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### MOVED SEVERAL FIRE ALARM BOXES

The Public Invited to Note  
These Changes

Chief Ohas. McCarthy, of the Petoskey fire department notifies us that the location of several fire alarm boxes have been changed lately.

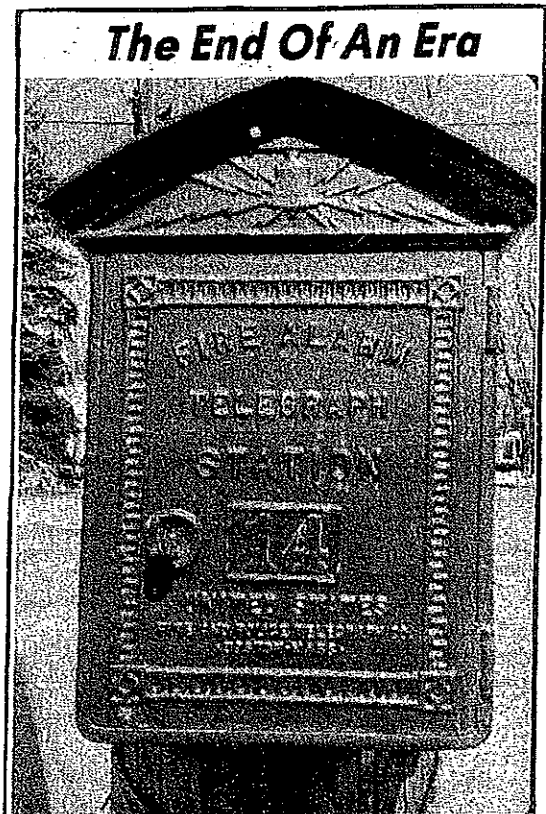
Fire alarm No. 24, which was stationed near the city hall, was removed and placed on a city post at the corner of Lake and Division streets.

Fire alarm box No. 43, which was situated at the corner of Liberty and Madison streets, has been removed to the corner of Liberty and Mitchell streets.

The reasons for these changes, as Chief McCarthy informs us, are in the first place, the box was located on private property and was several rods distant from any of the city arc lights. The second box was located on an unhandy corner and was removed to a corner on the most travelled public thoroughfare. The main object, however, in the removal of both these boxes was to get them into the light of arc lamps which purpose is now fulfilled.

Fire Alarm Boxes were installed at various street intersections throughout the city during an era before most people had telephones.

To turn in a Fire Alarm, unlock box with key found underneath. Pull down the lever as far as it will go and release at once. Then await the arrival of the department.



**The End Of An Era**

It was about 50 years ago that fire alarm boxes were installed at various street intersections throughout the city during an era before most people had telephones. That era is now coming to an end as the alarm boxes are being removed because of their unreliability, rising maintenance costs, and the frequency of false alarms. Other cities have faced similar problems and have removed the alarm boxes without jeopardizing fire protection.

The City plans to offer the alarm boxes for sale to the public at a later date, with the boxes going to the highest bidder.