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Millions of people perceive life as a kind of playground, a sort of retreat where they can "eat, drink and be merry." Too seldom do they perceive that their brief stay upon earth also affords them opportunities to make their spiritual vision. Mine and woe attend them.

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

When German students wish to settle a dispute now they may engage in a duel to death. This form of encounter was recently restored. A person generally stands by to lend a hand when needed. (We suppose many German students wonder why a cageful of leopards or tigers often start a clawing match.)

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Nearly 5,000 Pontiac High School students staged a parade, together with their teachers, one day last week. The parade sought to impress Pontiac taxpayers with the great need for payment of taxes. We hope the parade was helpful—though we fear that the only satisfactory parade that can be staged which will result in actual payment of taxes is the Parade of the Workingman, going to work!

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When you gaze upon the names of prominent American men who have been given financial aid, either by direct loans or by "convenient opportunities" to purchase stock at less than the market price, by the J. P. Morgan & Co., you lose some of your bewilderment as to the source of past and recent and even contemporary activities of your political Government. If you ponder the matter very deeply, you must come to the personal conclusion that Wall Street did and does run America; you must come to the conclusion that an industrial and financial feudal system still dominates American life; and you will welcome some change in the "system." It is our opinion, that is why so many people today are "with" President Roosevelt and his aides in every honest and sincere effort they reveal to dethrone Mammon, and in its place make a more comfortable seat for the great mass of people whose lives are deserving of more security against organized greed and selfishness.

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Ranking of the various ways in which fame may come to an individual, Murl H. DeFoe, editor of the Charlotte Republican Tribune, offers this sage observation: "Fame acquired in politics is normal religious impulses like yesterday's headlines . . . forgotten!" There's a volume of thought packed into that brief sentence, and wiser men than those who ponder it dearly.

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Now in 1850 your portion of the total per capita tax levied by all units of government would have amounted to $8.09. Contrast this with the per capita tax burden for 1932 which is $159, and you will get an idea of the great increase in public costs that has come upon us. The reason for this tremendous and unbearable increase is accounted for mostly: public officials, prodded by minority groups of taxpayers who sought improvements (and some special interests who profited thereby), installed about every kind of project wished for; blame for today's tax burden is, not the entire fault of any group of officials, for most of them merely moved with the times, either ignorant or mindful of the day of reckoning; the people want less taxes but they must insist on less service from their various units of government. That is the final solution to this crushing problem. The excesses of human beings in which we call modern civilization prove it.

COUZENS TO VISIT HERE BEFORE TRIP

Senator Coming Here Prior To Departure For World Economic Conference

Senator James Couzens will spend a few days at his home on West Lake road in Bloomfield Township before sailing for London to attend the World Economic Conference as a member of the United States Delegation, it was announced late yesterday from his offices here in the Wabeek Building.

Although most of the delegates left yesterday, Senator Couzens, delayed only Tuesday by President Roosevelt's call to Republican leaders to confer with the President, has remained to attend the conference, had insufficient time in which to prepare for sailing with others.

Associates in his offices here were unable to say definitely yesterday when the Senator would arrive, but expected it would be either Friday or Saturday. The length of his stay was also undetermined, although it is certain to be only a few days.

The U. S. delegates whom Senator Couzens will follow to the conference include ex-Governor James M. Cox of Ohio, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Senator Roy Pittman of Nevada, and Rep. Sam D. McReynolds of Tennessee, all of whom are Democrats. President Roosevelt is said to name one more Republican.

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COURT TO BE PETITIONED IN BEER BATTLE

Group Will Seek Writ To Compel Licensing Of Restaurant

EXPECT ACTION TODAY

A petition asking for a writ of mandamus to compel the Birmingham City Commission to approve a license for the sale of beer by the glass in the Pure Food Restaurant, 116 North Woodward avenue, will be filed in Oakland County Circuit Court this week, probably today, it was announced Wednesday.

The announcement was made by Stanley R. Jaroske, 316 Puritan road, one of the active leaders in the campaign which has been waged here during the past few weeks to compel the Commission to open the sale of beer for consumption in public places.

Mr. Jaroske said legal counsel had been retained in the restaurant's behalf by a group of interested citizens, and that there was "absolutely no question" but that the petition would be filed this week. He expected this would be done either today or Friday, he said.

Maintains Stand

The action was the result of refusal of the Commission again Monday night to alter its position against restaurant sales. The original resolution was left intact after petitions had been presented both for and against it, and after spectators had engaged in a heated argument which involved the potency of 3.2, the morals of the younger generation and the character of the community in general.

Petitions signed by about 450 persons, commending the Commission for its stand and rejoicing in the dignified residential character of the city, were presented by Shelton Wright, president of the Birmingham Boy Scout District Committee, and Rev. Russell D. Hopkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Other petitions bearing more than 300 signatures and asking that restaurants be allowed to sell beer were presented by Gus Frank, proprietor of the Pure Food Restaurant, and Bernard H. DeLong, 112 Greenwood avenue. Similar petitions signed by 673 persons had been presented the week before.

Clerk Checks Petitions

Miss Irene E. Hanley, city clerk, reported that of these 673 names, 449 were registered voters and 224 were not registered. Two representative petitions, including 327 names, bearing the signatures of only 94 taxpayers, she said.

Of 359 names, presented by Mr. Wright, 301 were registered voters, he said, 58 were over 21 years old but not registered, and 211 were taxpayers. The 97 additional signatures presented by Dr. Hopkins had not been checked for voters and taxpayers.

"The signatures on these petitions," said Mr. Wright in presenting his names, "represent, I believe, an accurate cross-section of the community, and are drawn from every part of Birmingham. The majority of these people are the parents of school children and represent the highest type of citizen in your community."

He pointed out that dancing, under the state law, is allowed in beer gardens, and declared that the city would "deeply regret it if Woodward avenue were lined with establishments of that sort."

Youths Circulate Petitions

Dr. Hopkins stated that several of his petitions had been circulated by young people, and that he "would deplore any letting down of the bars" in regard to the sale of beer.

"Personally," he declared, "I believe the Commission should be congratulated on the stand it has taken, and I believe there is a solid sentiment in the community in favor of the resolution as it now stands."

Mr. DeLong was the first to take the floor in opposition to the restriction on restaurant sales, charging the Commission with "perpetrating an injustice in your manipulation of control."

He maintained that the natural result of removing the barriers from the sale of beer would be to eliminate the desire for it and thus reduce the amount actually consumed, and declared the Commission "has taken away the natural right of the individual by forcing him to go out of town to get beer."

Packard Objects

Commissioner Frank S. Packard objected to statements made by Mr. DeLong charging that the Commis-

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HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dineen, who moved last week from Detroit, and are living at 311 Williamsburg road in Bloomfield Village. They have a daughter, Caryl, five years old.

Mr. Dineen is a sales representative for the General Motors Corporation.

BRING FIRST STATE TRACK TITLE TO BALDWIN

These are the members of the Baldwin High School track team which Saturday won the Class B championship of Michigan in the annual state meet and field meet at East Lansing.

Standing (left to right)—Bob Mack, assistant manager; Harold Mintling, pole vaulter; Earl Eberly, manager; Kneeling—Coach Franklyn Whitney; Frank Deasecker, high jumper and mile runner; Clifford McBride, pole vaulter; Rex Oberbeck, high jumper; John Brooks, half miler. Seated—John McKee, hurdler, broad jumper and relay runner; Don Donaldson, dash and relay runner; Clayton Brelsford, half miler; Bill Guckelberg, broad jumper, relay and dash runner; Clark Matthews, hurdler and relay runner; Harry Brelsford, miler.

CRANBROOK TO GRADUATE 46

Largest Class Slated To Receive Diplomas On June 12

Cranbrook School will graduate 46 students at commencement exercises to be held Monday morning, June 12, at Christ Church Cranbrook, it was announced yesterday.

The class will be larger than either of the two previous Cranbrook graduating classes, and will be the first whose members have taken all their preparatory work at Cranbrook. This year's graduates entered Cranbrook in the first form when the school opened in the fall of 1927.

Dr. William O. Stevens, headmaster, will deliver the commencement address. The baccalaureate service will be held Sunday morning, June 11, when Dr. S. S. Marquis, rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, will preach the sermon.

Pre-commencement activities include a dance to be given by Dr. Stevens for the senior class at his home Saturday, a tea next Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth for the graduating classes and faculty members of both Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools, and the annual Cranbrook graduation dance the following Friday evening, to be attended by the entire upper school.

Awards Day has been set for Saturday morning, June 10, when the entire Cranbrook student body will meet in the Greek Theater of the Booth estate to witness the conferring of awards for scholarship, athletics and citizenship. A Father and Son's Day program will follow in the afternoon, and in the evening the Cranbrook Glee Club will give an open air concert in the court yard of the Academic Building.

The list of graduates follows:

Gordon Lefebvre, Frank McPherson, George Otis, Frank Smith, Robert Utter and Tom Wilson, Birmingham; Roswell Curtis, Donald Flintermann, Joseph Hinshaw, Ernest Kern and Mason Stevens, Bloomfield Hills; Kirkland B. Alexander, Mark A. Bellaire, John Cochrane, John Collings, Russel D. Devlin, David Gillis, Max Goodman, Richard Heavenrich, Myron Hokin, Henry Krolik, John Osgood, Robert Owen, James Potter, and John Starle, Detroit.

Thomas F. Bryant, Hawkins Perry, Phil Mahler and Albert Teetzel, Grosse Pointe; Edward L. Anderson, III, Fitzhugh Hardcastle and Leonard Miller, Grosse Ile; Keith P. Pattengill, Lansing; Richard Andrus and Ed Marshall, Port Huron; Grant Armstrong, Blythe, Cal.; Palmer T. Beaudette, Pontiac; Charles Carpenter, Franklin Macomber and Henry Page, Toledo; Clinton B. Conger and Allen Upson, Ann Arbor.

Robert Clifford, Ypsilanti; Edward Middleton, Kansas City, Mo.; Gustof Ferrson, Mt. Clemens; Frank Webb, Clarkston.

12 Seniors In Kingswood Class

Kingswood School Cranbrook this year will award 12 senior diplomas and eight post-graduate certificates, it was announced Wednesday by Miss Katharine Rogers Adams, principal.

Diploma Day exercises will be held at the school Monday evening, June 12, with Dr. Kathryn McHale, director of the American Association of University Women and professor of education at Goucher College, as the speaker.

Seniors to receive diplomas are as follows:

Mary Margaret Barnes, Ruth

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Baldwin High Track Team Wins State Championship

By DEAN BEIER

For the first time in history a state track and field championship is in the possession of a Baldwin High School team.

Seven Baldwin athletes, who qualified to the state meet by placing in the regionals two weeks ago at Ypsilanti, won the Michigan Class B crown for Birmingham Saturday in the 27th annual state high school track and field meet held on the Michigan State College Stadium at East Lansing.

The Maple squad scored 34 points, 9½ more than Niles High School, its closest competitor. Among the 24 other schools entered in Class B, Dearborn placed third with 17¼ counters and Dowagiac fourth with 16½.

Win Four Events

Although none of the Maroon performers were record breakers, Coach Whitney's men nailed down four first places, two more than any other school in Class B, tied for first in two events, and placed third in one and fourth in another.

Bill Guckelberg, Maple dash star, led the Class B scoring. He took a first in both the 100 and 200-yard dashes, and ran on the relay team, which tied for first, adding his total point collection to 10¼. John McKee, Baldwin hurdler, was right behind him with 8⅓ counters, scored on a first place in the high hurdles, third in the low hurdles and a place on the winning relay quartet.

The Maple hopes looked somewhat dim when Guckelberg was unable to qualify in the morning broad jump preliminaries for the finals given him, the dash finals fouled two. On his third trial, although he got off a leap of nearly 22 feet, he took off from so far behind the board that the jump measured only about 20 feet. Guckelberg set a new regional record two weeks ago with a leap of 23 feet 6½ inches, which was as much and a half longer than the winning mark was in the state competition Saturday.

Hopes Brighten

Things began to brighten up, however, when Guckelberg and Don Donaldson both qualified in the short dashes and McKee qualified in both hurdle events. McKee showed excellent form in winning the high hurdles, the first event in the afternoon finals, finishing in 16.3 seconds, one-tenth of a second slower than the state record.

In the low hurdles, he got off to a fine start and led the field by nearly 10 feet up to the second from the last barrier, where he lost his step and stumbled. He

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6-DAY FESTIVAL TO OPEN MONDAY

Arrangements Near Completion For Drum and Bugle Corps Carnival

Arrangements are being rapidly completed today for the opening next Monday of the gala June Festival and carnival being sponsored by the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Charles F. Ward Post, American Legion. The festival will continue through Saturday, with attractions for each day and night.

The principal feature of the festival will be a mid-way nearly a quarter of a mile long facing Woodward avenue at the intersection of Lincoln and Adams avenues.

The mid-way will contain amusements and scenes of various kinds, including animals, a pantodrome, a Wild West show and several free attractions, according to officials in charge. There will be contests for children and arrangements are also being made for street dancing, they said.

Glenn C. Richards, commander of the Drum and Bugle Corps, is chairman of the committee in charge. The proceeds will be used to help send the Corps to Chicago when the National American Legion Convention is held there next fall.

Ellerby To Captain U. Of M. Track Squad

Tom Ellerby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Ellerby of Adams road, yesterday was elected captain of the 1934 track team at the University of Michigan. Ellerby is a quarter miler ending his second season as a member of the championship Michigan team.

A junior at the university this year, he was graduated from Baldwin High School in 1929. He was recently named as one of 17 students elected to membership in honorary society, Michigamme. He is also a member of Sphinx, junior honorary society, and of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Another Baldwin graduate, Rodney Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Cox, 1040 Lone Maple avenue, won his third varsity letter as a member of the Michigan golf team. He is a senior and star baseball pitcher.

ECCENTRIC COOKING SCHOOL POSTPONED

The Birmingham Eccentric announces that its 1933 free cooking school, scheduled to be held this month, has been indefinitely postponed due to the fact that the General Foods Corporation which conducted this popular event last year, with Miss Ruth H. Phillips in the role of instructor, has temporarily discontinued its cooking school department.

There is a possibility that the school will be resumed some time this fall. In any event, the school which last year attracted more than 1,000 Birmingham housewives during the three days it was conducted by the Community House, will not be abandoned.

R. F. C. TO TAKE ACTION FRIDAY ON BANK PLAN

Formal Approval Believed "Only Matter Of Form," James Says

DETROIT O. K. IS GIVEN

The advisory board of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington, D. C., will decide Friday whether to approve plans for organization of the proposed new Birmingham National Bank and to furnish 50 per cent of its capital structure, it was announced yesterday afternoon by Charles James, conservator of the First National Bank and one of the directors in the new institution.

Mr. James' information came through a telephone conversation Wednesday morning with Scott Husbands, one of the executive heads of the R. F. C. in Washington. The latter told him, Mr. James said, that the board would consider the Birmingham application Friday morning, and that he "intimated that approval of the plan would be only a matter of form."

This intimation was based, Mr. James explained, on the fact that R. F. C. representatives in Detroit, who have been studying details of the organization plan and conditions in the community generally, have given their approval and relayed to Washington a recommendation that the new bank proposal be given formal sanction. It is this recommendation on which the R. F. C. board will act Friday.

If approved, the R. F. C. will furnish $650,000 for half of the capital structure in the new bank. An equal amount has already been subscribed by Birmingham citizens, many of whom were depositors in the First National and have been assigned their first deposit dividend as payment for the stock.

Mr. Husbands will telegraph the R. F. C. board's decision to Birmingham immediately after it is made Friday, and if it is favorable, as is expected, the board of directors here will act promptly in setting a date for the bank's opening, Mr. James said.

The board of directors selected by the stockholders a few weeks ago, will also choose the officers for the new bank as soon as the formal agreement of the R. F. C. to participate in the plan is made.

ROTARY CLUB HEARS MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Rev. Robert M. Atkins, former pastor of the First Methodist Church here and now of the Central Methodist Church of Pontiac, gave an address on the memorial Day theme Monday to the Rotary Club at its meeting in the Community House. His talk dealt with war and soldier memorials from an international aspect.

BANK GUARANTY GROUP PLANS MASS MEETING

Plans calling for a mass meeting which would be held in Detroit the latter part of June were discussed Friday night by members of the Bank Guaranty Fund of Deposit Guaranty at a meeting in Pontiac. The League was organized at a meeting here a few weeks ago in the Community House.

The organization committee of the League adopted a constitution and by-laws which will be submitted for formal approval by the full membership. Theodore H. Millington of Bloomfield Hills, whose plan for deposit guaranty the League has endorsed in principle, addressed the meeting with a speech in which he assailed the guaranty plan recently approved by the United States Senate as being inadequate and unfair to depositors.

Commencement Speaker Predicts Bright Future

The 74 members of the Baldwin High School spring graduating class, at commencement exercises in Baldwin Auditorium last Thursday night, were told to step "without fear or tremor" into a world which is entering a period of "wonderful progress."

The speaker was T. Paul Hickey, president of the Detroit Institute of Technology, who repeated numerous observations indicating that business and social conditions are definitely improving, and told the graduates they were leaving high school at a time of greater opportunity "than any other in the last three or four years."

Crandell Gives Diplomas

The class was presented for graduation by Principal Melvin C. Hart, and the diplomas were awarded by Superintendent Charles W. Crandell. The valedictory address was given by Phyllis Hughes, and the salutatory by Mary Palmer. The latter's father, Ray A. Palmer, presided as president of the Board of Education.

"Marching Without the Band," was the subject of Mr. Hughes' address, in which he emphasized the need for courage in the face of adversity.

"The great complex social system of America is like a wave—always sifting," he declared. "The big pebbles always come to the top and the little ones go to the bottom. It is largely up to you, I believe, whether you are to be a big pebble or a little one.

Progress Ahead

"But I envy you. You should step out into the world to-night without a fear or a tremor, for you are stepping out into a world that is progressing—while the band is playing, that the band will always begin playing again."

Thirteen members of the class received cum laude diplomas as evidence of high scholarship. They were Elizabeth Adams, Clayton E. Brelsford, Eldridge Drury, Jr., Charlotte Ely, Phyllis Hudson, Virginia Packard, Jack Payne, Mary Palmer, Elizabeth Quarles, Robert Sabom, James Walker, Ira Wellman and Robert Ziegler.

The class officers were James Walker, president; Eldridge Drury, vice-president; Janet Carthy, secretary, and Robert Ziegler, treasurer.

Hearing Set for Monday on City's $245,390 Budget

Commission Proposes Tax Levy For 18 Months Of $222,010; Omits $120,000 Bond, Interest Payments

SALARIES LEFT ON PRESENT SCALE

A public hearing will be held in the Commission room of the Municipal Building Monday night on a proposed 18-month budget which provides for expenditures of $245,390.09 and calls for a tax levy of $222,010.09.

The budget was introduced by the Commission last Monday, but must be submitted at a public hearing before it can be formally adopted.

Because the new city charter changes the date of the beginning of the fiscal year from Jan. 1 to July 1, the new budget covers the 18-month period from Jan. 1, 1933, to July 1, 1934.

$53,000 Lower Tax

Despite this fact, the new budget is $68,000 less than that of the 12-month budget for 1932, and the proposed tax levy will be $55,000 less than that for 1932. Last year's budget called for expenditures of $315,710.32 and a tax levy of $275,910.32.

The lower levy, however, will not bring about a reduction in the tax rate, because the assessed valuation will be approximately $6,500,000 less than for 1932. Last year's valuation was $22,816,640. When Birmingham became a city it took over the assessment rolls of Bloomfield Township as confirmed by the State Tax Commission. These rolls, which have been equalized by the Board of Review, bring the valuation on which the new tax levy will be spread down to about $15,500,000.

If this valuation is confirmed, the tax rate for the 18-month period will be about 14.30 mills, as compared with a rate last year of 12 mills. City Manager James W. Parry pointed out that were the levy this year to be for 12 instead of 18 months, and the valuation left unchanged, the rate would be 6.85 mills, basing expenditures for the period on two-thirds of the total in the new budget.

$31,000 for Debt Service

The principal cause for the fact that the new budget is considerably less than that for 1932 is that it contains only $31,685.09 for bond and interest charges. A total of $152,073 in bond and interest obligations will matured during the 18 months, but the new budget provides only for payments on refunding bonds and 50 per cent of the interest maturities on bonds of original issues. The budget thus commits the Commission to a refunding program for the remaining $120,388.09 in debt charges.

Last year's budget included $116,142 for bond and interest obligations, and $165,499 for operating costs. Operating expenditures in the new budget are placed at $213,905. This includes a $44,000 estimated deficit for the first six months of 1933, for which no tax levy has been made. $5,000 for contingencies and $109,480 for operations during the 12 months from July 1, 1933, to July 1, 1934.

This last figure is broken down into appropriations of $43,280 for general administrative expense, $12,145 for miscellaneous administrative departments not under the manager's control, $26,220 for the police department, $17,790 for the fire department, $18,729

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ANGLE PARKING PROTEST MADE

Commission To Decide Whether To Restore Parallel System

The fate of angle parking in the business district on Woodward avenue is destined to be settled definitely by the City Commission next Monday night, it was indicated Friday.

In response to a petition signed by more than 50 Woodward avenue business men, angle parking between Brown street and Oakland Avenue was granted a 60-day trial last December. In February, the trial period was extended indefinitely.

City Manager James W. Parry and Chief of Police John P. Hackett opposed continuation of the system at last Monday's Commission meeting, but action was deferred a week to give the Commission opportunity to sound out the sentiment of business men.

Mr. Parry declared angle parking has narrowed the avenue from four to two traffic lanes, and asked the system be discontinued as numerous minor accidents.

"I've watched this thing very carefully since it was in effect," said Commissioner J. Harry McBride, who owns a hardware store on South Woodward, "and I have noticed any bad effects, especially south of Maple."

He said angle parking has increased the number of cars which can park in a given space by 50 per cent, although Mr. Parry declared the increase was nearer 20 per cent.

"I think the merchants on Woodward avenue are deserving of a good deal of consideration," put in Commissioner Clarence Vis. "There are a lot of people who just won't shop on Woodward if we go back to parallel parking."

Commissioner T. B. Smith pointed out that Pontiac, after a trial of angle parking, has reverted to the parallel system. Commissioner Frank S. Packard declared he believed that "if we are going to keep angle parking, we'll have to cut down the speed limit on Woodward."

RITES TODAY FOR AUGUST HAACK

Lifelong Oakland County Resident Dies Suddenly Of Heart Attack

August Haack, a retired farmer widely known in Birmingham and Southfield, died suddenly Monday afternoon of a heart attack at his home, 916 Knox avenue. He was 68 years old.

A lifelong resident of Oakland County, he was born in Southfield Township July 8, 1865, the son of Frederick and Rachel Diedrich Haack. His widow, Louise Haack, whom he married 43 years ago survives.

Surviving also are four sons, George and Alfred of Wixom, William of Howell, and Edward at home; two daughters, Mrs. Manley R. Bailey of Birmingham and Miss Eleanor, at home; a brother, Fred of Birmingham; a sister, Mrs. Anna Stock of Detroit, and a half-brother, Willis Diedrich of Detroit. A nephew, Elmer Haack, is supervisor of Southfield Township.

Mr. Haack was an elder in the Southfield United Presbyterian Church and a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge. He had lived in Birmingham about 12 years.

Services will be held from the residence at 2 P. M. today, with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery. Rev. S. Irvine Acheson, pastor of the Southfield United Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

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