

A Trained Family Is A Safe Family

WHEN FIRE OCCURS:

Call the fire department by phone. Birmingham does not have fire alarm boxes. Post the fire department telephone number, MI 4-1616, conspicuously. When calling the fire department give your address, street name and house number clearly and completely. Use the above phone number for emergency calls only. For calls that are not of an emergency nature use the number listed as "Birmingham city hall."

If your clothing ignites, lie down and roll up in a rug, blanket or any heavy fabric within reach. If nothing is available, roll slowly on the floor or ground and beat out the flames with your hands.

Do not run under any condition—it fans the flames. See that your children know this rule.

BEFORE FIRE OCCURS:

Plan an escape. Alternate escape routes should be provided from all normally occupied parts of the house, especially sleeping quarters. Windows, porch roofs, ladders and/or outside fire escapes are some of the means of escape that can be used when normal exits are impassable.

Arrange for the rescue of infants and incapacitated persons. Hold family fire drills.

Pride portable fire extinguishing equipment. Water is the best general all-purpose extinguishing agent. Portable extinguishers containing water are therefore recommended for general home use.

A GARDEN hose with spray nozzle, permanently attached to a faucet, is an effective means of controlling small fires. Fires involving flammable liquids, grease and electrical equipment require special type fire extinguishers. Consult your fire department for information on these.

Members of the family should be taught how to use the extinguishers that are provided.

Play it safe! A few minutes spent now may save a life later on, possibly your own.

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

Policemen Study In Interests of Better Service

One of the ways in which police departments in the Birmingham area are seeking to improve the quality of protection to citizens is through a course of study conducted by the Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police Training Committee.

Actually, the committee has established a school offering a 50-hour course of study which holds regular sessions at the Elks Lodge in Royal Oak.

Director of the school is Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

"We started the school three years ago, with the feeling that officers in various police departments could serve communities better by classroom training in the modern techniques of police work," said Chief Moxley.

OFFICERS from police departments of Birmingham, Bloomfield township and Troy township have enrolled in the school.

At the present time, Troy Police Chief David Grattop and all of his patrolmen are attending classes.

Two Birmingham patrolmen also are in attendance. Instructing at the school is Birmingham Detective Sgt. Merle Holmquist.

The full course consists of 90 class hours and leads to a diploma. Standards of work in the school are high. An 85 per cent mark must be scored on the final examination and the student must keep an acceptable notebook throughout his course. Absences from class are limited to two for the course which takes 18 months to complete.

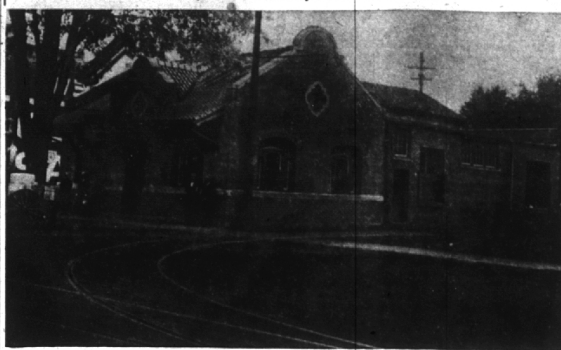
THESE RIGID requirements result in a high casualty rate among students, said Moxley. Study courses are set up cooperatively by the various local departments, the Michigan state police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Experts from all these agencies

There is something pretty wonderful when long-married couples are able to suppress the "fires of youth" with the slow-burning ember of companionship for there really is greater beauty in a quietly burning fire than in the snap and crackle of tinder.

BIRMINGHAM BACKGROUND

Local History in Story and Picture
As Compiled and Written by RUTH ANNE SILBAR



CITY INSISTED THIS WAITING ROOM BE CONSTRUCTED
Photo from Stanley Ford Collection

Popular Demand Resulted In New DUR Waiting Room

After years of waiting, Birmingham patrons had their wish come true in 1910 when the DUR, the "electric street car" company, erected a handsome new depot, Spanish style, for their convenience.

The DUR was, from the beginning, very popular and never lacked for passengers. At first, people were just too happy to have this convenient way of going back and forth from Pontiac or Detroit to complain.

But as time progressed, they developed a dislike for waiting for the "cars" in cold and snowy weather and asked repeatedly for a waiting room.

The Village Improvement Society had put out benches along Woodward avenue for the accommodation of waiting passengers, but this was only satisfactory for a part of the year.

IN 1907 the DUR purchased the Woodward avenue property of the deceased William McClelland, a farm implement dealer. The property, fronting Woodward avenue for almost 200 feet, was on the west side of the street. It included the McClelland home which the DUR transformed into a temporary waiting room.

A notation in the files of The Eccentric of December 1908

Pontiac for 15 cents, and a five cent fare to the cemetery. In the fall of 1909, the DUR signed the new franchise for another 15-year period. The company paid the village \$757.20 "in full settlement of all claims relating to or growing out of any claim for damage to water, gas or other pipes belonging to the village by reason of any alleged electrolytic action."

IT ALSO agreed to erect a new waiting room. July 1910 saw the "new, handsome" DUR depot going up and it was completed late that year. A tile roof topped the new depot with its "Spanish style" architecture.

"When all finished, the DUR will have paid out over \$10,000 for a waiting room for its Birmingham patrons," reported The Eccentric of Dec. 1910.

Vestiges of Birmingham's former waiting room can now be found only in its roof line and if present day Birmingham citizens look closely at the roof of the building housing Heckert's restaurant, they will know where the DUR waiting room once stood.

Plans Okayed For Summer Session At Vaughan School

Plans for a special summer session at Vaughan school in Bloomfield Hills was approved last week at a special meeting of the board of education.

The session will be held from June 28 to July 23. Classes will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Mondays through Fridays.

General plans call for one hour of academic work including poetry, literature and drama, and one hour of music art and recreation.

Twenty children will be accepted for enrollment from grades one, two and three, and twenty from grades five and six.

If a heavier demand develops, the school administration will consider adding other classes, according to Eugene L. Johnson, school superintendent.

News copy submitted early is necessarily given preference, so the "early bird" usually gets the space.

The Birmingham Eccentric

Three Trustees To Be Elected In Blm. Village

Three trustees will be elected to the board of the Bloomfield Village Protective Association at its annual meeting Monday, May 17. The meeting will be held in the Little Theater of the Birmingham high school.

Nominees for the three-year terms are selected from the Village's three geographical districts. Candidates from the first district are Robert A. Reid, 344 Tibbory, who is serving the last year of David VanDusen's unexpired term, and Read Jenkins, 927 N. Cranbrook.

District two nominees are Morris C. Purdy, 215 Glengary, and Robert L. Ganter, 3160 Bradbury. Harry B. Cunningham, 3540 Woodland Court, and F. Milford Taylor, 3570 Woodland, have been nominated from the third district.

RETIRING MEMBERS of the board are President Gardner V. C. Vose, M. L. Rosenberger, who served two years of Tom Wilson's unexpired term, and William H. Cartwright, and Palmer B. Hollinger.

The association's board acts as a local governing unit for the village, negotiating for village services with Bloomfield township, Oakland county and the Judson Bradley company, village subdividers. The board directs the activities of the Bloomfield Village fire and police departments and reports to the county on road maintenance.

Other duties of the board include negotiating for garbage collections, water supply, tree trimming and spraying and zoning.

Continuing trustees are C. B. Harman, Joseph P. Balzer, Gordon F. Dugan, Frederick Colombo, William H. Cartwright, and Palmer B. Hollinger.

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To Plat Entire Porritt Parcel

The W. E. Reid Development company will submit a plat for the entire Porritt property development to the city in the near future and develop the land as improvement is possible, Birmingham city commissioners have decided.

City officials urged the platting of the entire parcel at once and City Assessor Elmer Haack stated that the assessment for taxation would not increase due to platting. All streets and easements will be dedicated on the plat.

Accepts Awards For Jam Handy

George B. Finch, 1280 Latham, accepted two awards for the Jam Handy Organization, Detroit, when he attended the fourth annual National Filstrip Awards presentation in New York city, Tuesday, May 4.

The Detroit firm received awards for educational productions "Maple-Stripes-Age of Discovery and Exploration" and "Music Stories". The presentation is sponsored by Scholastic Teacher magazine. Finch is vice president of Jam Handy.



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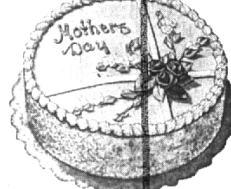
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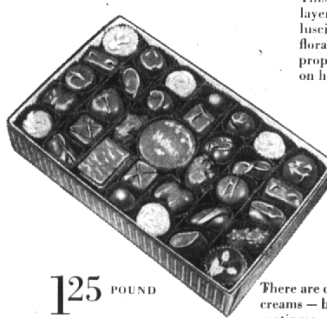


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