

Burning Permits Will be Issued by Fire Chief

R. J. McLarty, district conservation officer at Royal Oak, in reminding property owners of fire hazards, stated that anyone who will have occasion to start an open fire in the woods or grass lands this spring, or before the snow comes again next fall, must make special preparations.

First, a fire permit is required, he said. In Birmingham this can be obtained from V. W. Griffith, chief of the Birmingham fire department, who has been named by the department as their "key

man" for this area. Such permits in unincorporated areas can be obtained from the township fire chief.

To get a permit, one must register his name and address, the location and description of the property to be burned and the material, such as leaves, grass, stumps or debris.

The permit will be issued by Griffith if the weather is not conducive to fire hazard and will validate it for the time the property owner wishes to burn the area, up to four days. Should a longer period be needed, it will be necessary to renew the permit.

Fire As A Tool

"The aim of this law is to permit the use of fire as a tool to clear land and dispose of debris, but to control it and prevent un-

called for damage," McLarty explained.

While strict interpretation of the law would require residents to get permits for just burning household papers, etc., McLarty said the department will not require permits in cases of this nature.

Conservation department reports show that winter burning has destroyed much valuable acreage, has burned out natural refuge for wild game, endangered human lives and caused high commercial losses.

"The issuance of these permits and adherence to the rules laid down by them will keep a closer check on fires and leave fire fighters free to work on necessary calls, rather than waste their time on false alarms," he said.

"It will also tend to cut the initial hazard since the rules control location of fire, days on which a large-area fire is considered safe, and call for a constant guard while the burning is taking place."

Civil Action

Persons guilty of starting large-area fires without the permit and careful following of the rules thereof will not only be guilty of the breach of law but their negligence will be open to civil action to recover any damages caused by their fire, the conservation department warns.

McLarty stated that local persons, following the rules of the permit, and being able to prove the necessity of their request to Griffith, should have no difficulty. He asked the cooperation of all in this matter, in an effort to save property damage, human lives and game refuge in the city limits.

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To Leave April 1



MARY SHELLY INGALLS

Charles H. Kass, president of the board of directors of the Community House, this week announced the resignation of Mary Shelly Ingalls, director of recreation and adult education at the Community House.

Miss Ingalls, who has held her present position since September, 1948, will leave April 1 to join the Kansas City (Mo.) recreation department.

An art education and community recreation graduate of Wayne University, Miss Ingalls also studied at Ann Reno Institute in New York City. Before coming here, Miss Ingalls, who is 31, was with the American Red Cross for three years and was service in Germany, England and France.

When submitting her resignation, Miss Ingalls expressed regret at leaving Birmingham but stated that she wanted to be near her mother who lives in Acheson, Kan.

Miss Peter R. Loomis, first vice-president of the Community House Board of Directors, was hostess at a farewell tea in her home on Dorchester avenue, Saturday afternoon honoring Miss Ingalls.

Miss Ingalls' successor has not been named.

St. James Cagers Pass First Hurdle for Church Title

Representing the Birmingham YMCA church league in the inter-mediate division of the Metropolitan Detroit church league playoffs, the St. James Episcopal church overcame its first hurdle last Saturday with a 39 to 24 win over Calvary Methodist church.

Playing on a strange floor before a capacity audience, St. James trailed their taller opponents for the first half but managed to pull out in front during the third quarter.

With Tom Maxwell, Harry Franz, John Burton and Bob Pope ably supporting the other players, the Maple avenue boys maintained a six-point lead for the remainder of the game.

St. James opposed St. John's Episcopal church of Royal Oak at the Hamman YMCA last Tuesday evening. The score of this game was not available at press time.

Horse

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rain. Then began the exodus. Everyone got his car out while the getting was good. If you were one of the lucky ones to drive over later, you have these men to thank: Cliff Williams, Harry Maydon, Don Benway, Hans I. Brundland, Bill Bishop, Dave Marlow, Dick McKay, Norman Facer, Kelly Sandstrom, Weber, George Jacobson, Vern Kirby, George Hassett, Bill Sleet and Paul Goodwin with his patrol truck.

Claude and Walter Whitmer pulled the more reluctant cars through their tractor, grating.

The small fry rejoice because there is "no school" till further notice. Older brothers and sisters, who go to school in Birmingham, complain loudly because they must walk to Maple road to meet the bus.

Van Dusen Cites Need for Voters to OK Bond Issue

City Commissioner C. Theron Van Dusen, whose term expires April 10, this week said he hoped to see local voters approve the \$100,000 bond issue for improvement of the city's DPW yard at Eton road.

In a statement today, Van Dusen declared:

"Ever since I have been on the city commission, I have been concerned about the inadequate facilities at the DPW yard.

"The department has been laboring under a severe handicap due to the lack of space in which to house and maintain its mobile equipment. This results in much lost time and inefficiency—and causes undue depreciation on expensive equipment which has to be left out in the weather.

"Spend Money to Save Money"

"This is a case where it is good business to spend money to save money.

"The DPW yard should also be greatly enlarged and the driveways paved to permit proper handling of materials.

"I think it important that the citizens should understand the need for these improvements and I hope that they will approve the \$100,000 bond issue in order that we may undertake them this summer."

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City Considers Street Improvements for Crestview and Sheffield Areas

Permanent improvements on four streets in Birmingham Crestview subdivision will be planned and costs estimated by the engineering department, the city commission determined Monday evening.

Affected are Maryland and Shipman, from Lincoln to 14 Mile; Northlawn, from Birmingham Blvd. to Stanley, and Southlawn, between Southfield and Stanley, all of which would receive curbs and hard surface under present proposals.

Members of the audience admitted a need for some sort of improved road conditions in that area, but several disagreed on just what type of improvement should eventually be made and how it should be financed.

To Discuss with Manager

The commission agreed to have a subdivision committee meet with City Manager Donald C. Egbert to discuss the matter in more detail before plans were returned to the commission and a hearing set.

Concerning the condition of city streets, Egbert suggested that the city should perhaps charge builders \$50 per home, the money to be used in maintaining streets over which trucks hauled building materials.

Commissioners, while agreeing with the general idea, did not take formal action on it.

Egbert also recommended that any improvement of undeveloped streets in the eastern half of the Sheffield Estates area be done prior to their acceptance by the city as being of city standard.

Suggest Builders Pay 100 Per Cent

City Commissioner Milton F. Malleader declared, "I don't see why the subdivision developer shouldn't bear the entire cost—100 per cent—of such improvements in entirely undeveloped areas."

The city normally pays 15 per cent of such improvements if done through a special assessment district.

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