

Blaze Destroys Two Buildings in Bloomfield Village

Two storage buildings, a small real estate office and some equipment were destroyed in a blaze which swept rapidly over property at the corner of West Maple and Lathrup, Bloomfield Village, Sunday evening.

Cause of the fire was believed due to lightning striking one of the buildings, according to Charles Wiggins, Bloomfield Village fire chief.

THE OLD BARNs which burned were gutted before the village and Bloomfield township fire departments arrived. Firemen kept the blaze from spreading to the nearby house.

Equipment destroyed included a tractor and a truck. Another truck was saved. Damaged buildings and equipment were owned by Judson Bradway.

Replacable damage of the fire has been estimated at approximately \$10,000. One of the barns destroyed was used by the village volunteer fire department to store its fire engine until the new fire hall was constructed the first of this year.

The real estate office had previously been damaged by fire while at another location.

Bloomfield Hills Budget Hearing Set for May 28

Public hearing to consider the \$116,650 budget proposed by Bloomfield Hills Manager Elmer Kephart has been set for Monday, May 28, at 8 p. m. in the Hills municipal building.

The budget represents an \$11,600 increase over last year's. The hike is caused by salary increases and the need for new equipment.

Birmingham Soldier Returns from Korea; Overseas Three Years

Cpl. Theodore C. Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peck of 1440 Birmingham boulevard, is listed among 43 Michigan servicemen who were returned to the United States Monday.

Mrs. Peck said she had heard from her son that he expected to leave Korea April 28, but had had no word from him since that time.

"He told us it would take about two days to clear after landing in San Francisco," she said, "and that he would come home as soon as possible, but not call us before. We're expecting him to fly in, possibly today (Wednesday) or tomorrow."

Franklin Incorporation Sought

Franklin Village residents will not need to take an advisory vote next Monday on whether to circulate a petition for incorporation of the community as a village.

A petition requesting such a vote was filed Monday with Oakland county clerk Lynn Allen.

It was circulated by 26 residents of the area, calling for the county board of supervisors to set an election for the incorporation of the district bounded by Telegraph, 12 1/2 Mile road, Inkster and 14 Mile road.

Robert Spreen, chairman of the incorporation committee of the Franklin Community association, this week sent a letter to Franklin residents calling off the May 28 meeting at which the advisory vote was to be taken.

IN HIS LETTER, Spreen said the petition was circulated in order to avoid the trouble and inconvenience of an election which would be legally meaningless, and he said the petition was filed "in order to protect you by priority over any other petitions which might be filed."

He listed the following residents as having circulated the petition: Charles Baker, Walter Biber, R. A. Brewer, Ross Campbell, Carl Elder, Kenneth Herman, Harry Henderson, W. C. Hinman, Homer Hyde, Phillip Jones, Stanley Krenzel, William King, Victor Matulatis, Arthur Neil, Richard Oberschulte, Harry Rottiers, James Robinson, Robert Spreen, George

was advanced to assistant city engineer in July 1950.

HE WAS GRADUATED from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1947 with a B.S. degree in civil engineering. He served for three and a half years with the Corps of Engineers, being discharged as a first lieutenant in 1946.

Oman has been with the city as a civil engineer since June 1949. In April 1950 he was appointed building inspector and has been busy rewriting the city's building code during a large part of his time.

He is a graduate of Michigan State college, receiving his degree in civil engineering shortly before coming to Birmingham.

OMANS SPENT three years with the Seabees as a construction work supervisor. He is a member of the Building Officials' Conference of America and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He has also worked for the U. S. Forest Service and several private contractors.

Gare has been in the city engineering department since June 1949. After his graduation from the University of Michigan he spent 17 years with the Dearborn engineering department and was assistant city engineer there.

Just prior to coming to Birmingham he completed seven years as city engineer in Ecorse. He also served that city as DPW supervisor.

Gare is a member of the American Public Works association and the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Annual Inspection
City commissioners will make their annual inspection of the Birmingham fire department equipment and the city wells on June 15, at 7 p. m.

W. Smith, Glen Shemakor, Paul Schofield, William Sney, Phillip Van Dyke, Hugh C. White, R. E. Woodburn and Bert D. Wood.

OVER 200 residents signed the petition, the letter states.

The Eccentric was advised Monday that one of the main reasons for the circulation of this petition was the report that the board of supervisors' city and village boundaries committee will recommend to the board in June that the county permit special elections for the incorporation of "Southfield Park" and "Lathrup Village."

Boundaries committee chairman William A. Ewart of Pontiac verified this fact for The Eccentric Tuesday afternoon.

"THE COMMITTEE concluded that the first petitions to be given the chance to vote on their incorporation. We couldn't see any other way than to let them be voted on in the order in which

Mayor Will Name Parking Committee When Rules Are Set

Mayor Chad Ritchie said Monday evening he will not name a committee for the study of off-street parking to Birmingham until the city commission has drawn up "guide posts."

"The more I think of it," he explained, "the more I believe this city commission must erect a set of guide posts for this committee to work by."

"To pick the committee first, and then tell them what they are to do and where they are to go might create a situation under which the members would not care to serve. We should set these guide posts first and then appoint the members."

Milton Mallerud commented, "Let's have the city commission agree on something first this time. It will make it a lot easier for the committee!"

City Shifts Personnel; Add New Man

Department Heads Assume New Duties In General Transfer

Deas Whitman, assistant to the city manager since July, 1950, will be shifted to personnel, public relations, civil defense and general administrative tasks. His place will be taken by Earl P. Sandquist.

Norman T. Knapp, former assistant city engineer, has become superintendent of the department of public works. Barkley G. Oman, building inspector, also will serve as assistant city engineer.

L. G. Gare, city engineer, will have his duties extended to include building inspection and the DPW.

SANDQUIST, a native of Wisconsin, has a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, class of June '50. He will receive his master's degree in public administration at Syracuse university next month.

He served as a bombardier-navigator and administrative officer for the AAF during World War II and after five years military service was discharged with the rank of major.

Married and the father of one child, Sandquist will move his family to Birmingham June 1. Knapp has been employed by the city since November 1947. He started as a civil engineer and

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