

Favor Bus Shelter at Lincoln, Hunter

Representatives of the Greyhound Bus Co. have indicated to the city that they would like to replace present bus stop signs and posts more in keeping with the type erected by the city.

mission Monday evening. City Manager Donald C. Egbert said, "The bus company also favors the idea of having a passenger shelter constructed at the northeast corner of Lincoln and Hunter. Property designed, I believe the city should authorize such action. But the state will also have to give its approval, since it will be constructed on state right-of-way."

Fire Department Praised for Efficient Work

City commissioners were surprised again this week by a letter from a local citizen who took time to write city officials concerning the adequate services performed by a city department. Mrs. G. M. Dweley, 631 Southfield on behalf of herself and her husband, wrote Birmingham Fire Chief Vera W. Griffith praising his department's action in connection with a fire at their home last week Thursday (See story on Page One).

"Mr. Dweley and I wish to express our profound appreciation to you and the department for the speedy and efficient manner in which you extinguished the fire at our home yesterday. We feel the care with which you avoided any damage to furniture or ornaments is outstanding. Mrs. G. M. Dweley, 631 Southfield on behalf of herself and her husband, wrote Birmingham Fire Chief Vera W. Griffith praising his department's action in connection with a fire at their home last week Thursday (See story on Page One).

"With all our gratitude to the Birmingham Fire Department, and to your personally, please believe me. Very sincerely, Katherine Dweley."

Fall Ingathering Planned by Women of Christ Church

The fall Ingathering of a United Thank Offering will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9 by the women of Christ Church Cranbrook. There will be Holy Communion service in the church at noon. At this time, the offering is to be presented.

Memberships Still Come In; Y Pays Tribute to Workers

Latest report bulletin of the Y membership drive, which closed last week, indicates a total of 442 members were signed in this past campaign and \$1,523.00 in cash was turned in. Oscar Peterson, local chairman, stated that these totals were very gratifying to the 38 workers that comprised the three competing Ranch teams.

Attractive cards for meritorious work and in appreciation of their efforts have been mailed to those who participated in the drive. Congratulations were extended to Oscar Peterson, Young C. Smith, Everett Allen, Ray Peck and Howard Sumers by Edwin F. Kibbert, Y secretary, for spearheading the local organization to its most successful membership round-up.

Holland Resident Wants to Keep Car From Bogging Down

George Dimas, 1617 Holland, recently built himself a new garage but is worried about his being able to use it this winter. Appearing before the city commission Monday night, Dimas pointed out that Torrey street, from which he enters his driveway, is in pretty bad condition, particularly when there is a little moisture in the ground which makes it very muddy.

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Fireplace Chatter

Edited by Floyd C. Unland. A smoking fireplace is more than a nuisance. It's like a good used car that won't run! When you build, have your contractor guarantee his work in writing. Remember, a fireplace can work in mid-summer, you had better in mid-winter. Second things you can check-up yourself: the damper should set toward the front of the fireplace and at least six inches above the top of the opening. If you can look straight on the face of your fireplace, it's not built right. You should see light, but not sky. Angle Series is the only one we know that will really give fireplace and guarantee its work. Always Ladies. When you buy the screen for your fireplace, consider the screen's primary factor... safety! The safest screen we know of is the custom built spark arrester by Chamberlain. It fits flush against the opening and is fully bonded in solid brass. Next safe is the folding screen in three panel or four panel. The latest safe screen is the permanent mounting variety screen. It hangs free at the bottom and can be used under the curtain. There's nothing to stop them. Too, the youngsters can push in the curtain and get in, in, or on the fire. "Dispute Department"... you don't lose any heat from your room out the fireplace, on a cold day! Next cold day, open the damper and lay a lighted cigarette on the hearth. Watch where the smoke does. Mother Nature will burn warm air upwards, cold air will go down, and when the fire is cold, there's a definite down-draft. Any solid brass will tarnish but can be brought back to its original finish. For average polishing, we recommend Fuller Brush Company's brass polish. Heavily tarnished or lacquered brass should be buffed, polished and re-lacquered. It does away with a lot of "AK-18" power, Jack Klubb, Big Brother (1931) will do a good job for you and stick up and deliver your child. "Tried Out" Department... speaking of polishing, we've been asked about, and here tried the Glass Wax Mr. Godfrey talks about, an unbelievably in the morning. While we haven't tried it on badly tarnished brass and copper, we doubt very much that it will remove some of the tarnish caused by the fireplace heat. However, we have found that the wax gives a lustrous sheen to brass and copper whether used over the lacquer or on the metal. On newly polished silver, try some Glass Wax, and, by Godfrey, watch 'em shine! (Sorry, we don't sell it!) Strange as it seems, there is an genuine Antique Hammered Brass on the market today. Regardless of what you see advertised, there's just one's so much thing. Reason: Antique Hammered Brass must first be polished—then hand-hammered—then etched with acid to "cut" it—and then lacquered. Result: at least a 25% increase in value over the plain, Hammered Brass. Genuine fireplace literature advertised are only one iron with a false brass finish. This finish will crack, peel, or flake off from the heat of the fire. "Pet Power"... the fellow that calls on to have his fireplace repaired because of smoking... we call Angelo... Angelo makes special trip... be quick at all times... a closed flame... We'll never be able to understand why little will spend several thousands of dollars to have a fireplace built in their homes, but their intention to make the fireplace permanent in the room, and then expect to have it replaced in the rest of the year. Your fireplace grate should be large enough to allow at least one inch air space at the back and sides to keep it from burning out. If you're really going to use your fireplace, buy a heavy duty grate. It costs a few dollars more and will outlast three in five of the lower-priced, flimsy grate. It seems like you get an actual idea of how the fireplace will look when it's completely finished. Regardless of what anyone says, the only way to know if you like the fixtures you select is to see them in your fireplace. Like buying a car? You'd better try it on first! You'd better try it on first! You'd better try it on first! You'd like us to step over, call Birmingham 3140 for an appointment at your convenience. To clean the inside of your fireplace, use a solution of Muriatic Acid and water. Get the acid from your drugist. The brick must be scrubbed—but be cautious... it's corrosive. The mild bleach like Dettol must be cleaned, scrubbed and completely with clean water. After you finish with the cleaning, build a new fire, and watch it get nice and black again. Don't paint the inside of your fireplace! When you build a fire, you'll get paint odor in the room. Try it—you'll smell it! We occasionally use a ball-tan and ball-tan treated with round base, in an antique fireplace opening... with one of Chamberlain's screens made to fit the exact curve of the opening. As to size of the fixtures in modern to the fireplace itself, much depends upon the size of the opening, size of the hearth, width, size and height of mantel, room size and furnishings in the room. All these things are important! Regardless of where you buy your fireplace fixtures, buy the best quality you can get. If you can't afford the entire assembly, get it piecemeal, buying the screen and grate first. Solid brass will last forever. On the average, a complete assembly made in cast iron costs about \$100, less the regular ensemble discount. Questions regarding your fireplace should be addressed to Brass Unlimited, Birmingham, Michigan, purchasers of "Fireplace Chatter" from this newspaper. Your questions will be answered on the first and third Thursday of each month.

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