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WOMAN KILLED BY MOTORBUS IN BIRMINGHAM

Witnesses Say Domestic Ran Suddenly In Path Of Car On Woodward

DRIVER IS EXONERATED

Mrs. Maude Ward, 58 years old, is dead today as a result of an accident at 5:55 p. m. last Thursday on Woodward avenue at Manor road, when she was struck by a southbound Eastern Michigan motorbus.

She had been employed as a maid for the Kenneth Owen family, on Manor road, since last February. She made her home with a grand-niece, Mrs. Ivan Koyl, of Pine Grove avenue, Pontiac.

Witnesses say Mrs. Ward ran directly across the path of the motorbus. William Moran, 106 Highland avenue, Birmingham was driving, police report.

Coroner O. C. Farmer, of Pontiac, said no inquest would be called.

Patrolman William Green, who investigated, is satisfied that Moran is free from all blame in the accident. Moran was released Monday after making a statement in the office of Clyde Underwood, prosecuting attorney, in Pontiac.

CHIMNEY BURNS

A burned out chimney in the home of D. M. Hawley at 507 Oakland avenue was reason for a silent alarm at 3:30 a. m., Sunday. The furnace fire caused the chimney to burn out it is reported. No damage was caused.

Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

WITH THE TREND OF house parties in this year of grace, 1928, (Is that right, 1928?) toward the basement, a new institution is being started by the wise hosts and hostesses.

At many parties in decent homes today, guests are taken to the first or second floor of the house merely long enough to remove their things. Then, basement ho!

The idea, of course, is not to have them nearer the source of supply. Rather it is a precaution to insure against furniture breakage. This business of picking up the pieces the next morning became too tiresome. Especially when one's head was always getting in the way.

And if anyone is interested in my opinion, he may quote me as saying I believe it a fine plan. I have been ushered into homes when a celebration was in progress, and nearly wept to see the vandalism.

The crewel is torn down to be used as a veil for a dizzy girl who feels called upon to dance. An acrobat uses a love seat as a spring board. The piano is for bottles and the Chinese rug for lighted cigaret ends. These are all nice people making whoopee—in some other person's home.

But now only yokels and neophytes allow their furniture—crashing guests near any thing more fragile than cast off tables. They are rushed to the basement—where the rest of the whoopers have already started their act.

Here one may throw as many cigaret ends on the floor as he desires. Even if the floor is finished. He may break all the furniture in sight. Turn the place into a fumatory. He may throw beer bottles at the walls, or bump his head against them. It is all just good, clean fun and the damage won't total 10 cents. The upstairs remains immaculate, undefiled, deserted and serene. And everyone—even the host and hostess—can have a good time.

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NOW THAT THE HINT TO housewives is made, let's to the correspondents, for a review of their letters which, due to my amnestic tendencies, have waited long to be answered.

Ralph didn't like my DeKruif sketch and that is because of my procambium, Ralph, all Birmingham is talking about the affliction and surely you must have heard, . . . and T's guess about the person with the cold last week who telephoned me was accurate . . . no one called, I made it up, I make everything up . . . quite a fellow, T. . . . and R. T. has a yen to know, so the letter says, why this col., is continued to be called Glimpses at and about—or whatever it is—Birmingham, when the subjects are so remote . . . well, what would you suggest—don't be nasty—and besides why is Congress called Dry . . . and I was asked as to the "purpose" of all this . . . high ho, it's because I have a message and surely everyone knows what that is . . . it's the tragedy inflicted on the innocent by idiots who should have been born deaf, blind and dumb . . . and for the benefit of Always Waiting, I think Warwick Deeping a verbose and parvenue Edgar Guest . . . and the other notes I have from my dear public . . . will you STOP pulling my hair . . . are mostly lost . . . some were anonymous, anyway . . . and whatever else this col. may be it is not that . . . Deo Gratias.

Triplets were born to Mrs. Ada Farwell, aged 52, of London, her first children.

David Glaeux of Duluth lost his right ear diving through a window to escape arrest.

TWO CRASHES MAR HOLIDAY

Drivers Escape Serious Hurts In Accident; Tipsy Motorist Jailed

Birmingham police report but two accidents from Thanksgiving Day traffic. One death was recorded when Mrs. Maude Ward, maid employed by Kenneth Owen, of Manor road, was instantly killed when struck by a southbound Eastern Motorbus at 5:55 p. m. on Woodward avenue at Manor road.

A collision at 6:00 p. m. at Lasher and west Maple roads completed the day's casualties.

E. J. Foley, of 2599 west Grand boulevard, Detroit, escaped serious injury when his car collided with one driven by Ben Arrock, 91 Poplar street, Pontiac.

Foley was removed to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital where his cuts were dressed. His car was practically demolished.

According to William Putman, chief of Bloomfield Hills police, Foley was driving south on Lasher road and Arrock was going west on west Maple road when the two cars collided.

Driver Escapes

Arrock escaped injury, although his car was badly damaged. No charges were preferred against either driver.

One man is in jail today and two have paid fines following arrests made by police on Thanksgiving Day.

E. L. Hickinolt, 45 yea. old, 74 Lake street, Pontiac, is in jail for 60 days following his arraignment, Friday, before Justice Floyd S. Buck on a charge of driving drunk. He was arrested in Bloomfield Hills by Patrolman Isma Banks. He was unable to pay a $50 fine and took a 30 day sentence. Hickinolt had his operator's license revoked for six months.

Spends Day In Jail

Wayland West, 123 east Howard street, Pontiac, charged with violating a traffic signal by Patrolman Banks, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of $15. His car was held until Monday when he paid.

Pleading guilty to charges of intoxication preferred by Patrolman Frank Williams, William Pleankenhorn, 114 Willette street, paid a fine of $15 to Justice Buck. He was held in jail Thursday night.

ROTARIANS HEAR OF WORK AT NEW FORD TRADE SCHOOL

Members of the Birmingham Rotary club Monday noon were given an intimate glimpse of fne course of study offered by the Henry Ford Trade Schools when Frederick E. Searle, superintendent of Ford Schools, and a member of the Highland Park Rotary club, spoke.

Prior to Mr. Searle's talk, Frank Couzens, son of Senator and Mrs. James Couzens, was officially accepted into the club's membership as the newest local Rotarian. Ralph I. Coryell, local nurseryman, is also a new member, but due to a recent accident, he was unable to be present at Monday's meeting.

Mr. Searle said that the Henry Ford Trade School at Highland Park was established in 1916, and now has a student roll of 2,300 boys, with over 150 instructors; the annual production of the work accomplished by the boys amounts to $3,000,000, two-thirds of which is actually paid to the boys in the form of wages, the remaining million dollars being spent on instructors and mechanical upkeep. The School, he said, is a non-profit corporation, and fills that need in scholastic training which is manifest in youth when it wants to engage in accomplishing something practical and tangible.

"Orphan boys, and sons of widows, are given first preference in enrolling students," said Mr. Searle. "About 10 per cent of the boys, all of whom are between the ages of 12 and 18 years, are orphans, 45 per cent are the sons of widows, and 15 per cent the sons of Ford employees. Fully 80 per cent of the boys must help support themselves, and it is here that our school offers not only a course of study, but a chance to earn money while doing it.

"Upon entering, a cash scholarship amounting to $7.20 each week is paid to each boy; increases are made as the boy continues school and shop instruction, until the maxium of $1,020.00 is reached by boys at 18 years of age. After 18 the boys go into one of the many branches of work in the Ford company."

Light work is also performed by the boys, much of it dealing with tool manufacture and upkeep. Mr. Searle stated that, contrary to the popular notion, boys are able to do much work of a high-grade nature, on scales where a ten-thousandth of an inch variation is the maxium allowance. Each boy produces an average of $1,000.00 worth of products annually.

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Shop instruction includes work in the following departments: forge, die, gage, hardening, foundry, sheet metal, nickel plating, valve repair, car repair, wood and metal pattern, carpentry, and tool repair.

BASKETS GIVEN NEEDY FAMILIES

Twenty-two families were aided in having a happy Thanksgiving Day through the contributions of baskets, staples, fuel and clothing by numerous village organizations and private parties. All the work was done through the Community House on a list of names furnished by the firemen, the school nurse and the employment bureau.

Those who made contributions are as follows: Miss Nancy Murray, an Adams School group of girls in charge of Miss Elinor Bishop, Miss Loren Robinson, Girl Reserves, Rainbow Girls, Bloomfield Hills School, Presbyterian Church, Philemon club, Methodist Church and St. Margaret's Guild.

YOUTH ON PROBATION AFTER GUILTY PLEA

William Clark, 18 years old, 600 Ann street, is on a two year probation today following his arraignment before Justice Floyd S. Buck on charge of maliciously destroying property.

Charges against the youth were made by Ray V. Orleman, manager of the Hupmobile sales company, 120 south Woodward avenue. He said Clark tampered with used cars in the lot behind the salesroom. The boy admitted taking cars and driving them at night.

Clark was arrested by Chief of Police James Anderson. A 90-day jail sentence was suspended and he agreed to pay $200 damages to the cars.

Bennett Skow, a clothier in Soldier, Iowa, who has been robbed 12 times since 1924, is quitting business.

A title artist of London and her husband have separated because he objected to her painting unclothed men.

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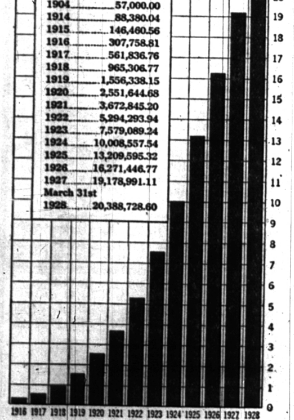

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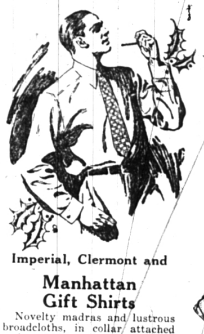

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