Firemen Seek Cause of Blaze in Home on Smith Street

Firemen are seeking to determine the cause of the blaze that broke out at 4:35 Tuesday afternoon and did approximately $300 damage to the building and contents at the home of Ira Harshberger, 747 Smith Street.

Neighbors called the fire department when smoke was noticed pouring out of the windows and through the roof about a half hour after the family had left the house.

The chimney collapsed into the house as firemen entered. This house, Chief Vernon W. Griffith explained Wednesday, was built in the "Echo City" before this district was annexed to Birmingham, and the house was erected without present building standards. A false wooden base supported the chimney and when this burned away the bricks and masonry fell.

The fire department was called out at 8:52 Tuesday morning to the office of Dr. Edward B. Spalding, West Maple avenue, when a defective fire place began to smoke. There was no damage.

HOLLAWAY JAILED

Homer Holloway, of Brown street, was arrested by City police Tuesday night near his home on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. Wednesday, Justice Forbes S. Hascall sentenced him to serve 60 days in the County Jail.

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Lions Club Sees Coast Guard Film

Pictures showing the workings of the United States Coast Guard were shown to members of the Lions Club at their luncheon meeting by Lemuel A. Twiggs, chief quartermaster with the Detroit division of the Coast Guard service.

William Spence introduced the speaker who told Lions members that the entire cost of maintenance for the Coast Guard amounted to one half the budget of the entire police department of one of the largest cities in the United States.

The next meeting of the club is to be held in the Girl Scout cabin at Springdale Park. Mrs. Eric F. Hyde, scout commissioner, has invited the Lions Club in appreciation of their building the cabin last fall.

The roller skating party originally scheduled for Monday evening has been postponed to April 15.

CENSUS

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a farm in 1935? 21. Person employed? 22. If in government emergency work, what branch? 23. Was person seeking work? 24. If not seeking work, did person have a job? 25. For persons not working, was person in school? unable to work? doing house work? 26. Number of hours worked between March 24-30, 1940. 27. Duration of unemployment up to March 30 if seeking government work. 28. Occupation. 29. In what industry or business? 30. Class of worker. 31. Number of weeks worked in 1939. 32. Amount of money received. 33. Did this person receive income of $50 or more from sources other than money wages or salary?

There are also supplementary questions which will be asked of heads of families.

McElhaney emphasized that all replies are confidential and available to no other governmental agency.

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She Had So Many Children—

Unlike the old woman in the shoe, Mrs. Louise Schneider, foster mother of 47 children, always knew what to do. When one began growing up, she'd adopt another. Now 59 and ill at her St. Louis home, she is visited by two of her wards, both named Alfred Schneider, who were among those making hurried trips to visit their benefactress.

SCAVENGER

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crease will be offset by loss of revenue which has been coming in every year from old- delinquent tax accounts. Often this has been as much as $25,000 a year. Some of the old accounts will still bring in revenue, for the two 10-year plans are still in effect.

The property sold last week brought in $175,643 in cash or pleges. Of this amount, the city, county, and school district each are entitled to a share, so for the next year or two, payments from this source should be sizeable. After that, they will fall off.

Good and Bad

The scavenger sale has its good and bad points. It was a boon to a few persons whose delinquent taxes were so great that they would have lost their homes. It allowed them to bid in at a price only one-quarter of the assessed valuation.

It gave them another chance, in some cases to retain the old homestead; in other cases, a chance to hang onto a speculation. However, the vast majority of delinquent taxes applied to vacant lots.

People who have always paid their taxes on the line can complain that they paid to the hilt, while others evaded their obligation.

For the City, it is certain to mean better tax collections on *current* accounts, but a loss on the old accounts. In Birmingham, 22.8 per cent of the lots offered went back to the state because there were no takers. It is possible that many of these eventually will be sold and home-building result. The ideal, of course, is to get them back into private ownership and back on the tax roll.

The following table shows collection of City taxes since 1932:

Year	% Collected Feb. 28 following levy	Collected To Date
1932	44	82
1933	39	86
1934	51	83
1935	60	83
1936	68	88
1937	74	84
1938	77	82
1939	80	80
1940	(estimated) 82	

SLOSSON

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I believe that the Balkan situation entered into their conversation," stated Professor Slosson.

Discussed U. S. A.

For the first time in his series of lectures, the speaker brought in the status of the United States in world affairs, declaring that "today the United States stands on the brink of the unknown, of the un-for-seeable. The Republicans, on the threshold of an election campaign, argue that they will maintain the peace; the Democrats state that so far they have kept the peace; and the Socialists and the Communists shout that the capitalists will eventually get us into the war. No political party in 1940 will admit that the United States wants to get into war—the same sort of arguments used in 1916 when Wilson was elected to a second term, yet we did get into the World War a month after Wilson was sworn in the second time."

U. S. Against War

Professor Slosson agreed that the people of the United States are almost unanimously opposed to going to war in Europe, and stated that he doesn't believe we will get into it unless our shores are invaded; however, he admitted that certain factors related to our emotions, following a long series of incidents, might eventually plunge us into Europe's hostilities. A short war, on the other hand, will definitely prevent us from war, he believes. "National resentment, arising from injured feelings, plays a great part in getting a nation into war today," he said.

Dark Horse Stalks

Concluding his address, Professor Slosson briefly appraised the leading candidates of both Republican and Democratic parties for the Presidency, and declared that the chances of a dark horse winning the nomination in both parties is very great.

He pointed out that President Roosevelt no doubt could get his party's nomination merely by asking for it, but that the traditional American opposition to a third term, plus the enemies that Mr. Roosevelt has made in eight years, raises grave doubts as to his final chances for being elected.

Drawbacks to the success of the various candidates were summed up by Professor Slosson as follows:

The ages of both Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Vice-President Garner are against them; though Hull probably has more friends in the pro- and anti-New Deal camps than the others.

Mr. McNutt

Paul V. McNutt's good looks won't hurt him, but his political activities as Governor of Indiana, when he approved a two per cent tax on State employees for a campaign fund won't help, either.

James A. Farley, though an able politician and executive, is first and last a politician, his religion, while it should not affect the case, will no doubt do so, as happened to Al Smith in 1928, stated the professor.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, though a progressive, comes from the small State of Montana. His isolationist policy will hurt his case also, said the Professor.

Among the Republicans he pointed out that Thomas E. Dewey is too inexperienced; Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg although outspoken, is too much of an isolationist, and he has also created many political enemies, argued the speaker.

Senator Robert A. Taft comes from Ohio, "the mother of Presidents," but he is too lacking in personal and political sparkle to win the public; he is a middle-of-the-roader, though able in many other ways, including the fact that he is the son of a former President.

Domestic Problems

Various purely domestic problems ought to dominate the election, instead of trivialties, declared the Ann Arbor savant. He admitted that all parties will probably shy from detailed discussion of foreign policy, but hoped that they would get their teeth into the problem of unemployment, conservation of natural resources, administrative efficiency and the elimination of the spoils system from governmental activities.

At the conclusion of his address be spent about ten minutes answering questions from his interested audience.

Slips of paper were passed around to determine if the audience wished another series of lectures next winter. The approval was unanimous. It is possible that two speakers on the next series may alternate on foreign and domestic affairs.

Prior to Professor Slosson's address, Mrs. Clinton Sears, president of the Community House, made a plea for financial support of the Community House in its annual campaign which runs from April 8 to 22.

THIS AND THAT

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don't answer the charge; call the other fellow names instead.

So the Governor of Michigan told the reporters that the ex-governor formerly was a useful citizen.

At about the same time he posed for the news photographers and reviewed his first year as governor in many other ways he gives every indication of having decided to run for re-election next fall.

I don't imagine the liquor people would be worried to death about that. Neither would McKay or Barnard. Nor would the many Republican jobholders who have taken over since Governor Dickinson signed the bill that tore the innards out of the state civil service system, which was far enough from perfection even before that.

One problem arises in connection with the Governor's renomination. The spring state Republican convention will naturally be expected to pay high praise to the Governor, especially if he is to run again. Yet this convention will be dominated by McKay and Barnard and everybody knows it. So, it won't do to have that group pat Dickinson on the back too enthusiastically. Such action might hint too much of McKay-Barnard support.

Solution of that problem, like so many others, requires considerable finesse.

The Joke is English

Canvasser (to maid at door)—Well? Did you ask your mistress if she'd see me for a minute or so?

Maid — Yes—she said she preferred to sew.

Too Late

"Well, dad, I just looked in to say hello."

"Too late, my boy. Your mother looked in to say hello and got all my change."

Bowling Scores

HOUSE LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Ladd's Service	64	40
Carl's Cut Rate	63	41
Moulthrop Supply	52	52
Orpheum Recreation	52	52
Mid-Pen Coffee Shop	51	53
Milks Service	47	57
Birmingham Eccentric	42	62
E & B Beer	42	62

High score—H. Hill, 677.
High single game—R. Moulthrop, 237.

LADIES' LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Beck's Cleaners	45	27
Wolverine Potato Chips	42	30
Parks Coal	40	32
Photographic Shop	36	36
Wilson Drug	35	37
Pantel Candy Co.	35	37
Davidson's	29	43
Aldrich Gas	26	46

High score—J. Galbraith, 193.
High single game—J. Galbraith, 184.

WERMUTH & SON LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Team No. 1	25	14
Team No. 3	23	16
Team No. 5	21	18
Team No. 2	16	23
Team No. 4	16	23

High score—J. Allard, 522.
High single game—V. Wilkerson, 207.

JUNIOR HOUSE LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
B'ham Recreation Juniors	51	30
Sumner Buick	45	36
Mulholland's	43	38
Sawyer Funeral	42	39
Chesler of Pontiac	39	42
Winningham's	38	43
Ritter's	34	47
Oliver's Beverages	32	49

High score—A. Chapman, 555.
High single game—D. Perreaux, 234.

MERCHANTS' LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Clawson Oil	60	24
Sherman's	54	42
W. & J. Reeve	53	43
Birmingham Scrub	48	48
Guardian Bank	45	51
Cotter's Tavern	45	51
Detroit News	41	55
Dixie Diner	38	58

High score—T. Wilson, 574.
High single game—T. Wilson, 235.
Ladies' high single game—T. Wilson, 192.

LEONARD ELECTRIC LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pts
Team No. 1	50	34	
Team No. 4	45	39	63
Team No. 5	43	37	61
Team No. 7	42	42	60
Team No. 6	40	44	56
Team No. 3	38	46	52
Team No. 2	38½	46	51
Team No. 8	36	48	47

High score—Stewart, 546.
High single game—Stewart, 224.

RANDOM REMARKS;

Hamilton Fish, member of Congress from New York:

"What does it matter about debts, deficits, spending and taxes, if we are involved in a European or Asiatic war?"

Burton K. Wheeler, U. S. Senator from Montana:

"Want and unemployment are the deadliest enemies of the Republic. They are more to be feared than any foreign army."

John D. M. Hamilton, Republican National Chairman:

"For almost a decade, we have been drifting—drifting amid economic chaos and confusion."

Looks for Gold With Frying Pan

Dime store frying pan is used by Louis Raymond in his search for gold along the miles of Pacific beaches fronting San Francisco in miniature rush. He produces a dollar or two a day in free gold, though daily takes up to $40 have been reported.

THEATRE

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Theatre Corporation, present operations of the Birmingham Theatre, has revealed the existence of a 15-year lease with Newhall. What will be the policy of the new filmhouse has not been announced, but there are rumors that the theatre, containing 1,000 seats and smaller than the present house here, will abandon the double-feature idea. Name of the new theatre will be announced shortly.

Bennett & Straight, of Dearborn, architects for the project, revealed Wednesday that they are starting entirely new drawings for the theatre because of the new site. The only fact they could reveal is that the building will not be of old English design, but rather, modern.

RANDOM REMARKS;

A. Harry Moore, Governor of New Jersey, explaining why he is going to get out of politics:

"I want to be able to tell a lot of people to go to Hell, and I am going to tell them."

Lathrup Townsite News

by LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Three Flags Chapter, D. A. R., had as guest speaker Tuesday Mrs. Charles Sylvester Lewis, State Regent. Mrs. Lewis gave an enlightening talk on correct use of the flag, after which tea was served at the home of Mrs. Robert Chaddock, of Rosewood avenue. Two pupils of Lathrup school received prizes for essays they had written on the correct use of the flag. The winners in the contest are Robert Gee and Gordon Walker. These essays will now compete in a state-wide contest.

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Mrs. Jess Mc Neal and Mrs. Hazel Vint, Regent and Vice Regent of Three Flags Chapter, D. A. R., are attending State conference at Battle Creek this weekend.

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Speech class for adults which meets each Tuesday evening at Baldwin High is developing real talent under the tutorship of Mrs. Margaret Stringham. Only last week one of the most original speakers in the class, Clark Hallock, wishing to give a graphic picture on the word ANTHEM, burst into a rollicking triumphal song. He can really sing. And we loved it. Now I'm polishing up—polishing up an apple for teacher as I can't "speech" and I can't sing—but I can polish an apple!

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Mr. and Mrs. John Parkes and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Golear have returned from winter vacations in Florida.

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Earthquakes are a bit uncommon in Michigan, but the Eugene Schnably household on Eldorado place distinctly felt tremors. Last week the roof seemed to lift then settle shakily, the walls fairly trembled with reverberations—from the laughter within them, and all because Ann May Schnable gave an "earthquake bridge" for the members of Radio League Unit 11. Need a spring tonic? Try earthquake bridge.

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Spring gave us a cold shoulder and an icy STAIR for Easter. But she can't hold out much longer. Merry old sunshine will thaw her out soon and then we will again be leaning on our rakes over our fences, discussing garden lore. Such is life.

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Peppiatt and daughter, Ann, of Saratoga boulevard, have returned from Clearwater, Fla. Mr. Peppiatt's father has also returned to the homestead after spending the winter months in California.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kuyhendall, of Hollywood boulevard, motored to Cleveland to join friends who will accompany them to White Sulphur Springs for a month's stay.

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Don F. Diederich gave a formal surprise supper party to honor his wife, Willetta's birthday, Saturday evening, at the home of his father on Saratoga boulevard. Ten couples attended and pretty Willetta was about overcome with surprise and joy—and gifts.

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Mrs. William Orth, of San Jose avenue, entertained a group of women at a shower luncheon for Mrs. Myron Selbold.

RANDOM REMARKS;

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State:

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