

Present Day Club Meets

The study of the Present Day club's "Interesting Personalities" was presented Tuesday evening by Mrs. Isaac Kidd, Julius Ayres, Mrs. Harry Clark, Mrs. Horace Barrett and Mrs. D. J. Bleakley. Della Wilson reviewed the magazine "Inside Michigan."

In Bed All the Time

Portales, N. Mex.—While worried neighbors joined in droves in the frantic search for Jimmy Ray, two and a half, no trace of him could be found. Finally, one of the neighbors went into Jimmy's house to get a blanket to keep her own child warm. She uncovered Jimmy—sound asleep with a blanket pulled over his head. Jimmy's mother sheepishly explained she had looked in the bedroom a dozen times but thought the bedding was merely rumpled.

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Southfield Civic Spirit Boon to Area Schools

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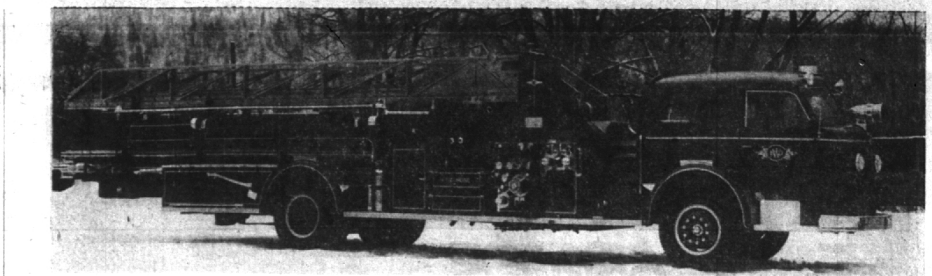
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THIS ENGINE TRUCK CAN ALMOST TALK, or so say fire fighting officials of the all-purpose fire truck pictured above. Birmingham city commissioners have already approved the city's purchase of the combination pumper and ladder truck to supplement fire fighting apparatus. Delivery of the American LaFrance truck is not expected until the middle of next year and officials hope that a new fire station will be in the construc-

tion stage by that time to house this piece of equipment. Voters will be asked to approve a bond issue for construction of the fire hall in the April, 1954 election. Included on the truck will be hand ladders, booster tank and small fire line reel, mechanically operated 65 foot power ladder, 750 gallon per minute pump and hose compartments for 1½ and 2½ inch hose. Cost of the truck will be \$37,500.

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Dream Comes True
Philadelphia, Pa.—Stephen Stolaraki, 44-year-old clerk in a Western Union Office dreamed he was the victim of a holdup. So when he went to work that night he took \$1,000 in daytime receipts and deposited them. His "hunch" was timely, for, two hours later a pistol-carrying robber held him up. Stolaraki was forced to turn over \$300 in cash—all late receipts.
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