

House Cleaning Time Can Promote Safety

Clean-up and fire safety go hand in hand. The first robin is the signal for the average housewife to start thinking about spring cleaning. This annual session with mop, broom and dust pan is as necessary as it is satisfying. It can also save your life.

While you are scrubbing away the past year's dirt you can help make your home fire-safe by eliminating danger spots where fire is most likely to strike.

Add a large metal wastebasket to your cleaning equipment and empty it often. In other words, don't just shift things from one place to another—throw them out!

THIS APPLIES especially to piles of newspapers, oily rags and other combustible rubbish in your garage and yard and in every room or closet in your home from attic to cellar. Besides being a safety measure you'll find it's a time saver too; a tidy house is easier to keep clean.

While you're throwing things away, be sure you get rid of gasoline, benzine or other explosive liquids. They have no place in a fire-safe home.

NOW YOU are ready for a little inspection tour to round out the job.

Look over your electrical appliances to be sure they are in good working order and that there are no frayed cords or wires.

Check your home fire-fighting equipment too. If you own a fire extinguisher, it may need recharging.

"Play it safe!" Now that you have your home spic and span, keep it that way, maintain fire safety.

Prepared as a public service by members of the BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPT.

Local Agency Named

The appointment of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, to handle the advertising of Balfour Electric Products Company, Detroit, has been announced by A. A. Tegen, vice president of Balfour. The appointment becomes effective in June, and the new agency will handle all phases of advertising for the company in the United States.

Village Nursery School

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FRANKLIN VILLAGE
A FINE SCHOOL FOR LITTLE PEOPLE
Transportation Furnished

- Nursery
- Kindergarten
- Play Center

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MAyfair 6-3020

City Wants to Sell Two Lots on Derby

For about \$7,500, the Edward Rose Building Co. can get two city lots and proper access to the company's residential development north of Derby road, Birmingham city commissioners have decided.

The two lots, to be offered for \$2,000 each, are just east of North Derby road. Both North and Grandfield, for the half block north from Derby, would have to be paved before the deal would be consummated, commissioners said.

City Manager D. C. Egbert was asked to see if he could negotiate this arrangement with the building company.

Gain 17, Lose 8

Appointment of 17 new teachers in Birmingham schools has been approved by the board of education. Previous appointment of eight teachers was rescinded when contracts offered them were returned unsigned.

At Armored School

Pvt. 2/c John D. Holmes has completed the armor communications enlisted course at the Armored school at Ft. Knox, Ky. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Holmes, 665 Pleasant.

DEAFENED?

I will rent you a Hearing Aid for a month or two.

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Woodward at Adams Rd. We Give S&H Green Stamps

There is within every normal person an inner, inherent yearning for opportunities to do good for and to others; by reading, writing, or acting, to play the part of the Good Samaritan; you find this inner yearning, and thus reflect Divinity.

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM BACKGROUND

Local History in Story and Picture
As Compiled and Written by RUTH ANNE SILBAR



OLD GRAND TRUNK DEPOT BUILT ON WEST SIDE OF TRACKS IN 1888
The man in the photo is George F. Aldrich, ticket agent at that time

Maintenance of Old R R Depot Was Ladies' Society Project

Once upon a time trains puffed their way through the center of Birmingham, along what is now Hunter Blvd. and the railroad depot, much to the disgust of Birmingham passengers, was on the east side of the tracks.

Protests were made against this hazardous situation for years—but it was not until Martha Baldwin and her Village Improvement Society took hold of things that a new depot was built in 1888 on the safe west side of the tracks.

"The Village Improvement Society," said The Eccentric in October 1887, "have the honor after all others have failed, with the help of a lady who is interested in the welfare of our village, in getting an order issued by the powers that be of the railroad, to build for the Birmingham people a day passenger depot, which will be on the west side of the tracks, a consummation devoutly to be wished."

The new depot, called by travelers, "best depot on the line," was the special project of the Village Improvement Society. Donations for it were solicited from village citizens by members of the society.

Mattie Baldwin who had worked so quietly behind the scenes for the new depot, got recognition from The Eccentric in 1892: "Our new depot building was built mainly through her persistent efforts, ably assisted by Mrs. L. S.

BY THE TIME the new depot was erected, both Mrs. Cranch and Mrs. Furman had died. The members of the Village Improvement Society removed the vines from their accustomed places in 1890 and, greatly transplanted them on the south side of the new passenger station.

The Improvement Society kept its vigilant eye upon the railroad station.

By 1910, the railroad must have become a little careless about the appearance and neatness of the depot, for the ladies of the Improvement Society came out in a public protest against the dirty conditions at the depot.

They asked (and got) three things from the Grand Trunk: the removal of the old milk platform (which nobody liked even when it first was built); a new fence around the ornamental grounds and water inside the station.

BY 1913, the waiting room again was in apple pie order and a model of neatness. A nice sanitary fountain bubbled inside the depot.

The station agent, who at that time was E. C. Osborne, had running city water for cleaning purposes and he and his assistant, C. J. Frye were able to keep the place spick and span clean.

The depot was electrically lighted and every portion of the building, offices as well as public places, were cleaned up. No signs or advertising matter, torn and

Wm. Essery Dies Following Stroke While Driving

A prominent Birmingham attorney, paralyzed by a stroke as he drove his car on W. Maple Wednesday, April 21, narrowly missed several caps of school children before his auto plunged into a ditch at Thurber street, Bloomfield township.

The attorney, William Essery, 62, of 247 W. Merrill, died four hours later in St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

Mr. Essery was born Jan. 21, 1892 at Owosso, Mich. He was graduated from the University of Michigan law school in 1916 and came to live in Birmingham in 1922.

Practicing law in Detroit since his graduation, he was active in the American, Michigan and Detroit Bar Associations.

A VETERAN of World War I, Mr. Essery was chairman of the Detroit Red Cross drives in 1952 and 1953.

He was a member of the Detroit Athletic club, the Thomas M. Cooley lawyers club, and the University of Michigan club of which he was a past president.

He was the national director of the University's Alumnae association and once served on the University's board of control.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret; a son, William E. Essery, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Cecil; and a sister, Dr. Florence Essery.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Christ Church Cranbrook with arrangements by the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton company. Cremation took place at White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

Korean Rest Leave

CAMP HAKATA, JAPAN — Army Pfc. Wilbert C. Calhoun, whose wife Dolores, lives at 613 Meadowdale, Ferndale, recently spent a seven-day rest and recuperation leave from Korea at Camp Hakata, Japan. Calhoun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Calhoun, 5235 Longmeadow, entered the army in March 1953 and completed basic training at Camp Polk, La.

To buy or sell a used automobile, read and use Eccentric Classified Ads.

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PAUL SUTTON

Sutton Will Seek Rep. Dondero's Seat

Paul Sutton of Royal Oak has revealed that he will seek the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 18th District. Sutton, 43, was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and educated in California.

In 1944 after his discharge from the Army, he moved to Michigan to accept a position as a radio actor on a national network.

Until the announcement of his candidacy, he has been Chairman of the Royal Oak Democratic Committee and has for years been active in the Democratic party. He is a Past Commander of The American Legion.

He will face Congressman George A. Dondero, Royal Oak Republican.

Temporary Access To Be Provided

Gravelling of Grandfield road north of Derby at the Birmingham board of education's expense has been approved by the Birmingham city commission.

Improvement of the road is necessary, according to the school board, to provide access to Fernbrook school, now under construction, while Fern road is torn up for the installation of sewer and water services.

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New and Rebuilt Typewriters For Sale—Rentals

Birmingham Printing
3609 EAST MAPLE - MI 4-4740

outdated which formerly had cluttered the walls, were seen. The walls were bare except for framed cards of time tables and railroad information.

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WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
BHAM POLICE CHIEF RALPH W. MOXLEY: "Ralph Riley, Birmingham dog warden, is bringing in about thirty-five or forty dogs each month. He also is issuing about fifteen violation tickets each month."

Baby Week

APRIL 25th to MAY 1st
The time to go "Buy-Buy" for Baby at

The F. J. Mulholland Company

Headquarters for famous Carter's layettes

All Carter knits are made of finest cotton... specially knit to give tiny tots greatest comfort. Easy on Mother, too—they buy quickly, stay gift sweet without ironing. And they're Carter-Set... will not shrink out of fit.

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White or pastel, \$1.50
Birth to 6 mos.

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White, birth to 3 yrs.
Pastels, birth to 1 1/2 yrs. 79c

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Double the Usual Quantity

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A BEAUTIFUL FOIL COVERED REFILLABLE DISPENSER BOX CONTAINING 100 SHEETS OF MEMORANDUM PAPER.

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REGULARLY 4.60

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ON SALE FOR MAY ONLY... BUY NOW, DURING THIS VALUE PLUS SALE... 2.65 VALUE FOR 2.65

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Best Fitting Denim Cowboy Pants!

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EXCEPT SIZES 14 & 12

EVERYWHERE IN U.S.A. SIZES 1-22

HUSKY and SLIM sizes too

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