

Quick Work Prevents Serious Loss In Two Fires Here This Week

The city fire department was called to the Allen Orth home at 683 Mohagan late Tuesday afternoon to handle a small fire in the basement. The furnace had backfired and blown off the smoke pipe, setting fire to a small amount of laundry. Damage was slight.

Sunday quick action on the part of passersby in reporting a fire in the rear of the Field building on West Maple allowed the fire department to get on the job in time to smother what firemen declare might have soon developed into a dangerous blaze.

It is believed someone had dropped a lighted cigaret into a pile of empty paper cartons in the rear of the building. These flamed up and set fire to the rear of the structure.

Hazel Park Boys Rob 3 Birmingham Business Places

Three Hazel Park youths are being held by the Detroit police for a series of robberies, all committed last Friday night, including three in Birmingham. The list includes the Quality Market, Deer's Beauty Parlor and Consumers Power company offices, all on East Maple street; a gas station in Royal Oak; a barber shop in Ferndale and a restaurant in Ferndale and Detroit.

The youths were questioned at about 4 p. m. Friday morning at a Detroit restaurant. All three ran from the place, police say, one being quickly captured and the other two being found at their homes.

Taken were William Johnston, Donald Hicks, and John Wallace, Hazel Park. It is reported they are to face breaking and entering charges in Wayne county circuit court.

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The registration period for the spring term at Wayne University will open Wednesday, January 31, and will continue until noon, Saturday, February 3. Classes will begin on Monday, February 5.

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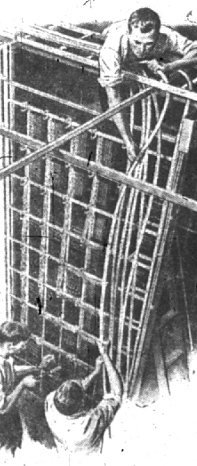
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A TELEPHONE CENTRAL OFFICE IS A "HAND-MADE" JOB



EXPANSION of telephone central offices has been halted for over two years because of the war, and many thousands of persons are waiting for telephone service.

When it comes to expanding a central office, mass production methods are "out." Cables, wires and intricate equipment must be connected individually without interrupting present telephone service. Millions of connections must be soldered by hand.

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pointed out that the "job" of expanding a telephone plant is a time-consuming, labor-made process. As an example, he said the present manual office in Birmingham is being replaced by a dial office serving the Birmingham exchange and central office facilities. The inability of the company to provide service to all who want it was attributed to a shortage of telephone instruments, wire, cable, and central office facilities. The company's expansion program was brought to a virtual stop in 1942, but in the previous two and one-half years, Michigan Bell spent \$60,000,000 on new facilities, Paterson said.

As an indication of the amount of telephone material going directly to the battle front, Paterson said that the war output of Western Electric Company, manufacturing arm of the Bell System, for 1944 was more than \$2,000,000 for every day in the year—amounting to one and one-half weeks as the company's sales to the Government in World War I. Paterson said that Michigan has 1,350,000 telephones in service today in the year—amounting to one and one-half weeks of production in 1939—a gain in five wartime years amounting to half the growth in the previous years of telephone history in Michigan. From 5,200 telephones in 1918, Michigan Bell has grown to 6,900 today for a gain of 33 per cent.

Obituary

David Roy, 231 East Brown, died at his residence early Monday morning following a long illness. He was born in Durham, Canada, Feb. 6, 1882, and married Matilda Casey Jan. 25, 1882, at Lexington, Mass. He moved to Oakland county in 1900, to Leamington, Canada, and to Birmingham in 1907. He was a foreman electrician for the D. E. R. from 1905 until 1927 and retired in 1931. He was a life member of Birmingham Masonic Temple in 1908; Birmingham Survivors in 1908; Birmingham Grandchildren in three great-grandchildren.

Service was held yesterday at 3 p. m. at the Bell funeral home with burial in Greenwood cemetery.

Walter C. Chaffee, 545 Greenwood, died Jan. 19 after an illness of several months. He was born Sept. 19, 1875, and married Lucette Coffin in Birmingham, Ala., in 1904.

Chaffee was a graduate of 1898, and married Matilda Casey Jan. 25, 1882, at Lexington, Mass. He came to Birmingham three years ago from Detroit where he was an architect in the firm of Bonham and Chaffee. Among some of the more notable structures built by this firm are the Harmon Hotel and the Indian Village Manor and several schools. Besides his widow he is survived by three sons, Walter C. East, Edward Y., Edward M., Detroit; and Lt. (j.g.) Donald M. USN, of Birmingham. Three brothers also survive, Melzar, Montclair, N. J.; William N., Honeoye, and Amos E., San Diego, Calif.

Services were held Monday at 11 o'clock at the Bell funeral home with the Rt. Rev. Kirk B. O'Farrell, Detroit, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery, Detroit.

★ INVEST IN VICTORY—BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Value Of The New Visiting Teacher Program Explained

School social work, better known as Visiting Teacher work, in the state of Michigan. As a result of an appropriation in the budget for 1944-45, the program designed for the prevention and treatment of behavior problems and delinquency areas, a teacher was employed in the Birmingham schools. Since the opening of school in September this year has made excellent progress. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, "Many children who are meeting difficulties in making an adjustment to their school program in such a way as to get the maximum good from the opportunities offered them in terms of their own potentialities have been assisted."

Educators are aware that the program of the school has a dual obligation if it is to be effective, continued the superintendent. "In the first place, knowledge must be imparted and skills developed as tools for an approach to the problem. Secondly, the child's social attitudes and the physical, mental, and emotional difficulties which are related to the problem must be analyzed. These latter adjustments are basic to reasonable attainment of the former objective for the child who suffers physical impairment, or the child who experiences emotional strain will succeed in the classroom. Furthermore, each child has a certain mental capacity for learning and it would be most unwise to expect a child to measure up to a standard beyond his own capabilities.

"The school program must meet these variations. This requires individualizing the help and the person through whom the help is extended is the visiting teacher. Through their careful study and guidance the child's difficulty is analyzed, and steps are taken to aid the child in overcoming his difficulty. Frequently the parent is consulted and given an opportunity to cooperate in the analysis and solution of the problem. Teachers are also consulted and their cooperation requested in an effort to make the necessary adjustment on the part of the child.

"The program has proved its worth beyond a doubt as far as the administration of the schools is concerned, and it is hoped that the program will soon be accepted as a regular part of the service rendered by the State of Michigan."

NOTICE
To the members of the Birmingham Community Association: The regular meeting of the Birmingham Community Home Association will be held at the Birmingham Community Home, 1000 1/2 Michigan, Oakland County, Michigan, Monday, February 13, 1944, at 8:00 p. m.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 13th day of January, A.D. 1944.

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the area's anticipated post-war population increase, looking ahead as far as a population of about sixty thousand people; planning of residential areas in relation to grocerias, transportation, and commercial areas; planning for recreation and club areas.

Many Other Studies

Studies will also be made, explained Mr. Saarinen to those at the meeting, of land use over a long term plan; research on the extension and use of sewer, water and other utilities; a solution will be offered for the parking program.

"All these plan studies will be brought together and integrated into a general development plan, which will be the basis for recommending size of residential lots and densities of population in residential areas, the location of schools, local shopping and community centers, and other related subjects that are part of any plan that will protect existing and future property values," stated Mr. Saarinen.

It is not the intention in developing the plan to give a static picture or pattern to this area, which may be altered with the loss of its intrinsic values," concluded Mr. Saarinen. "Such a general development plan should be a dynamic and elastic one, with the ability to provide for changes that may develop in the future. The future of the nation suggested a continual co-ordination of the problems as they arise in the future into the present suggested.

Bloomfield Hills already has made much progress in consideration of obtaining an overall area plan from Saarinen & Swanson, and at the Hills City Commission meeting next week some action is anticipated on the project.

MAJOR MATHESON HOME
Major Charles F. Matheson, a P-38 fighter pilot with the 9th Air Force in France, is home for a family visit with his wife and two-year-old son, Billie, 870 Hazelwood, where Mrs. Matheson and son are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Brown. Major Matheson has been spending a few days of this week in Grand Rapids visiting his mother, Mrs. Chas. W. Matheson. Following his visit he will return to France to continue his war duties.

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Seventy Motor Corps Women Attend Dinner at Community House Tuesday

More than seventy members of the Northern Oakland chapter of the Red Cross Motor Corps attended a dinner at the Birmingham Community House Tuesday evening where the activities of the past year were reviewed and appeal made for an even greater participation now that the demands of the armed forces have been stepped up.

Robert W. Herr, of the Detroit office of the F. B. I., was the principal speaker of the evening. Mrs. Otto Winter, a former Birmingham resident and executive officer of the Northern Oakland group, came on from Grand Island, New York, to act as toastmistress for the affair. Mrs. Harry Little led the group in renewing the pledge of the Motor Corps and Mrs. Esther Turner, Captain of the stirring keynote address. She also introduced Mrs. Ida Hubbard, officer in charge of all public discharging of the Red Cross. Mrs. Hubbard stressed the great need of the civilian population at the present time. She also reported on the progress of the "Ida Hubbard Fund" which is used in helping furnish the limited war necessities that are so necessary to them in returning to civilian life.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a letter to the nation suggested by fifty-two members of the group. The letter, which was presented to the Detroit office of the Motor Corps, requested that the Motor Corps be recognized as a branch of the Red Cross. After presentation of the stripes special acclaim was accorded members of the Northern Oakland Corps original aviator of service troop who in November, drove five Army vehicles to an undisclosed eastern embarkation point. The lead officer was Mrs. George R. Marquis, of Bloomfield Hills; Charles S. Rust, of the Birmingham City Planning Commission; E. W. Sealhorn, Amos P. Gregory, and H. C. Mack, of the Birmingham Board of Education; Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, local superintendent of schools; J. Anderson, treasurer of Bloomfield township; Clyde C. Bennett, recent president of Birmingham Real Estate Board; and three local citizens, R. H. Whitlatch, Vm. B. Sturgis, and W. P. Henderson. George R. Averill, publisher of The Eclectic, served as chairman.

The next meeting of the special new committee to be created will be held in the immediate future.

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High Twelve Club In Study Of "Colors"

The Birmingham High Twelve club, at its meeting Monday evening at the Community House, heard an interesting talk by H. McCaffrey, manager of printer and maintenance sales of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company.

He was introduced by George Steelman, program chairman. The new club president, Guy Jensen, took office at this meeting. Mr. McCaffrey took for his subject "Colors" and demonstrated the making of various colors.

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