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T. E. Hurns Rose from Office Boy To Detroit Edison Vice-President

Thomas E. Hurns, 17831 Birwood, Birmingham, who rose from office-boy to vice-president of Detroit Edison in the course of his 49-year career in the company, retired May 1.

His period of service with Detroit Edison covered an era of unprecedented industrial growth. When he reported for his first day's work in 1909, he was one of 500 employees serving 40,000 customers on a system with total generating capacity of 28,000 kilowatts.

Today, the company's 11,000 employees serve an area inhabited by more than 4,000,000 people, and the system capacity is 5,000,000 kilowatts.

Hurn's progress was marked by successive positions as accounting clerk, chief clerk of the Accounting Department, assistant secretary, general accountant, general accountant, and at the time of his retirement, vice-president and secretary.



THOMAS E. HURNS

HE WAS an early proponent of the use of accounting machines to eliminate many tedious and time-consuming routines. He also pioneered in personnel matters, instituting a series of supervisory responsibilities, and inaugurating a manual inventory and appraisal program.

His work has established him as an authority on tax and accounting problems, both within his company and throughout the electric power industry.

He organized the Detroit chapter of the "tax executives" institute, which he has served as president, and is also a past president, board chairman and director of the institute's national organization. He is likewise active in the National Association of Accountants, which he has served as president of the Detroit chapter.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL affiliations include the Edison electric institute taxation accounting committee, the American Management association office management council and the Michigan state aid survey committee.

Hurns is the author of a number of studies and articles on management training and accounting subjects.

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Beck Cleaners Celebrates 30th Anniversary

This month is Beck cleaners' 30th anniversary. The firm, planning a new building at Oakland and Woodward, was started at its present 332 N. Woodward location May 1, 1928. They shared the building with the post office until 1940.

Ray Cook, who began Beck cleaners, retired in 1952. Included in his accomplishments was the installation of this city's first fur storage.

FIRST CUSTOMER of the firm was Mrs. Ernest W. Seaholm, 1557 Fairway, Birmingham.



Bloomfield Man Named President Of Storage Firm

Bernard L. Walsh, 4800 Haddington, Bloomfield Township, has been elected president of Cadillac Storage Co.

Walsh, a prominent Detroit attorney, has served as a director and general counsel for the company since 1927. He is a graduate of Georgetown university and a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

CADILLAC STORAGE, with headquarters in Detroit, maintains a sales branch in Birmingham.

There'll Be a Gap In The Middle

To permit a building under construction to comply with off-street parking requirements, Birmingham city commission this week proceeded with the north end of an access drive on Woodward, north of Park street. The middle gap would be specially assessed when commercial construction occurs there.

Special assessment hearings for sewer and retaining wall constructions were dropped as unnecessary. Costs are being paid in other ways, the engineering department reported.

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