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'PADDLE' WINS STEEPLECHASE IN YEAR'S HUNT

Lieutenant Seas Is First In Four Mile Bloomfield Cup Race

ONE RIDER TAKES SPILL

Before a crowd of 2,000 spectators who strained the wire fences in their enthusiasm, John S. Sweeney's "Paddle" came up from behind in the last lap of the Open Steeplechase and captured the $150 first prize, in the eighth annual Bloomfield Open Hunt races Friday afternoon.

Paddle is a veteran. He has raced over most of the courses in the middle west, and the Open Hunt course, over the Walter Briggs and Edward Hammond estates is not new to him. Mr. Briggs' "Billy Klair" led the field for the greater part of the race. With F. G. Farro riding, he seemed a safe bet for first when he started on the third lap of the two and a half mile trip. Paddle was second and "Double Tip" third. Then Double Tip, ridden by R. McKinney, the owner started for the lead, but for some unknown reason balked at a jump and went around. This left the field with Billy Klair ahead again.

Paddle Takes Lead

And then slowly, but very surely, Paddle began to creep up. Alexis Wilson, up on Paddle, gradually brought him even with Billy Klair, then by an inch, by two inches, by a nose, by a length, ahead of the Briggs horse, and he passed the judges' stand with a good distance between him and Billy Klair. Billy Klair was second, getting the $65 and E. J. Lehmann's "Chopsticks" came third for the $35 prize. Paddle's time for the two and a half miles over brush was five minutes and twenty seconds.

It was a splendid race, splendidly run and splendidly ridden. Credit is due both Paddle and "Lex" Wilson for the victory. Both are experienced performers in the racing game, and both showed real form in the Open Steeplechase.

Wilson and Sweeney combined to carry off most of honors of the day. Wilson rode Sweeney's "Lieutenant Seas," another consistent winner to first place in the Longwell Hotel Cup race, the Bloomfield Cup race, which was fourth on the program. Lieutenant Seas was probably the favorite horse entered. He had won the Burns Henry Memorial and Grosse Pointe the week before and the Onwentsia challenge cup. He was favored to win this race, and he did, taking the lead after the second jump and never relinquishing it.

Overcomes Handicap

He overcame a pair of sore knees, which were bandaged to bringing him out from Grosse Pointe. It was thought at first that the injury might keep him out of the races altogether.

The course of the cup race is over regular hunting ground, hills, brush, meadows and plowed fields. It winds in and out, and the spectators must crane their necks to keep track of the horses. At times they were out of sight, and the crowd would be looking vaguely off to the right when someone would shout "Here they come!" and there they'd be, thundering out from behind a corn field, Lieutenant Seas always in the lead.

Elliott Slocum Nichols' Reina-O broke into the lead at first, but after the second jump, when Sweeney's horse went ahead, Reina-O didn't endanger his position. She finished among the also-rans. Fred M. Alger's "Frank Furst" placing second and J. B. Leslie's Behr's "Strymon," from Chicago, third. The time was 8 minutes, 39 seconds.

Two Chicago girls, sisters, took first and second place in the ladies' flat race, an innovation this year. Miss Janet Chase, riding Mr. Behr's "Massillon," came first, in 42½ seconds over the half-mile course, and her sister, Miss Elizabeth, riding "Puritan," Huston Rawls' horse, was second. Margaret Stanley, of Bloomfield Hills village, on "Bingo," belonging to Harry Jewett, was third. Incidentally, Massillon was No. 1, Puritan was No. 2 and Bingo was No. 3 in the line up.

Short and Thrilling

The ladies' race was as thrilling as it was short. It started a half-mile away and came up to the judges' stand and the crowd of spectators. The girls were riding in great form. "Miss Chase held the lead well against the seven other entrants, winning by about a length.

Col. Alger's "Maureen Bawn," with D. Pierce up, took the first race, the Burns Henry Memorial Cup Challenge race, over a mile and a half of flat, from a field of seven entries. Her time was 2 minutes 48 seconds. A replica of the Burns Henry Cup was presented to the winner by E. P. Hammond.

A. L. Kirby, riding Mr. Rawls' Puritan, which Miss Elizabeth Chase rode to second in the ladies' race, was first over a field of 11 entries in the Meander Plate race, second after the ladies' race. He broke into the lead soon after the

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Village's Future Is Indeed Dark

Carmen-Clan Members Foretell No Good For Birmingham

Nature of the luck that the future holds in store for Birmingham is somewhat doubtful today after the materially black looks of two seers Saturday who were despatched under orders from police.

Two farmer-like ladies of very dark eyes and very gay clothing and jewels invaded the village to foretell its destiny and the destiny of those ambitious enough to manifest an interest in their personal futures. They were Gypsies endowed with that sixteenth sense which enable them to foretell events and to favor one who greets with their approval, with a valid wish for luck.

The fortune telling as a mission here is merely a guess. Neither of the clairvoyants admitted to police any such thing. They declared at various times their mission here was to, 1—set up a store where they could set up a studio for phrenology; 2—obtain a bottle of cough medicine; 3—consult a doctor relative to the treatment of a sprained wrist; 4—have their automobile repaired.

The Seers Pull Stakes

Police Chief James Anderson and Serg. Clark Green, however, did not place a great deal of credence in the guises and suspected drugstores, garages and studios in other cities. "Lumber on, my little Gypsies . . ." they paraphrased the song, and the seers of great things lumbered. . . but not without first collecting an aggregate of six cents from the office of The Eccentric and various comments from other interested parties.

Invading this office they told a somewhat disinterested young man something he already knew—that he was a fine fellow.

"Now my friend," said the one to whom mysteries of the future are so obvious that they have become stereotypes, "I am going to wish you luck because you are such a fine boy."

The young man thanked her. "I hope you also have a lot of luck," he said, because you certainly taught in earlier years to be polite, even to fortune tellers.

But that little courtesy was to her just the invitation to come in and have dinner. She certainly would have to show her appreciation and wanted to give him her blessing. Yes, she would bless everything, his business, his future, his money, his watch.

"Your head tells me that there is a dark and a light man who would help you in your future," she said. "Be careful of them. And the young man thanked her again.

"Friday, Saturday, Sunday," she recited as she ran her thumb on his forehead. And then this revelation, "I can tell you do not like to be bossed. I can tell you are a very fine man and like very nice things. I can tell you like nice things to eat and nice things to wear."

A Near-Confession

"Stop", he shouted, and he looked weak. "I really hate to have you annoy me my abnormalities like this. And besides it is too uncanny, your knowing all these things."

All right, but the young man must give her a coin which she would return. She merely wanted to bless it so there would be many more coins for the young man.

Then, if he would not do that, would he just hold all his money in his hand so she could bless it? Well, then, she'd bless his hand. Would he open the cash register so the contents could be blessed? Certainly such a nice young man wanted everything about him fit.

For the display of such magic he gave her six cents and she went in search of the garage, cough medicine, a store for rent . . .

Then came the police and told the Knowers to fold their tents and steal away. They did the next best thing. The crafty pair stole their auto and headed northward where they will be able in Pontiac to find sympathy, maybe.

Who knows if not they?

WOMAN INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Mrs. May Townsend May Have Internal Hurts After Accident

Mrs. May Townsend, 113 High street received severe cuts and bruises and possible internal injuries yesterday afternoon when the automobile she was driving collided with one driven by Thomas Kelly, Bay City, chauffeur, on Woodward avenue near the Charring Cross road.

Harry L. Binsse, New York City, a passenger in the Townsend car was thrown to the pavement. Neither Binsse nor Kelly were injured, however.

Mrs. Townsend received first aid treatment in the police station here and was removed to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, in the Bell ambulance.

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PUBLICITY CITED AS FACTOR IN CLEAN-UP

H. T. Ellerby, village president, Dr. A. W. Newitt, health officer and James Anderson, chief of police, today attribute the improved condition of Birmingham alleys to the publicity given the matter in The Eccentric, they told the village commission.

A tour of inspection Sunday morning revealed the alleys in downtown Birmingham had been thoroughly cleaned and that there is a decided improvement in the condition which heretofore existed, they said.

The tour was the first shot in a warfare by the officials to enforce

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FORMAL START OF CRANBROOK FRIDAY NIGHT

George G. Booth To Make Presentation Of Hills School

DR. LITTLE IS SPEAKER

Dr. Clarence Cook Little, president of the University of Michigan, will give the main address at the formal opening tomorrow evening at the Cranbrook School. Several other talks and musical features are scheduled for the program, which has been delayed since the opening of classes in September 12.

The invitation list includes parents of the Cranbrook students, the students themselves, members of the faculty and board of directors and trustees of the school.

Dr. William O. Stevens, headmaster, will speak on the ideals of the school and will outline its aims. This will be followed by a presentation of the school formally by its donor, George G. Booth.

Invocation will be pronounced by the Rt. Herman Page, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Detroit. Members of the faculty will give brief talks.

Music will be furnished by the school orchestra.

The school building, dormitory, and temporary dining hall have been completed. Work is now in progress on the library, dining hall, and gymnasium, and eventually the whole campus will be virtually surrounded by dormitories. One school will be added each year for three years. The gymnasium faces the athletic bowl, recently completed.

BERKLEY STUDIES CHANGE TO CITY

Commission Sees Way To Save Large Share Of Township Taxation

The village commission of Berkley is awaiting the report of Joseph A. Gillis, attorney, on the procedure necessary to make the village a city of the fourth class.

If the investigation of Mr. Gillis reveals that the village would save taxes under the city form of government it is expected the issue will be brought before the voters at the April elections. Officials of Berkley explained that the village is paying a large share of the township tax in Royal Oak Township for which it derives no benefit.

WOMAN INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

By CLARICE TAPSON

"There's only one way to get any place and that is by aeroplane."

Thus spaketh Thomas Roper, familiarly known as "Uncle Tommy," who on his one hundredth birthday made his first flight. He lives on the Eight Mile road, near the Burg road.

"Aeroplanes have it all over automobiles for speed and comfort too," Uncle Tommy said. "There's no bumps, no red lights, no speed cops, no ditches, nothing to keep you from enjoying the fresh air and the scenery although, to be quite frank, there isn't an awful lot of scenery up there, either."

Uncle Tommy was 100 years old Oct. 17, eight days before his great-great-grand-daughter, Mary Ellen Miller, was one year old. In celebration Dorothy Brooks, of Southfield, brought a large plane from the Ford airport where he is employed, and took Uncle Tommy for a ride.

Ridden In Everything

"I've ridden in everything now," the centenarian said. "Behind oxen, behind, and on, horses and donkeys, in automobiles, on bicycles, on boats, and now in the air. And the air's got 'em all beat. My friend, Henry Ford, was going to come out and see me go up, but he was away, so he sent Harry a with a fine big machine, comfortable as a rocking chair, and we took to the air."

Asked if he felt any tremors when the plane left the ground, Uncle Tommy scoffed. "Afraid?", he repeated disdainfully. "There is nothing to be afraid of. You've heard about solid comfort? Well, the nearest I ever came to it, in 100 years of living, was in the aeroplane. The world is literally at your feet, and you can look down and laugh—if you want to laugh."

Uncle Tommy was born in England, in 1827. He came to this country at the age of 25, and most of his life since has been spent in this vicinity. For many years he drove a stage coach to and from the Botsford Inn, at Charenceville. He has always been interested in horses. After he quit stage coach driving, he went to farming. His wife died 18 years ago. She was 20 days younger than her husband. Since her death, he has been living with his eldest daughter, Mrs. Harriet Van Dyke, 75 years old. Just the two of them live in a little gray house set 'way back from the road, where Henry Ford occasionally drops in for a chat.

Likes Henry Ford

Uncle Tommy is very fond of Mr. Ford. "He says aeroplanes will someday be as thick in the air as automobiles on the road today," Uncle Tommy looked thoughtful as he quoted his friend, "It'll take a long time, but I believe he's right at that. They're so easy," he settled back in the straight chair he was occupying, and relaxed in the remembered comfort of the aeroplane.

The hundred-year old man really thinks he's lived long enough. He doesn't work any more, and, although he doesn't think there's anything at all remarkable in living to be 100, he feels as if he's done his bit. "I shouldn't care to live another 100 years, though. Life has been pretty much worth living. I've seen so much happen. Of course I do wonder what the next 100 years will bring forth."

Everybody's Friend

Uncle Tommy is known and loved throughout the burgs of Southfield and Redford. All one has to do is mention his name and a flock of anecdotes concerning him are told. One friend of his told of the day he celebrated his ninetieth birthday. "He went to Sunday School and put pennies in the birthday box," she smiled fondly at the recollection. "We thought he was pretty old then, and that was 10 years ago."

He has no rules for longevity. "I'm rather surprised at myself. I certainly did fool those doctors," he laughed, and then explained. "When I was about 50, I had typhoid fever. All the doctors said I'd never pull through it. But I fogled 'em, and there I am. I eat three good meals a day and sleep regularly. I always have. I eat what I wanted, too. I've always smoked and chewed. I drank a little, but didn't like it. If there is any rule for long life, I should say it's moderation. But people live pretty fast these days."

ANNUAL Y.M.C.A. CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS STARTS

Canvassers At Work In All Parts Of Birmingham

$6,000 GOAL IN SIGHT

Birmingham and vicinity, this week, is making its annual contribution to the character building activities provided under the auspices of the lower Oakland County Y. M. C. A., through the efforts of 60 local men, who, Monday night, began a week's canvass of the citizens whose youth will become the beneficiaries. Under the direction of Charles J. Shain, general chairman of the annual campaign for funds, the canvassers started out early Monday evening, following a dinner at the high school cafeteria, in an effort to raise $6,000, Birmingham's quota, for use during 1928.

At a late hour last night tabulations from canvassers turned into headquarters at the Community House, showed that $3,000 of the quota has already been raised through cash or pledges. Another tabulation will be made Friday night, and final reports received next Monday night.

John B. Howarth, president of the local branch of the Y. M. C. A., made a brief talk before the canvassers Monday night, praising the work of the "Y" and especially paying tribute to those who have enlisted in the campaign for funds. He mentioned the fine work that the "Y" has done for the youth of this community, and praised the splendid support which the adults of the community have given through contributions.

Short talks were also made by Clarence Vliet and George H. Averill, who are assisting Mr. Shain in directing the work of the canvassers.

"From present indications, Birmingham and vicinity will come through with its quota," said Rob-

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READY TO VOTE IN SOUTHFIELD

Two Issues Face People In Special Election Monday

The stage is set in Southfield Township today for the special election Monday when the $300,000 bond issue will be voted on and the question of adopting the primary system at elections will be decided.

The money from the bond issue is to be used, if approved, for the construction of a township hall, which officials say, is necessary because of the growth of the township and the added business for the office.

The caucus system of nominations, now in use there, is said by many to be unsatisfactory.

Voting will be at the following places: Precinct No. 1, Town Hall, Burg road; No. 2, Southfield and Twelve Mile roads; No. 3, Community Hall in District 9 on the Grand River road.

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BEHOLD A PARADOX! THE ICEBOX IS AFIRE

A fire in a refrigerator sounds like a paradox, but a still alarm was answered by the Birmingham Fire Department Monday morning when the motor in the refrigerator at the home of Mrs. Baico Bedford, on Glengary road, burned up. The only damage was to the motor itself.

Hardly had the truck returned at 9:37 a. m., when it was called out again at 10:05 for a grass fire on Hawthorne road. The fire was brought under control before any damage was done.

NEW THEATER OPENING DATE SET FOR NOV. 15

Prosperity Week Plans Progress As Time Draws Near

PROCEEDS TO CENTER

Every effort will be made to have the new Kunsky-Birmingham theater open Nov. 15, according to plans made at a meeting last night between representatives of the theater organization and chairmen of the Prosperity Week committees.

Indications are that if the building is not ready for an audience on that night, the formal opening will be held during the next few days.

Ralph Wilson, chairman of the finance committee reported last night that merchants are supporting the Prosperity Week project heartedly and that the goal of $2,500 will be reached. Charles Shain, chairman of the finance committee discussed possible entertainments for the week. Nothing definite has been arranged for this, however, pending the opening date announcement for the theater which will be made after a meeting with contractors Saturday.

Preliminary plans were made by the Community House board for their part in the Prosperity Week program. They met Monday and named chairmen of committees to be in charge of the ticket sale for the opening night, of the dance and of the children's performance. All proceeds from this performance will be donated by the Kunsky organization to the Community House.

Early plans indicated that tickets will be placed on sale to the general public and that the opening performance will not be formal, although several are expected to be present in evening clothes after private dinner parties which will precede the performance.

While the program for the first show has not been completed, several special attractions are expected to be staged.

Chairmen of the committees will name their assistants this week, it was announced. The chairmen follow: Mrs. Charles Aeppli, distribution of tickets; Mrs. T. R. Donovan and Mrs. R. H. Mann, patron's list; Mrs. Milton R. Shafe, publicity; Mrs. Harvey R. Walden will head the committee of workers to assist Miss Mary Clark Griffith at the Community House during the week. The house will be kept open and is planned as a social center available to all who attend the af-

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CRASH DEATH TOLL MOUNTS TO 3 PERSONS

Father Is Last Of Family To Die In Grade Crossing Wreck

INQUEST ON SATURDAY

The death of Frank P. Martin, 44 years old, Clawson, Friday morning of injuries received in a train accident the night of Oct. 13, brings the total of fatalities from the accident to three. Martin, his wife, Mrs. Ellie Martin, 34 years old, and his daughter, Evelyn, 16 years old, were killed instantly when a Detroit-Pontiac passenger train crashed into their car at the Hayes street railroad crossing, at 11:40 p. m. Martin was removed to St. John's Mercy Hospital,

COMMISSION MOVES TO STOP ACCIDENTS

Manager James W. Parry will write to the Grand Trunk railway officials asking them to order more warning signals placed at the crossings in Birmingham, it was decided Monday night at the commission meeting. This was in the outgrowth of the accident last week in which three persons from Clawson were killed at Hayes street and the tracks.

Pontiac, where it was found that he had suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. An operation performed Thursday afternoon failed to relieve the injury, and he died Friday morning.

Coroner O. C. Farmer, of Pontiac, will hold an inquest at 10 a. m. Saturday in the Oakland County Court House, he has announced. The accident is believed by police to have happened when Martin was driving east over the tracks. The train carried the car about 200 feet before dropping it and throwing the occupants at

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BIDS ASKED ON NEW SCHOOL

Architects Complete Plans For Bloomfield Village Building

Bids for the construction of the new school in Bloomfield Village, a Judson Bradway subdivision, will be located on the Lasher and west Maple roads, will be received by John Miller, secretary of Adams school board, at his address on west Maple road until Nov. 18, according to announcement today.

Plans for the school building were completed yesterday by the John Stahl & company of Detroit, architects, and may be viewed at their offices. The building will cost approximately $75,000 and will be of English architecture in keeping with the general plan of the village.

The exterior is to be of brick, stone and half-timber. Entrances will be of stone and a large porch at the north-east corner of the building is designed to take from grade to the first floor.

The building is so arranged that two more units may be added in the future, although the present unit will have a complete heating and ventilating system of its own.

FIREMEN GIVEN INSPECTION RIGHTS

Village firemen have the authority to enter homes in Birmingham on their regular tour of inspection according to a decision given Monday night to the village commission by Clare H. Ogden, village attorney. Mr. Ogden said the state law provides the authority.

The question was raised when commissioners said some of the residents of Birmingham objected to the inspection. Most of the people have heartily approved it, however, they report, and there is generally a spirit of co-operation awaiting the inspectors.

STROKE FATAL TO PIONEER OF SOUTHFIELD

Lysander Dunbar, Former School Teacher, Succumbs Suddenly

LAST RITES ARE HELD

Lysander M. Dunbar, 79 years old, one of Southfield Township's prominent citizens, died at his home Friday morning, from the effects of a paralytic stroke suffered Wednesday morning. Mr. Dunlap was in good health until Monday morning, when he was suddenly taken ill while fixing the furnace.

Mr. Dunlap had served intermittently for 14 years as clerk of Southfield Township and was for 34 years proprietor of a large general store there. He gave up the store three years ago. Since then he has been retired.

Born in East Craftsbury, Vt., Apr. 27, 1848, Mr. Dunlap came to Southfield in 1869, when he was 20 years old. For 22 terms, he was a teacher in the schools in the vicinity of Southfield. At one time he taught at North Farmington.

He was married Nov. 10, 1874, to Miss Penelope Egan, who survives him. He was a prominent member of Redford Lodge No. 452, and the Masons were in charge of his funeral Tuesday afternoon.

The services were held at 2 p. m. from the home, and at 2:30 p. m. from the Southfield Methodist Episcopal church, the Rev. Calvin

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PLEASANT RIDGE MAY GO TO CITY

Woodward Avenue Village Sees Chance To Save Large Share Of Tax Burden

Because the people of Pleasant Ridge seem in the proposed move a chance to reduce taxes they will vote Dec. 5 on changing their form of government from a village to a city.

Members of the village commission explained after receiving the petition asking for the special election that Pleasant Ridge is paying a large share of the taxes for Royal Oak Township for which the village receives no benefit. Voters will also select a charter commission to change the charter at the same election.

The last Federal census gave the population of Pleasant Ridge as 2,200. It became a village in 1917.

DEATH TAKES MINER SPENCER

Miner L. Spencer, 66 years old, 125 Townsend street, died early today at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. Mr. Spencer was taken ill at 3 p. m. yesterday and rushed to the hospital for treatment. Death is attributed to internal complications. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert Moore, 304 Oakland avenue, and two sons, Harry, of Birmingham, and Spencer, of New York City, besides his widow. Funeral arrangements had not been made early today.

VILLAGE WOMAN TALKS ON THEATER

Mrs. Robert Tillotson, of Hazelwood avenue, is director of the Little Theater Guild, of Pontiac, was in charge of the recreation leaders' training course Tuesday night in the Welfare building, Pontiac. She described the origin of the little theater movement, and traced its development from the beginning.

Afterwards with two of the leaders as characters in a one-act play, "The Revenue Officer," Mrs. Tillotson gave a practical demonstration of stage direction.

A Hallowe'en costume party will be held Monday evening at Auburn Heights under the auspices of the Berean class, the young married people's class and the men's class of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Birmingham. A chicken dinner will be served at 6:45, after which games will be played.

ELECTION SEEN ON CHARTER CHANGE HERE

Commission Asks For Opinions On City Government

NO OBJECTIONS FILED

Date for the special election in Birmingham to decide whether the form of government will be changed to that of a city will be decided at the meeting of the village commission Nov. 28, according to a resolution passed Monday night. The act of the commission was made mandatory when there was filed a petition signed by 215 persons asking for the election. The election, it is expected, will be held sometime in December.

H. T. Ellerby, president of the village, said the matter should be brought to a vote as soon as possible because of a number of township and county projects the village would have to share in if the change is not made.

Robert N. Moore, supervisor of Bloomfield Township, and Clarence Vliet, superintendent of Birmingham schools, were asked to meet with the commission in two weeks to discuss various questions concerning the change. Members of the commission also expressed themselves as desirous of having citizens of the village raise objections at the meeting here Nov. 28 if they have objections. "So far," Mr. Ellerby said, "I have not heard anything against the move and I am anxious to hear the other side."

While the matter was discussed in detail at the meeting, none of the members of the board opposed it.

Whether the city of Birmingham would have the same voice in its school administration and districts as the village of Birmingham is being investigated by Dave H. Ogden, village attorney, at the request of Laurence Hulbert, commissioner. This matter, Mr. Hulbert indicated, will vitally affect his attitude on the proposed change.

Mr. Ellerby repeated to the commission his former statement that Birmingham had not gained an nothing to lose by the change. He said every property owner here would be saved money by taxes in that Birmingham, as a city would not have its present share of the burden of taxes for Bloomfield Township.

Adding impetus to the proposal here was given when this week both Pleasant Ridge and Berkley took steps to change their village government to the city form to reduce their taxes.

DEATH MAKES 3 ORPHANS

Mrs. Arthur King Dies One Year After Her Husband

Almost a year to the day from the date of her husband's death in an automobile accident, Mrs. Marion Alberta King, 311 Ridgedale, Detroit, died Saturday, after an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. King had been ill only a few days. She died in Grace Hospital, Detroit. She was 41 years old, and leaves three sons, Alberta, 15, Esther, 14, and Arthur, 11 years old. Her husband, Arthur King, died Oct. 28, 1926.

Mrs. King was the former Marian Poole, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Poole, of Detroit. Mrs. King was born in Detroit, and received her education there and at the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti. She taught school in Detroit for some years.

She had been living in Birmingham for about 18 years and was married here 16 years ago. She was a member of the Women's Literary club.

Arthur King, her husband, was killed in an automobile accident a year ago, at Adams road and Woodward avenue. A street car struck the machine which Mr. King was driving, during him so that he died within two hours afterwards.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday from the home, the Rev. Robert Maxwell Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating. Mr. Atkins was assisted by Dr. C. F. Wakefield, of Cleveland, O., and the Rev. W. H. Collycott, of Rochester. Burial was in Roseland Park cemetery.

Besides her children and her mother, Mrs. King leaves two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Lethemon, of Detroit, and Mrs. Jane Strate, of Cleveland, O.

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