

Furniture Fires Require Special Type of Treatment

Davenport, overstuffed chairs, bed mattresses and covered springs, among the most widely used pieces of furniture in the home, constitute the greatest danger to life.

The above statement is based on the fact that when people use these types of furniture they are relaxed and in many cases considerable smoking is done at these times.

Fire from a cigarette, pipe or cigar when dropped on the kind of furniture generally falls in the cracks or joints of the cushions. Ashes that contain fire are brushed from the surface and fall in these cracks.

The fire will smolder unnoted for hours, and in some cases after persons dropping them have gone to sleep. It is then, with little or no warning, fire breaks into an open flame.

THE PRIMARY reason fires smolder so long is that when fire starts in the crack of the cushions no oxygen is present to let it flash up rapidly. Instead, the fire gradually eats its way into the inner air spaces of the cushions around springs. Air and oxygen is present here and the complete interior of a davenport or mattress can be on fire and still not be detected.

If it should be detected by people who are not familiar with the characteristics of this type of fire they may merely pour water over the surface of the cushion. Then, believing the fire is out and go to bed only to awaken and find the home or bed completely enveloped in fire.

THE ONLY WAY a fire of this type can be completely extinguished is by the use of high pressure water streams that will penetrate the cotton and padding. Your fire department is the only group equipped with such streams. They will make sure that all fire is safely extinguished. If there is any doubt the piece of furniture will be taken out of the home and covered with a tarp.

If a party has been held in the

home, the person responsible for the dwelling should run their hands over all overstuffed furniture to detect any possibility of fire before retiring for the night.

Play it safe! When an overstuffed piece of furniture, or a bed, has been on fire or exposed to fire, call the fire department. Men whom you employ and who understand these fires will assure you that the home is safe for you and your family.

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

Young Adults Set For Busy Month Of Holiday Fun

December will be a busy month for the single Young Adults club here. The group, that meets each Wednesday night at the Birmingham YMCA, has planned outside programs for added interest.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, a rally will be sponsored by the Y. A. District Council at the YMCA. A discussion meeting will open the program at 4 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a dance.

On Dec. 8 the group will meet at the YMCA here to decorate the Christmas tree and sing carols in preparation for the annual caroling event. Admission for the evening will be at least one tree decoration.

The Birmingham group will join those from Royal Oak and Redford in a hayride Tuesday, Dec. 14. The charge of \$1.50 per person includes the hayride, food and dancing facilities. The program will be held at Hayride Lodge, Rochester.

AT THE REGULAR Wednesday night meeting, Dec. 15, Wilfred Nowell, program director for the Metropolitan YMCA, will be the speaker for the educational phase of the month. His topic, "The Real Meaning of Christmas," will be followed by games and refreshments.

A visit to the Old People's Home on Telegraph road, Pontiac, will be made on Wednesday, Dec. 22. The group will decorate the home and distribute gifts.

Dec. 29 will find the Young Adults celebrating the Y's birthday with a program entitled, "Winter Wonder." The program is to be a surprise.

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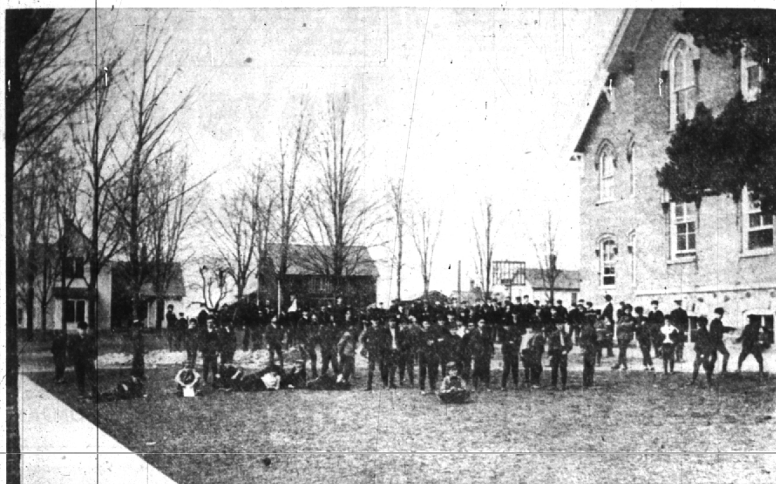
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The Birmingham Eccentric

Birmingham Background

Local History in Story and Picture

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"DEAR TEACHER," the note read, "Please excuse Johnny today. He will not be at school as he is acting as time keeper for his father. Last night you gave him this problem: If a field is five miles square, how long will it take a man walking three miles an hour to walk two and a half times around it? Johnny ain't no man so we had to send his daddy. They left early this morning and as my husband said, they ought to be back late tonight, though it would be hard going. Dear Mum, please make the next problem about ladies as my

husband can't afford to lose the day's work. The Lord knows I don't have no time to waste, but I can spare a day off occasionally better than my husband can. Respectfully yrs, Mrs. J." It just goes to show that even back in 1901, pupils had problems, parents had problems and a woman's work was never done. Photo above shows Hill school's "campus" in the fall of 1903 after the main entrance on Chester had been removed to Martin street.

B'ham, Ferndale Stamp Clubs Unite For Dec. 5 Show

Birmingham will join the Ferndale Stamp club in an exhibition and bourse at Lincoln high school, 9 Mile and Livernois, on Dec. 5.

The affair, open to the public

will have five sections. There will be eight classifications in the United States section; six in foreign; three in specialties, and five in air mail. The junior section will have two classifications, entrants to bring albums, only.

Judging will be on the basis of philatelic knowledge, presentation, condition, completeness and rarity.

Among the local exhibitors will be Russell Cowles, Richard Cowles, Leo Moses, Marvin Preston, Edwin E. Puls, John Clemens, Frederick Rainey, Albert Clark and Emory Wellman.

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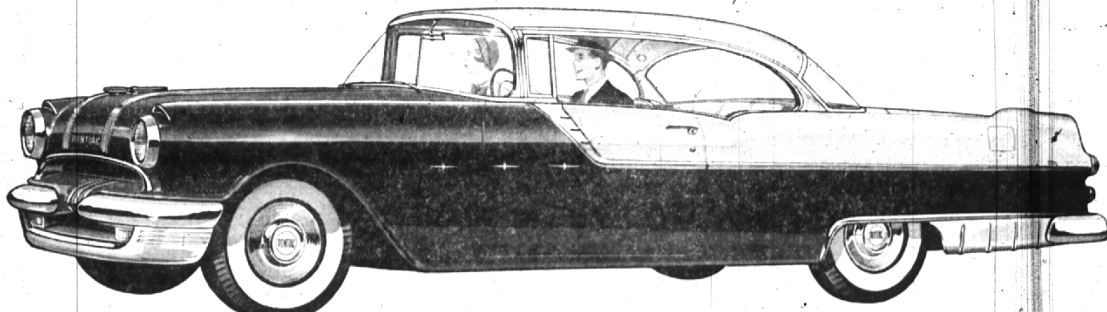
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