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OWNER ART GREEN (arrow) is seen trying to enter his burning home at 1509 Holland last Thursday. The blaze was discovered by neighbors some time after Mr. and Mrs. Green had left the house. Firemen, in their investigation, said the fire started from defective wiring in a television set and had been smoldering for some time before becoming visible. Neighbors saw the flames shortly after accumulated gasses in the building blew the windows out. Damages are estimated by firemen as \$3,000 each to building and contents. (Eccentric Photo)

**Two RO Youths
Admit Breakin**

Two 16-year-old Royal Oak boys were arrested last week by Birmingham police after an informant from Flint tipped local police that the pair were involved in the Feb. 24 break-in of a Birmingham TV Sales store.

According to Det. Lt. Merlin Holmquist the pair were implicated in the break-in of McCallum & Dean TV Repair and Sales at 409 E. Maple, in which \$407 in checks and \$175 in cash was taken.

The youths, after lie-detector tests, admitted taking the money and later burning the checks, Holmquist said.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale — Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.

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March Smiles on Local Motorists

March may have been marked with storms that hampered motorists locally, but motorists in Birmingham's streets still managed, for the most part, to keep their fenders undented.

Only two persons were injured during the month, according to the police department's monthly report. In all there were 31 property damage accidents, with an estimated total damage of \$5,460.

"It was the most favorable report since last October," according to Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

Twenty-nine motorists were ticketed for traffic violations during March. Over one third, 11, were following too closely to another auto.

Next highest violation was the driver who failed to yield right of way with five in this category, and third were four motorists who made improper turns.

Enon Buffer Strip Purchase Due for Early Decision

Explorer Scouts See County By Air

Explorer scouts of Pack B-17 last Saturday viewed Oakland County from the air.

They were piloted by their leader Bill Phelps, and accompanied by co-leader, Reginald Smith.

Ten boys shared three trips made by Phelps.

Decision appeared nearer this week on whether the city can afford wholly or partially to participate in elimination of zoning "trouble spots."

Birmingham city commission set April 25 for a preliminary hearing on low residents in an 18-block area east of Adams and south of Maple feel about helping to pay for acquiring 24 lots along the west side of Eton road.

A developer proposes to use the lots for small homes which are said to not meet approval of many neighbors.

CITY PLAN board has recommended the city's purchase of the strip in order to protect residential land values at that point.

Commissioners think one use for the land would be for looping the ends of intersecting streets as a means of discouraging through traffic.

City plan technician, Herbert Herzberg estimates cost of the property would be \$45,000, or \$1,900 per lot.

City Manager D. C. Egbert said he was not ready to accept \$1,900 as a "fair price."

Former County Man Will Talk on Mexico

Lynn Lewis, former 4-H director for Oakland County and now president of the Rural YMCA secretary for Mexico, will be guest speaker at a dinner meeting to be held Monday, April 25 at the Birmingham YMCA.

He will speak in behalf of his work at Canomia and will show slides of the progress being made by these rural Mexican people who are virtually isolated from civilization.

Lewis' visit here will be sponsored by the World Service committee of the Y and the Birmingham Y's Men's club. Ernest Robinson will chair the meeting. Tickets are available to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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