

Hills department called Fire ravages lumber yard

Reports said flames could be seen from downtown Detroit as Haggerty Lumber and Supply in Commerce Township burned Thursday night, just beyond West Bloomfield's Haggerty Road border.

Farmington Hills Fire Department volunteers joined units from nine other communities to fight the blaze, estimated to have caused \$10-15 million worth of damage.

The fire broke out about 8 p.m. and was brought under control sometime

after midnight, according to on-the-scene reports.

Cause of the fire was still unknown Friday. Preliminary reports say arson isn't suspected.

Two night workers reportedly heard the fire alarm go off in the sales building and routinely turned in the alarm. Returning to the scene, they saw approximately eight feet of the sales area involved and figured they could put it out even before the fire department arrived, a witness said.

SUDDENLY, THE flames hit the ceiling and spread, edged on by bins of sawdust, cans of paint, thinners and raw lumber.

Adjacent businesses such as Markey Brothers Wholesale Lumber, Hair Research and Dick Morris Chevrolet were threatened, but preventative dousing by firefighters kept the flames from spreading to those buildings.

The fire at its height was reported as so intense that utility poles 150 feet away from the building were smoking or smoldering and glass globes atop them melted.

Owner John O'Reilly reportedly indicated business would go on as usual following the mopping up effort, but witnesses were skeptical.



A fire Thursday night at a Haggerty Road lumber yard in Commerce Township ravaged two acres of supplies, causing more than \$15 million in damages. West Bloomfield and Farmington fire departments were among nine which fought the blaze. (Staff photo)

Threats at school lead to arrest of 2

Two men from Farmington Hills were arrested by Southfield police Wednesday night after allegedly swinging a crowbar and threatening people around the baseball diamonds behind Southfield High School.

John Hieronymus, public information officer for the Southfield police, said George Motriuk, 24, was arrested for felonious assault and a friend Alexander Wren, 21, was charged with disorderly conduct in the incident.

Motriuk was placed on \$1,500 surety bond set by 46th District

Judge Clarence Reid and is scheduled to return for examination May 20. Wren was released on \$250 surety bond and is scheduled to appear at an exam May 23.

Hieronymus said both young men were bleeding when officers first stopped them. Police reported that Motriuk was swinging a crowbar and threatened to use it against a 14-year-old girl. Hieronymus said the two suspects told police they were in a fight earlier at the ball diamond and were back to settle the score.

Youth jobs available

Oakland County youths 14-21 are being recruited for a variety of summer jobs in the People Plan, an organization created to assist economically disadvantaged persons.

A large variety of work positions are available in municipal and non-profit businesses located in communities throughout Oakland County.

The job placement service is offered free to qualifying youngsters. Each supervised job allows participants to obtain

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Voice student honored

Ms. Shesfiek was one of three winners and the lone vocalist in the District 7 Auditions of the New York State Music Teachers Association. She was chosen for the choir competition last fall.

Ms. Shesfiek is a 1976 graduate of North Farmington High School, Farmington Hills.

Kareh Shesfiek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Shesfiek of Farmington, has been named to Phi Kappa Phi, national academic honors society at Ithaca College, New York.

Ms. Shesfiek is a vocal music senior at the college. She repeatedly has appeared on the dean's list for scholarship and was chosen a soloist for the Judith Raskin Master Class.

Business gets the slows

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"classes in building and decorating miniatures in her shop.

"Most of my sales were coupon sales," she said.

Just as customers are finding their costs rising, so do the shop owners.

"My sales are equal to last year but my expenses have doubled," said Ms. Cauley.

"Some items go up every time I reorder."

Items in her shop from the Far East are shipped through California, a procedure which is becoming more expensive.

Her selling strategy involves trying to avoid continually raising the price of items in her shop.

But some of the slow-down accentuates problems with the physical structure of the building.

Some of the shops don't have doors offering direct access from the street, notes Fred Tam of Georgetown's Cafe.

He'd like to see a sign informing passers-by on Grand River and Farmington Road of the number of shops in the mall.

"The building may still look like a bank to some people," he said.

BUT IN addition to the stores which rely on walk-in traffic, there are a few in the mall which rely on telephone contact with customers.

Berkey's Emblems, in the mall's lower level, caters to groups and associations who want the jeweler to make such items as lodge pins.

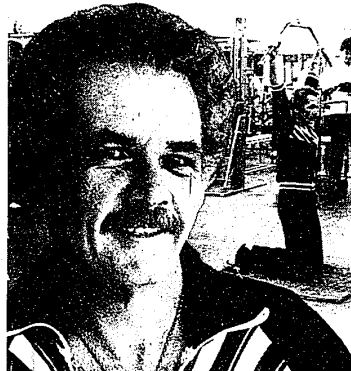
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