

The Southfields' divorce . . .

like its domestic counterparts, involves a property settlement, legal negotiations, animosities and hard words. Read all about it on page 1-E.

Interesting Gals . . .

this country's top women golfers. And they'll be in town soon, too, for Forest Lake's U.S. Women's Open. See Page 7-E.

Ministers have fun, too . . .

Several of them had fun last week with "ceremonies" welcoming the Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Gass, just returned from receiving his doctorate. See page 7-B.

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Loss \$52,000 In First 4-Alarm Blaze Since '54 Smoke Fell's Three Firemen

By LES LINE
Staff Writer

An incinerator has been blamed for Birmingham's first four-alarm fire in four years, a blaze which Saturday ruined the Arlington road home of psychiatrist Dr. J. Clark Moloney.

Early estimates placed the loss at \$52,000. The damage is expected to exceed insurance on the home and its contents.

Three firemen among the 38 regulars and auxiliaries who combatted the blaze for nearly three hours were overcome by heat and smoke.

Last four-alarm fire in the city came June 14, 1954, when three persons died in a home fire on Brooklawn.

Birmingham's volunteer fire department had not been called out since the 1954 disaster.



ECCESTRIC PHOTO
Fallen Firefighter

Birmingham firemen give oxygen to William Steward, one of three city firefighters overcome by smoke fighting Saturday's home fire on Arlington road.

FIRST ALARM on the Saturday fire, at 414 Arlington, came at 11:41 a.m.

Fire Chief Park H. Smith sounded the extra alarm at 12:20 p.m.

The aerial ladder truck from the Chesterfield station arrived first. The Chesterfield pumper, at the scene of a minor fire on Northlawn a few blocks away when the first call came, arrived minutes later.

Firemen had only one entrance to the attic where the bulk of the fire was gaining on the firemen.

According to Chief Smith, they were unable to determine at the time either the extent of the fire or how long it had been burning.

'58 Loss Already Worst Since 1953

Birmingham's per capita fire loss for 1958 already makes this year the worst since 1953. Fire Chief Park H. Smith said.

Saturday's home fire on Arlington road boosted the damage for this year to approximately \$140,000, or \$41 per capita. The 1953 loss was \$11 per capita.

Order Two More Voting Machines

By ordering them this week, Birmingham is assured it will have two more voting machines for use at the Aug. 5 primary.

City Clerk Irene Hanley's recommendation for the machines' purchase was with commission approval. Each machine costs \$1,570, plus freight charges. Recent creation of two new voting precincts necessitated the additional equipment.

BIRMINGHAM AUXILIARY police officers and Bloomfield township policemen were called to control the large crowd attracted by the huge clouds of smoke.

Bloomfield firemen and bystanders voluntarily joined Birmingham firemen in fighting the blaze.

According to Chief Smith, stacks of books and papers in the attic fueled the fire. He reported firemen were unable to control the blaze until the collapse of the roof. There

Agree on Area Library Now, Experts Advise Small, Separate Ones Too Costly

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
Managing Editor

If the Birmingham-Bloomfield area wants improved library service, there will be no better time than now to arrange for an expanded, economical, efficient program, three of Michigan's outstanding professional librarians recommended Tuesday night.

They concurred that an area library service, incorporating and built from Birmingham public library's present facilities, would be the best move—and now is the time to agree on it.

Otherwise, they predicted, the half dozen neighbor communities will find themselves building their own services that will be costly by comparison to an area program.

The meeting at the auditorium in Birmingham's public library was attended by representatives from several municipalities which could

become part of the greater service area.

SPONSORING the meeting was the citizens library study committee, headed by John A. Gilray. The committee was established last fall to determine who is using Birmingham's library, and whether non-residents would endorse some plan which would bring their areas greater library service.

Results have been so encouraging that the committee will recommend—probably in early fall—that a district library be established. It could include a maximum area encompassing the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school districts.

"If these two districts were combined as outlined, I say without qualification that the Birmingham-Bloomfield area would have one of the best library services in the state," declared Robert M. Orr, director of the Grosse Pointe library serving the five Pointe areas.

THE OTHER two library authorities who discussed Birmingham library's problem, which is operating at 150 per cent of capacity.

Walter Kaiser, head of Wayne (See LIBRARY, Page 6-A)

Frill Critics Win Terms on B'ham B of E Sauerbrun Fails 3rd Term Try

Russia's launching of the first satellite last October may have resulted in the Birmingham board of education getting two new members who both conducted restrained but definite campaigns on elimination of non-essential courses and strengthening of the scientific curriculums.

It may have been because outlying portions of the school district exerted more than usual effort to get out and vote for non-Birmingham candidates.

Perhaps the two together saw newcomers Malcolm Lovell and Richard P. Barnard greatly outdistance incumbent Richard A. Sauerbrun, who was trying for his third four-year term.

SAUERBRUN had declared himself in favor of a curriculum program which would develop all types of interests. He claimed not everyone wants to become a scientist or a scholar.

Lovell led current in votes, 1079 to 917. Sauerbrun polled 584.

Mrs. Donald Parry, untested for the two remaining years of a board vacancy, got the greatest number of votes, 1329.

TOTAL NUMBER of persons who balloted will be nearer 1400, it is estimated. Exact number will not be known until the board's vote canvass tonight.

"This is a very good school vote turnout, considering it is an off-year election. In June 1957 when the electorate was asked to extend and increase the debt millage for more school construction, 4263 voters went to the polls.

Lovell, 37, is manager of industrial relations research and analysis for American Motors. He lives at 2748 Amberly, Bloomfield Hills. He led the field of untested candidates in last year's election.

BARNARD, 33, lives at 25580



MALCOLM LOVELL



RICHARD P. BARNARD



MRS. DONALD PARRY

Bloomfield Hills Elects Jean Martz, Max Miller

Mrs. Jean B. Martz and Max Miller won seats on the Bloomfield Hills board of education in a light election Monday in which 537 ballots were cast. The district has approximately 8,000 registered voters.

Mrs. Martz (Mrs. Lawrence S.), 4345 Oak Grove, Bloomfield township, received 369 votes. Miller, 7410 Franklin, Bloomfield township, got 309.

Victor S. Farrar, who ran as a sticker candidate, ran far behind with 30 votes, trailing a surprise write-in candidate, James M. Smith, who received 68 votes. Smith was proposed by a group from Vaughan school.

OTHER UNSUCCESSFUL candidates were Fred Korzon, 181, and Clarion E. Cooke, 91.

A special meeting of the school board was held Monday to cancel the election. It also agreed to ask

the new board members, who take office officially July 1, to attend the June 17 board meeting.

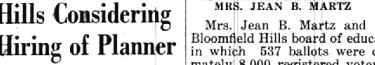
Mrs. Martz and Miller replace Karl Scott and Robert Hoffman who did not run for re-election.

MARTZ AND MILLER, who have been active in PTO activities, campaigned as a team for the posts. Mrs. Martz has been a resident of the area 16 years, has been active in child guidance work, and has served on state committees on education.

Miller has four children and is president of Bloomfield Hills PTO, and past president of Wing Lake PTO.



MAX MILLER



MRS. JEAN B. MARTZ

Hills Considering Hiring of Planner To Predict Future

Future planning that could involve highways and annexation was brought to the attention of the Bloomfield Hills board of education by City Manager Elmer Kephart as he reported the planning board's findings.

Kephart said, has been considering the desirability of retaining that the Hills employ a professional city planner to study trends.

The board estimated that the new Chard plan to the east of the city eventually will bring about 20,000 people into the area daily as the Michigan State University branch at Rochester is expected to do according to Kephart.

The commission asked Kephart to set up a joint meeting with the planning board before it could commit itself to the advisability of hiring a planner.

APPOINTMENT of Austin C. Harmon, 662 Bennington drive, Bloomfield Hills, to the planning commission to replace John R. MacManus was approved.

The commission also reappointed John Blanchard as the city's representative to the North Evergreen authority for a second one-year term. Alan S. Goruck was named alternate.

The commission voted to ask the state to study feasibility of a traffic light at the Pine-Woodward avenue intersection. Increased traffic is expected there on completion of the church of the Latter Day Saints at Woodward and Chesterfield and the future Village Women's club.

(See PLANNER, Page 6-A)

STRICTLY FRESH

Some men play golf every after-noon and other work in the home office.

This is the season that hitchhikers call "hush-time."

An old-timer is a fellow who remembers when nearly every child in the neighborhood hoped to catch a fortune selling home-made lemonade.

He could tell you how to stay within your budget and still enjoy your vacation, but who wants to be a fortune teller?

Smile: as stingy as the fellow who packages amusement-park morning.

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Birmingham taxpayers have been given their next year's city governmental tax bill, a record total of \$1,827,218. A tax rate of \$19.60 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation is the levy. It is 20 cents less than a year ago, or 60 cents more than the maximum allowed by city charter. It is \$36,123 more than the present fiscal year's budget. This budget represents a year of money; it also represents a lot of effort on the part of city commissioners and city employees. It also represents, however, an almost total lack of citizen interest in its preparation. Few citizens participate in the usual public hearings attending the making up of a budget.

It is estimated that 200 billion gallons of water a day are used in the United States. It is also guessed that if every little boy and girl regularly washed behind their ears and their ears, a couple more gallons of water would be used.

Pupils in the Eastover public school, aided and supervised by teachers and some parents, did first-class job of exemplifying good citizenship recently. In one day they raked and cleaned up the school grounds. The project was sponsored by the student council. Lunch was enjoyed "under the trees." Grades one and two were judged most cooperative. Grades three and four worked hardest; and four and six showed the most improvement. More values are being put on the surface can come from such a project. Its pattern could impact for much good if other schools did likewise.



ECCESTRIC PHOTO
Battle Arlington Home Fire

Smoke rolls from the roof and windows of the Arlington road home of psychiatrist Dr. J. Clark Moloney as Birmingham firemen rush hose and ladder to the south side of the building to combat the blaze. On Dr. J. Clark Moloney as Birmingham fire-

Need Consultant, Library Board President Says

Birmingham's public library will need expansion even if it does not become part of an area library facility, Library Board President Charles B. Kass told city commissioners Monday night.

He asked the city expend \$1,000 on library consultant services in the neighborhood hopes to create a possible advantage.

"We know so comparatively little about libraries and how best to use them that we feel we should have expert assistance," he said.

Commissioners suggested his proposal be discussed at a special committee session this Saturday morning.

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Republicans Greet Bagwell

Birmingham-Bloomfield township Republicans listened to Paul D. Bagwell, sole Republican candidate for governor, Tuesday night. Above, he is met by Ralph A. Main (left), prominent Republican. Bagwell spent the entire day making talks throughout Oakland county. In his talk here, he pointed out some of Michigan's problems, including finance, lack of friendly industrial climate, need to wage a realistic campaign to bring more industry to Michigan. Bagwell proved to be a forceful speaker. He is on leave from Michigan State University, where he heads up the department of communications skills. Bagwell probably will be pitted against Gov. Williams in the autumn election, since speculation is that no other Republican can beat him in the August primaries.