

People's Column
Safety Lies
In Proper
Home Wiring

With the high cost of labor and material these days there is an increasing tendency for people to do their own maintenance work around the home.

One of these problems, that should be handled with due respect, is temporary or extension electrical wiring.

In almost every home extension cords are used in one place or another, some in the basement hung on nails, some draped over pipes or just plain hanging, socket to outlet.

On the upper floors they are usually run underneath rugs or through partitions and doors.

ANY TYPE of material is subject to wear and wiring is no exception.

When under a rug wires are frequently walked over and when least expected they wear through, are liable to short circuit and cause a disastrous fire.

When hung over nails, they wear through from chafing, and then short circuit even though fused with 15 amp fuses, and again you are liable to have a fire.

The same situation exists on the piping or when run through partitions and doors.

If extension cords must be used, use a type approved by "Underwriters Laboratories." It doesn't pay to use cheap cloth covered or thin rubber covered wiring.

IF IT IS more or less of a permanent outlet, have a qualified electrician put in a properly approved outlet.

Never drape electrical cords over nails or pipes. Staple the cord with insulated staples and make as neat and safe an installation as possible.

Birmingham CAP
Will Entertain
2 Foreign Units

For the third consecutive year, Birmingham Civil Air Patrol cadets have been selected to be hosts to cadets from foreign countries, with two groups scheduled to visit here shortly.

The first unit, eight girls from Alaska, will arrive here upon June 13 for a three-day visit. Accompanied by a member of the Women's Air Force and one senior CAP officer, the girls will be flown here by Military Air Transport Service.

This is the first time in the history of the Birmingham CAP that an all-girl unit has been entertained.

A schedule of picnics, visits to interesting spots in the area and home activities is being arranged. Two of the highlights will be a trip to Greenfield Village and a picnic supper at the Strathmore road home of Lt. and Mrs. William Treadwell.

The group will travel to Flint after their visit here.

LATER IN the month the second group, six boys from Chile, will arrive for a similar visit.

In addition to its duties as host, the local unit is this year sending its first representative abroad.

Cadet Capt. Robert Owen, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Owen, 303 Park, will leave July 15, traveling by way of France and Germany to be the guest of a Belgian unit.

Remember, you wouldn't drive a car without learning all about it, so unless you know all about electrical work, let someone that is qualified do it.

Play it safe! It may save your life.

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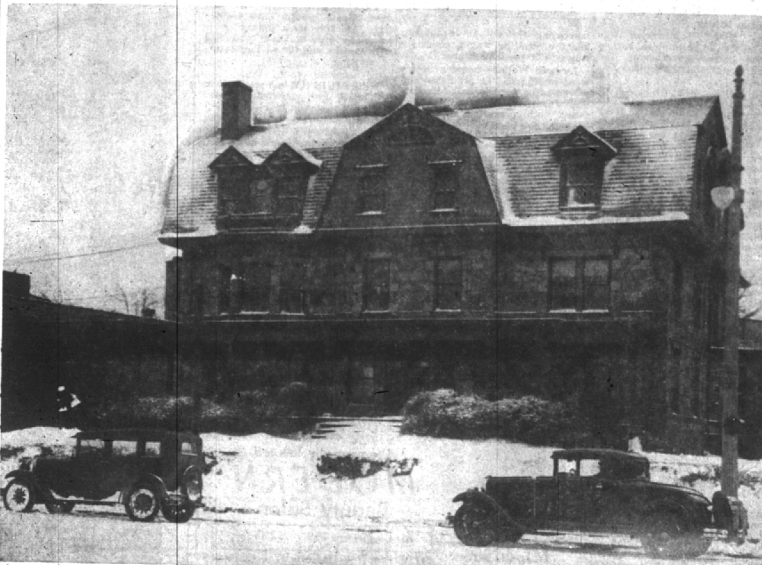
On this earth, it is not easy to attain a status very close to perfection. In Nature, the creative processes of the elements are perpetually destroying material substances; in human nature similar factors seek to keep one from being Godly.

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM BACKGROUND

• Local History in Story and Picture •

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W. A. Stern, a wealthy, retired business man, bought the house and lot on the southwest corner of Willets and Woodward avenue in the fall of 1895 from Miss Alice Cromwell. Moving the frame house on the lot which had been occupied by Miss Cromwell and her mother for many years, back on the south side of Willets, Stearns built upon the Woodward avenue site a handsome residence hitting a man of his high economic standing.

IT WAS A LARGE HOME of "beautiful brown Ionia sandstone" and was said to be the "show place of the county". Indeed, it was the most pretentious residence in the then village of Birmingham.

But Stearns, who had made his fortune in lumbering and real estate interests, had little time to enjoy his new place, for he died in his elegant new home shortly after it was built.

His widow, Mrs. Addie Stearns, a generous worker in the Presbyterian church, continued to live in the house until 1912. It then was sold to Miss Addie Sly from Wing Lake. The elegant house of "pink marble", as some folks called it, eventually became a tea room, managed by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wales Price, and finally was razed to make way for the business block now standing on that corner.

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 'Pink
 Marble
 Palace'
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Driver to Appeal

Found guilty by a jury Wednesday, June 30, of driving under the influence of liquor, William J. Evans, 45, of 1204 E. Third Street, Royal Oak, was sentenced to pay a \$75 fine or spend 10 days in jail by Birmingham Justice John J. Gaffin.

Evans said he would appeal the decision to Oakland County circuit court.

Pleading guilty to the same offense, Mrs. Climitine J. Adams, 56, of 347 W. Brown, was fined \$50.

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