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BILLY SMITH DEAD

William Smith, commonly known as "Billy" Electrocuted While at Work at Royal Oak Stringing Wire

Fred Crossman is trouble shooter and line inspector for the Michigan State Telephone Co. and Monday went to Royal Oak with Rola Clark, of Orion, and William Smith, an assistant stringing wire for new patrons of the phone.

It was Mr. Smith's part of the wire to watch the reel and pay out the wire as the other two dragged it along.

The wire was passed over the D. U. B. feed wire, to the poles. Noticing that it sagged on the feed wire, Smith was provided with a dry stick, and told the danger of handling the wire with his bare hands.

The gang were possibly half a mile from the reel, working on the lines, when they began having trouble with the wire. It was not paying out properly, and on going back to the reel found the victim tangled up in the wires and partly in the ditch, burning savagely but quite dead. Mr. Clark climbed up a pole, cut the wire and the body was quickly carried for. His face was badly burned and his hand also, death was instantaneous as the victim never knew what killed him.

There is no doubt but that Smith knew all about the danger of the part he took as he told some fishermen that he passed "it is dangerous to business. Do not touch the wire with my hands but must use the stick." No one knows just how it did occur as he was alone at the time the shock came.

Deceased was 30 years of age. He spent almost his entire life here, except a few years at Rochester. Beside an aged mother, Mrs. Anna Smith he leaves three brothers, Charles, Ora and Orvel, and a sister, Mrs. Simpson, residing near Rochester. The body was brought to Dames & Bell and taken to establishment late Monday afternoon by E. A. Parks, and taken to the Smith home Tuesday morning.

Funeral was held Thursday at 10 o'clock and was largely attended. Smith was always a genial, good natured individual, obliging and ever ready to do a favor for his friends, whom he was able to count by the score.

Near Death in Big Pond. It was a thrilling experience for Mrs. Ida Soper to face death. "For years a severe lung trouble gave me intense suffering," she writes, "and several times nearly caused my death. All remedies failed and doctors said I was incurable. Then Dr. King's New Discovery brought quick relief and a cure so permanent that I have not been troubled in 12 years. Now I live in Big Pond, Pennsylvania. It works wonders in coughs and colds, sore lungs, hemorrhages, jaundice, asthma, croup, whooping cough and all bronchial affections. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by James W. Cobb, Charles J. Shain and James F. Wooster.

CARD OF THANKS. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the many friends who expressed their good will so ably in my behalf. JOHN BARRELY.

The Milk Man Says He has better milk and better cream because he uses Harvell's Condition Powders, which always bring him in the best of shape. The best condition powder on the market for horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry. For sale by all general and most drug stores at 25c per package. Once tried, always used. Sold by James W. Cobb, J. A. Carr and Son, Lansing, Michigan, write: "We have used Harvell's Condition Powders on our lively horses for about three years and have always found them superior to all others. We have found that every lively horse is the best to great abuse and Harvell's Condition Powders always bring back the appetite and put them on their pins." Sold by James W. Cobb.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES. Themes for sermons: Sunday morning, "The God of Elijah"; evening, "The Friend of Sinners," being the last of the series on "Christ, the Godman." B. Y. P. U. topic, "Foreign missions in home fields." Leader, McClellan.

The home missionary offering recently taken will more than double that of former years.

The pastor will deliver an address on Friday evening in Detroit at the annual banquet of the Wayne county prohibition club.

Simple Remedy for La Grippe. La grippe coughs are dangerous, as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough but breaks and strengthens the lungs so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs and is a yellow package. Sold by all druggists.

Prohibition Caucus The prohibitionists of Bloomfield township will hold their thirteenth regular meeting on Monday evening, March 29, 1909, at 8 o'clock in the main hall of the Commercial building, to nominate township officers for the coming year, and to transact such other business as may be presented.

Republican Caucus The Democrats of the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, State of Michigan, will meet in the Village of Bloomfield, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 30, 1909, for the purpose of placing in nomination township officers for the coming year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be lawfully come before the meeting.

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A Newly Married Couple Is very happy; so is every person who has good health and is free from rheumatic pains; for those who are not, and who are afflicted with neuralgic sprains or contracted muscles, we discovered in Renne's Pain-Killing Oil the greatest help. A remedy that has been a favorite in thousands of homes for over 70 years. Once tried, always used. Price, 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by James W. Cobb.

A FINE MUSICAL

Will Be Held at the Home of Mrs. Addie Stearns, on Woodward Ave., April 1, 1909

On Thursday evening of next week, April 1, the Young People's society of the First Presbyterian church will give a musical at the home of Mrs. Addie L. Stearns.

The following will be the program:

I. Instrumental, Miss Jamieson II Vocal Solo, Mrs. Brown III Reading, Miss Elinore Mitchell IV Violin Solo, Miss Wilson V Instrumental, Prof. SALTER VI Solo, Mrs. Dudley VII Comedietta, Characters, Laura Latimer, Miss Ward; Isabel Hamilton; Mrs. F. G. Crawford. VIII Instrumental, Miss Nina Johnson IX Solo, Miss Plumstead X Violin Solo, Miss Wilson XI Reading, Miss Elinore Mitchell XII Solo, Mrs. Treblecock XIII Instrumental, Miss Roy

The musical will begin at 8 o'clock sharp. Admission 25 cents.

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Paste This Up. Names of telephone subscribers who have been listed since the last directory was given out. Telephone users are advised to cut this item out and paste it in their book and have all telephone subscribers done by this date, March 24, 1909:

- 903 Ash, Mrs. Frank Res 871-4 Bassett, Frank W. Farm 1567-1 Bell, Wm. J. Res 1571-1 Brown, Mrs. Carrie Res 1401-1 Green, L. G. Laundry 1501-6 Hunt, William Res Farm 1501-1 Huyette, Mrs. Lillian Res 1501-1 Kerr, Peter Res Farm 1501-1 Leach, John Res Farm 1481-1 McKinney, W. J. Res Farm 143-5 May, Allen Res Farm 1541-1 Montgomery, Mrs. E. Res 1073-1 Pinkerton, Rev. R. G. Res 303 Smith, Mrs. Wm. Eugene Res 911-4 Snook, C. G. Farm 921-2 Stearns, Charles Res 1553-1 Wooster, James Res Farm 1553-1

"My 3-year-old boy was badly constipated, had a swollen face, and was in a awful condition. I gave him two doses of Foley's Oripo Laxative and the morning after the fever was gone and he was entirely well. Foley's Oripo Laxative saved his life. A. Wolke, Cassmer, Wisconsin. Sold by all druggists."

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN NOTES. Themes: Sabbath sermon, "The Lost Sheep," Luke 15:3-7. O. Y. F. C. U. "Great missionary work, home and foreign," Isa. 61:5-12.

Communion services will be held at the Troy U. P. church on Sabbath, March 28. Services on Friday and Saturday at 10 a. m. local time. Theme for sermon Sabbath morning, "In remembrance of Me," 1 Cor. 11:24-25.

Nothing in the way of a cough is quite so annoying as a tickling, teasing, wheezing, bronchial cough. The quickest relief comes perhaps from a prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Sheep's Cough Remedy. And besides, it is as thoroughly harmless to mothers give it with perfect safety even to the youngest babe. The tender leaves of a simple mountain shrub give to Dr. Sheep's Cough Remedy its remarkable curative effect. A few days' rest will tell. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

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THE ODD FELLOWS

The Odd Fellows, With Their Wives and Sweethearts, Make Merry... A Royal Good Time For All

Last Monday night the I. O. O. F. No. 547, gave a reception in honor of their wives and friends, also five of their members who are about to depart for the west.

Dr. D. M. Johnston acted as chairman of the program and was very fine except in the way of a speech which he executed himself, but intimated that he would make up for it in a banquet hall.

Mrs. W. J. Brown rendered a solo, which was very pleasing to the crowd. N. J. Valentine then presented the departing members, W. W. Woodard, J. W. Brown, Ernest Hollis, Ed. McQuarters and L. H. Toiles, presents from the lodge.

The Wooster twin rendered an instrumental duet which was very pleasing to the audience according to the sound of his playing, an encore, and they returned with another piece which was also very fine. W. H. Bassett was called for a speech but claimed that he was not supposed to do it before a full hall, but never the less gave a very interesting talk.

Dr. Johnston told the people that when they wanted another from him not to give him over 10 minutes notice. Evelyn Deer pleased the crowd very much with an instrumental solo and responded to an encore, Sidney Clark filled J. R. Blakeslee's place on the program with a recitation and was called back for an encore. Mrs. W. J. Brown was called upon again for a solo, Miss Roy being her accompanist.

D. B. Woodard, J. W. Brown, and Wm. J. Brown, all very interesting speech which ended the program. A short time was spent visiting and dancing in the assembly hall. They were soon called to a very nice lunch in the banquet hall which was enjoyed by all, and from there they departed for home sweet home.

Kills Would Be Slayer A merciless murder is appendicitis with many victims. But Dr. King's New Life Pills will prevent it. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing constipation, biliousness, chills, malaria, headache and indigestion. 25c at James W. Cobb, Charles J. Shain's and James F. Wooster's.

AMBITION. Ambition, in the humanity, is the mother of success or the mother of failure. Ambition is also the great driver of diligence and an opposing power to indolence.

Ambition is the mother of success when properly and sufficiently controlled by caution and prudence, unless there exists a constant leakage, wasting away of the earnings.

An ambition uncontrolled is a being, as time rolls on into years, is an inextinguishable taskmaster, giving no rest to the weary body and spirit.

An ambitious man make one whole wheel in a life circle when the pair are controlled by proper conditions and prudence, and place them in small business, neatly and systematically conducted in a good location and add steadiness and perseverance and the small beginning will surely swell to a large ending.

Thus ambition will provide when properly used, wealth, comfort and happiness for old age. Besides, providing the man has a good helpmate, he is a useful figure in life, society and the world.

Ambition, when properly controlled, is a useful hand-maid to diligence.

D. H. S. C. P. Not a fraternal society, but the above letters stand for the greatest help in the world! Try them and see. Will relieve that tired feeling, sick headache and indigestion of the stomach and bowels. What are they? Dr. Herriek's Sugar-Cook Pills? A tried and reliable remedy which has been on the market over 60 years. Price 25c per box. Ask for a free sample. Sold by James W. Cobb.

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Wanted For Sale For Read FARM TO RENT—80 acres on the nine mile road, 2 1/2 miles west of Woodward avenue. For particulars call at the farm or address Mrs. Saline Roy, Redford, R. F. D. 1.

Good horses for sale weighing from 1200 to 1400 pounds each at Stanley's Livery. Call and see. Mar 26.

Saw dust for sale at my place, north Woodward. F. W. Clawson.

Farmers attention! N. J. Maugh has just installed a new stone for grinding feed of all kinds at any time. Prompt attention. Quick service and satisfaction. N. J. Maugh, Birmingham Flouring Mills.

For SALE: Pair of both single and box dirt cheap. Will P. Parker.

Good hard wood for sale dry and fine. Call on or address James Thompson, of Redford, R. F. D. Southfield township.

Land wanted. Want small farm or few acres near suburban car line. Cash or time. Also good farm, mostly improved. State particulars, location, terms and price. Write E. A. Stricker, 212-14 Majestic building, Detroit.

Would like a few more butter and egg customers, also have pekin duck eggs for sale. Inquiries to Cash or time. Also good farm, mostly improved. State particulars, location, terms and price. Write E. A. Stricker, 212-14 Majestic building, Detroit.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION—Appointment of Administrator. In the probate court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said court, to-wit: on the 20th day of March, A. D. 1909, in and for the County of Oakland, in said county, on the 30 day of March, A. D. 1909, the following order was made:

That the executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, be and he is authorized to collect and receive all the debts due to the said decedent, and to pay the same to the creditors of the said decedent, and to distribute the balance of the said estate to the heirs and next of kin of the said decedent, in accordance with the provisions of the said will.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 20th day of March, A. D. 1909.

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