

**Fire Stations**

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Egbert asked for, and received from the commissioners, permission to have two outside sites approved for a station.  
The first would be on the west side of Adams, midway between Maple and Forest.  
The other is at the northwest corner of Bowers and Adams.  
The department, operating from two sides of the city, would be in a position to answer alarms in their areas without having to use streets in the congested area, the manager pointed out.  
"In responding to calls from the central business section, the department would readily reach the section over comparatively un-congested streets."

**POPULATION** increases will require the department to expand to two units within the next few years, Egbert said, but it is not planned that a new fire station will be constructed prior to 1955.  
"However, plans must be made and property acquired before the need actually arrives," he warned.  
Fire department facilities, when merged from the municipal building would provide space for expanding administrative functions of the city, the manager said.  
He added that the removal of the fire department from its present location and the re-establishment of facilities in two other areas is recommended by the local fire inspection bureau.

**Local Youth to Attend State Hi-Y Meeting at Lansing**

Frank Poole and Gordon Yates will represent the Birmingham Hi-Y Club at the state Hi-Y Legislature this weekend in the capital at Lansing.  
Yates is delegate with Poole as alternate. He will occupy a seat in the House of Representatives and be eligible for election to one of the state offices.  
More than 400 boys are expected to participate.  
Billy have been prepared in advance by the various Hi-Y clubs throughout the state and will be introduced in the mock legislature Friday morning.  
Gov. G. Mennen Williams will speak at the Friday evening banquet and will officially open the mock legislature.

**An Editorial**  
**Republicans and Democrats Act Foolish at Times**

How filled with perversion are the ways, at times, of politicians. It would be amusing, were it not so serious, to observe the manner in which Michigan's State Board of Canvassers is handling the results of the recent election, insofar as it relates to the Governorship.

Gov. Williams, according to figures submitted to the Secretary of State from the 83 county election boards, won over Harry F. Kelly, by 1,154 votes. Those figures are the official ones now in possession of Fred M. Alger, Jr., Secretary of State, himself one of the three members of the State Board of Canvassers.

The other two are Republicans D. Hale Brake, State Treasurer, and Lee M. Thurston, Supt. of Public Instruction.

These three gentlemen are now being accused by the Governor of failure to discharge their sworn duty by certifying him as the gubernatorial candidate winning the recent election. Were they to do this, Williams would continue as Governor until the official recount, demanded by Kelly, is completed. If the canvassing lasted into 1951, Williams would still be Governor.

The Republicans, however, have different ideas.

They apparently intend to refuse certification to Williams until the recount is completed. Thus, if that job is not finished until some time in January, Republican Lieut.-Gov. William C. Vandenberg would become acting-Governor, with all the powers of that office.

HE COULD MAKE ABOUT 20 important appointments to various State Boards and Commissions, quickly obtain approval by a Republican-dominated Senate, and thus hog-tie Williams, should the latter finally be found to have

obtained the majority of votes when the recount is finished.

Williams and his legal advisors argue that the Board of Canvassers is violating the State laws by not certifying the victor now, from figures furnished the Secretary of State by the county election boards.

To date, we have not heard the Republicans oppose this contention.

So that's where the matter stands, or did a few days ago when this comment was written.

We believe Williams really has a case. Finally, whatever takes place to Williams' dislike will be argued in the courts.

On the other hand, it must be remembered that in politics, as in much of the remainder of human activities, "it depends upon whose ox is gored."

The Governor, despite the stand of the Legislature, the Civil Service Commission and the State Supreme Court, refused for many months to allow Gen. Louis A. Kunzig to hold his job as general manager of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Was the Governor's stand in this case illegal?

**WILLIAMS RECENTLY WAS** outwitted when Democrat Dave Martin joined Republican Harry Henderson, as Liquor Commissioners, and re-instated Kunzig.

No doubt the general public, in appraising both the Kunzig and the gubernatorial election result cases, is disgusted with the manner in which some high State officials act.

All of which reveals, to be sure, why the citizens of a great State become nauseated about the processes of self-government.

So America continues to stumble along in the darkness of selfishness, especially as it encompasses politics and politicians.

**New Bloomfield Village Fire Hall Nearly Completed**

Construction on the new \$15,000 Bloomfield Village fire hall is nearly completed, and tentative plans call for it to be dedicated Saturday afternoon, Dec. 30, according to Charles W. Wiggins, 734 Yarmouth, fire chief of the volunteer department.

Work remaining to be done includes grading of the driveway, painting and telephone installation. The fire hall was erected on an 80 by 140 foot lot on Broadway boulevard, southeast of the Bloomfield Village school.

**ASSISTANT FIRE** chief is Paul N. Averill, 876 Glenngary Circle, and captains are Joseph F. Baldez, 487 Williamsbury, John S. Oiler, 894 Glenngary Circle and George A. Zink, 3565 Roland. In addition, there are 25 volunteer firemen.

The department is supplementary to the Bloomfield township fire department. The village fire truck has been previously stored in a barn in the subdivision.

**THE BLOOMFIELD** Village Protective association was responsible for the project and Gardiner Voss, 425 Glenngary, was the architect. The building was constructed by W. C. Scott, Red Maple lane, Bloomfield township.

During the dedication ceremonies, the services of former fire chief Harry Corbet, 430 Woodale, will be recognized and he will be named an honorary fire chief.

**Necessity Determined For Pembroke Manor Street Improvements**

Necessity for having and construction of drainage structures on certain streets in East Maple Gardens and Pembroke Manor subdivision was determined at a public hearing Monday evening at the city commission meeting. A hearing to confirm the assessment rolls was set for Dec. 18.

Several property owners appeared Monday evening and stated that there wasn't a need for the improvements.  
Mayor Bruce Booth pointed out that plans for the improvements originated after a petition was received from established residents of the district. The petition stated that the residents should be provided with passable roads for police, fire and medical protection.

The streets affected are St. Andrews from Maple to Pembroke; Pembroke from Elm to Coolidge and Manchester, Windemere and Buckingham from St. Andrews to Coolidge.

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**Bloomfield Twp. Bd. To Meet Tuesday**  
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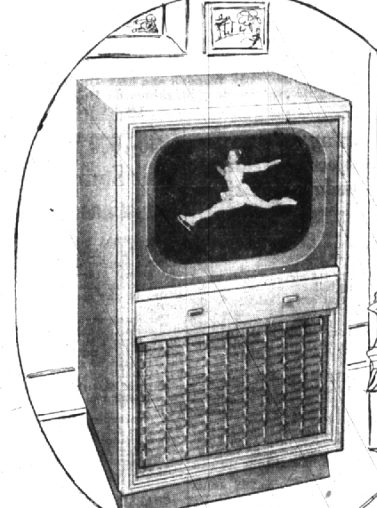
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**Detroit Woman Hurt In Local Accident**

Mrs. Isabel Forier, 74, of Detroit suffered a cut forehead and shock Monday in a two-car collision near the West Maple bridge.

Walter M. Higgins of Lake Orion told police that his car slid onto a patch of ice and slid directly into the path of the vehicle driven by Henry Forier of Detroit. Both machines were badly damaged.

**Fire Dept. Report Shows Quiet Month**

Another month of little activity has been recorded by the Birmingham fire department.

The November report showed a total of 23 alarms received, 19 of which were silent alarms for fires and fire investigations. Four alarms for gas investigations were also received.

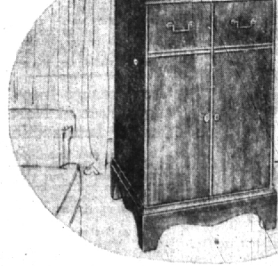
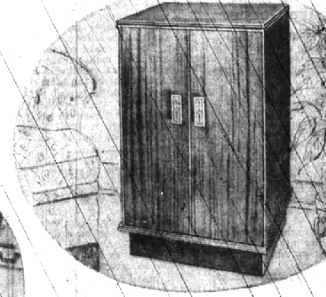
The estimated damages of \$2,100 represented \$1,500 on buildings and \$600 for contents.

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**\$140,000 Terrace Project Planned On Southfield**

Application was filed this week for building permits for a \$140,000 terrace development on the west side of Southfield, between Northlawn and Worthington, City Building Inspector Backley G. Omans has revealed.

To comprise 28-family units fronting on Southfield, the applicant is the Lincoln Construction Co. of Detroit, which has erected a similar development on E. Maple between Columbia and Eton, Omans said.

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