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Fire Chief Asks Hazard Checks In City's Homes

"The basement," declares Fire Chief W. W. Griffith, is the nerve center of your house. The spot where one-third of all home fires start. Once a fire begins there it may be difficult for firemen to control it if there are stacks of old magazines and papers, furniture, old rags and other combustibles for it to feed on. A clean basement is essential to a fire-safe home.

After clearing out accumulated rubbish householders should check these other potential fire hazards, Griffith advises.

The furnace is dangerous when dirty. Have it cleaned regularly. Don't put off necessary repairs to furnace or smoke-pipes.

Don't leave rubbish or kindling near the furnace. They might ignite from the radiated heat.

CHECK TO SEE if the ceiling and walls near the furnace feel hot to your hand. If so, you might need additional insulation to keep them from charring or catching fire. If in doubt, check with an experienced repairman.

When the repairman comes, ask him to examine the entire heating system for any needed repairs. This might save your home.

Provide covered metal cans for ashes. Never place them in wooden or paper boxes.

Have your furnace checked by an expert repairman at least once a year.

Don't try to repair any automatic heating unit yourself unless you can qualify as an expert technician.

Do not leave paints, turpentine or other painting materials near the furnace.

If possible, provide a heavy flush type door at the head of the cellar stairs and keep it closed with a spring or self-closing device. This will slow up any fire which might start in the cellar.

IF YOU THINK there's a gas leak in your cellar, or anywhere in the house, don't go searching for it with a match. Call your gas company and keep your family out of the house. Open windows.

Don't use a blow torch or open flame to thaw frozen pipes. Use hot water or call a plumber.

Be sure you're using the proper size fuses. Fifteen ampere fuses are recommended for most household circuits.

Fire Prevention Week in the City of Birmingham will be observed Oct. 8-14. The fire department asks the cooperation of the occupants of every home and building during this period to rid the city of fire hazards.

Information on the removal of them will be released before and during the Fire Prevention Week.

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Holy Name PTA Plans Year's Program; New Staff Members Named

First fall meeting of the Holy Name PTA was held Monday evening.

The Rev. David J. Duncan, pastor, and the Rev. Joseph Kress, spoke on the new school and the cost of bus maintenance.

An advisory committee of Mrs. John S. Cross, Jr., Gerald Phelan and Thomas Doe was named to consider the most efficient means of obtaining bus revenue.

Due to the increase in the size of the school and the larger enrollments, eight sisters and six lay sisters have been added to the staff. Kenney Barnowski has been named athletic coach. Both boys and girls will receive athletic instruction.

Mrs. Bernard Lourin has been placed in charge of the new cub scout pack being formed.

SCHOOL BUSES will provide transportation morning and afternoon, with special service for kindergarten children.

Plans for the PTA activities of the year were also discussed.

We Heard It Said By— Mrs. Walter Dimes, 1740 Henrietta: "I wish something could be done about the sidewalks near Pierce school. Contractors working in the area this summer have torn them all up and gone away and left them. The ground is clay, and now after these heavy rains it is a sea of mud. The school children have to wade through it and, of course, track it into the schools. Among the smaller children, who sit on the floor for story hours, it's just that much worse. I've called the city officials and the school, but no one seems to know just what can be done."

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"Fall" Champions, All



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The kick-off meeting was attended by 150 campaign leaders and agency representatives from 27 counties. They seek a goal of \$1,818,000 for some 29 health and community service organizations.

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"Y" Membership Drive Under Way

Young C. Smith, general chairman of the local YMCA enrollment drive, announced this week that 8 per cent of the goal of 500 members and \$2,000 in cash had been turned in. The drive is now underway and will last until Oct. 15.

Bi-weekly report meetings will be held until the goal is reached, Smith added.

Smith told the campaign workers that the figures must be obtained in order to insure continuing interest in the program and keep its high place among the associations in Michigan.

MOST OF the contacts are being made through the Y club enrollments started last Tuesday and the first results of this drive for members will be announced next week.

Women Bankers Plan Breakfast Meeting

Approximately 100 women bankers in Oakland county will attend the annual fall breakfast sponsored by the AIB women's committee at Rotunda Inn on Sunday, Sept. 24.

Guest speaker will be Lucy Corbett of the Detroit News. E. E. Crandell, public relations director of the Birmingham National Bank will preside. Also sitting at the speakers' table will be chairman and vice-chairman of the Women's committee, Lorraine Atig, and Dorothy Owen of the Birmingham National Bank.

An added feature of the program will be the presentation by the past chairman's pin to June Newcombe, Community National Bank, Pontiac.

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A Birmingham Policeman: "It is interesting to note the flagrant traffic violations committed by parents bringing their children to our local schools. During the bus strike it has been more marked because more children were brought in private cars. Mothers who insist on stop lights and crossing guards will stop in the middle of the block and let children out of traffic. They stop on the wrong side of the street, in the middle of intersections and then stop, all off by making U-turns in the face of heavy traffic, both pedestrian and vehicle. They should exercise the caution they expect of bus drivers and obey the basic traffic laws set down by the city and state to protect their children."

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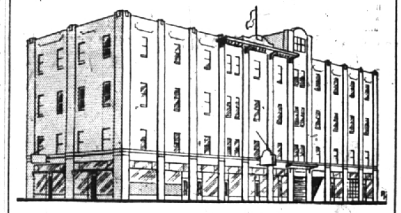
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