

# More Photos of Fire at Teamster Agent's Home



## O'Brien Answers Investigator's Questions

Charles O'Brien (in sport shirt) answers questions from Sgt. Oramel O'Farrell (with cigar), head of the arson squad at the Redford state police post. O'Brien got home early Friday evening from a Wyoming business trip. Listening to the questions-and-answers are newspaper reporters.



## This \$40,000 Home Is Guttled by Fuel-Fired Flames

The gutted \$40,000 home, at 205 Harrow circle in Bloomfield township one block north of Birmingham's city limits, stands on an acre of ground. It is a one-and-a-half story dwelling, brick with wood trim. Its basement and two-car garage were the only portions not touched by flames. The deliberately-set fire was not discovered until 9:15, or an estimated 15 minutes after it started.

## Agent

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one had recently uprooted their mailbox and had taken it. She also accused "them" of disassembling an Italian garden fountain last year. "It must have taken them hours," she said.

Why did Mrs. Paris drive her Thunderbird just 300 yards to her neighbor's home at 7:30 p.m. when they had assured her they would pick her up at her home at 8:15 p.m.?

Is the case in any way connected with the Aug. 20 fire in Pontiac that ruined the home of Leuan Harrelson, business agent for Pontiac Teamsters local 614?

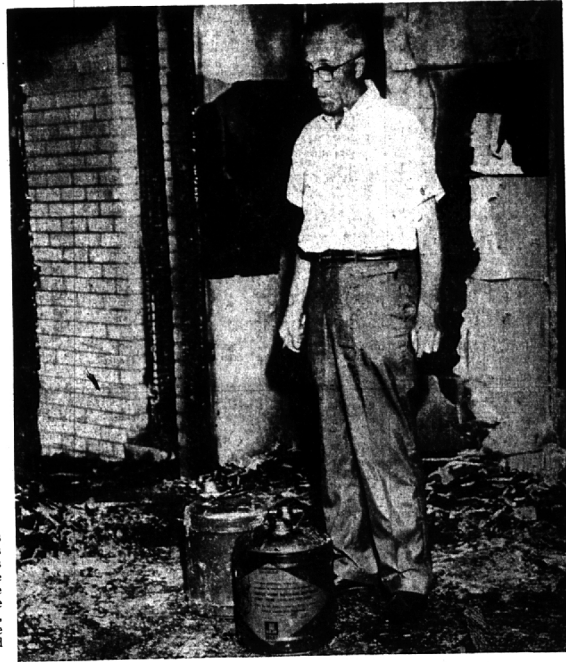
Has the Paris home been for sale?

Mrs. Paris told The Eccentric reporters Friday morning that the home was not for sale. She said someone had on several occasions posted "for sale" signs at the front of the lot.

Sgt. O'Farrell said Wednesday morning that the house was for sale. A representative of the Lambert Realty company told The Eccentric that they had been handling the property. O'Farrell said the company told him they got offers for the home but they "weren't enough."

## Fuel Cans Fed Fire

Sgt. O'Farrell stands in a corner of the Paris living room, two fuel cans at his feet. These were used in the firing of the home, he said. Cans were found in the living room, kitchen hallway, on the stairway and at the head of the stairway.



## Sifts Debris For Evidence

State Police Detective Hubert Hanley sifts the debris for any telltale clues to this unknown arsonist's work. One of the four fuel oil cans (at left) is in front of the living room fireplace. The room's two picture windows were shattered by the heat. Note the charred window frames. (Eccentric Photos by Phil Webb)

## Berlin

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stray female. So I had a dancing partner and good fun, conversation.

He turned out to be travel lecturer, Earl Donnelly, on his way to East Berlin, Warsaw and Russia to shoot color films on travel behind the Iron Curtain.

He had been studying Russian for six months. He lives in Wash-

ington, D. C., where he is a good friend of a girl I admire very much, Esther Van Waggoner Duly, TV personality and sister of Michigan's Murray Van Waggoner.

EARL SAYS HE'S going to invite my husband and me to a special showing of the films when he comes to Detroit next fall. He was leaving the next day, with some apprehension, to start work behind the Iron Curtain.

Teil Esther you were the last person to see me before I crossed over," he said.

Between Berlin and Rome I hit briefly the prettiest spot I have seen yet, Zurich, Switzerland. A real joy. I even climbed a mountain with some fellow tourists from Australia. A baby mountain it was, only 2600 feet to the top. But when I reached it, I felt I had achieved every bit as much as Sir Edmund Hillary.

P.S. Forgot to say I had the good luck to meet Phoebe Otter and sister Doris Graham from Birmingham between planes in Frankfurt. They're looking wonderful and having a ball.



DR. LIONEL J. MERRILL

## His Gift—For Others

Friends, relatives and former patients of Dr. Lionel N. Merrill have contributed \$2,027.50 toward the setting up of an assistance fund for medical students specializing in pediatrics at the university of Michigan.

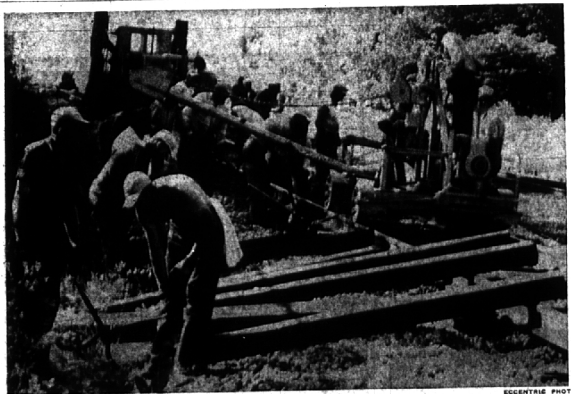
Dr. Merrill, formerly of 1849 Orchard lane, Bloomfield township, is a retired pediatrician.

HE RECENTLY closed his 30-practice, most of which was done in Royal Oak, and moved to Naub-inway, Mich.

A check for the collected amount was presented recently to the regents of U-M, and a scrapbook containing pictures of and notes from contributors was presented to the doctor.

The fund drive is over, committee chairman said, but contributions are being accepted by Mrs. John E. Kerr, 1519 Woodboro, Royal Oak, and Mr. Ogel Scott, 1220 E. Lincoln, Birmingham.

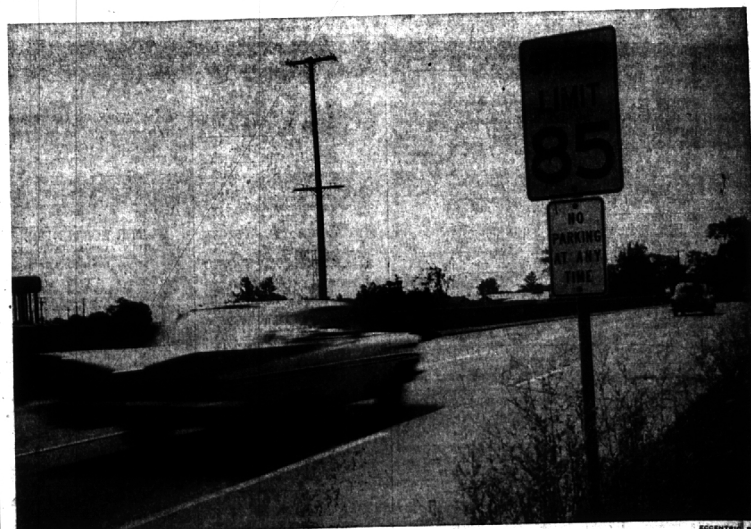
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## '...workin' on the railroad...'

Easier rides for daily commuters is the aim of this Grand Trunk railroad track crew. Recently, along the right-of-way through Birmingham, the crew was renew-

ing ties and cleaning roadbed ballast. This is part of the GTWRR's regular and constant maintenance program.



## Sakes' Alive! Not EIGHTY-FIVE!

It's so nice to get a speedy welcome at a city's limits—but not at an 85-mile-per-hour pace! Really, the auto in this picture isn't going 85—it's closer to 35, the actual speed limit on the Adams road viaduct southbound into Birmingham. What's happened; Some wise guy filled in the 8, making it an 8. Amateur jobs of altering speed

signs are easily recognized by the motorist. However, who ever did it on this sign (and on the one further south of the viaduct) used a steady hand and good black paint. Most motorists are doing a double take when spotting them for the first time. But look for a greatly accelerated correction on the city's part.