

Home Nursing Class To Train Teachers Being Offered Soon

Civil defense coordinators in Birmingham are issuing an appeal for volunteers to enroll in a training course for home nursing. The classes will start in the near future at the Red Cross offices in Pontiac.

Any registered nurse, former registered nurse or college graduate with teaching experience is eligible for this course, explained Dana Whitman, assistant defense coordinator.

"In times of disaster it is not always possible to obtain medical assistance for the treatment of common maladies," he said, "which makes it important for at least one member in each family to know how to treat patients until doctors or nurses can be obtained."

High Twelve to Hear Detroiters Monday; Plan Dinner-Dance

The Rev. Dr. F. H. Olet of Detroit will be the speaker at the Monday dinner meeting of Birmingham High Twelve at the Community House. His topic will be "What Time Is It?"

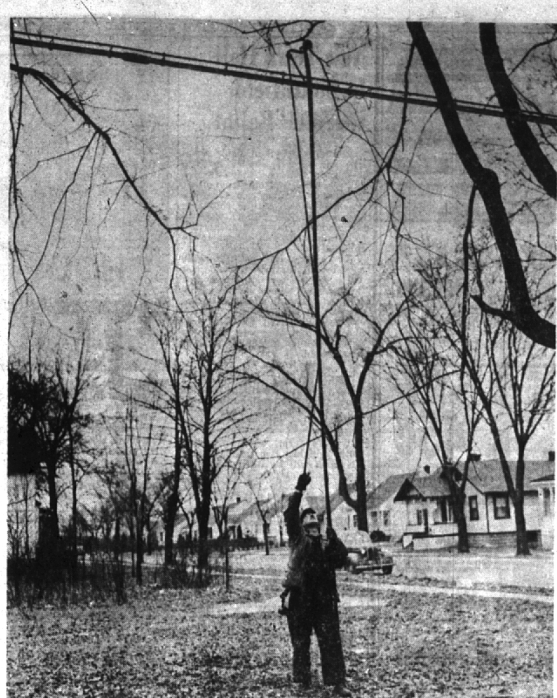
William A. Maynard, president of the state association, spoke Feb. 26, reviewing the history of High Twelve clubs which will celebrate their 25th anniversary in June.

Plans are underway for the annual dinner dance to be held this year on March 19. Music will be furnished by an all-girl orchestra from the Highland Park recreation center. Mel Davey will call for square dances.

Board of Review to Meet March 12-13

The city assessment roll for 1951 will be completed by Monday, March 5, according to Assessor Elmer W. Haack.

He said the board of review will meet in room 105 of the municipal building Monday and Tuesday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. The board will hear complaints from persons dissatisfied with their assessments and correct any errors.



200 MEN EMPLOYED ON COMPANY'S STATE-WIDE PROGRAM Tree-trimming costs less than repairs would.

About a Million Dollars Yearly Is Spent By Michigan Bell on 'Haircuts' for Trees

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

That occasional haircut nature needs costs the Michigan Bell Telephone company almost a million dollars a year.

The company's "barbers" number about 200 men who are seen frequently in Birmingham and hundreds of other localities in the state. These barbers trim trees and though their interest is not entirely in an impeccable landscape, they have an artist's regard for their work that saves Michigan Bell far more than is spent on the trimming job.

Keeping its wires and cables out of nature's hair—trees and foliage—is a priority chore for Michigan Bell from the standpoint of keeping damage costs down and the standard of service up.

A heavy branch whipped by wind can rub its way through a lead

add to the company repair bill. The February 1950 sleet storm cost the company about \$150,000. All of the damage, of course, was not caused by falling branches, but the damage left would have been much higher had not the barbers done their preventive work in advance.

TREE DAMAGE on outside plant could probably be written off Michigan Bell's books if the company welded cable-branches as at everything that came near its telephone lines.

But no property owner likes his favorite maple whittled until it looks like a hat rack. Many land owners prefer not to have their trees touched at all, even though a too-near branch puts telephone service in imminent danger.

Work by Michigan Bell tree men around Birmingham and other parts of the state is done under the supervision of company experts, mostly college forestry graduates. Three of the top supervisors have a total of 66 years experience doctoring and grooming trees.

CLEARING DANGEROUS branches away from wires is not simply a matter of climbing a tree and hacking off chunks of limbs here and there.

It must be trimmed according to its type and age, done so as not to leave a bight on the individual tree or the general appearance of a wooded neighborhood.

Reckless cutting in a more wooded community like Birmingham would quickly take its toll on the natural beauty of the place.

As it is in other communities, mass tree trimming by Michigan Bell is done in Birmingham with the collaboration of the city's foresters. The job done to the satisfaction of both sides by this cooperative effort.

Lansing has a remaining control ordinance which required city approval on any tree work done by anyone in an area six feet from the inside edge of a sidewalk to a home. Other cities hold branch snipping by utility companies to three feet from their wires and some to six feet.

RULES OF THE trade itself also place some restrictions on the trimmers. Michigan Bell, for instance, trains its cutters to trim all branches "flush" with the trunk of the tree.

On most of its cuts, Michigan Bell uses the two-step process.

The first step consists of securing a limb with rope, cutting off a portion of the limb and lowering it to the ground. In the second step, the limb is cut flush with the trunk, this portion of a being tied first.

After the final cut, the tree wound is treated with a compound and an antiseptic.

The two-step method helps prevent the tearing of bark, one of the most prevalent causes of tree decay and infection, according to foresters.

Michigan Bell foresters' field experience is always being augmented by experiments of their own and those performed by the forestry department of Michigan State College.

LATEST EXPERIMENTS are those on brush control. Thick brush along the state's highways often pokes its roots into telephone underground cable conduit or into "blowed under" cables.

At times, they are asked to remove whole trees, an operation that has won for them a lot of praise by outside experts who know about the complications involved—the constant danger of damaging surrounding property or causing personal injury when a huge tree taken out by its roots

Obituary Notices

ARTHUR HAMEL, 45, 225 Hart street, Troy township, died Feb. 25 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

He was born in Madison, Wis. and moved to Birmingham with his parents 43 years ago. He attended local schools and at the time of his death was employed by the Highland Park coal company.

Mr. Hamel married Mrs. Edith Thomas in Marine City on March 26, 1937, who survives.

Other survivors are these children: Avilla, Doris, Arthur, Jr. and Mrs. Donald Ramsey of Birmingham; Leon A. of Haskel; Mrs. Harry Guise of Dearborn and Mrs. Ronald Kuhaupt and Mrs. Warren Westfall of Royal Oak.

Services were from the Marley Bailey funeral home Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. Salvador Farnell of the Christian Mission Alliance church of Clawson officiating. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

MRS. HARRIET R. O'NEAL, 83, of 665 Wattles road, died Monday morning in a nearby convalescent home after a long illness.

Born in England on June 4, 1867, she had been a resident of Birmingham for six years, coming from Marine City. In 1882 she was married to John P. O'Neal, who died in 1947.

Mrs. O'Neal is survived by two sons, Russell, with whom she made her home, and John C. of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Meyer of Roseville and Mrs. Henry Simmons of New Baltimore and one sister, Mrs. Mary Graveline of Amherstburg, Ont.

Services were Wednesday afternoon from the Bell funeral home with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

Sever Movies To Be Shown to Library Group

Kurt Myers, president of the Detroit Film Council will speak at the next meeting of the Friends of the Baldwin Library Tuesday, March 6 at 8:15 p.m.

Myers, one of the country's outstanding authorities in the audiovisual field, will show several films, among them, "Who's Boss?" from the series "Marriage for Moderns." Another is "Corinth Canal" showing Marshall Plan Aid in its restoration in Greece. Others will be "The Story That Couldn't Be Printed" and "Tropical Mountain Land."

Mrs. Alec Parnie, chairman of the Friends' program committee, said, "Because of the need for haste in securing new information and new skills today, there is an increasing interest all over the country in the use of films for education and information."

IN THE PROGRAMS of club, church, and other community groups there is a growing demand for the visual materials which assist people to gain information on important problems in the shortest possible time.

Local Youth Honored At Culver Academy For Scholastic Work

CULVER, IND., Feb. 23—J. Crawford Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Erickson, 585 N. Glenhurst, a senior cadet at Culver military academy, was awarded the highest possible academic honor for this week when he was elected to Cum Laude, national scholastic honorary society.

As one of 14 cadets selected for admission to Cum Laude, Erickson was recognized for his scholastic attainments, citizenship record, extra-curricular accomplishments and all-round character.

During his four years at Culver he has not only maintained a better than "C" average but has been active in the Four Gun Drill team, honor Battery, drill squad and was a member of the 1500 yarder football team.

After graduation next June Erickson expects to enroll as a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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