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rough shape right now, he revealed.

O'Hara first started the service in August, 1954. It was the first service devoted exclusively to the local area in three years. The city's plight became acute in June, 1951 when the city's two funeral homes dropped their ambulance services.

Birmingham was served by ambulance companies in Royal Oak, Pontiac and other outlying communities before O'Hara started the business three years later.

DURING the three-year period, a hotly debated question was batted back and forth at the commissioners table as to whether or not police cars should be equipped with stretchers.

The contract for city service, which amounts to only three or four hundred dollars a year, was given O'Hara when he submitted his first ambulance for inspection to the city.

With six employees on the payroll, O'Hara would not even venture a guess as to how much longer he can remain in business.

"The average run costs a patient about \$15 and he thinks it is high."

"BUT WHEN you have \$40,000 worth of equipment in your ambulance and supplies alone, the charge is small. This doesn't even include the services of two men."

Talk

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MRS. CHARLES CRANE of Lenox road speaks of the depreciation of their property value, as they will be one quarter of a mile away from the expressway.

Like so many residents, Mrs. Rod Ackerman of Dowling road and Mrs. Franklin Mills of Greentree road are talking about the expressway dividing the Eastover school district, causing school buses to cross this potentially dangerous thoroughfare four times daily.

In the Charnwood subdivision, Mrs. Hilbert Hirschfeld of Bretby drive says, "Beautiful residential areas are as important as expressways and they should be given consideration before being destroyed."

SHE ALSO feels there is enough vacant property in Troy and Bloomfield so that another route could be found without tearing up well-populated areas.

Robert Moude of Chalgrove road, a member of the Troy city planning commission, believes a plan could be devised that would have far less effect on property and would be of satisfaction to most in the North Adams area.

Says Moude, "If Bloomfield township, Pontiac and Troy met as one group and with one trend of thought, with the State Planning Commission, a solution could be worked out."

Bomb Threat At High School

"There's a bomb in Birmingham High school," the voice on the Birmingham police department telephone said.

The call came in at 11:12 a.m. Oct. 22, and immediately Birmingham police officers and firemen raced to the school.

The first question brought up was whether the school should be evacuated. Rather than risk panicking the students, Dr. Dwight D. Ireland, superintendent of schools, decided against this, and the building was searched with the students in it.

THE RESULT—no bomb. But there could have been one. On Oct. 30, Lt. Robert Schaula had a 15-year-old student brought into his office for questioning. The youth admitted calling police.

He said he was in the school library reading an account of a similar occurrence and thought it would be fun to try.

"What if one of the firemen or policemen investigating your prank was needed for a real emergency?" Schaula asked.

The boy didn't answer.

HE APPEARED in Oakland county juvenile court Monday for a preliminary hearing. A regular hearing is scheduled for Nov. 25.

According to a new state law he could receive 90 days in the county jail, a \$100 fine, or both.

Perring

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WHILE PRESENTING the awards in a Hill Auditorium ceremony, U-M president Harlan Hatcher said: "His life reflects admirably the application of a fine sense of values."

"He has translated in countless ways his love of his fellow man into practical help for him; his love of family into the unique and paramount place he has established for it in his own life."

Perring, a native Detroit, attended U-M and Wayne State University.

HE JOINED the Detroit Bank and Trust Co. in 1927 and became assistant vice president in 1933, and executive vice president in 1951. Since 1953 he has served as president and director.

A board member of several industrial and financial concerns, he is also active in civic affairs. He has headed the Detroit chapter of the American Red Cross and served on boards and committees of various groups including Junior Achievement, Goodwill Industries and other organizations.

The awards, established by the regents last July, are made on the recommendations of the deans and faculties of 16 schools and colleges.

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All-Day Parkers Shift to Other Lots, Test Proves

Fewer long-term parking meters on the Pierce-Merrill municipal lot apparently have moved all-day parkers to one of the other three city lots, according to a special parking lot committee report released this week.

Chairman and City Commissioner John S. O'Gorman recommended the 90-day test be made permanent.

O'Gorman suggested the additional short-term parking be set up right along Pierce street. During

the test, it was on interior rows where motorists could not see if spaces were available, O'Gorman commented.

HE SAID a police survey of the immediate area before and at the end of the test seemed to show the all-day parkers were not moving into nearby residential areas to park.

However, this did not jibe with reaction of 19 residents on Henrietta, between Brown and Frank, one block south and west of the Pierce-Merrill lot.

They petitioned the city for relief from the 10 to 25 cars parked there all day.

The police department was asked to investigate the problem.

Widow Receives Husband's Badge

Mrs. Lester Talbot, 1364 Holland, Birmingham, was presented with her late husband's auxiliary police badge at Monday night's commission meeting.

The retired badge (No. 106), plated and mounted on a plaque, was presented to Mrs. Talbot by James Couzens, chief of auxiliary police, in recognition of the 900 hours Talbot devoted to auxiliary police work before he died of a cerebral hemorrhage in September.

DURING the brief ceremony, Couzens and Mayor Carl F. Ingram praised the uncompensated service Talbot gave to the city.

Mrs. Talbot acknowledged the presentation, saying: "If Les were here tonight I know he'd like me to say that this presentation is not only a tribute to him, but to every man who contributes his time and effort to the city. Thank you so much."

Berger to Speak

At tonight's meeting of the Bloomfield Hills camera club, Isadore Arnold Berger, of Detroit, world traveler and attorney, will show slides and speak on "Kashmir and the Far East." The group meets at 8 p.m. at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

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