

Even Saturday Alarms Keep Fire Department Busy

The city's fire fighting facilities again were taxed Saturday afternoon when two houses were broken into within 15 minutes. Fire Chief W. W. Griffith said it was fortunate that the first fire was easily controlled and did not endanger nearby properties or result in a second alarm. The city's first truck, standing by at the fire station, was able to go directly to the second fire at 1:35 p.m. It was a busy day for the Birmingham department as seven calls were answered from 1:42 a.m. to 9:08 p.m. All fires, except one, were cured only minor damages to property.

The push for equipment came at 17 p.m. when a defective incinerator in the basement of a home owned by K. N. Lee, 945 No. Glenhurst, set clothing alight in the laundry room. The fire was extinguished by the fire department and the laundry room but smoke went throughout most of the house.

ONLY VICTIM of the Glenhurst fire was one of the family's two dogs, a beagle named Biscuit. Fire Chief Griffith said he had gone to the house and found the animal. Griffith estimated minimum damages at \$1,000.

While fighting this blaze, a second call came in and the last truck went to 907 Ann where an oil-rigging steam boiler was overturned and filled the home with smoke. Griffith said the only damage to this call was by smoke. The first morning call was to extinguish a burning mattress at 17 Greenwood.

At 3:20 p.m. firemen extinguished a chimney fire at 579 W. Brown. At 5:55 p.m. firemen were called to investigate a rubbish fire at 1093 Woodward.

Released at a safety valve in a store at 525 Pierce at 6:18 p.m. filled the store with steam, but firemen quickly discovered the trouble.

Finally the trucks responded to a residential call at 6:45 p.m. at 108 p.m. when firemen were called to 1268 S. Bates to stop a grease fire in a stove.

Telegraph-Maple Shopping Center Slated to Go Up

A residential shopping center may go up on the southwest corner of Telegraph and Maple roads, it was disclosed this week.

Brook, Inc., of Max Brook, Inc., said Tuesday that its firm acted as brokers in a transaction involving Monday in which an unidentified firm purchased 17 1/2 acres on the corner from the Hills Springs estate in the neighborhood of \$600,000.

Brook said the purchaser is interested in developing only the portion of the property that is zoned for business. Business property involved extends 500 feet to the east and south of the intersection and comprises about 5 acres. This property will be used to build a shopping center, Brook said.

IT IS NOT known how soon the purchaser will begin building the center, but it undoubtedly will consist of supermarket, drug store, clothing store, etc., said Brook.

The remaining property is zoned for residential use. The company building the shopping center does not plan to develop the residential sections, but according to Brook the sellers would not part with only the business zoned area and thus the entire acreage was purchased.

The purchasers plan to resell the residential portions of the property for purposes of subdivision and home building. Brook said he is interviewing prospective buyers at the present time for this purpose.

Babe Ruth League To Plan Season

The officers and board of directors of Birmingham's Babe Ruth Baseball League (Little Bigger League) will attend a dinner meeting at the Kingsley Inn, March 16, with the league's sponsors to map plans for the 1954 season.

The main problem, according to Dr. Edwin W. Deer, league president, is to recruit several new managers and coaches for the teams of 13 to 15-year-old players.

"There's no teen-age delinquency problem on a baseball field," Deer said. "Any Birmingham resident who knows baseball and wants to help his community can do it best by getting in touch with us and asking for a job. You'll be repaid a hundred-fold by watching those kids play their hearts out for you."

Troop B-27 Adds New Patrol Group

"Patrol and Troop Camping" was the title of a movie shown to members of Scout Troop B-27 at Tuesday night's meeting in the Baptist church Scout room.

Scoutmaster Gil Gilchrist gave vivid instructions and demonstration in first aid for the boys.

The entire troop is planning to attend the Detroit Sportsman's show on Saturday, March 13, at the stadium. Assistant Scoutmaster Lee Stanger and dads will be in charge of patrol groups and supervise the transportation of all Scouts in uniform.

Recently added to the Troop is the new flaming arrow patrol. Members of this patrol are John Alico, Bill Bibbins, John Kieber, Bob King, Bill Larcher, Sid Sullivan, Dave Underdown, Doug Ward and Larry Wier.

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Obituary Notices

EVERETT E. CARL, 62, of 619 West Frank street, died May 4 in the New Grace hospital, Detroit. Born Nov. 22, 1891, in Howell, he had been a resident of Birmingham for 10 years. With the Grand Trunk Railroad for 33 years, he was a station agent and eventually held the same position in Detroit and Rome.

Mr. Carl was a member of the Birmingham Exchange club, Vermon lodge 278 F & AM, at Durand and Durand chapter 139, KAM. Survivors include his widow, Gladys Ward Carl; a son, Courtney P. Lauderdale; a daughter, Mrs. Sam Yoder of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three brothers, Donald of Durand, Henry of Ypsilanti, and Max of Lansing; and a sister, Mrs. George Chase of Muskogee. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Manley Bailey funeral home, 1100 N. 11th St. The Rev. G. H. Harris of the First Presbyterian church officiated. Burial was in Inwood cemetery, Rome.

MRS. MARTHA H. ROUSH, 90, of 4229 South Verona circle, died Monday in McWilliams Convalescent Home, Farmington township. Born June 19, 1863, in Highland county, Ohio, she lived with her son, Roy W., at the Verona circle address for the past ten years. Survivors include another son, Ulric, C. of Hillsboro, O.; six granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

The body was taken from the sell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company to Hillsboro for funeral services and burial.

MRS. ANNA E. KEHOE, 81, of 588 Pierce, died suddenly at her residence Mar. 4.

Born May 11, 1872, in New York City, she had lived in Birmingham for 15 years. She was a member of Holy Name parish and the altar society of Hillsboro for funeral services and burial.

Rosary was said at the Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company on Friday. The body was taken to Flushing, Long Island, for funeral services and burial.

FRANK ALBERT VOGT, 76, of 807 Emmons, died March 4. He had lived in Birmingham for the past five years coming from Dearborn and Grand Rapids. He was a member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish.

Survivors include his wife, Maude E.; two sons, Frank H. of Berkeley and Cedric F. of Dearborn; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a brother, Magr. Felix A. Vogt of Saginaw. A prayer service was held Saturday at the William Sullivan and Sons funeral home, Royal Oak, followed by requiem mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, Michigan Vost officiated. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

MRS. GENEVIEVE T. MUECKLER, 66, died Saturday in Broward General hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. A former Birmingham resident, she had lived in Pompano Beach, Fla., for the past five years. She was the widow of Albert H. Mueckler, treasurer of the National Twist Drill and Tool company, who died in 1944.

Survivors include five sisters, all of Florida, and a brother, Franklin A. Greaves of Detroit.

The body was brought to the Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company where services will be conducted at 3 p.m. today. The Rev. Robert Graham of the First

Architects Must Defend Torry Construction

Architects in charge of construction done by Torry school have 15 days to present rebuttal testimony given to the Birmingham Board of Appeals that materials used for the school may be in violation of the city's fire prevention code. It was revealed at a Tuesday night meeting of the Birmingham board of education.

Robert F. Swanson, of Swanson Associated architects, told the board that the material in question is wood paneling that was used in the hallway of the school. Swanson said Fire Marshal George Scott charged that use of the paneling was in violation of the fire prevention code on a final inspection after the work had been completed in February.

SCOTT BROUGHT the matter to the attention of the city building department, and from there it was referred to the board of appeals for final determination.

Swanson said a test of the material by Scott, in which it burned readily was conducted improperly. He said Scott painted a piece of wood with the same type of finish used in the school to conduct his test but did not apply it properly. He said the same type of finish flared up when a match was applied to it.

President Ernest W. Seasholtz said samples of the finished wood taken directly from the school would not sustain combustion even after a flame had been applied to them for two minutes.

SWANSON CONTENDS the code violation is being misinterpreted and really applies only to two-story structures. Torry school is one of the single-story buildings.

"The state fire marshal has given the school a clean bill of health and has no objection that he felt all codes of the City of Birmingham also had been complied with," Swanson said.

The board instructed Swanson to prepare the rebuttal for the board of appeals, which has requested the rebuttal to show cause why the material should be left on, or how it can be treated to make it fireproof.

A decision by the board as to whether codes have been violated will follow Swanson's testimony.

3 Missing Girls Call Home From Louisville, Ky.

After having been placed on five days suspension from school Monday, three Birmingham high school girls who had failed to return home by Wednesday morning telephoned at 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon to say they were in Louisville, Ky.

Supt. of Schools Dr. Dwight B. Ireland said the girls had been placed on suspension for truancy. Police said the girls were last seen in Birmingham at noon Monday.

Search for the girls had extended out of state to towns in which they are known to have friends, police said Wednesday.

The missing girls are, Diane and Dianne Trathens, 15-year-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin E. Trathens, 1033 Humphrey and Sharon Walkainen, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waino W. Walkainen, 2684 W. Maple.

Presbyterian church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery, Detroit.

News of Southfield's Angling Road Section

By GRACE O. RUNTA Staff Correspondent FL 1-3754

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Birmingham Eccentric this week introduces Mrs. Grace O. Runta, a resident of the area for 12 years, has had about 20 years' experience in writing for newspapers. She will report the happenings from that section of Southfield township bounded by 13 Mile, Inkster, Lahser and 12 Mile roads.

An old-fashioned hay ride for about 30 young people was held March 6, starting from the home of Miss Sharon Ashley, 20412 Madeline. The party drove to the home of Sharon's grandmother, Mrs. Edith Munger, 12 Mile road, for refreshments. The party celebrated the birthday of Barbara Melnick, 25000 Code.

Mrs. John E. Harlow, 24500 Farmbrook is entertaining the canteen club at her home for the regular meeting. The club recently received a letter of thanks from the Cancer society of Michigan for the continued service it has given for the past five years. The club has made over 2,000 pads, and a number of jennie coats during that time. Most of the members have served the full time since the club was organized.

Mrs. Glen Hoffmeyer 25203 12 Mile road has just received a letter from her son Cpl. Gerald Hoffmeyer AAU, who is stationed in Germany. Gerald is one who is taking advantage of the army service to travel—and he has visited Portugal, Spain, Paris, Brussels, Denmark, and plans to make his next trip to see the Olympic trials.

A stark shower is being given by Mrs. Martin Poff, Telegraph road by the members of the auxiliary Post 407 The American Legion and the Legion Hall on Telegraph, at the next regular meeting May 4.

Play First Round In Cage Tourney

By DON DOROUGH

The Birmingham high school gym was the scene of the opening round of the class A regional basketball tournament last night. Opening games saw Warford versus Detroit De La Salle, Berkeley versus Birmingham, and Pontiac versus East Detroit.

In tomorrow night's games the winner of the Waterford-De La Salle game will meet Mr. Clemens, which drew a bye for the opening round. Also scheduled tomorrow night will be the winners of the Pontiac-Birmingham tilt and the Berkeley-East Detroit game.

The finals will be played Saturday night at the Legion Hall on Telegraph and the winner will meet the winner of the Ferndale regional in the state quarter-finals next week.

Vote Funds to Keep Pembroke School Construction Going

Approximately \$500 will be spent by the Birmingham board of education to keep construction going at Pembroke school.

Board members Tuesday night approved the expenditure for curbs, gravel and stone to build a dry roadway to the school site at Derby and Eton roads.

Arthur Neehman, land developer in the area, has volunteered to assume half of the cost of the road construction, according to Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools.

Muddy fields had made access to the site impossible, Ireland said.

Lotz New Prexy Of Y's Men's Club

Birmingham Y's Men's Club elected Robert Lotz, 1412 Stanley, as its new president to take office March 22. Other officers elected were Ernest Robinson, vice-president; Walter Allison, secretary; David Habbo, treasurer; and to the Board of Directors; Norman James Jr., Roland Erickson, John Schmidt, Earl Irish, Morgan Barstow and Robert Anderson.

Official delegate to the International Convention is Morgan Barstow. Last Monday, the Y's Men washed

ed the walls and ceiling of the Dr. Ormond lounge at the "Y" and made plans to paint the Craft shop this spring.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

SCOTT BELVEA, Troy township justice: "I have no complaint with the Troy police department. In fact, I think it has done very well. Naturally it could do a better job of patrolling the township if it had more cars and more officers."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duman of Southfield are the parents of a baby boy born March 5, who has been named Steven.

Mrs. Alfred Greer, 2925 Farmbrook, entertained 30 guests at a stark shower for Mrs. Dorothy Alford.

Mrs. Donald Allen, 11 Mile road, was hostess to eight friends recently. Lunch was served after which the group played cards.

Eight members of the Southfield Republican club made a trip to Lansing. They met in the suite at the Olds Hotel occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Luhrs, Senator George N. Higgins introduced the group to the speaker of the senate, then on to the House, where they were introduced to the house members by Representative William Broomfield.

Mrs. Winifred Culver Farmbrook road, entertained eight members of her canasta club at lunch. First guest was Mrs. Mary Courville and second by Mrs. Ann McKee, Farmbrook.

Mrs. Norman Doshlar, formerly Bonnie Bailey, of Franklin road, announces the birth of a baby boy.

Ground for Birmingham's new branch of the Automobile Club of Michigan will be broken this month. Auto Club President Clarence E. Otter said Wednesday afternoon.

Otter, who is a Bloomfield Hills resident, said the site at the southeast corner of Forest and Hunter streets, near the Birmingham office, already has been staked for ground-breaking ceremonies.

The Birmingham office will bring to 41 the number of Auto club offices outside downtown Detroit.

General contractor will be Arthur O. Misch Co., and the Birmingham firm of O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach is the architect.

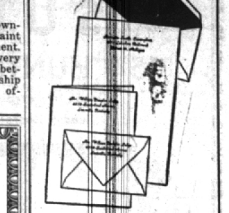
Birmingham Youth Being Held On Indecency Charges

A 15-year-old Birmingham youth is being held by juvenile authorities on charges of indecent exposure, according to Lt. Henry Timm of the Birmingham police.

Timm said the arrest of the boy late Tuesday has cleared up several complaints of residents in a theft case. The boy answered descriptions given by complainants in the indecent exposure case, and was identified in a police lineup by a woman and two girls.

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