

PLAY IT SAFE

Be Careful During Long Cold Spells.

Any source of heat is a potential fire hazard unless arranged so the possibility of dangerous temperatures in adjacent combustibles is prevented.

Because wood and other combustible material, after long exposure to relatively moderate heat may ignite at temperatures far below the usual ignition temperatures, any prolonged cold spell should merit additional attention around the heating plant of each home or business establishment.

During continued cold periods the furnace, particularly hand fired coal furnaces, should be watched closely.

People above basement level are unaware of the overheated condition of the furnace while it is attempting to maintain comfortable heat at their level.

IN EXTREMELY cold weather, the furnace must produce two or three times as much heat to maintain the usual temperature on the first and second floors.

If the space between the top of your furnace and the flooring above it is less than 18 inches, a barrier of metal or heat retardant material should be installed. An air space should be between furnace, heat retardant material and

the sub-flooring. Air currents set up will prevent the combustible material from attaining a dangerous temperature with about half the clearance otherwise necessary.

AUTOMATICALLY controlled oil, gas and coal fed stoker boilers and furnaces generally incorporate automatic temperature controls which prevent excessive heat if functioning as intended. These controls should be checked by a competent service man at least once a year to be sure they are doing the job properly.

If you are hand firing a coal furnace and have less than the suggested protection over the top of your furnace, be especially careful any time the ash pit damper is open.

Never leave the house or go to bed leaving the ash pit damper open.

"Play It Safe." During prolonged cold weather make a visual check above and around the furnace searching for overheated wood and other combustible material.

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

Cannoner Takes Rest Leave in Kobe

Cpl. Frederick Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, 88 Hickory, recently spent a seven-day rest and recreation leave from his unit in Korea at Kobe, Japan.

Cpl. Hall, Cannoner with Battery B of the 204th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the army in February 1952 and arrived overseas the following September.

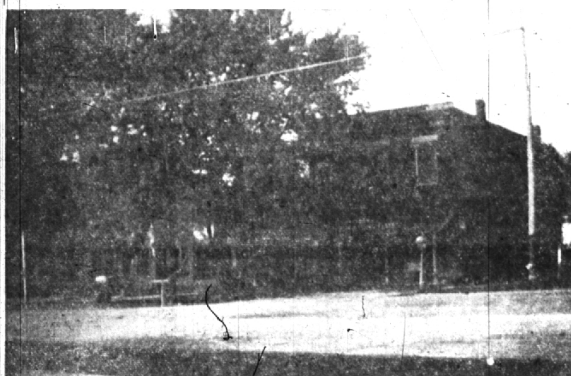
Gifts often say, "Christmas is for the children mostly." To be sure, children should be made happy, but adults, if they understand the real meaning of the season, should get spirit of spirit with its enthusiasm to give more happiness.

The Birmingham Eccentric

Birmingham Background

• Local History in Story and Picture •

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SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WOODWARD AND MAPLE

Old buildings were replaced by brick block in 1905. (Peabody Photo Collection)

Quiet Club Meeting Had Exciting Moment

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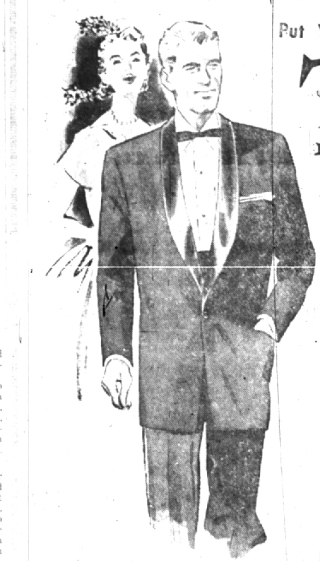
AFROTC Medal Awarded Cadet

Jacques E. Linder, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Linder, 3368 Westchester road, was recently awarded the Air Force ROTC Distinguished Military Student Medal at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he is in his final year of study for a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Engineering.



Linder active interest in AFROTC activities and for his high academic standing at the Institute.

Linder graduated from Bloomfield Hills high school in 1951. He entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology the following fall and upon graduation this coming spring is slated to be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. He is presently serving as president of the Technology honor society, Delta Tau Beta Phi, and is chairman of the Senior Week committee. As a flight leader he holds the rank of Cadet Captain in the AFROTC group.



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Cadet Promoted At Notre Dame

Cadet Burke R. Cueny has accepted the responsibility of feature editor of the Detachment paper "Flying Irish" at the University of Notre Dame. Promotion to Cadet Technical Sergeant of the AFROTC Detachment #25, resulted in his new task. Additional assignments will be preparing promotional reports of cadets to their home papers, a duty of the public information officer of which staff he is a member. Cadet Tech. Sgt. Cueny is a sophomore at the college of commerce majoring in business administration. He is the son of Burke E. Cueny, 1099 Cranbrook road.

Want Ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.



FRED LITTLE, WM

Masonic Lodge To Install Slate At Public Rites

Michigan's past grand master and current grand lecturer of the National Blue Lodge installed officers of Birmingham Lodge 44, K&AM at 8 p.m., Thursday evening.

Fred Little was seated as worshipful master.

Other officers are: senior warden, John B. Potts, junior warden, David Masterton, treasurer, Ernest E. Morrow, PM, secretary, W. Eric Boney, chaplain, John P. MacKay, PM, senior deacon, William M. Barr, junior deacon, J. Parker Eberhart. Senior stewards, Richard Broxton, junior stewards, Woodrow L. Wilson, associate stewards, Jack E. Thatcher, Thomas L. Bain, Thomas L. Harris, and Daniel F. Smith.

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