

FIRE IN BASEMENT DAMAGES CHURCH

1st Presbyterian Loss Estimated Between \$200 and \$300. Origin Unknown
Damage estimated by Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith at from \$200 to \$300 was caused in the furnace room of the First Presbyterian Church early Monday morning by fire of undetermined origin.
A general alarm was sounded, and volunteers were called out to aid regular firemen after a passer-by had noticed flames shooting from the basement windows of the church at about 5:15 A. M.
The blaze was confined to the furnace room, where walls, doors, window casings, equipment and stored supplies were burned.
The damage in the room was so extensive that no trace was left of anything which might serve as a clue to the origin of the fire, Chief Griffith said.
The papers collected will be used to defray expenses of the troops and Boy Scout District Committee. Scouts will be aided in the canvass by their adult leaders.

SCOUTS "GOOD TURN" WILL AID CHILDREN

Birmingham Boy Scouts Saturday will do a Christmas "good turn" for children of the city's indigent families.
In connection with one of their regular house-to-house canvasses, for old newspapers and magazines, the Scouts will pick up used card sets and other things which will turn over to the goodfellowers to be repaired and distributed to needy boys and girls.
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The same 25-35 ratio will prevail for the janitors and clerks' payroll, due tomorrow, and also for the teachers' payroll on Dec. 22 unless the Board receives a payment from the state primary fund of other revenue in the meantime.
Previously, the Board had hoped to be able to meet the last payroll before Christmas entirely in cash, but a checkup on the financial condition of the district revealed that, inasmuch as tax collections this year are expected to be delayed until the last of the month, it would be impossible to cover the percentage of scrip for the Dec. 22 payroll unless revenue is received from some other source.
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RAT RATES UNCHANGED

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Palmer Objects
"We may want to use that money for paying teachers' salaries to wards the end of this month or early next month," said Ray A. Palmer, president, in opposing the suggestion.
A large amount of this scrip, Mr. Rosso said, is held by about 30 teachers. These teachers, he said, were urged to hold the scrip when they asked to have it redeemed last year, while other holders were paid off in cash. Since then, with the amortization by state law of delinquent taxes of 1931 and previous years, over a 10-year period, beginning 1933, the redemption of the A and B series scrip before 1935 from payments of 1930 and

Treadwell Heads Masonic Chapter
Stanley Treadwell has been elected and installed high priest of Birmingham Chapter No. 93, Royal Arch Masons, for the ensuing term. He succeeds Alvin Judson, who was elected sentinel. The other new officers are: Claude Morrow, king; John Hartrous, George Forester, secretary; Ernest Flatman, captain of the host; Walter Raychel, principal sojourner; Phillips Abbott, royal arch captain; Henry Wagner, first master of the veil; Oliver P. Cornwell, second master of the veil; Harry Mudge, third master of the veil.

THREE DETROITERS PAY FINES FOR BEING DRUNK
Three men were fined \$10 each by Justice Augustus O'Dell on Bloomfield Hills Monday morning following their arrest Sunday afternoon on charges of being drunk. Police said the men were sitting in a car, the motor running, on Woodward avenue, with a bottle of moonshine in their possession.
The three, all from Detroit, were Albert W. Porter, 14530 N. Pierson avenue; Earl Siders, 13554 Piedmont avenue; and Charles Hubert, 15201 Woodward avenue.

PERJURY HEARING AGAIN CONTINUED
The examination of Joseph J. Morehouse on a charge of perjury was continued again for another week by Justice Forbes S. Haseall in Municipal Court Friday. Morehouse, a 42-year-old salesman who lives at 1240 Maryland avenue, is accused of posting a bond in a civil case in Berkeley justice court, pledging property he did not own as security.

The World At A Glance

"Sound Money" Men Balked Priest's Following Tremendous "Jokers" In Anti-Lynching Bill?

By LESLIE EICHEL, *Contributing Staff Writer*
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The "sound money" men had planned to have a heavy contingent every two weeks. Bernard K. Baruch was first, Alfred E. Smith second. But there may be no third.
The anti-lynching articles now are the new means of approach.

COUGHLIN FOLLOWING
There is no question concerning the following of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin.
A reader writes me from Indiana that the people in his city are solid for the priest.
A priest who attacked him in New York quickly apologized.
From a city band comes word of the popularity of this man.
Fear is openly expressed in conservative circles that "he may lead the multitude astray."

ANTI-LYNCHING
An anti-lynching movement also is sweeping the United States. Some of the angles emanating from the California affair and the subsequent statement of Governor James H. Rolph, Jr., is a paradox. Conservative senators are preparing to insert into any anti-lynching bill a clause directed against all mobs.
These senators are more concerned with the stamping out of gatherings which do harm than mobs which take lives. They

Men Who 'Bought' Club Memberships Receive Refunds
The 16 Birmingham business and professional men who paid \$10 each for "honorary" memberships in the Loyal Orange Lodge and then failed to receive their membership cards, have been reimbursed from a fund deposited Friday with Justice Forbes S. Haseall in Municipal Court by W. E. Collins, promoter of the membership scheme.
When the restitution was made and court costs of \$20 were paid, charges of obtaining money under false pretenses which had been lodged against Collins were dismissed.
Hearing on similar charges against L. M. Adell, Colhan's employee who made the actual "sales" only, was continued to Jan. 12 when Adell refused to reimburse the complaining witnesses for their court costs, which also amount to \$20. If the costs are not paid, Adell must stand trial, Justice Haseall said. Collins, 43 years old, lives at the Seward Hotel, Detroit. Adell is 45 and lives at 3216 Pingree avenue, Detroit.

Lions To Entertain 300 Needy Children
Invitations Will Be Mailed This Week For 4th Annual Christmas Party
Approximately 300 boys and girls between the ages of four and nine, and children of indigent Birmingham families, will be entertained at the fourth annual Christmas party of the Lions Club, to be held in the Community House Friday evening, Dec. 22.
Invitations to the party will be mailed this week, according to Arthur N. Wingerden, general chairman. Admittance will be by invitation only, and the list has been carefully checked to make sure that the young guests will all be children of families in actual need.
Santa Claus will be in attendance at the party to distribute toys and candy to every child, and there will be a Christmas tree and program of entertainment.
Assisting Mr. Wingerden on the committee are C. J. Braams, Walter R. Raychel and Floyd Swayze.

Major general is the highest grade in the United States army, the rank next above that of brigadier general.

SEZ YOU.
True False Score
1. The "twenty-four treaty ports" are located in Japan.
2. The Kyber Pass is on the border between Afghanistan and India.
3. Thomas A. Edison's kite-flying experiment established the identity of lightning and electricity.
4. Thunder is caused by the disturbance of air by a discharge of electricity.
5. Giovanni Marconi invented the electric telegraph.
6. The loss of power by friction is the chief obstacle with which would-be inventors of perpetual motion machines are confronted.
7. William Harvey discovered the fact that blood circulates.
8. Insulin is used in treatment of tuberculosis.
9. Galileo Galilei constructed the first telescope.
10. The Greeks used a bridge to gain entry into the city of Troy.

Answers will be found on page five, this section.

21 Mortgage Loan Applications Filed

To date, 21 applications for mortgage relief have been prepared and filed with the Home Owners Loan Corporation through the First Savings Bank of Birmingham, according to K. D. Watts, assistant recorder. About 12 more applications were filed within the next few days, Mr. Watts said, and in addition there still remain a few eligible mortgages which may be submitted, but on which the mortgagees have not made application or inquiry.

Commissioner of Public Safety James F. Doty has given the receiver permission to accept bonds of the Home Owners Loan Corporation on the offers made to date on the applications filed, Mr. Watts said.

COMMISSION CUTS DOG LICENSE FEES IN HALF
License fees for Birmingham dogs were cut in half by the City Commission Monday night, to conform with the fees established by state law for municipalities which do not sell their own licenses.
Licenses for female dogs were reduced from \$3 to \$2, and for males from \$2 to \$1. Kennel fees were cut from \$10 to \$7.50 for each kennel containing 10 dogs or less, with a fee of \$1 for each dog over 10.

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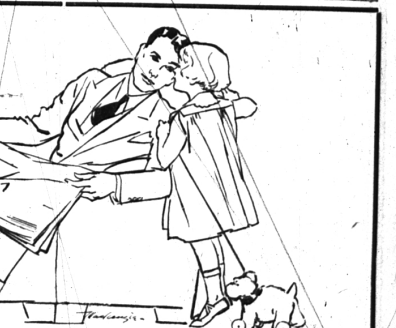
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QUESTION
Will depositors who lost in closed banks in 1932 have to pay income tax? Will they be permitted to deduct for losses?
If not, some congressmen will ask: "How can Bankers Morgan, Wiggin and Mitchell get away with it—when they make millions—and the average citizen not, when he loses his life savings?"

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is said to be greatly interested in the manner of Justice Haseall's promotion of the membership scheme.
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