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SERVICE HELD FOR H. COVERT

Real Estate Dealer Dies Suddenly in Birmingham

Funeral services were held yesterday at 3 p. m. for Harry Wentworth Covert who died suddenly Saturday afternoon of apoplexy as he was taking a gift of a box of grapefruit to the home of Hubert Garfield at 19 Aspen road.

Mr. Covert's home was at 128 Hawthorne road. He was 46 years old and engaged in the real estate business.

The Rev. Floyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, read the services and burial was in Oak Hill cemetery, Pontiac.

Mr. Covert had lived in Birmingham several years, coming from Flint, where he was born. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Covert of that city.

He was being aided in carrying the gift to the house by Mrs. Garfield. He was stricken suddenly and died before aid could be summoned.

Besides his father, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edna Dawson Covert and two step children, William J. Dawson and Patricia.

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AMONG THE WOMEN

'Make Children Hobby,' Mother Advises

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS

"Make your children your hobby."

These are the words of Mrs. Fred D. Farrar, of 211 Brown street, president of the Birmingham branch of the A. A. U. W. and educational chairman of the Michigan state division of the same association.

"A woman has her duty to her community. She can not hope to live to herself and do the most possible for her family. Through her active interest in community activities a woman can often do much for her children," Mrs. Farrar said.

Mrs. Farrar apparently lives what she preaches. When I went to interview her she led me into a living room where children were doing "amateur theatricals."

"I want them to feel that they can be happy in their home and that they may bring their young friends here at any time," she said as she bustled them off to dancing school.

She is the mother of two daughters, Virginia, 10, and Mary, 7.

In educational circles at the present time there is much talk of the vanishing of the "chore," she pointed out. "There is a disciplinary value to the chore," she said, "and I believe that each child should have definite duties. It trains them to feel responsibility."

She makes it a rule never to leave her children more than two afternoons a week.

"Mother, leave their children far too much. That is the trouble with the American home life," she said. "While my children are growing up they are my hobby."

Born 38 years ago in Chicago of a line of old Chicago settlers she grew up and received her education from the University of Chicago.

She told an interesting story of her father's coming to the city. In civil war times Gen. Grant established his quarters in the home of the Hinkins family in Virginia. There he became interested in one of the younger sons, Mrs. Farrar's father, and offered to help him if ever he came north.

The war passed leaving the south penniless. There was little opportunity for a boy, so many ran away to the north. Several years later Hinkins found himself in Chicago. He was not satisfied with his progress so he decided to look up Gen. Grant who had since become president. Grant befriended him, securing his admission to a university. Later Hinkins became a successful dentist.

Former Librarian

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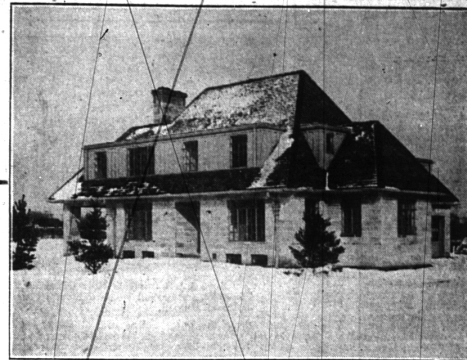
Reasons For Opposing Capital Punishment

The Michigan Association Opposed to Capital Punishment, through its secretary, E. S. Hitchcock, 103 Woodward avenue, Detroit, has sent each member of the Legislature 10 reasons why they should vote against restoring the death penalty.

They are as follows:

1. In 1818 Michigan abolished the capital punishment law when an innocent man had been hanged. It is known that many innocent people have been put to death since in states which have this law.
2. All civilized people are coming to believe that taking life is a brutal, immoral and lawless thing, and therefore the state must not become a party to it.
3. It is generally believed through statistical information, that the states which have the capital punishment law have as many murders as the states which haven't it.
4. It is very difficult to get a jury to bring in a verdict of guilty where the capital punishment law obtains and therefore many desperate criminals go free.
5. Any one who thinks must realize that crime is due to causes which have nothing whatever to do with the capital punishment law and that this law simply shows our inability to cure the problem and do away with the causes.
6. Capital punishment has a brutalizing effect upon the masses of people and often leads to an outbreak of lawlessness and crime.
7. It is common knowledge that the poor man is put to death for his crime and the rich frequently are paroled and finally freed.
8. Capital punishment is the hysterical attempt of the public to safeguard itself, an entirely unscientific method of settling the question in an age which boasts of its science.
9. The old argument that England has few crimes because of capital punishment cannot be accepted. England administers the law swiftly and impartially. It is a small country and the English are naturally law abiding people.
10. Persons who desire the capital punishment law as a cure for crime should study the changing economic conditions of this country in which (according to Secretary of Labor Davis) 86 per cent of the population are poor. He should also study our industrial system which has made of men slaves or any joy in their work and man can turn them on the streets in the middle of winter without a moment's notice, and this in a country in which the "pursuit of happiness" and "equal opportunity for all" are ideals.

"In conclusion, let us hope our legislators will not be so irresponsible as to cast Michigan back into the Dark Ages when an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth was the code of semi-barbarous people," the communication concludes.



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What's What in Washington NEW ANANIAS CLUB OPENS ENROLLMENT

By CHARLES P. STEWART Washington correspondent for The Birmingham Eccentric and Central Press and The Eccentric. — President-elect Hoover's Ananias club is in plenty early, and Chairman Fred A. Britten of the house of representatives committee on naval affairs is in on the ground floor.

The Chicago congressman looks rather lonely as yet, but he may have lots of company before long. An indefinite something in the atmosphere hints at a thriving four, or maybe eight years ahead for the presidential Ananias club.

It is possible to sense that club's periods of prosperity in advance, somehow.

Every now and again a public man looms into ultra-importance who is singularly difficult to "quote" to suit him, for no very apparent reason.

President Roosevelt was conspicuously so.

Under President Taft the Ananias club languished and almost died. President Wilson revived it, but never built it up as in Teddy's day. Neither President Harding nor President Coolidge ever made a nomination to its active list, so far as I can recall.

The success of an Ananias club depends largely upon the fashion in which its members' names are proposed.

There must be nothing half-hearted about it.

No candidate can enter the club's portals with due eclat on the strength of some such wishy-washy indorsement as that he made a mistake, or that his memory slipped or even that he exaggerated.

"Ananias," his nomination must ring out, loud and clear, in a tone guaranteed not to leave a doubt in anybody's mind that his sponsor means just what he says.

The promise of a strong organization during the 1929-33 or 37 White House regime lies in the vigor with which President-elect Hoover introduces his selections for Ananias club honors.

It is not a long roll thus far, to be sure.

The first initiate under Mr. Hoover's auspices was an obscure southern newspaper reporter—

exclusiveness. A member in good standing is even liable to be asked if, honestly, he is entitled to be long.

Indeed, the validity of Britten's title to membership is attacked.

The congressman says the president-elect said so-and-so about our proposed new cruiser fleet.

Mr. Hoover says he didn't.

This would imply that Britten really committed the Ananias act.

Yet when the question was raised in the senate—did the Chicagoan actually prevaricate or not?—Senator Oddie expressed the opinion that, "Aw," he guesses "all Fred did was to place Mr. Hoover in an embarrassing position."

If that's the best showing Fred Britten can make for himself, he ought to be fired out of the club.

ASSESSOR ASKS APPROVAL OF NEW PLANS

The village commission today is considering plans submitted to them Monday night by Albert W. Noonan, village assessor for expansion of his department. Dividing the village into four assessment districts and designing a more complete taxroll, were two of his recommendations.

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