

Concrete to Replace Temporary Patches

This fall the city will embark on a program to replace temporary asphalt blocks in front of homes 6-12 months old. The original sidewalk blocks were torn up in making the water service trench to the new homes. "We like to let the ground settle for at least six months," stated Norman Knapp, DPW superintendent, "before we replace the block with concrete."

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 East Lynn cast members and YMCA representatives pause for hero's birthday.

Village Players' Cast Rehearsing For YMCA Benefit

A full cast of the Franklin Village Players is busy at work rehearsing for the two benefit performances to be given October 3 and 4 of "East Lynne" in behalf of the Birmingham YMCA Permanent Building Fund. The melodrama will be given at the Baldwin Elementary School.

Members of the cast include: Rita Berridge, who takes the part of Lady Isabel Vane, the heroine; Harlow Bates portrays Archibald Carlisle, the manly hero; Sir Francis Levison, the villain, is played by Dick Lewis; Mona Hill takes the part of Cornelia Carlisle; Dan Brown is in the role of John Dill, a jaw clerk who has worshipped Carlisle from afar for years. The cast continues with Edward Green, who plays Raymond Vane, the chap

who inherits the title of Lord Mount Severn.

THE ROLE OF EMMA MOUNT Severn is filled by Angela Dudson. Lucille DeVine is found in the role of Joyce, a servant who is devoted to Lady Isabel. Rounding out the cast is Betty Odle as Wilson, another servant; Barbara Hare, her brother, who is believed to be a murderer is enacted by Harden DeVine; Little Willie, the Carlisle's ailing child is portrayed by Betsy Sutherland and Miss Faye Hank is seen as Mrs. Orway Bethel who has recently become a widow.

The three acts are based in England and France and include numerous songs as well as dialogue.

Tickets for the benefit are available at Mortimer's, Shain's and Craig's in Birmingham and at Leslie Fraser's store in Franklin Village.

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED by the Birmingham YMCA to hire an architectural consultant to ad-

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vise them on plans for a permanent brick YMCA building. It is the hope of the local "Y" Committee of Management that such a building can be built to house two gymnasiums, a swimming pool, club rooms, lounge, game rooms, snack bar and other facilities complete with the necessary appointments for group work with boys and girls.

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Maternal Death Decreases Cited

"Today it is safer for a woman to have a baby than not to have one," Dr. Harold A. Ott, 1990 Lake Park, medical director of Florence Crittenton Hospital, said in a statement made on behalf of the Michigan Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists before the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation at the hearing held in Detroit on Tuesday.

Pointing to the decreases in maternal deaths in recent years, he stated that the death rate for non-pregnant women for any nine-month period in the same age group is significantly higher.

IN MICHIGAN in 1900 the maternal death rate was 10.3 per 1,000 live births. In 1925 it had dropped to 6.4. In 1950 it was 0.59. According to Dr. Ott, having a baby in 1950 was 20 times safer than it was in 1900 and ten times safer than in 1925.

"Today," he said, "it is even safer."

"The dramatic lowering of maternal deaths has resulted," he informed the Commission, "from advances in professional skill and knowledge, increased availability and use of medical facilities as well as better living conditions. Studies of deaths of mothers have been of particular importance."

Dr. Ott stated. For over 10 years the Wayne County Medical Society has studied all maternal deaths occurring in the City of Detroit.

ACCORDING TO Dr. Ott, these studies discover problems and suggest solutions which enable physicians to utilize appropriately and effectively those medical facilities and skills at hand.

He pointed out that the maternal death rate for Detroit dropped from 3.0 per 1,000 live births when this study started to 0.59 in 1950.

"This," he said, "was a reduction of 80% in a 10-year period."

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