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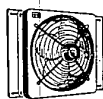
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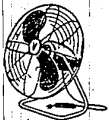


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BIG LIVONIA BLAZE KIKES '53 FIRE LOSS TO NEW RECORD

Michigan's fire loss in 1953 would have shown a reduction had it not been for the conflagration which destroyed the General Motors transmission plant in Livonia at an estimated cost of \$45,000,000, the fire marshal division of the Michigan State Police disclosed in their annual fire loss report.

As it was, the total loss for one year soared to a new high of \$78,122,591 as compared to \$35,600,412 in 1952. Subtracting the Livonia loss, the reduction would have been \$2,478,412.

The death toll in fires reached 216 for the year, or 23 more than in 1952. The victims included 81 children and three firemen.

Dwelling fires totaled 16,323, an increase of 585. Damage to structures was \$7,098,387 and contents \$2,731,734. Damage to buildings other than dwellings was \$87,623,736 and to contents \$9,902,241.

Total damage in other types of fires amounted to \$997,716 as compared to \$1,160,297 in 1952. Firemen responded to 76,113 alarms, an increase of 2,769. Of these, 10,417 were false alarms, a gain of 1,332 over 1952.

Carelessness and neglect were the leading causes of fires, with careless burning of brush accounts for 8,300 and careless smoking for another 4,450. Spontaneous combustion caused 4,107.

The total number of all types of fires for the year was 65,666.

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WEST POINT PARK NEWS

By MISS L.A. AULT
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Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Strom of Belleville, Michigan, were visiting with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ault, on Mayfield Avenue last Saturday.

Mrs. Lena Oldham of Farmington Road was hostess to an all-day meeting of her rug club last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Galloway and the latter's mother, Mrs. Bennett of Garden City, were last Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Christina Robb on Mayfield Avenue.

This past week Mrs. Charles A. Armstrong of Mayfield Avenue has been confined to her home with a lumbar attack.

Mrs. E. W. Stange of Mayfield Avenue was a Tuesday and Wednesday guest of her daughter, Mrs. William Griffith, in Dearborn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ackermann of Dearborn were Wednesday evening dinner guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. M. E. Ault and her husband, on Mayfield Avenue. The Ackermanns had recently returned from an extended visit in Arizona and had many interesting experiences to describe.

While their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooke, and their daughter, Richard, of Allison Avenue, were visiting at University Hospital in Ann Arbor Wednesday the little Misses Kathleen and Helen Cooke were guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault on Shady Side Avenue.

A Stanley party at the home of the Misses Lord and Freda Ault of Norfolk Avenue last Tuesday afternoon was quite a success. Fifteen ladies of the neighborhood enjoyed the pleasant get-together. During a series of amusing contests, Mrs. Albert Owen and Mrs. Stanley Chavey won useful prizes.

Mrs. Grace Simpson was awarded a prize. Mrs. Anna Currie of Redford was in charge of activities. At the end of the demonstration clip cakes and tea were served.

Mrs. John Varhol and her son, Richard, of Shady Side Avenue, were Wednesday luncheon guests of Mrs. Horace Gravelle of Brightmoor.

The W. S. C. S. of the Livonia Methodist Church held a profitable "sewing meeting" at the home of Mrs. George Young on Shady Side Avenue Thursday. These Livonia Methodists are ready for their annual Mother and Daughter Banquet, to be held Friday, May 7.

"Parents" was the topic at a meeting of the Neighborhood Sunshine Sisters held in the Neighborhood Church last Wednesday afternoon. Scriptural references were used to show the need for faith, trust, honesty, etc., on the part of parents. An animated discussion followed. Contributors to this exchange of ideas included Mrs. V. C. Reddy, Mrs. O. R. Ault, Mrs. Arthur Muir, Mrs. James Maynard and Mrs. George Cooke. A highlight of the program was a well-rendered and really interesting talk given by four-year old Richard Cooke, who, with great clearness, described a recent visit to an eye clinic. Reports were made of Sunshine Sisters Easter activities and special prayers were said for the sick and troubled of the neighborhood. At the end of the afternoon, Mrs. V. C. Reddy served ice cream and wafers to the fifteen women and children present.

The next Sunshine meeting will be held in Neighborhood Church

at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12. Mothers' will be the topic. Mrs. Howard Palmer will provide refreshments for the occasion.

Wallace Buckingham and Richard Grant were included among a group of local young men who went smelt fishing last week and Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith and their daughter, Cathie, from Dearborn, were last Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stange on Mayfield Avenue.

Mrs. Max Holland of Detroit was visiting with her mother, Mrs. John Aittama, on Shady Side Avenue Tuesday.

The Ault brother and sisters of this area are grand uncles and grand aunts again. Wednesday, April 21, at Washington, Pennsylvania, a four pound eleven ounce daughter, Allison Dawn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Adams. Mrs. Adams is the daughter of Lester Ault, eldest of the Ault brothers.

Honoring the 12th birthday of their daughter, Darla Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jennings of Norfolk Avenue entertained with a dinner party last Wednesday evening. Eleven of Darla Mae's girl friends were guests. There were the usual table favors, a handsome birthday cake and games with attractive prizes. The honored young lady received a number of lovely gifts.

Freda Ault of Norfolk Avenue was visiting with Mrs. Charles Haus and her children, near Redford, Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Haus, with their son and daughter, are leaving Saturday for a few weeks' visit in Florida.

Mrs. Lena Oldham, Mrs. M. E. Ault, Mrs. Stanley Chavey, Mrs. Forrest Ault and Mrs. Edwin Johnson made up a group which went to Waterford Thursday to attend a luncheon and card party under auspices of the Oakland County Eastern Star Association. African violet plants were distributed as prizes during the games. Mrs. M. E. Ault, Mrs. Forrest Ault and Mrs. Edwin Johnson each came home with a table prize and Mrs. Forrest Ault received an additional prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roberts of Mayfield Avenue were Thursday guests of their daughter and her family, Mrs. Edward Koehneck, in Inkster. The Koehnecks children have been having measles. Marion, eldest daughter of the Edwin Johnsons of Clark Avenue, has been suffering with a severe headache. On the playground at her school last Wednesday she was accidentally struck by a baseball. She was "out" for some time.

Pfc. Bidwell To Take Part In Massive Maneuvers

Pfc. Leroy D. Bidwell, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bidwell of 21224 Ontario, will be among the 15,000 men to take part in one of the largest maneuvers of the Army in recent times. To be known as "Exercise Hill Top" the exercise to be staged by the 44th Infantry Division will be held near Fort Lewis, Washington. Bidwell is stationed at Fort Lewis as an assistant mortar gunner in Reconnaissance Company A 1949 graduate of Clarenceville High School, Bidwell was employed with the Seelye Whipple Construction Company at Wall Lake prior to entering the Army.

Students Attend Engineer Meeting

Nearly 800 Detroit area high school students, including eight from Farmington High, attended the 19th annual "Engineering and Science Vocational Guidance Meeting" at the Engineering Society of Detroit Wednesday, May 5.

The Farmington students in attendance were: Barbara Annette, Richard Matthias, Paul Hootnagle, Werner Maki, Wayne Blakey, Gerald Brumm, James Brewbaker, and Rauland Dear.

Held for the purpose of encouraging high school boys and girls to select engineering as a career, students were given the opportunity to talk with over 100 counselors on any branch of engineering they were interested in. All students attending were selected by their high school advisors for having interests and abilities in engineering.

Guest speaker opening the meeting was Dr. Ford Lee Wilkinson, Jr., a scientist prominent in Navy engineering, business, public service and engineering education.

First Methodist Church To Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the First Methodist Church of Farmington will be held Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. with officers for the year to be elected and reports from church organizations will be received.

A report from the church building committee will be among those given. Dr. Holme, district superintendent, will preside, with everyone invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the business meeting.



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