

Inquiry

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report pointed that much of it was given to the few firemen who were not actually participating in the rescue attempts, but were attempting to set up ladders and make hose and nozzle connections at other points.

It was noted that such civilian aid undoubtedly was slower than it would have been had the firemen been teamed up with an experienced buddy.

Added the report, "... only larger crews would obviate the need for civilian aid."

ALL FIREMEN who reported on Birmingham equipment were in uniform, according to the committee, but it admitted some volunteers may not have gotten their uniforms from the ladder truck.

The board was not able to find any validity to the criticism that some firemen "only stood around."

Such complaints, believes the committee, may have stemmed from seeing volunteers firemen from the Bloods Village department who were requested to stand by and did so in a group, occasionally helping out when such assistance would not hamper operations of the Birmingham department.

THE LENGTHY report also included brief observations which the committee made concerning the department's alarm system, training program, work schedules, and maintenance of equipment.

Alarm system: The alarm for the general alarm brought in 23 of the 24 full time firemen in the night of the fire.

Training: "In the judgment of the committee, the training program is excellent."

Work schedules: "posted several months in advance, was found to be the best possible within the limits of the department's manpower" and showed no favoritism of older personnel in assignment.

Equipment maintenance: "There is a regular program for equipment maintenance which is rigidly followed."

THIS IS the recommendation the committee made:

"Birmingham's fire and police departments have been ably managed and have been rapidly expanded during the past years in attempting to keep pace with the growth of the community."

"Nonetheless, they are not staffed to ideal standards and in these areas to fall short of ideal may be dangerous."

"The problem of maintaining the departments at maximum desirable standards in competition with the other municipal needs is a difficult one to which both the city manager and the commission can give only a portion of their attention."

"Also, there is no branch of the city government devoted solely to a check of the operations of the two departments."

"THE COMMITTEE believes that the city might well give serious consideration to the establishment of an independent board which could perform such functions in an advisory capacity to the commission."

It was disclosed that of the total of 48 witnesses who testified under oath concerning the various aspects of the fire, 22 were civilians, 17 were firemen, seven were police officers, and two were ambulance drivers.

In the June 14 tragedy, Mrs. Thomas Couper, her sons Danny and Larry, were killed. Mrs. Couper's father, Lawrence W. Cross, was rescued from an upstairs bedroom.

MR. COUPER, vice-president of the L. A. Young Spring and Wire Co., was aboard a Detroit Board of Commerce cruiseship in the St. Lawrence river the night of the fire.

Concerning the deaths of Mrs. Couper and the two boys, the report said:

"The fire was discovered and reported at 12:50 a.m. There is no absolute proof of the time of its inception. However, an electric clock in the living room adjacent to the den had stopped at 11:35 p.m. and a second electric clock in an upstairs bedroom at 12:40 a.m."

"A neighbor who telephoned the residence immediately after discovery of the fire received a signal. It seems clear that the telephone was not actually in use, and

that this signal was the result of wires already fused by heat.

"THE DEPTH of char in the door, door casings, floor joists and studs indicated clearly that the fire commenced in the den in the northeast corner of the first floor, and that its course of travel was to the hall, up the stairway to the upper hall, and thence to the attic."

"The clocks indicate that the fire had attained sufficient heat to burn or fuse the circuit serving the downstairs clock at 11:35 p.m., and that of the one upstairs at 12:40 a.m."

"At the time of discovery at 12:50 a.m., flames were coming out of at least one of the downstairs windows, and the fire was great enough to light up the neighborhood for a considerable distance."

"ALL EXTERIOR doors and all windows, including storm windows, save one downstairs, were closed. An attic ventilator fan was not in use."

"All occupants were upstairs when found. The only bedroom door upstairs which appears to have been closed was that to the northwest bedroom where Mr. Cross was rescued."

"The condition of the fire when discovered, the evidence of the telephone, the closed condition of the home, the inability of the neighbors and police who reached the house before the fire equipment to arouse any occupant save Mr. Cross, and their inability to enter any portion of the residence because of the smoke and heat, indicate that unfortunately all occupants except Mr. Cross, whose bedroom door was closed, probably suffered loss of life from toxic gases, heat and smoke before the fire was reported, and almost certainly before the first fire equipment arrived."

THE FIRE was first discovered and reported by Jack Laula, 1220 Brookwood, who lives across the street, and who was awakened by crackling sounds of the fire.

Upon arriving at the scene, firemen were told there were people inside the burning residence, so firemen immediately began rescue attempts rather than tackling the blaze.

Critical neighbors—spectators at the fire—appeared that Monday night before the city commission and declaring their lack of confidence in the firefighting methods, demanded an inquiry into the fire department.

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tionate friendship perhaps were strengthened because we were not so related.

I have said that his body now lies a few miles from here, and I know that I will not again, on this earth, enjoy the close association I have had with him for so many years."

"... yet my memory always shall be rich with the pictures of him that I have acquired ... of his serious self-dedication to his job, of his often revealed sense of humor, of his many kindnesses toward others."

SO LONG, my friend—may the Destiny that holds your eternal self keep you perfectly aware that your passing is deeply lamented; yet we survive shall be filled with that inner warmth that is kindled and kept burning by those cherished and imperishable recollections of having known and loved a great and kindly heart, a loyal friend and wonderful companion!

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Goal

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year is realistic, in view of Red Cross needs, and we hope every Torch Drive donor will bear in mind the plus contributions that are necessary to achieve our wider objectives," Stevenson said.

"We know we have a big job to do, but volunteer response has been excellent and our organization will probably be several hundred larger than the 1,000-man-and-woman team that did so well last year, when the quota was oversubscribed by about \$20,000."

CAMPAIN MANAGER Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn announced an augmented tour program which will get under way this week. Special trips are being arranged to many of the Torch Drive agencies, particularly for the volunteer workers but open to anyone interested.

The first tour, she said, will be of the Leader Dog school at Rochester at one o'clock, Friday, Sept. 24. On Sept. 28, a tour will be made of the Sister Kenney Police Center at Michigan Children's Convalescent Hospital in Farmington at two o'clock. Volunteers are asked to contact their captains for arrangements.

Others who want transportation may call the Birmingham office of the United Foundation in the Briggs Building, Mrs. Quinn said.

"THERE HAS been a great deal of interest in these special tours, with hundreds of volunteers and others expressing an interest in the 'Follow Your Dollar' idea," Mrs. Quinn said. "We are expanding the tours this year and hope to get a great many will take advantage of a first-hand look at the wonderful work being done through contributions to the United Foundation."

Mrs. Quinn also is calling for volunteers in the headquarters for the campaign at 219 Briggs Bldg. She said, "there is a great need for volunteers who can give time to help prepare the materials for distribution to the solicitors and workers will find it most interesting to help 'behind the scenes' of a big drive. For further information, please contact the United Foundation headquarters in the Briggs Bldg."

Y's Men's Group To Meet Sept. 27

The Birmingham Y's Men's club will hold its first dinner meeting of the fall program season Monday, September 27, at the YMCA at 6:45 p.m.

Speaker of the evening will be Morgan Barstow who was official delegate of the International convention at East Lansing in July. He will bring first-hand information about club operations in Europe and South America and the program devised by the more than 1000 delegates for this year.

Honors bestowed on the Birmingham Y's Men's Club this past year included second place in the annual delegates for bringing overseas delegates to the convention, among the first 10 in project development and first place in old car models.

The Y's Men's Club is open to young men 21 years of age and older who are interested in working with youth. For detailed information, contact the Birmingham YMCA.

Out on Bond

Merrill Smith, 748 Vanderpool, was released on \$25 bond on a drunk and disorderly charge. His case comes up in justice court Friday.

The Buy of the Week

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2 QUART BOTTLES 45c

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Baby Food

STRAINED 3 for 29c

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FANTAIL SHRIMP, 10-oz. 69c

SNOW CROP

STRAWBERRIES, 10-oz. 3 for \$1.00

WAFFLES, 6-oz. each 2 for 37c

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TUNA FISH PIES 3 for \$1.00

GAINE'S DOG FOOD 2 Tins 25c

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AWREY BAKERY

Almond Nut Butter Cookies 62c per dozen

Individual Streusel Top Peach Pies 3 for 65c

Delicious Southern Pecan Pies 95c each

Tasty Almond Nut Pastry Rolls 6 for 62c

Delicious Date Filled Loaf Cakes 59c each

French Butter Cream Filled Chocolate Cup Cakes, 6 for 58c

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Almond Crunch Coated Donuts 6 for 38c

Rich Butter Cream Layer Cakes 72c each

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PAPER NAPKINS 2 Pkgs. 23c

CHEVY CHASE

APRICOT NECTAR, 46-oz. Tin 39c

HILL'S BROS. or BEECHNUT

COFFEE 99c lb.

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GIANT SIZE 69c

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