \$4,872,440, or 341 percent. In the same period the tax levy was increased from \$84,445 to \$355,774, or an increase of only 319 percent. In 1931, both the assessed valuation and tax levy were substantially reduced."

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**170 ARRESTED BY POLICE IN MONTH**

\$404 in Fines Collected by Violation Bureau, Report Shows

Police made 170 arrests in September and collected \$404 in fines through the violation bureau, according to the monthly report of Miss Carrie Stoddard, police clerk, issued yesterday.

The arrests included seven for felonies and 163 for misdemeanors. Three persons were injured in eight accidents during the month. Police investigated 65 complaints and answered 37 calls.

One suicide was reported, four breaking and entering, one grand larceny and four simple larcenies. Fifteen persons were taken in for overnight lodging and 12 persons were reported missing. Twelve dogs were killed and two persons were reported bitten by dogs.

**BALDWIN HAS NEW PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR**

Miss Helen Hammond, a graduate of the University of Michigan, has been chosen to succeed Mrs. Francis Stevenson as girls' physical instructor at Baldwin High School.

Mrs. Stevenson was forced to resign because of ill health and is going on a trip South to attempt to regain her health.

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

Monday, Oct. 12: Peoples Open Forum holds first meeting at Community House at 9 P. M.

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Wednesday, Oct. 14: American Association University Women to meet at home of Mrs. Draper Allen, Westchester Drive, Royal Oak, Michigan.

Thursday, Oct. 15: Meeting of the Musical Association of the Community House at 10 A. M. Pilemon Club to give card party at Community House at 7 P. M.

Friday, Oct. 16: Art exhibit of Oakland County artists sponsored by County Federation of Women's Clubs open in public. Mrs. Arthur Peck of Hanna street to give tea for executive committee and room-mothers of the Barham School. Parent-Teacher Association, at 4:30 P. M.

Saturday, Oct. 16: Saturday Night Dances for Young People start at Community House at 9 P. M.

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