A Sign of Things to Come

Officers examine the new sign announcing the pending construction of the Birmingham athletic club on W. Maple at Oakhill drive. From left are John C. Emery, Jr., Birmingham associate municipal judge; Harry M. Denyes, Birmingham city commissioner, and Frederick C. Matthaei, Jr., BAC president. Initial construction at the six-acre site will include lighted swimming and wading pools, two lighted tennis courts, a large lounge and dining facilities, locker rooms and singles squash courts. Debenture bonds are now being sold to finance construction. Offices of the club, which has a few openings remaining for charter memberships, are at 1100 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

Fires

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two large branches shot from the trunk.

USING A FORESTRY department chain saw, he sawed off the branches at the trunk, creating a hole large enough to enable fire hoses to play down onto the flames.

"My ankles began to feel hot," said Rasch, "and I looked down and saw one foot was over an open knothole with flames licking around it."

Next morning Rasch felt ill from the smoke he swallowed.

And Wednesday morning Fire Chief Parke Smith received letters from several small boys in the neighborhood.

"Dear fire department:" said a typical letter, "I'm very sorry that we started the hollow tree on fire and caused your men so much trouble and men risked their lives on our fault."

FIRE AUTHORITIES here, meanwhile, are scratching their heads over a blaze which caused upwards of $1,700 damage to a Birmingham record store — and then extinguished itself.

Fire Chief Smith terms "phenomenal" the incident last weekend at the Record Corner, Euclid and N. Woodward. Proprietor Glynn C. Payne, Bloomfield township, called puzzled firemen after he opened Saturday morning and asked if they had put out the blaze. They hadn't, and hadn't known a thing about it.

Smith and Fire Marshal George S. Scott investigated immediately. They discovered the fire, which started near a bench in a back room, had stopped as suddenly as it started.

PORTIONS OF curtains were burned but the rest of the draperies were untouched. There was no indication a fire extinguisher had been used.

Smith said the only possible explanation would be a lack of oxygen, adding "we really have no idea what happened."

Actual fire damage was set at $150. Extensive smoke damage will top $1,500, the fire chief estimates.

THE DEPARTMENT'S busy week had just begun, though.

Early Tuesday morning firemen rescued a Birmingham woman from the roof of her Townsend street apartment when fire raced through her kitchen.

Hot cigarette ashes placed in a paper bag started the fire. The result was an estimated $5,500 damage to the apartment occupied by Mrs. Janet W. Martin and to the rest of the building, at the corner of Townsend and Henrietta.

The firefighters, called at 1:45 a.m. by the James E. Gross family in the same building, found Mrs. Martin on a porch roof where she had climbed through a window.

THE WOMAN HAD just retired when she heard what she thought was an explosion. She investigated and found the fire, started to leave by the hall and found too much heat there so exited by the window.

She was taken off the roof by ladder.

While on the roof, Mrs. Martin pounded on the side of the house to awaken the Gross family.

The kitchen of Mrs. Martin's apartment was destroyed. Smoke damage was extensive throughout the building.

The building's owner is J. W. Sutton, Jr., 393 Woodland Villa, Birmingham.

This & That

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ing of Virtue thus: "To be able everywhere one goes to carry five things into practice, constitute Virtue. They are courtesy, magnanimity, sincerity, earnestness, and kindness. With courtesy you avoid insult, with magnanimity you win all, with sincerity men will trust you, with earnestness you will have success, and with kindness you will be fitted to command others."

Many Americans wonder why, with unemployment figures as they exist, prices do not come down. I think there are two basic reasons: first, there is not enough unemployment to result in a real buyers' strike, or a real cessation of general purchasing; second, with labor unions so all-powerful, with no anti-monopolistic controls over them, labor leaders are able to get constant wage increases for their members. This wage increase, naturally, is reflected in increased prices. In brief, the circumstances that used to relate to the "laws of supply and demand" do not, in total, currently prevail in the U. S. A.

What's Michigan Week All About?

This is Michigan Week!

Now is when Michigan residents make a special effort to gain some additional knowledge about their state and to tell the rest of the nation the many things Michigan has that others of the remaining 47 states don't have.

It's a little like inventory time for the businessman. It's something like cleaning out the basement for the home owner or it's like getting out the family album.

It's a time for getting a new look at the things you have taken for granted so long.

REMEMBER how, when you've been cleaning the basement and you come across old books and papers? It's easy to get so engrossed in what you have found that you forget to finish your work. Or thumbing through the family album or a year book from high school or college.

The little things you thought you would remember forever seem to have slipped your mind. A glance through the books recalls them even more poignantly than when you knew them for the first time.

It's like that during Michigan Week. This year the special emphasis is on Water Resources in Michigan and Education in Michigan.

SOMETIMES YOU take for granted Michigan's great water supply. It's always here for industrial, household purposes and for recreation. It's not difficult to lose sight of the fact that there are places which don't enjoy the plentitude of water as we do in Michigan . . . our 3,000 miles of coastline, our 11,000 lakes, our 36,000 miles of streams.

Throughout Michigan Week special attention will be paid to education. Its' something each family, every child takes for granted.

But, Michigan's educational system is one of the finest. Michigan was first to have a superintendent of public instruction and guarantees to each child a free education through high school.

In the University of Michigan, it has the first state university with an elective board of regents. Michigan State University is the first of the land grant colleges. In all, with its public and private schools, Michigan offers every type of course in vocations, the professions and the arts.

Its colleges and universities provide research facilities which are available to industry and offers graduate courses which provide an opportunity for employees of industry to advance their scientific education.

DURING MICHIGAN Week, however, all is not water resources and education.

All is not looking backward or merely at the present. New Frontiers Day, looks to the future. One of the events of that special day is the presentation of Wolverine Frontiersman Awards to persons who have opened new vistas not only to the state and nation, but to the world.

These are persons, natives of Michigan, living here or whose work was in this state. It focuses attention on what Michigan industry and ingenuity is doing to make a greater Michigan and a greater world for future generations.

THROUGHOUT communities in Michigan there will be special events commemorating important moments in history and depicting plans for the future.

There is nothing in Michigan that unites so many people in a single project as the observance of Michigan Week. There is nothing like it in any other state.

Michigan Week, sponsored by Greater Michigan, Inc., together with the Michigan Economic Development Department and other state agencies, has as its objectives:

Advancing the economic and social progress of Michigan through use of every practical means;

PROMOTING AMONG Michigan residents and the people of the United States better understanding of the advantages Michigan offers as a place for living, working, playing and carrying on a business;

Getting all Michigan people working together to make Michigan an even better place to live, work and play.

Budget

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year when there will be no employee recognition banquet.

CIVIL DEFENSE: up $4560, primarily to pay half the cost of a CD training truck.

Miscellaneous general: up $27,331 due to increased costs for group insurance, retirement fund payments and Baldwin public library budget request for an additional $17,228 for next year's operation.

The library had $80,000 this year.

The city recreation board has submitted a budget request of $93,177. This would require equal payments of $30,983.50 from both city and board of education. The remainder would result from program revenues.

Here are the departmental requests:

	Proposed 1958-59 Budget	Current 1957-58 Budget
Commission	$7860	$7160
Justice	11,120	10,505
Elections	7320	4070
Assessor	17,850	14,481
Treasurer	20,664	19,596
Finance	23,114	25,020
Engineering	20,338	18,000
Legal	8700	10,650
Clerk	18,458	18,888
Police	239,704	284,305
Fire	201,245	199,192
Building Inspector	12,905	14,325
DPW	275,480	272,299
Health	11,480	10,900
Forestry & Parks	88,327	81,823
General Admin.	68,018	68,970
Personnel	4980	6346
Planning	8771	9206
Civil Defense	9474	6050
Misc. General	274,060	243,023
Capital Improvements & Special Assessments	140,000	140,000
Contingent	19,878	14,390
Special projects	62,900	63,559
Debt Service:		
Interest	16,701	18,798
Principal	80,000	80,000

Among the capital improvements which may be done next fiscal year are Lincoln-Chester-Wallace relief sewers, Landon-Ann-Purdy pavings, Maple-Bates alley acquisition and paving, Rouge Valley relief intercepter sewers, East and West Maple widenings (west from Glenhurst and east from Eton).

B'ham-Bloomfield Republican Club Name Counselman

Meeting recently at Birmingham Republican headquarters, the Birmingham - Bloomfield Republican club elected Revere G. Counselman, 1730 Winthrop, as its president.

Dr. John P. Wood, of 644 Rudgate, Bloomfield Hills, was named first vice president, and Mrs. John C. Finegan, 5710 Crabtree, second vice president.

Other officers are Dorr F. Lovett, treasurer; Mrs. Richard C. Van Dusen, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Francis W. Rockwell recording secretary.

On the board of directors are Eleanor Paton, Mrs. Robert Watt, Homer Case, Russel K. Dostal, John E. Graham, Wright Hitt, Nelson Miles, John Roberts, Edward N. Schneider and Lloyd T. Smith.

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Rev. Hodgson Heads Polio Chapter

Rev. G. Burton Hodgson, 2488 Derby, Birmingham, was again elected chairman of the Oakland county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at a recent meeting.

John O. Wilkinson, 2963 Windemere, Birmingham, is on the chapter's executive committee.

Hodgson announced that final reports for the 1958 March of Dimes show $128,835 was raised in Oakland county.

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'Citizens Weary' Of Tag Days, Two Dates Cancelled

"Birmingham citizens are rightly very weary of seeing the lady or gentleman with a canister," Mrs. H. R. Estes wrote the Birmingham city commission last week.

Club president Mrs. Estes, 492 Rivenoak, told commissioners the MOMS of America were cancelling their tag day. Before that Birmingham Lions announced cancellation of their white cane sale.

Lions had set the sale last Saturday. It would have made every April Saturday a tag day.

As a part of white cane week May 4 through 10, Birmingham Lions are cooperating in distribution of printed leaflets through local schools. The week's educational program points up the white cane as the symbol of blindness.

.01 Per Cent Improvement

Birmingham taxpayers were a shade better in paying their current taxes than they were last year, reports City Treasurer Russell T. Berger.

But payments on school and county taxes slipped slightly, he said.

His figures show: 1957 city taxes 98.19 per cent collected, while 98.18 per cent were obtained on 1956 taxes. School and county: 95.40 per cent, compared to 96.22 the year before.

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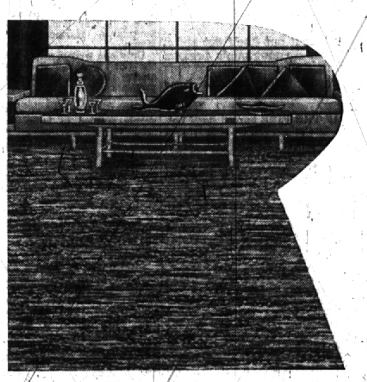

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