



Hills Fire, Police File Final Report

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Thefts, 17 malicious destruction and four assault and battery cases were reported in 1958. The fire department snuffed out 12 house fires, seven car and three truck fires and made two rescue calls.

There was no change in the number of grass fires reported last year compared to 1957. There were 24 calls handled both years.

THE CALL for resuscitator equipment doubled in 1958. The fire department made six runs in 1958 and only three in 1957. False alarms also increased. There was only one in 1957 compared to four last year.

Figures on fire damage loss last year will not be complete until Jan. 31.

The annual police report showed there were nine breaking and enterings, five sex cases, six auto

Maple-Bates Alley Hearing Feb. 2

Special assessment roll for con-hearing before the Birmingham structure of the deadend alley off city commission. The estimate \$54,400 cost will Bates in the block south of Maple. The estimate has been set for Feb. 2 to be borne by property owners.

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Medical Mirror

WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT

Q. "I have had an irritated bowel for 5 years. Is this the same as colitis? Is there a cure?"—An Ohio reader.

A. The term "bowel" applies to the entire intestinal tract whereas "colitis" refers to only the large intestine. Colitis is all too common and severe cases are none too easy to deal with. It varies from a mild spastic condition to severe inflammation of the lining tissues. Cures are often possible in mild cases of colitis—less likely in advanced cases. Surgery is always considered when the condition has advanced to a point where life is threatened. The emotions seem to play a large part in causing colon flare-ups. Let a colitis patient get all worked up over some personal problem and he is likely to backslide far enough to crave months of successful treatment. Doctors do everything they can to prevent these stress-caused flare-ups.

Q. "Is a navel rupture in an infant harmful? Should it be taped?"—Mrs. K.D.

A. Although the common umbilical hernia (navel rupture) usually corrects itself without treatment, the condition often causes much worry among parents. Some physicians recommend taping while others believe such treatment is not only useless but also delays natural cure. A British doctor studied 100 babies with umbilical hernia. Almost all small, untreated hernias disappeared during the first year of life. Taping helped when the hernias were large.

Q. What does the word "psychosomatic" mean?

A. Psychosomatic refers to a physical disorder of the body which is caused by or aggravated by emotional processes. However, when a doctor says that a certain disorder is psychosomatic or has psychogenic causes, he does not mean that it is "all in your head" or that something is wrong mentally, or that you are a neurotic. He is simply taking into consideration that no one is always in complete harmony with himself. We are all under some emotional tension and this can affect the heart, stomach and other organs. The emotions (fate, fear, anger and the like) are powerful forces which can and often do contribute to physical ills.

Answers do not necessarily reflect the opinion of all doctors. The diagnosis and treatment of disease is the function of the patient's personal physician. Questions directed to Science Editors, P.O. Box 406, Madison Sq. Sta., N. Y. 10, N. Y., will be incorporated in these columns when possible.



New President

Walter Van Conant, chairman of the Real Estate appraisers association and was installed at a recent meeting by retiring president William Grabendike. Also elected were Warren J. Beauchamp, vice president; William E. Madony, secretary; treasurer, and James C. Rogers, William A. Kennedy, and William H. Knudsen, to the board of directors.

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