

## Building Permits Drop, But Money Spent Rises

Although the number of building permits issued last year in Birmingham dropped considerably compared to 1957, the amount of money being spent on construction rose by nearly \$18,000, according to Building Inspector Andrew F. Butt.

In his annual report to the city commission Monday night, Butt said permits issued in 1958 totalled 417 and amounted to \$3,800,625.

The 500 permits issued in 1957 amounted \$3,877,647, Butt said. It amounted to a \$12,975 increase over 1957.

A total of \$2,860,675 was spent on new construction in Birmingham last year and over half of that was spent on 61 new homes in the area.

Major buildings constructed last year include a 58-unit motel, a new post office service building and a new apartment building to house 15 families.

In December alone \$167,975 was spent on construction. This included permits for five new homes with a combined value of \$123,000.

The new A & P supermarket on Adams was started last month. Foundation and footings cost an estimated \$15,000.

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## Senior Men Observe 2nd Anniversary

From an original membership of these to a current 90 is the statistical record of Birmingham's Senior Men's Club, composed of men 65 years "young" or "younger", which was revealed Friday noon of last week as the Club observed its second anniversary, in a program presided over by retiring president Earl J. Roy, 876 Madison. It was held in the Community House.

Two-tenner Roy also paid tribute to Robert E. Girardin, local recreation director, Mrs. Ewald S. Schaffer, Community House director, for their parts in aiding in the Club's growth. Leo A. Stiers, 1055 Hazel, the Club's first president, gave a first-class imitation of an Englishman's narration of an American baseball game.

Roy also praised the volunteer voice of a number of local women who prepare and serve the luncheons in the Banquet Room of the House.

The Club meets Friday and Tuesday of each week. Programs of various kinds are enjoyed, together with lunch and recreational games. More than 500 local men are eligible to join, although admittedly the Club cannot provide places for all, so it operates under a current limited membership plan.

Leo A. White, 652 Brookside, a Club member, praised the foresight of the Club's organizers in developing a practical program to maintain a vigorous interest in affairs by men who have reached retirement ages, yet who have many years of helpful social, economic, and community aid to render.

"I am convinced, from a lifetime of close relationship to the problem, that much of this world's most valuable work is done by volunteers," stated Mr. White. "Your group, whose members represent vocational and professional skills covering a wide expanse are in an ideal position to give of their wealth of knowledge. Another splendid phase of your Club's objectives is to develop a closer friendship among its members, who also will extend that feeling to many others in our community."

Henry O. Wagner, 880 Ridge-dale, was elected new president, and Donald S. McGuire, 515 Pillsbury, vice president. Two new directors, Robert S. Phillips, 724 Madison, and H. L. Roberts, 272 Ravine, also took office. F. A. Henshaw, 809 Ridge-dale, was re-elected secretary. Treasurer Chapman Walter Lotz, 1043 Wakefield.

## Troy News Briefs

### City Will Outfit Some Firemen

Troy commissioners recently voted to dip into the city's contingency fund to outfit volunteer firemen with jackets and boots.

Fire Chief Lauren Ford was advised by City Manager C. E. Lukens to draw straws for six jackets among 19 men who need them in Station 2, Sixteen Mile at Dequindre.

Lukens said the number of jackets the city could purchase was limited because it was already over the fire department budget.

### COMMISSIONERS

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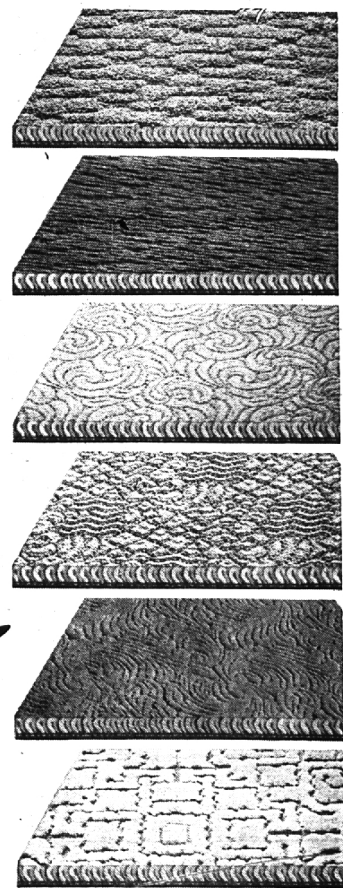
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Firemen battled the flames for more than an hour. The exact cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

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HERBERT STOUTENBURG, JR.  
**Name Stoutenburg To MSUO Staff**

Herbert N. Stoutenburg Jr. has been appointed registrar and director of admissions of the new Michigan State University Oakland.

He is the fourth full-time member of the growing MSUO staff. He joins Roy Alexander, director of student affairs; George Karas, director of the physical plant and Dr. Lowell Eklund, head of continuing education activities.

Stoutenburg recently was an executive officer of the MSUO advisory group in Vietnam, and was president of the American Community school in Saigon.

His new office will be located in a residential building containing offices for other staff members on the 1,600-acre campus at the intersection of Adams and Butler roads.

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