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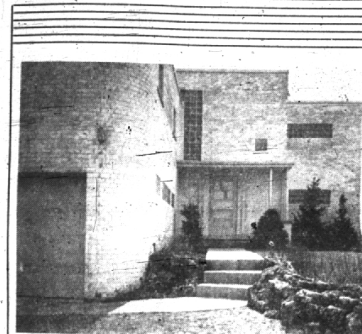
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## Fire Call Mixup Leads to Excessive Berwyn Rd. Loss

Delay of the fire department in arriving at the A. J. Auchterlonie home blaze last Friday morning, after than the fire itself, contributed to be a topic of interest in Birmingham this week.

The first alarm was received at 10:20 a. m., but through a mixup over street names, it was not until 15 minutes later that the trucks went out, resulting in the estimated \$60,000 damage to the \$30,000 house, 540 Berwyn road. The roof of the house was burned away, but the fire did not spread to the second floor.

According to Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith, the first call came from a passerby—a man without a teeth—and in hearing the name "Berwyn," the fireman on duty understood it to be Berwyn, a street south of Pierce outside the City limits. A second call from the colored maid, Essie Griffin, who did not clear up the matter, especially when the maid could not tell whether the home was inside or outside the City limits. Meanwhile the fire department stood by, ready for action, and the City Manager was notified of the call and asked whether aid should be given in an outside fire.

Finally another call described the location of the fire and the department went into action with a general alarm which called volunteers. The attic was a mass of flaming debris, and the fire spread from one of the bedrooms when the department arrived; tarpaulins were thrown over the flames to protect most of the furnishings.

The servant revealed that she had turned radio on in an incinerator an hour before, and Chief Griffith said that embers must have escaped from a faulty fire screen, falling on a shingle roof.

In a report to the City Manager, given to the Commission Monday night, Chief Griffith recommended that the name of the street be changed and that a telephone box alarm system be installed in Birmingham. The cost of an alarm system has been estimated at more than \$10,000.

A fire of identical origin occurred Saturday afternoon at 1012 Oxford drive and was extinguished with damage estimated at \$25.

**Poor Idea**  
Retail jewelers assert that every man who carries two watches. But a man with one watch knows what time it is, and a man with two watches could never be sure.—San Diego Union.

## Have You Met...

Mr. and Mrs. William J. De Beaubien who moved recently from Pontiac to their newly purchased home at 559 Madison avenue. They came here mostly because Birmingham is Mr. De Beaubien's home, and his mother and two of his brothers live here also. An engineer with the Pontiac Motor Car Company, Mr. De Beaubien is a graduate of the General Motors Institute of Technology. Mrs. De Beaubien, the former Margaret Morgan, of East Lansing, attended Michigan State College. They have two children, Peggy, who is in the first grade at Adams School, and young Burtley, aged 3.

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To start out this column, a paragraph on the weather might be well, just for the benefit of readers in far places who are wondering about the mosquitoes on Quanton Lake, and such. As these lines are written (Tuesday morning) Birmingham has enjoyed 10 days of beautiful spring weather—always warm and never a drop of rain.

It has been a long time since April has provided so lengthy a period of balmy weather, and the trees and shrubs are already decked out in green.

The garish red-lead color on the new 500,000 gallon water tank has been covered with an attractive shade of pearl gray.

**Vote Monday on the school tax proposal.**

Johnny Bland, the numbers operator, says he's through with the racket in Birmingham. Time will tell.

Judge Jim Taylor really laid down the law to Johnny, fining him \$25 and imposing a 30-day suspended jail sentence, which means that if he is arrested at any time in the next 30 days, he will have to go to jail. Judge declared, also, that if Bland is caught and fined before him at any time in the future, he plate to pronounce "30 days" in Bland's ear.

Friend of Johnny feel he is being "picked" and are feeling that other number operators ought to take the same rap.

Katie Drum, our Scottish friend, saw someone fooling with a tire outside her home on Brownell street, but it was only a man changing a flat. Fusing with a tire after dark is beginning to look as bad as playing with the combination on the office safe.

It was 4:30 a. m. Sunday and police noticed a car going by with four persons in the front seat. The car was impounded until the driver, Albert Kaskela, 1545 West Hancock, Detroit, could prove that he was rightfully behind the car, which belonged to another. It was OK.

Police are getting more calls about "suspicious" cars parked here and there. In most cases it turns out to be young couples who are—to use that popular term—necking.

One of our unmarried girl employees is disturbed at reports, coming in more frequently as time goes on, of soldier boys getting engaged to girls who live near the post of duty. What is going to happen to the girls back home if this continues? She concluded by remarking: "What a Birmingham needs is an army corps of women." This Wanderer would suggest a naval detachment, which could train young Quanton Lake.

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the dog of Jack Howling, 651 Forest, Carol Armstrong, 2 years old, address not stated on the police blotter, was bitten Monday morning by the dog of E. K. Leavenworth, 1622 Dorchester.

The Rev. John D. Tussey, minister of the Methodist Church at Rockport, Mo., paid a visit last Friday afternoon. (He is the father of Dr. Julian D. Tussey.) Years ago, Mr. Tussey related, he held a pasture in a little town where the newspaper was about to fold for financial reasons. Figuring the town needed a paper, he went to work and kept the sheet going until someone else took it over.

He has been receiving The Enterprise right along and so, when in Birmingham, he decided to see for himself who the folks are who put out this gazette. Incidentally, Mr. Tussey is a confirmed reader of this column.

Floyd Oliver, 64 years old, a resident of Birmingham, died at 1910, died April 16 at his home in Mt. Pleasant.

The county rationing board in April approved new cars for the Commercial & Development Co., Milus J. Whitehead, Max B. Horton, and William H. Blaine.

University of Michigan Alumnæ have won a resolution favoring the 25-mill proposal for the schools.

At the suggestion of a number of Birmingham business and professional men, the local post of the American Legion is holding a social and Legion business men's party Friday evening, May 8, featuring food and cash beef. All merchants are invited to attend, according to Wylie Pearson, of the post.

Note from the Detroit civilian defense office: "If you are driving a horse during an alarm, you must drive to the side of the street and tie the horse and vehicle to a post or other object. Then you must call to the horse."

An Edgewood avenue resident complained to police that school children driving cars race on the street at noon.

Hardship is overtaking some of the boys and girls. On the school page, you will find it recorded that some of the kids at the last Saturday night dance at the Elks Club House, actually walked their "dates" to the dance.

It was 3 a. m. last Friday and police were told of a "suspicious car" in back of the Walbrook building. It turned out to be a man and his wife having an argument. No doubt the car windows bulged and rattled and attracted the passerby.

It is said that the classification of the draft means "bald, belly, bifocals and bridgework."

Last Friday, Fred Paw mentioned in our office how he could hardly wait to get up north and after the trout. And sure enough, we noticed in Sunday's Free Press that he had been successful.

As many of you know, local residents may renew their Election three years for \$3. In answering our letter offering this price, Bradway writes: "Are you not a little optimistic in assuming you will be allowed to run a newspaper three years hence?" Maybe so; anyway, Judson is willing to gamble on it for he sent us the three bucks.

To scotch a fragmentary rumor that possibly the local Buick sales & service plant to quit business, Bud Sumner, proprietor, this week said: "Of course, we plan to stay in business and carry on the same principles of good service that we have for years. More than ever, since my father's recent passing, we feel our obligation to carry on the same fine customer relations and to appreciate that, even in these war emergency times, we can provide an automobile service for this community."

A classified ad offering an apartment for rent recently resulted in 40 queries.

Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian, was called to Appleton, Wis., last week by the illness of her mother, who passed away Tuesday.

Mrs. Karl Davis of Ferndale, was driving through Birmingham Saturday with her husband, towing a trailer full of furniture. Mrs. D. tossed a cigar out of the car window and when they found the trail obliterated, she knew what had happened to the cigar. Firemen extinguished the blaze.

Our malus floribunda (flowering crabapples) are in blossom!

J. B. Lake, program manager of WCAR, gave an interesting talk Friday, keeping the audience in suspense until Monday. Major climaxes are built up during periods of two or three months.

Pleasant avenue folks who are exposed to the morning sun—related how they are writing—carefully so that a climax is built every Friday, keeping the audience in suspense until Monday. Major climaxes are built up during periods of two or three months.

A Humphrey street youth asked police Monday to help him get into his house so that he could receive a newspaper. His father would not let him in, he said.

In the past, City ordinance has decreed that theatres must close at 12:30 a. m. Because of Government "shorts" and longer pictures, the 12:30 deadline is not adequate, and the ordinance was changed Monday night to 1:30 a. m. However, as in the past, children 15 and younger must be out of the theatre by 10:30 p. m. unless accompanied by some person over 21.

Paul Hendricks and Ralph Edward Miller told police they were 21 when applying for a taxi driver's license. The police found them not of age and their licenses were revoked Monday night. Floyd Ballard, 1364 Ruffner, was granted a license.

Hearing on the proposed alley improvement from West Maple to Willets will be extended another week. The police will make an assessment district can be refigured.

## Barber Shop Quartet Conclave May 16

At Friday night's business meeting of the Oakland County Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, to be held at Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield center, at 8 o'clock, final arrangements for a state conclave on May 16 will be announced by President Leo Steers.

The conclave on May 16 will be open to the public—both men and women—and will be staged in the large auditorium of the new Elks Temple in Royal Oak. Quartets from all of the 14 chapters of the society in the State will participate, as this is the final "warm-up" for the national contest and convention in Grand Rapids. Twenty quartets have already signed up to participate, and in addition there will be "gang" singing aplenty, according to Bob Bradley of Birmingham.

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Charles Mason, arrested April 22 on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, was sentenced by Justice Forbes S. Haeall to serve 30 days in the County Jail.

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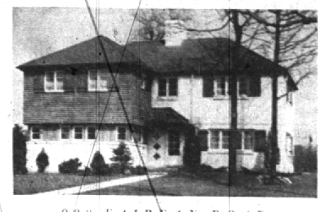
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