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MOTHER OF 2 DIES IN CRASH

Death Ends Quest For Presents On Christmas Eve

Funeral services for Mrs. Nora C. Barber, 25 years old, of 771 Humphrey street, were held Monday morning from the Chapel of the Holy Name, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Redford.

Mrs. Barber died as a result of injuries received Christmas Eve, when an automobile driven by her husband, James Barber, collided with another car at Woodward and Wilshire avenues, Berkeley. Mrs. Barber was driving south on Woodward avenue, en route to purchase Christmas gifts for their two small sons, when accident occurred. Mrs. Barber died a half hour later in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

The driver of the other car, Henry Templeton, 2319 Edgewood boulevard Berkeley, made a statement to Assistant Prosecutor Maurice F. Cole, but was not held. According to the Berkeley police, Templeton turned from the northbound lane of Woodward avenue into Wilshire avenue and struck the Barber automobile. Templeton, in his statement, Templeton said he wanted to give the car ample time to pass, and that Barber apparently stopped sharply in front of him.

Mrs. Barber is survived by her husband and sons, Gordon and Michael Barber, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Creede, of Sandwich, Ont., three sisters, the Misses Anna A. and Mary Creede of Sandwich, Ont. and Mrs. Katherine MacDonald, of Highland Park, and three brothers, Jack, Michael and Joseph Creede, of Sandwich, Ont.

Police Patrolman Is Suspended For Breach of Conduct



Photo by Arnold Studios

Leon Gotting, a patrolman on the Birmingham police force since last April, has been suspended permanently for "conduct unbecoming an officer" it was announced last week by Chief John H. Hackett.

Chief Hackett said the dismissal followed directly Gotting's failure to report for duty Monday night of last week, but that other circumstances also entered into the action. Among those cited by the chief were Gotting's "general attitude" and failure to "get along with his superior officers."

4 College Students Deny Claim That Campus Life Disperses Religious Faith

The oft-expressed opinion that college life and influences tend to corrode the spiritual characters of young people and make disbelievers of most undergraduates was firmly denied by four Birmingham college students, including two university graduates, at a symposium on "Must Campus Life Dispel Faith and Spiritualism?" conducted during the evening service last Sunday at the Birmingham Presbyterian Church.

The speakers, including William Salomon, a sophomore at the University of Michigan; Byron R. Winborn, Jr., a Senior at Cornell University; John Bright, Allegheny College graduate with the class of '16, and Charles S. Kinnison, graduate in the class of '11 from Ohio State University, were unanimous in their opinion that there is no decrease in spiritual leanings among college students and that it depends upon the student himself, rather than the institution, as to whether he will emerge from his educational career a believer or an atheist.

Mr. Saborn, the first speaker, pointed out that every institution of higher learning affords the student a variety of religious activities, sponsored by such organizations as the Y. M. C. A. and church groups, which give him abundant opportunity to continue his spiritual life after leaving high school.

Mr. Winborn declared that of the many college students he has

met, he has never known any of them to change his ultimate view of religion because of anything he learned or came in contact with in college.

If a student enters college a believer he goes out a believer, Mr. Winborn said, and if he goes in an atheist he leaves an atheist. He may become a bit unsettled in his beliefs during the middle of his college stay, the speaker said, but he invariably returns in the end to the same belief he held before entering.

Mr. Bright declared that his life in college had brought him into intimate contact with several professors, and especially with those in the field of science. Contrary to ordinary belief, Mr. Bright said, he found these men almost without exception were believers in some Supreme Being.

In closing the symposium, Mr. Kinnison maintained that the influences to which a young person is subjected before he enters college are much more important in determining his religious faith, or lack of faith, than are those he meets afterwards in college. The youth's early life and home environment shape his religious views, not the college or university he attends, the speaker declared.

Mr. Kinnison's son, Galin Kinnison, a freshman at Ohio State University, presided over the meeting which was conducted almost entirely by college students and which attracted a large audience of both students and parents.

Methodist Forum Names Hart Chief

Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin High School, was elected president of the Men's Forum of the Birmingham Methodist Church at a meeting last Sunday. James W. Parry was chosen vice-president; William Dalce, secretary, and Leo Gibbons, treasurer.

The forum is one of the branch activities of the Methodist Men's Club which meets each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Wa-beek Building for the discussion of topics of world interest. Membership is open to the public.

George Steelman is president of the club which sponsors, in addition to the forum, athletic and social activities among Birmingham men.

Antioch Honors Local Student

Laura Barr, Birmingham student now attending Antioch College at Yellow Springs, O., represented the junior class at the third annual Old English Yuletide dinner held recently by the Women's Athletic Association, appearing as one of the party of lords and ladies entertained with a medieval Christmas supper.

This honor was accorded her in recognition of activity in the organization during the autumn months, such participation in extra-curricular events being advocated at Antioch as an important factor in achieving balanced personal development.

Miss Barr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Barr, 508 Linden road.

EDITOR SEES WORLD CHANGE

Tells Rotarians Only Moral Law Remains Inflexible

Malcolm W. Binyag, editorial director of the Detroit Free Press, told Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon that today's economic upset was caused by the deep-seated misadjustment of human nature toward moral law, and that any return to material prosperity with out a correction of the maladjustment would result in a worse depression in the future.

"The problems of today are far deeper than the stock market, a Babson or Dun and Bradstreet report," stated Mr. Binyag. "They are caused by fundamental ebbs and flows of the tide of human-kind. They are invisible to most of us, who only see the surface debris and froth. Beneath surges back and forth the tides of human evolution."

"The World War was only some dynamite applied to the explosion that is bringing a vast change over the face of the entire earth. No person or race is free from this evolutionary change. No one can escape it, or stay in the future."

"With the invention of the printing press came a greater spread of accumulated knowledge. What had been only the intellectual property of the nobility and the priesthood, became the common property of the masses. The research and information of one generation was more easily transmitted to another, until from study and from laboratory there finally walked out upon the stage of human endeavor this thing we call the scientific, the industrial age."

"We have changed, over the period of many generations, the face of the earth. We have upset traditions and laws that once were accepted as the rule and guide of life. We have set loose in our midst the most powerful machinery of either liberating us from toil, or destroying us through abuse."

"We have turned our old world upside down—but there still remains one exact law in our Universe that can save us: the moral law. It is inflexible; it is inviolate; it is unchangeable; it is the law that was turned out of the Galilean seashore, and under its protection we can yet save ourselves from the debilitating effects of going through the pains of the birth of a new day for mankind."

Mr. Binyag declared that the United States no longer is isolated; it has shrunk to a close neighbor, he said, and cannot afford to stand aside and refuse to participate in a movement to bring nations together.

"The United States must assume a leadership among nations, as Destiny intended it to," he concluded.

STATE DISMISSES MATTHEWS CASE

Manlaughter Charge Dropped After 2 Trials End In Disagreements

A Christmas present in the form of a dismissal of the manslaughter charge which had been hanging over him for more than a year was given to Charles S. Matthews, attorney of 456 Chesterfield road, last Thursday, when an order of nolle prosequi was signed by Judge John Wheeler of Detroit Traffic Court on motion of Assistant Prosecutor Eugene A. Walling.

Matthews, who was accused of being the driver of the car which struck and killed Mrs. Martha Ann Brady, 19560 Canterbury avenue, Detroit, at the corner of Seven Mile road and Woodward avenue on Dec. 13, 1930, was discharged on Dec. 23 and Nov. 25.

In urging the state to drop the case, Walling said the evidence against Matthews was circumstantial and that conviction would be doubtful. A third trial would end a needless waste of public funds, he declared.

Pedestrian Hurt On Christmas Eve

Miss Mary Everson, 18 years old, of 86 Aspen road, was injured about the knees when struck by an automobile while walking on Dec. 24, 1930, at the intersection of Brown street early last Thursday night.

Ray Aulph, 511 Woodcrest avenue, Royal Oak, driver of the car, was not held. Police said the accident occurred when Miss Everson attempted to cross the street against a red traffic light.

Miss Everson was treated by Dr. C. F. Lawler and removed to her home.

Heads Municipal League Committee On Tax Payments



Mr. Noonan

Albert W. Noonan, village assessor, has been appointed by the Michigan Municipal League, to serve as chairman of a committee of league members to study and develop new tax payment plans.

The other members of the committee are Carl Chatters, director of the Michigan Municipal Advisory Council; Frank D. Smith, treasurer of the City of Grand Rapids; Duncan McKee, assessor of Royal Oak City, and John Witherspoon, assistant corporation counsel for the City of Detroit.

Drinking Party Ends In Arrest Of Seven

Seven persons, including three girls, were fined for disorderly conduct as the result of an alleged drinking party they attempted to stage in a barbeque inn in Bloomfield Hills Sunday night.

Sergeant Delos Anderson interrupted the party and arrested Helen Stuart, 83 Ford street, Highland Park; John Stuart, same address, Winston, Scott, Lawson street, Detroit; Charlotte Donovan, 7381 Ellsworth street, Detroit; Forest Gustaf, 2456 Glendale avenue, Detroit; Velma Gustaf, 251 Fifth street, Manistee, and John Snyder, 486 Henry street, Detroit.

All were arraigned before Justice Floyd S. Buck Monday morning and all were fined \$15 except Velma Gustaf who, because of her age, was fined \$5 and paroled to her uncle in Detroit.

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