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RESCUE WORKERS from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area worked for three hours Sept. 14 before they finally freed 82-year-old Mrs. Gertrude Bramley from beneath tons

Phantom
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year-old Oak Park man confessed the robbery and is now serving time in a Federal prison.

It may be a long time before Bloomfield residents stop talking about "the big fires of 1963."

THE FIRST one came Jan. 10 when a Bloomfield Hills home, owned by Dr. Ralph R. Margulis, 150 Martell Drive, was destroyed.

Total damage was estimated at \$200,000, including \$80,000 for the tri-level structure and \$120,000 for contents destroyed in the blaze.

The fire, caused by a broken gas line, started as workmen for a well-drilling company were trying to locate a nearby water well.

Fire officials said a gas line was apparently nudged by the scoop on a power shovel being used to move a water storage tank, causing a gas pipe fitting inside the home to break.

THE SECOND fire—on Dec. 8, in the Bloomfield Plaza Shopping Center—destroyed a drug store and damaged three other shops at an estimated cost of \$285,000.

It was the second largest blaze in Bloomfield Township history.

Firemen know it started in the drug store in an area used to store soft-drink bottles, but the cause has not been determined.

Township firemen were assisted in fighting the fire by members of the volunteer department from Bloomfield Village.

The blaze prompted Bloomfield Township governmental officials to review building codes with the possibility of adopting new fire walls in areas where they are needed.

The spectacular seemed to happen in pairs, as in the case of two explosions that wracked the area only a month apart.

AN 82-YEAR-OLD Bloomfield Township woman, Mrs. Gertrude Bramley, was trapped for three hours Sept. 14 under tons of rubble when a boiler exploded at the home of her son-in-law, Max H. Fruhauf, 3782 Brookside.

Only one wing and the garage of the \$200,000 home was left standing after the explosion, which shook buildings a mile away. A broken safety valve was responsible for the blast.

The Birmingham Fire Rescue Squad, aided by police, firemen and civil defense workers for the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, were credited with saving Mrs. Bramley's life.

Suffering from a broken arm and fractured pelvis, Mrs. Bramley spent several weeks in the hospital and made a complete recovery.

ON OCT. 16, a 66-year-old porter narrowly escaped death when a bomb ripped the front of Bedell's Restaurant in Bloomfield Township.

The explosion tore open the front of the building and scattered concrete and lumber for more than 50 feet in front of the restaurant, at 2395 N. Woodward.

Co-owner Jack L. Bedell of Birmingham could give no reason why the eating place was bombed. He denied that there had been any labor trouble at the restaurant.

Police investigated all leads, but the bombing is still unsolved.

BIG NEWS was made on the political scene in January.

Scores of area residents flocked to Lansing on New Year's Day to witness the swearing-in of Bloomfield Hills' George W. Romney as the state's first Republican governor in 14 years.

Spectators who braved 18-degree weather heard Gov. Romney say he believed strongly in the two-party system but that there was a need to search for unity and understanding.

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Tot Faces Heart Operation: A Chance to 'Help Ralphie'

BY MARY BAHN
 Staff Writer

The New Year is starting off brighter for 21-month-old Ralph Hedman III.

Afflicted with a heart defect since birth, he has been given a chance to live by specialists at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

"Dr. William Kirkland is sure that he can repair his heart, but his biggest problem is that the blood vessels in his lungs are weak," said his 24-year-old mother, Mrs. Ralph Hedman of 888 Chapin, Birmingham.

"WE ARE JUST WAITING for a letter giving us the exact date, but the operation is scheduled for sometime in January," she said.

According to doctors, there is no guarantee of success for the intricate operation. They must try to connect what are now two nearly separate blood systems, one carrying blood through the body without adequate oxygen and the other circulating blood only between the heart and lungs.

SINCE HIS LUNGS are now damaged, Ralphie, after surviving the operation, may never be as active as other youngsters.

Ralphie is one of seven Hedman children, whom Mrs. Hedman says, are "all just wonderful."

"Even though Ralphie's health is bad, he is a good baby—a good eater, and sleeps throughout the night," she said.

The other Hedman children—Charles T. Michael, 6; Richard, 5; Gail, 4; Paula, 3; Ralphie, and Penny Sue, 9 months—all depend on dad Hedman's \$1-an-hour job at the Birmingham Veterans Cab Company.

Bits of Birmingham

The Birmingham Rotary Club has a reputation for attracting visitors. The Monday luncheon meeting at The Community House this week was no exception as the club entertained visitors from British Columbia, Honolulu, Bangor, Me., and Florida. The visitor from St. Petersburg, Fla., not only brought the greetings from his home club but also from George William (Bill) Averill, editor and publisher of the Tarpon Springs Leader and former managing editor of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Corn cribs are losing out on farms that have a 6,000 bushel or up yearly corn crop. Michigan State University researchers have found that corn cribs are more costly storage spaces in terms of loss of corn than concrete stave or glass-lined silos.

LaMarre Heads Group to Select C of C Manager

Virgil E. LaMarre has been named chairman of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce selection committee to help choose a new manager for the organization.

LaMarre, vice president of MacManus, John and Adams and a director of the chamber, was selected by William E. Roberts, chamber president. The new manager will replace Charles Mortenson, who announced early this month that he was resigning from the post.

Serving on the selection committee will be Mayor William H. Burgum, Superintendent of Schools John B. Smith, Mrs. G. Howard Willett, former mayor, and Wilbur Mason, manager of Jacobson's.

LaMarre said the committee will begin interviewing applicants immediately.

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