

Fund Started to Aid Burned Boy, Family

Eight-year-old Paul Maynard was still in critical condition at Morton Hospital this morning, although showing "slight improvement," according to hospital authorities.

What he does not yet know is that there are a number of people in the city who are very much interested in his present and future welfare.

In a spontaneous burst of concern over the youngster, critically burned in a flash fire which took the life of his brother, Raymond, 12, last week, a group of area individuals met yesterday to formulate plans for aiding both the boy and his stricken family.

At this meeting, the "Paul Maynard Fund" was established. Chairman of the committee is Edward F. Leddy of 8 Sheridan St., and treasurer is Grenville F. Clapp, treasurer of the Taunton Savings Bank.

Other committee members are Rev. William H. Dolan, pastor of Holy Family Church which the

George Maynard family attends, Joseph E. Terra of 69 Hart St. and Alfred L. St. Yves, neighbor and employer of Maynard.

St. Yves stated that since the Maynards have just built a new home on Claire Terrace and have four other children to care for, the committee for the Paul Maynard Fund will try to raise funds "to help the boy now and in the future."

Since Paul received second and third degree burns over 35 per cent of his body, said St. Yves, his hospital stay will be a long one.

He continued, "In the future, if he needs skin grafts or plastic surgery, we want to be sure that the money is there for him."

The committee does not know yet, however, he also said, how the fund will be raised, except by private donations, both solicited and already volunteered.

"People have already been calling me and offering money for Paul," he said. At this point in the fund-raising drive, donations can be sent to "The Paul Maynard Fund," in care of Grenville Clapp at Taunton Savings Bank.

Committee members will begin to recruit helpers for the project immediately, he added, and boxes may be placed in downtown stores to aid in the drive.

Expressing the motive of the committee, St. Yves said, "We want to help the boy and his family, to provide for hospital needs and just to make it easier for them."



FUND - RAISING program was under way today to aid Paul Maynard (above) and his family. The boy was burned in a flash fire in which one of his brothers died. (Story Above)

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