

### Firemen Created For Efforts in Recovering Body

WALNUT LAKE—Chief credit for the recovery of the body of Harry J. Heinzman, 72, from the icy waters of Walnut Lake on the night of Jan. 11 belongs to the volunteer firemen of the Walnut Lake station of the West Bloomfield township fire department.

Heinzman, who lived at 5341 Putnam, Walnut Lake, went onto the lake at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, to fish through the ice. When he had not returned by 7:45 his wife, Anna, called the Walnut Lake station.

Volunteer firemen, responding to the alarm, equipped themselves with ropes and lanterns and started an immediate search of the area of the lake frequently fished by Heinzman.

ACCORDING TO Donald Benway, 2201 Langham, one of the firemen, the ice was too thin to support two men close together. So the party continued the search in pairs, walking some distance apart and coupled by ropes.

At 100 yards from shore a hole in the ice was found. Beyond that point walking was unsafe, and a man was slid out on a ladder to investigate something lying on the ice at the fringe of the light from the lanterns.



CITY EMPLOYEES WITH NEW TITLES are briefed for their new jobs by City Manager Donald C. Egbert (center). Jack Walker (left) becomes administrative assistant while Thomas Brien takes over Walker's chores as city building inspector. The administrative assistant's post has been vacant since the resignation of Paul R. Clements in July of last year. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

illuminate the area and help direct operations from shore.

The men worked from the boat in teams of two, breaking ice, and searching the bottom of the lake with grappling hooks.

Heinzman's body was recovered shortly after midnight by Capt. Clayton LaMotte and Lt. Ernest Jacobson, senior officers of the Walnut Lake station.

A coroner's report attributed Heinzman's death to drowning.

### More Voting Wards Suggested for City

Recent creation of three additional city voting precincts may require amendment of the city charter to provide real representative government for Birmingham residents, City Commissioner Lance Minor believes.

At last week's city commission meeting, Minor declared: "Now we've got 11 precincts, and I wonder if they can't be consolidated. Otherwise, to have real representative government, we'll have to have 411 commissioners sitting around this table and will have to amend the city charter to do it."

But City Clerk Irene Hanley pointed out that state law requires a registration of less than 1,600 in precincts with voting machines.

SHE ADMITTED that the creation of voting wards, of which precincts would be a part, is possible. "But that, too, would require charter amendment, since Birmingham now is considered to be only one ward," she added.

Other commissioners, however, made no further comment on Minor's suggestion.

### Bowditch Presented With Memorial Award

Dr. Frederick W. Bowditch, 1810 Humphrey, assistant to the head of the General Motors Research Laboratories' fuels and lubricants department, has been awarded the tenth Harry L. Horning Memorial Award by the Society of Automotive Engineers. Dr. Lloyd L. Winthrow, head of the department, was also given the award.

The two men received recognition for a technical paper they delivered before the SAE in January, 1952, "Flame Photographs of Autolignation Induced by Combustion Chamber Deposits."

### To Meet With Planners In Closed Session

Members of the Bloomfield Hills city commission and the planning commission will meet in joint session Monday night, Jan. 25, to discuss a master plan for the city.

The planning commission has been working for several months to develop the proposal, and the discussion is preparatory to the possible adoption of the plan by the city commission, according to Elmer Kephart, city manager.

According to Kephart, the meeting will not be open to the press or public. He added, however, that an announcement of decisions at the meeting will be made at a later date.

A resolution to ask the State of Michigan to provide more funds to the department of agriculture for the purpose of combating Dutch Elm Disease was passed by the Bloomfield Hills city commission at its meeting last week. A request for such resolutions has been addressed to all municipalities in this area by the Oakland County Foresters association.

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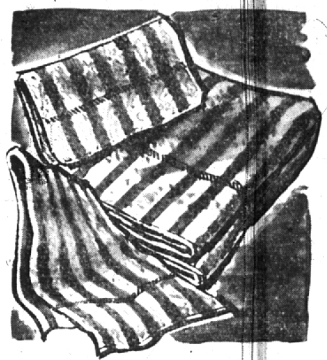
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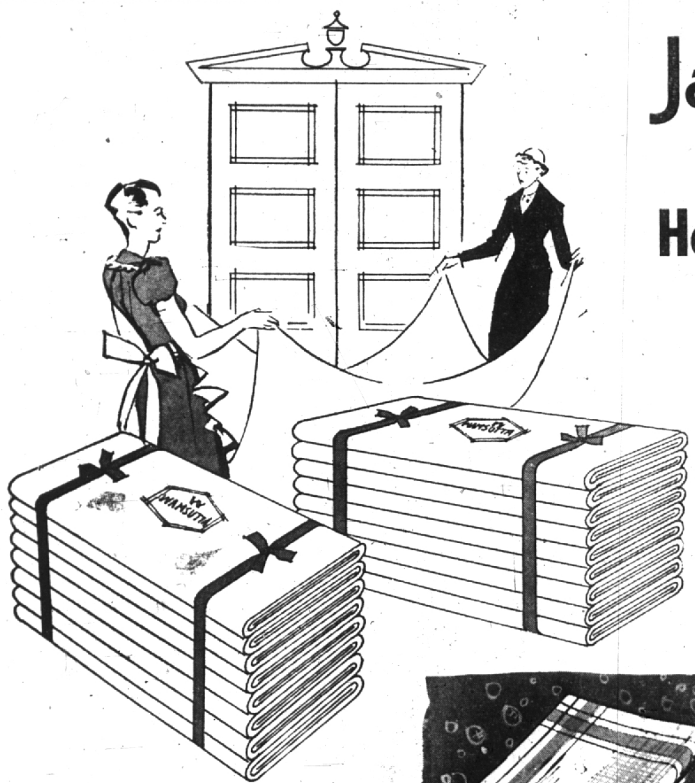
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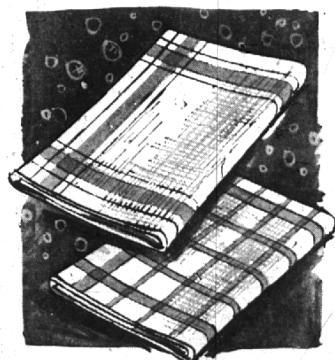
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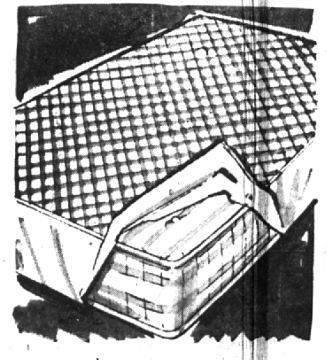
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