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KIRBY HOME RAZED BY FIRE

\$2,000 Loss Suffered When
House On Long Lake
Rd. Is Destroyed

More than \$2,000 loss was sustained by A. L. Kirby, huntsman at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club, Thursday, when his home on the Long Lake road was razed by fire. The house was valued at \$2,000, according to the report of Chief Russell Moore of the Bloomfield Hills Fire department, and was insured for \$2,500. The furniture was valued at \$2,000, but most of the more valuable pieces were saved.

The fire, which Chief Moore believes started in an upstairs bedroom from a faulty electric

switch, had gained great headway before the alarm was turned in. When the firemen arrived, the entire house, a large wooden structure of nine rooms, was enveloped in flames. Since the nearest water supply was 3,000 feet distant, and chemicals proved insufficient, they confined their efforts to saving nearby buildings. The Birmingham and Pontiac Fire Departments were also called, but returned to their stations when they found that they could be of little aid.

The flames could be seen for miles around, and a large crowd gathered to watch them. Mr. Kirby at the time was attending a Pontiac theater, and Mrs. Kirby was visiting in Kentucky.

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Unable to see for twenty years, Joseph Pope of New York City gained his sight at the age of 85.



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TWO INJURED IN COLLISION OF BUS, TRUCK

Motorist Pays Fine For
Speeding Past Wreck
On Woodward

CAUGHT AFTER CHASE

Two men received minor injuries and the lives of a score of other persons were endangered Friday night in an accident on Woodward avenue near the Updyke road. The men were injured when an Eastern Michigan System bus crashed into the rear of a truck and while the passengers of the bus and witnesses of the accident were gathered about the wreck an automobile driven by Clarence Wood, 158 Wall street, Pontiac, hurried past the crowd.

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While the crowd was milling about the wreck, Wood approached the scene travelling about 65 miles an hour and failed to heed the warning of Motorcycle Patrolmen Isma Banks and L. A. Martin, they declared. The officers reported that the crowd scattered to avoid being hit and Wood was overtaken some distance from the scene of the accident.

Wood pleaded guilty to a reckless driving charge, and rather than spend 30 days in jail, paid his fine. Wood's companion, Rex Farmer, 18619 Lilac street, Detroit, said to be a real estate agent with properties near Orion, paid \$35 for being drunk.

INJUNCTION GRANTED

In an injunction granted Saturday by Judge Frank Covert in the Circuit Court, William C. Clark, former Southfield Township clerk, and his wife, Myrtle, were temporarily restrained from hanging other oil products than those of the White Star Refining Co., of Detroit, at the Clark's filling station at the Twelve Mile and Southfield Roads. In the petition the oil company it was stated that although the defendants are under contract to handle their products for the next six months, they recently renounced the contract and commenced buying other products.

"WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH RULE WOULD RUIN INDIA"—COL. GEORGE

"Were Great Britain to step out of India now, that country would be in the worst condition of any in the world at the present time; rioting and bloodshed would become common events, and the entire country would be in turmoil." So Col. Edwin S. George summed up the Indian situation in an illustrated lecture on India given at Baldwin High School auditorium Friday evening. Proceeds of the lecture went to maintenance and further work on Camp George, the cabin and 70 acres of land he gave to Birmingham Boy Scouts last year. More than 600 persons heard the lecture.

Col. George also described Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the movement for independence for the 300,000,000 in India, not as the wild fanatic which most people conceive him, but as a sane man, holding high ideals, strong religious beliefs, and the sincere belief that India should be independent. The lecture was illustrated principally with colored slides and motion pictures, practically all taken by Col. George himself on a recent trip. He has also taken thousands of feet of motion pictures of Africa on a Cairo-to-the-Cape safari, Spain, and Morocco.

The lecture was under the auspices of the Birmingham District Committee of the Boy Scouts.

Eccentricities

By LEO A. DONOVAN

Just when we were wondering what to choose this week as an added subject, Mrs. J. N. Hadjisky telephoned to say that she had heard again from Mr. Hadjisky, who is engineering for the Soviets. But the subject of his letter that holds most interest for this column is none other than That Thrilling Thespian, Aimee Sample McPherson.

Mrs. Hadjisky read rapidly and distinctly, the part of her husband's letter that described the "This morning . . . the fair Aimee . . . presided over the divine service (on the boat)," wrote Mr. Hadjisky, who as you know, left Birmingham several days ago, bound for Russia, where he will instruct Soviet engineers in American methods of building construction.

"Fortunately, I had a seat opposite the fair lady . . . and inasmuch as I had the opportunity, I made a study of her. Her text was 'They Have Taken Away My Lord.' She is about five feet, 10 inches tall . . . has a long face and a strong nose . . . the neck of a Sandow, or a prize-fighter, and hands longer than mine, with polished and rouged nails . . . reminds me of a Michigan Opera star. She is a representative of the Nordic type, with high cheek bones and golden curls that oddly conceal the low forehead and sunken temples."

"I should describe the effect as rather loud . . . voice and gestures, first she would wipe one dry eye—and then another dry eye . . . I thought she would change her modulation; . . . her voice is rough and masculine . . . Her 17-year-old daughter was alongside getting her training. She has a sizeable crowd with her and they are on their way to Palestine to spend a few weeks in the Holy Land . . . Can you imagine Mr. Hadjisky's enthusiastic attention as he wrote this description while sailing the broad Atlantic? Aimee fascinates the emotions of the average theatergoer. I should say—churchgoer. What fun it must have been for Mr. Hadjisky to observe her without the asbestos curtain of the stage, and only a few props.

Noticed the other day that Big Ben, the famous clock in Dear Ol' London, is having his face washed. Children who envied the famous face because it had not been washed for six years must remember that it takes 18 days for the ablutions. How would you like to have someone scrub your face for 16 days, my boy?

Complaints have been made recently that the Literary Digest Prohibition Poll is being taken largely from the ranks of men. An old bartender, with that Poor-Man's-Club logic, in commenting on the charge, remarked, "Well, who drinks anyhow, the men or the women?"

Also noticed in one of the Big Town Sheets the other day that the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station has created stingless bees and mosquitoes.

Now if they'll only take the buzz out of 'em and put 'em under foot, why there's a commendable accomplishment, say I—and you. But what's the use? Even when science does away with its sting-ers and noises, there's still static in our neighbor's radio and too much amplification when the Boop-boop-a-Boys go on the air.

A microphone which will detect the presence of an iceberg six or seven miles away has been devised by a Canadian scientist.

Columbia University will soon have a psychology laboratory for studying the thinking powers of all kinds of animals.

STATE MOVES TO SAVE TREES

Permits Must Be Obtained
From Highway Dept. For
Trimming Work

The State Highway Department, having assembled within its organization a staff of technical and thoroughly experienced foresters to supervise roadside development on state and federal trunk lines within the established right of way in different districts, is devoting its energies to preserving all trees which in the judgment of the State's representative is worthy of being saved.

In order that there shall be no promiscuous trimming or removal of useful shade or ornamental trees, irrespective of size, shape or condition, the State has provided application forms for requesting permission to trim or remove any and all trees standing within the established right of way which may be judged an obstacle to business or private developments or may be regarded detrimental to public safety. Such application forms may be obtained from the Plymouth, Michigan office of the State Highway Department by addressing M. G. O'Neil, District Forester, there.

Each application, when submitted, should be accompanied by a sketch showing a diagrammatic view of the situation which, in the belief of the individual submitting the application, necessitates trimming or removal of the tree or trees. For failure to secure a permit by this procedure the State provides a penalty of 30 days imprisonment, or a fine of \$100, or both in the discretion of the court.

For such treatment of trees within Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Monroe Counties on the state or federal trunk lines all applications must be forwarded to the district forester of the Plymouth office.

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