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**Troy School Board To Discuss Lights**

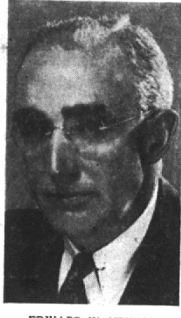
The Troy township school board will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 11. Included on the agenda will be a report by Assistant Superintendent William Schwesler and board members Charles Martell and Russell Robertson on the possibility of installing flood lights on the outside of the new high school as an aid to marking when night activities are held at the school. Dedication ceremonies for the new school have been scheduled for Dec. 28.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

## Veteran Chrysler Employee Retires

A metallurgical engineering career of more than a third of a century, spanning metallurgy's foremost strides in modern industry, has ended in retirement for a Birmingham area resident who was a member of Chrysler Corporation's engineering division.

Week A. C. Zeder, Chrysler vice-president and director of engineering and research, announced the retirement of Edward W. Upham, 65, of 32082 Weston, Beverly Hills.



EDWARD W. UPHAM

In 1913, when young Upham graduated from the University of Michigan, the industry was just beginning to emerge from the cut-and-dry methods of the early 1900's. He worked at the Highland Park plant for the Maxwell Motor Co. as the lone metallurgist among a dozen laboratory employees in a corner of what is now Chrysler's road test garage.

WHEN CHRYSLER CORP. was formed in 1955, Upham remained with the new firm as chief metallurgist.

The expansion of engineering research has been especially impressive in the field of metallurgy. When young Upham set up his laboratory bench in 1913, his most prized piece of equipment was a Leitz-Wetzler metallurgical microscope, with a camera attachment for photographing steel samples.

This magnified steel surfaces from 100 to 500 times. It was theoretically possible to magnify a surface 1000 times, but this was rarely done. In fact, the mounting was so sensitive to vibration that he usually had to wait until the quiet of the noon-hour or else come in on Sunday to use it. Otherwise any truck or car going by the laboratory might jar the instrument and spoil the long time exposure which was necessary.

electron microscope capable of magnifying a steel sample 22,000 times.

Winning acceptance of engineering controls back in the teen years of the automotive industry was a gradual process. Each solution of a production problem added to the confidence of production executives in the little engineering group. In addition to serving as trouble shooter, Upham set up production processes.

His entry into lubricants committee work for the Society of Automotive Engineers began in 1925, and Upham became closely identified with the SAE system of viscosity numbers for lubricants. SAE classifications are now a common language for manufacturer, owner, oil manufacturer and dealer.

THERE WAS NO electric furnace in the laboratory so Upham made one. He worked with asbestos, packed it with asbestos, and succeeded in bringing his miniature furnace temperature up to 2200 degrees Fahrenheit for heat treat experiments.

The present Chrysler Corp. engineering laboratories have an

HE WAS A MEMBER of the lubricants division of the SAE standards committee from 1925 to 1928 and was chairman for 20 years from 1928 through 1948. During the latter part of that period, the committee handled both fuels and lubricants.

Upon finishing his 20-year term as chairman of the SAE Fuels and Lubricants technical committee, the society's technical board and the committee paid tribute to him in a joint resolution.

During World War II, Upham served as metallurgist on airplane engines in the engineering division. In addition to his committee work for the SAE, he has been a member of the executive committee of the American Society for Testing Materials and has been active in the American Society for Metals. He also is a member of the British Iron and Steel Institute and the Institute of Metals.

Upham's future plans are indefinite, but they may include some work as a consultant. Mr. and Mrs. Upham are planning a winter vacation in Florida and will continue to make their permanent home in Birmingham.

**Parking Ordinance For Southfield Twp. Still Considered**

The proposed off-street parking ordinance for Southfield township again will be considered by the township board Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The matter has been considered at the last two meetings but no action was taken.

## Radar Speed Control Is Kiwanis Club Topic; Yule Plans Complete

Birmingham's new radar unit will be the topic of the Dec. 11 meeting of the Kiwanis club. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley will give full details on the operation of the unit and its value in controlling excessive speed.

Club members have completed arrangements for their annual Christmas tree sale which will open Dec. 12. President Kenneth Hoover, Lee Howard, Robert Jones, Charles Savage, William Thorburn, Joe Wheeler and Chairman Marvin Kauffman have been in charge of advance sales among city merchants.

Rollo Cramer and Frank Donaldson have charge of entertainment and gifts for the annual Christmas party for children, planned for Tuesday, Dec. 18.

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