MAN RECOVERS AFTER FUTILE SUICIDE TRY

Police At Loss For Motive In Attempt Of Gardener To Take Life

USES FIVE IMPLEMENTS

Andrew Bretton, 53 years old, caretaker at the estate of J. W. Oliver on the Hunt road is reported recovering today at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, from knife wounds which police say were self-inflicted Saturday in an attempt at suicide.

Mr. Oliver, who discovered the body at the door of the garage in the rear of his house told the officers his attention was attracted by the open doors of the garage. Upon investigating, he found Bretton unconscious on the floor. Rushed to the St. Joseph hospital, his wounds were said to be serious and at first it was thought he could not recover. Reports from the hospital, yesterday, however, declared that his recovery was rapidly progressing.

Five implements were used by the man in his attempt at suicide. He slashed his throat with several kinds of knives and then struck himself over the head with an ax. His throat and body were severely slashed.

No motive for the act could be attributed by Under-sheriff Seymour D. Adams, Deputy Frank Greenan and Patrolman Joseph McGregor of the Birmingham department who investigated.

He had been in the employ of Mr. Oliver at intervals for seven years. For the last two years he worked steadily, however, Mr. Oliver said the man had been well liked and always was faithful. He was at a loss to explain the alleged suicide try.

Bretton is unmarried and has no relatives in this country.

TROOP THREE WINS CONTEST

Honors For Annual Boy Scout Exhibit Are Awarded

Troop 3 won the annual fall inter-troop Boy Scout contest and the right to possess the third of the three cups awarded annually by the Birmingham council when they came out victorious at the Adams School last Friday evening.

Although B3 only secured one of the four first place available, three seconds and three thirds brought them out one point ahead long as possesses the difficult of Troop 1. Scout Howard Sen- cient tasks for tagling, and real teney's rapid handwork gave B3 le deserve it. His clear decisive a first place in the fire-by-flint- tion and never-failing accuracy and-steel contest, with Scout in sight, won many congratula- Galim Kinnison of the same troop tions. He gave the most perfect second. communication of bugling heard

B1 secured the lifeline-throwing in the village in a long time. contest by the able hand of Eugene Smith, and Clarence Cummings, Jr., gave them the knotting contest as well.

But it remained to David Burgess, troop 1's master bugler, and a new boy in Birmingham, to walk away with the bugling contest.

It is quite probable that it was Bill Burgess that won B1 the bugling contest, for Scouts Dumont Mills and Donald Farry, of B3, who received a second and third, respectively, did fade their share of the bugling ration, and eclipsed the other entries.

The entry of the three troops, followed by the inter-troop drum and bugle corps, commenced the program. After drawing up the ranks, the Scout salute, Oath, and Law were recited by the entire scout group, led by Gerald Upthegraff, troop 1 scout of Birmingham.

The competitive events followed this ceremony. After them came the three stunt events, for which no points were awarded. Troop 1 demonstrated the manufacture of rope from a few strands of binding twine. Troop 1 gave the ever-popular O'Grady drill, in which two scouts and an executive take part, to the word "O'Grady says." The penalty for executing orders without this formative word was given the ranks. When the rest of the Scouts could not be displaced with the most tricky commands, they were finally dismissed. Troop 3 put on a demonstration of pioneer building.

These events closed the proceedings. Petrucci was ordered, and the drum and bugle corps filed out, following the announcement of points. Troop 3 now holds the fall contest cup, the spring contest cup, and the cup for highest annual advance.

The contest was judged by C. K. Loomis, Jr., commissioner of the Detroit Council, Harry E. Buhr, a district commissioner of the Detroit Council, and F. A. Regan, field scout executive.

The final point determination was as follows, with each troop listed in the order in which it placed:

Pioneering—B1, B3, B2.
Lifeline-throwing—B1, B4, B3.
Knot-tying—B1, B3, B4.
Flint-and-steel—B3, B4, B1—(S. W.)

WEAVING IS FIREMEN'S HOBBY

The traditional picture of firemen lounging out their days in tilted chairs doesn't apply to members of the Kansas City, Kas., fire department. These men weave dozens of immense woolen shawls for Christmas presents. Above, two of the men are working on a shawl which can be finished in a day by three men, providing there are no alarms. Each shawl contains 20 balls of yarn with 12,954 knots, the fire fighters explain

The WORLD and All

By CHARLES B. DRISCOLL

JUDGES ERR, TOO

When a judge makes a mistake we all experience something of a shock. Somehow, we have come to believe that judges almost always decide aright, when they have serious decisions to make.

To the credit of the human race be it said, the judiciary rather generally retains the respect of the people. The reason why people respect the bench is that judges very seldom disgrace the bench. A judge is human, just as a carpenter or a farmer is human. But if he is well trained for his work, he is likely to do justly and well, because the realization of his responsibility sobers and steadies him.

I have known many judges, of high and low degree. For several years I reported the doings of courts for newspapers. I spent some pleasant hours with the judges, in their chambers. I must say that I have never known personally a judge whom I believed to be crooked.

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But a judge has a stomach, and I suppose his food sometimes disagrees with him, as food does with other men of mature years and sedentary habits of life. So it is not surprising that a magistrate sometimes inflicts excessive penalties upon prisoners who do not please him.

The indigestion judgment prize for this year, it seems to me, ought to go to a New York magistrate named Farrell, who sentenced to three months' imprisonment a young man whose sole offense was that he fell asleep in an almost deserted subway station, and yelled when rudely awakened by policemen.

The young man is James Moore, nineteen, poor, honest, industrious, thrifty. He was born in Scotland, came to America when two years old, and had been working as a laborer in New York and sending most of his savings to his mother in Lawrence, Mass. The poor fellow was frightened almost out of his mind by the police, and his world vanished in a red glare when the magistrate, whose breakfast must have been particularly heavy that day, sent him to the workhouse for three months.

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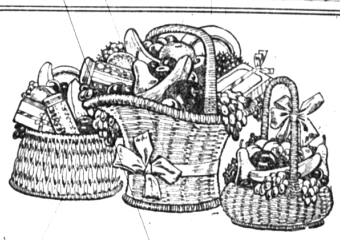
Who came to the assistance of this abused and misjudged young man? Radical organizations? Anarchists? Welfare workers? No.

A group of brokers in Wall Street, reading of the thrifty young fellow's horribly unjust sentence, hired a high-grade lawyer and proceeded to get the prisoner out of jail. James Moore now finds his thrift and honesty appreciated, and he has friends who can do him some substantial good.

I take off my hat to the humane Wall Street brokers, and I grieve that once again a magistrate has done discredit to the bench by exercising his power tyrannically upon a poor and worthy person.

Mrs. Mary de Freville of London recovered heavy damages from a physician who certified her as a lunatic when she was sane.

Mrs. Frederick Jervis of Bargold, Wales, applied for a separation because her husband "played on the organ 10 to 12 hours a day."



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WOMEN HAVE RULE OF SMALLEST TOWN

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Urbandale, the "tiny town," is located on the outskirts of Moberly. Mrs. Ruth Stamper Fleming, chairman of the village board, can count offhand the noses of the town's citizenry.

Urbandale was incorporated this fall when residents of the little settlement decided it could function better in a civic way if it were an entity unto itself.

Deciding that women should rule the village, the men quietly elected a governing board composed entirely of women.

At first astonished, the women immediately got busy on a "city beautiful" program. They provided that each house should stand in a tract of two acres or more and that no commercial enterprises should be established on Urbandale's main street, which is its only street.

Board members, immersed in civic problems, say the petticoat government probably will be ready to retire at the next election in April.

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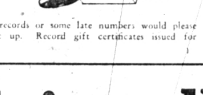

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