

Safety Council Warns Against Fire Hazards

How many persons will die in fires during the Christmas holiday? "Not a one, necessarily," the National Safety Council declared today. "The grim picture of frequent fires at Christmas does not need to be if people take a few precautions."

THE COUNCIL cited these facts about fires:

More than 1,000 persons died last year in December, a month when most fire deaths occurred. Chief victims are the very young, children under 5, and persons 75 years of age or more. In recent years, more than half a million homes have been struck by fire.

Fire losses in the home will total more than 300 million dollars this year. To keep yourself and your loved ones from becoming fire victims, the National Safety Council makes these life-saving sugges-

tions: Don't let gift wrappings accumulate so they become a fire hazard. Don't smoke in bed. And at holiday get-togethers, use deep ash trays that will hold burning cigarettes securely.

CHECK YOUR Christmas tree for possible shorts. Better to buy a new string of lights than to risk having tragedy visit your home. Don't leave the Christmas tree lights burning if you're away from home or out of the room for long. Don't put your tree up too early. And don't leave it up so long it gets dried out. Keep it moist.

Metallic Christmas trees are fine if you use the floor lights most manufacturers recommend. Don't risk a string of lights short by putting a dead-dealing short by putting a string of lights on a metallic tree.

Christmas Musicales Oakland county chapter of the Valparaiso university music guild will sponsor a Christmas musicale and tea Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4:30 p. m. in St. Paul Lutheran church, Pontiac. Combined adult and children's choir of Grace St. Paul and St. Trinity Lutheran churches will give the program.

Troy News Briefs



He Achieves a 'First'

TROY—David M. Davey is the first man in a wheel chair ever to be considered for a top Goodwill industries post. He is shown here with acting director John E. Hoskins of Detroit's Goodwill industries who selected him as an executive trainee. Davey is a polio victim and leg amputee. A graduate of Cooley high school and Wayne university, he is now assistant sales manager in overall charge of eight Goodwill stores. He hopes to become an executive of one of the 123 branches located in cities from coast to coast.

County May Take Over Building of Sewer

TROY—A special sewer subcommittee, headed by Norman R. Barnard, has recommended that Troy ask the Oakland county DPW to construct the sewers which were turned down by voters last August.

The city commission scheduled a special meeting Nov. 21 to discuss the recommendation.

County DPW Director R. J. Alexander said, at a meeting with the sewer subcommittee, "There is no reason why we could not do it." The DPW built an internal sewer system for the City of Keego Harbor when that city said it was unable to finance the project. The northwest corner of Troy is in the DPW's Evergreen interceptor district.

BARNARD's committee listed three advantages to county-built sewers. They said county financing might conserve the city's borrowing power; that sewers could be built in all parts of the city at the same time, rather than in stages; and noted that the DPW has the facilities to begin work immediately.

A vote of the people would not be necessary as the commission could execute the DPW contract. City commissioners have discussed ways to win voters' approval for trunkline sewers since the voters' turnout vote on Aug.

Parents, Teachers Confer in Troy

TROY—Parents reported in record numbers for individual conferences with teachers during the recent fall series of parent-teacher

department from building the expressway across cemetery land. Troy was dismantled of the suit on grounds that the city cannot under law take the land or build the highway.

The state and the county are still being by the cemetery.

conferences in Troy, following issuance of report cards, according to School Superintendent Elza E. Smith.

At senior high level, 67 per cent of the parents attended conference sessions; at junior high level, 89 per cent were represented and 97 per cent of parents of elementary pupils participated. One school achieved 99 per cent at the elementary level.

Principals of the nine Troy schools reported continuing enthusiasm among parents and teachers for the twice-yearly individual conference plan.

Fallout Shelter Hits New Snag

Troy's model fallout shelter has hit a new snag. After nearly six months of discussion, then concrete plans, construction bids were advertised for letting on Nov. 14.

City commissioners first debated the advisability of spending the money for shelter to serve as a model for residents who wanted to build an atomic-age cyclone cellar.

That settled the commission then debated where to put it. Plans to put it on the west side of the city hall, 60 W. 14-mile (Wattles) were sidetracked when a homeowner on that side of the building complained.

Commissioners decided three weeks ago to put it on the east side of the city hall setting the stage for Monday night's commission plans to award bids. But there weren't any bids.

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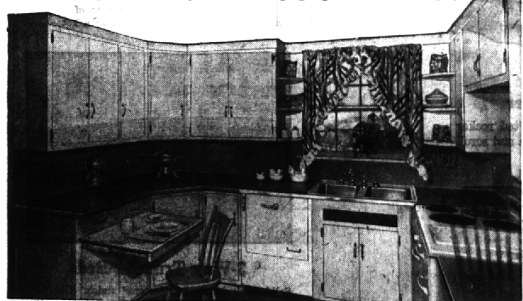
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If the Grand Central Station of any home is the kitchen then you might say that the countertop is the main concern. Such a spot—seen so often, used so often—should be pleasing to the eye and easily worked with. Alas—so many housewives put up with worn out counter-tops hour after hour, day after day, month after month.

The effects run deep—a tired looking countertop can be irritating when viewed constantly. Spending hours in the kitchen can be tiring enough without being constantly subjected to something that goes against the grain. To put it simply, a tired looking countertop could conceivably be responsible for tired cooking. If the kitchen is not

inviting as little time as possible will be spent in it. If not conducive to patience, a rather uninspired fare is apt to result.

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Plan Consultant Can't Suggest X-Way Change

TROY—City commissioners hoping for an alternative to the proposed Chrysler expressway interchange near Adams and Square Lake roads, found little comfort in the recent report of City planning consultant George Villan, Jr.

The report contained little change in major road traffic counts in the area, either present or projected. It suggested an interchange similar to the state's present plans for the area.

The commission rejected the recommendation, splitting votes, with Commission member Clifford Bernhardt, Jr., Louis Yanich and Stanley E. Skelton voting "yes." Commissioners Wallace B. Hudson and Vincent J. McAvoy voted "no."

The city is left without an alternative to the proposed interchange. Charwood subdivision promoter claims the interchange will impair land values and are worried that it may eliminate some subdivision homes by cutting through the area.

Another objection to the expressway, White Chapel cemetery, lost a round in its suit in circuit court to restrain the state highway

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