

**PLAY IT SAFE**

**Fire Kills  
If You Give  
It a Chance**

Look at these figures. In 1955 fire claimed the lives of 11,000 people. In the same year fire destroyed 865 million dollars worth of property.

The misuse of matches and cigarettes accounts for the largest percentage of this loss, 27 percent. Defective electrical appliances and wiring is second in line contributing to this appalling loss.

Other causes of fire include sparks on roofs, overheated or defective chimneys, over-heated clothes, furnaces or heaters, ignition of hot greases and explosions of various flammable liquids and gases.

**THE FUNDAMENTAL cause** of practically all the above fires is carelessness. With this thought in mind make it routine practice to observe the following suggestions:

1. Be sure every cigarette, pipe or cigar is out before you throw it away or put it down. Don't smoke near flammable materials or liquids. Obey "no smoking" signs.
2. Break matches before throwing them away. Keep matches out of reach of children. Don't use matches as lights to search dark places.
3. **KEEP MATCHES** if all electrical appliances labeled to avoid overheating. Keep combustibles a safe distance from all motors. Never hang extension cords from chairs or hooks or run them under carpets. Replace worn or frayed cords on appliances.
4. Don't use flammable liquids in closed rooms or anywhere near open flames or sparks. Liquids such as gasoline, benzene and kerosene give off heavy vapors that can flow along the floor 200 feet or more to open flame and flash back to the container.

Play It Safe! Remember an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of ashes.

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Because she refused to be daunted by depression years, Mrs. Hugh Wellman, who died last May, has left an imprint on Baldwin public library which will last many years.

Because of her refusal to let "Thank holidays" interfere with the library's growth and services, Baldwin grew when many other similar institutions came to a grinding halt.

Because of her spirit, the Mary K. G. Wellman Memorial Book Club has been started.

Through friends and members of her family, \$1,500 already has been given to the library for the purchase of new books. Miss Joanne Lloyd, librarian, said these volumes would be chosen to reflect the wealth of interests of Mrs. Wellman.

**ALWAYS ACTIVE** in organizations dedicated to community betterment, Mrs. Wellman became interested in library affairs soon after she became a Birmingham resident.

**The Birmingham Eccentric**

**Her Book Rental Plan Aids Library Growth**

When funds were tied up in the depression and the library faced its greatest demands for reading matter, Mrs. Wellman came up with an idea which made Baldwin a place of great community service.

She formed a group of women which gave \$100 for the purchase of new books. These were set aside as a rental section, giving localites the newest and best books at only a few pennies a day.

**LOOKING AHEAD**, Mrs. Wellman stipulated that when rentals equalled the purchase price, the book was to go to the free shelves and the money used to purchase a new book.

The system has given the library more than \$20,000 worth of books during the years.

Miss Lloyd remarked that service such as this has always marked Mrs. Wellman's life. From childhood, when she was a member of a church group dedicated to helping others, she devoted a great deal of her time and energy along these lines.

As a resident of other cities, she carried on her work as she did in Birmingham.

HER DEEP interest in the American Association of University Women and Girl Scouts was of benefit to both organizations.

Alpha Delta Pi, her daughter's sorority, was among her interests, and because of her work in the Mothers club, she was made an honorary member of the sorority.

She later became the first of its national directors of Mothers clubs.

Known also for her stamp collection, she started as a young girl and her gardening, Mrs. Wellman left her deepest impression here in the library.

October Water Use 50 Million Gallons

Birmingham residents used a total of 50,000,000 gallons of water during the month of October, the city's bureau of water supply announced today.

The total for the month was 4,118,000 less than 50 million gallons were consumed according to Park street assistant chief.

A total of 25,000,000 gallons was pumped from the Wakefield well.

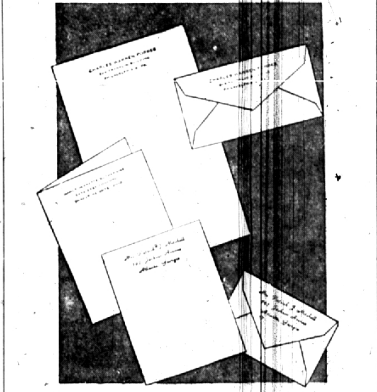


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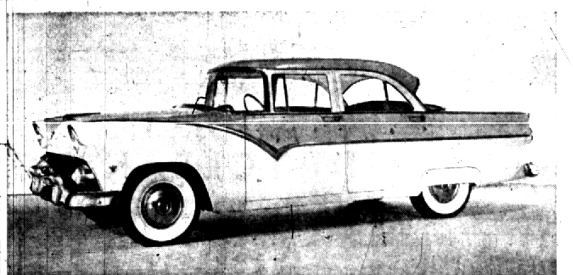
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**Clock Thief Sought**

Mrs. Allen D. Hart, of the Boulevard Gift Shop, reported to police Thursday that a \$29 figurine clock had been stolen from the 1055 S. Hunter establishment.

**Named Manager**

Andrew F. Metcalf, 9607 East Fourteen Mile, formerly assistant resident of the Clover Hill Park Cemetery Association of Congregation Shalom, Zion, has been appointed office manager of the Fourteen Mile cemetery and will move the Detroit office to the cemetery grounds. The cemetery and association began operation in 1918.

**Attend Assembly**

Dr. John P. Wood, 260 Wakefield building, and Dr. Margorie L. Howlett and Dr. J. Maurice Howland, 1541 S. Riverdale, Bay View, attended the 27th annual clinical assembly of the American Society of Osteopathic Surgeons, held last week in Dallas, Tex.

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