

KITES TODAY FOR W. THOMAS

Well Known Villager Succumbs After Illness Of Nine Days

William H. Thomas, 42 years old, of 217 Daines street, well known in Birmingham, will be buried today in the Drayton Plains cemetery at Drayton Plains following funeral services at 2 p. m. from the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals.

Mr. Thomas was a salesman for Bouffner Brothers and had lived in Birmingham six years. He died Tuesday afternoon at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, after an illness of nine days. He had been taken to the hospital a few hours before death came.

Death was caused by cerebral meningitis which followed an attack of influenza. He apparently had recovered from the influenza attack and was able to be about the house when the relapse set in.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Roslyn Margaret Thomas, assistant village treasurer, and one son, Robert, four years old. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Eliza Thomas, and a brother, Percy, both of Pontiac, his former home.

The pall bearers will be Charles and William Bouffner, Philip Williams, Leon McC. Bert Schultz and James Anderson. The funeral service will be conducted by the Rev. Lloyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

RESIDENT AT 76 DOESN'T MIND COLD

It takes more than a cold day to keep Thomas-Edwards, age 76, and badly crippled with rheumatism, huddled by his fireside at 111 Adams avenue.

Mr. Edwards is small in stature, alert, and has a spry step despite his age. He has a pleasant outlook on life and smilingly explained, "My rheumatism will keep me from work as long as I live."

His face was lit with pride when a friend passed, and he exclaimed,

"Why Tom, you look just like a young boy this morning." Though age has played its part and that for the past 45 years in Birmingham, Mr. Thomas has the gleam of a younger man in his eye, and is still enthusiastically interested in life.

LAWSON TAKES CLUB OFFICE

Thanking his fellow members for the honor they had conferred upon him, and promising his best efforts to lead them for the next six months, John C. Lawson, local businessman, formally took over the Birmingham Exchange club gavel from retiring president Robert R. Allen Tuesday noon at Lone Pine Inn. Mr. Allen gave a short talk on his term of office, and pointed out a few of the highlights of the club's activities.

President Lawson introduced Robert Y. Moore, vice president; Harry S. Starr, secretary; and Oscar O. Peterson, treasurer. The latter read a financial report of the club, which showed it to be in excellent condition.

Secretary Starr's report revealed an improvement in club attendance during the past six months, the Birmingham Exchange club ranking with two or three other clubs in Michigan for first place. The present roster includes 48 members, two less than six months ago. This decrease resulted from the fact that three members resigned, one died, and only two were added.

Percentage of club attendance amounted to an average of 75.7, against 74.5 for the preceding half year; Ralph C. Mouthrop and Oscar O. Peterson shared first place in club attendance with a percentage of 95.2. Harry S. Starr and Robert R. Allen shared second place with 96.2, while each of the following were over 90 per cent: Arthur C. Peck, James W. Taylor, Louis B. Randall, and Ralph Wilson.

Partial committees appointed by president Lawson include: Guy Jensen, entertainment; Lester Slaughter, sports; Ralph Wilson, flowers and gifts; Kenneth Birmingham, sheriff.

Programs for the balance of the month will be handled by H. Ellerby, and next month by Ralph Wilson. It is planned to have one member responsible for each succeeding month's program.

LOCATION OF NEW JAIL Baffles Hills Board

"Now we have a jolt, where shall we put it?"

This was the baffling problem which confronted the Bloomfield Hills village commission at their meeting, Tuesday night.

At the previous regular meeting, William Siboy, village clerk, was ordered to buy a double cell block at the cost of \$450. The cells, manufactured at an iron works in Detroit, come in collapsible sections. Measurements were made by officials and the plan was to install the "jail" in the basement of the W. T. Barbour building where the police have their headquarters.

The section when delivered would neither go through door or window into the basement.

Decision by the commissioners was to place the cell block in a room adjacent to the second floor office of Chief of Police William P. ... making an expansion in the police quarters. The room will also serve as a control room and the council room of the village commission will be located directly across the hall.

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