

Fete Frank Irons, 35 Years a Lawman

City officials, fellow lawmen, admirers and old friends are getting together to help Frank Irons celebrate 35 years in law enforcement.

The gathering at Northwood Inn, May 11, is going to be a birthday party, too. Irons will be 60 on May 3.

Irons, Oakland County Sheriff since 1956, started his career as a patrolman in Berkeley in 1924. Within a year-and-a-half he made police chief. He kept the job until Jan. 1, 1955 when he took over as sheriff.

THIRTY officers of the Oakland county sheriff's department will stand in formation as Irons is presented with a gold plaque. "Encees" will be Paul Williams, sportscaster and public affairs manager for WWJ and WWJ-TV. Circuit court judge Edward S. Higgins is guest speaker. In the audience will be newly elected circuit court judges and—possibly—Lou Bessinger, one of the Berkeley commissioners who appointed Irons chief of police in 1925.

Businessmen's groups from Berkeley, Clawson, Milford are arranging the celebration, under the chairmanship of Nick Elnicky, Herkley photographer.



Planning Business-Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Gillon, 6630 Indianwood Trail, Bloomfield township, husband-wife sales team for Max Brook real estate company, makes plans for their business-vacation trip that will take them to the principal cities of Europe. While in Europe, the couple will attend the International real estate

Federation convention held in Rome May 31-June 4. They will sail on the New Amsterdam April 24 and will arrive in Rotterdam May 3. Gillon will represent the Birmingham real estate board at the convention. Mr. and Mrs. Gillon hope to visit Moscow if their visa is approved.

Credit Bureau Manager Lists Good Credit Hints

Birmingham Credit Bureau Manager Wayne L. Combs listed 10 hints for good credit buying this week.

Most area residents follow the rules fairly well, Combs said, but for the few who have not, a visit to the credit bureau will help the buyer establish his credit record again.

THE 10 general rules to follow are:

1. Form good pay habits: Credit and character are almost synonymous. Put your good character to work. Make promises carefully and stick to them.

2. Calculate your ability to meet payments: A close budget is not a safe one. Leave a little margin for emergencies. Buy after you have thought a purchase over. Not before. Do not sign yourself up so that you must use your whole paycheck to make payments.

3. Deal with honest merchants: Beware of the man who has a "big deal" or a "special plan" or is selling at a "huge sacrifice" or who tries to high-pressure you into something you don't want. An honest merchant has a reputation to uphold.

4. Don't sign blank forms: Be sure all credit forms you are requested to sign are completely filled out. Keep a copy of everything you sign.

5. Keep simple accounts. If you know how much credit you have purchased, and you know your total monthly payments for everything, you are not apt to buy when you cannot afford it.

6. TALK OVER difficulties with your creditors: There may be times when you are forced to reduce a payment or ask for more time. Your creditors are more apt to understand your difficulties if you make them known. Do not, how-

ever, depend on "hard luck" stores in order to impress creditors. They have heard all of these before.

7. Reply to any request for information: Simply ignoring bills or requests for payments overdue is easy, but very hard on your credit. When your creditors know that you are trying, they are more apt to try to be helpful.

8. Consider the time element: The longest time schedule for payments is not always the best. A "dollar down and a dollar a month" is apt to run up unreasonable interest charges. The purchase, particularly when it is an auto-

mobile, is apt to depreciate faster than you are paying for it. Thus you are actually losing money.

9. FORM HABIT of saving: Deducting a little from each pay check, no matter how small, is a good habit. Save your money before you spend any of your pay check, and it will be easier to form regular saving habits. Save for special occasions like Christmas, or vacations, or a big purchase, or schooling. You will draw a little interest on your savings, and when the event comes you will not have to depend heavily on your regular pay, nor will you have to extend your credit.

10. Respect your credit privi-

leges: Your credit standing is a very valuable possession. Misusing it, or allowing others to let you misuse it, is a prelude to unhappiness.



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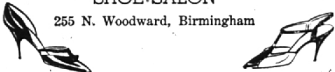
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