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DEATH CLAIMS CIVIL WAR VET

Willis Lee Merriman, 90, Served in New York Cavalry

Funeral services for Willis Lee Merriman, 90-year-old Civil War veteran who died early Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ida M. Merriman, 356 West Maple avenue, will be held at 9 A. M. today from the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals. Military services will accompany the burial ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell, Mich.

Mr. Merriman, a retired farmer, served as a private in Company B, Third Regiment, of the New York Cavalry. He enlisted Aug. 14, 1862, and was discharged June 7, 1865.

Born in Otisco, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1844, he married Nancy E. Olmstead on Mar. 23, 1867, and came to Lowell the following year, where he lived until 1929. Since then he had made his home in Birmingham with his daughter-in-law.

Surviving are a son, J. O. Merriman, one grandson, three granddaughters, and two daughters-in-law. He was also the father of James Merriman, who died in infancy, and of Charles Lee Merriman, who died in 1923.

9 O'CLOCK TOWN

The two august gentlemen who suddenly threw dignity to the winds and went into their dance after Mr. Clemens' first touchdown at the football game Friday were, believe it or not, the Bath City police commissioner and honorable mayor. Rumor has it they're training for the Vassar daisy chain.

Clarence "Eggie" Eggleston, known to his intimates as the Lark, is the man from whom we hear by your evening paper at the corner of Woodward and Maple avenues. As you have probably noticed, he whistles almost constantly, varying the monotony of straight tunes with animal imitations. His favorite song, he tells us, is "Silver Threads Among the Gold." He is really, vocal tricker, as one lady and her young son recently discovered. Eggie was amusing himself with notions on a feline theme, concentrating especially on a few notes that perfectly simulated a kitten in extreme distress. The lady, a lovable soul, and her son began searching for the stop button, "mamma," said the boy, "it's under that box." He indicated the kitten, and she said, "Does it come around here often?" The woman asked, "Oh, bought myself, as you might say, a quart of milk and drank it."

Long Jack Hogan shares the belief of his critics that he will be ready for a shortstop berth with the Tigers just about the time Billy Rogers is ready to fold. In consequence, he dreams of Beaumont, the Tiger farm, and basks in the thought that he is the best local big-league prospect since the days of "Lefty" Schorr and "Doc" Thompson.

Red's family went to New York last week, taking him along. A light was left burning in the house, and the house, so well locked that friendly neighbors couldn't get in to turn it off. In consequence it is, at the moment, still burning. We think it a trick of Red's to keep his name in print.

If any of you missed Bill (Brummel) Blake and that topper of his, my friends, you missed something. It was colossal!

Signs seen about town: "WE SERVE" "A Jumbo Hamburger 5 cents" "A Large Hamburger 10 cents" (And probably a medium one for 15 cents.) "We will give each child the opportunity to learn their favorite dance." (Maybe they mean each children.)

Jimmy Walton, Woodward avenue barber, wishes to express his regrets for not having been in to the late caller Saturday morning. He doesn't yet understand, though, why anyone should be so desperately in need of a haircut as to crash through the front window at so weird an hour.

The best story of the week is the one about the group of students being carried to Detroit by an out-of-town bus line, presumably to dodge Eastern Michigan rates. They got nearly to Royal Oak before being halted by the constabulary, and after a proper wait, finished the journey in Eastern Michigan conveyance, mistrusting, we doubt not, that there was something Machiavellian about the whole affair.

We don't know whether she was trying to start a new fad or whether she lost a bet, but the fact remains that a woman sat at a table during the banquet at the Presbyterian Church a week ago last night with her dress clasped out the label of a prominent shop showing to excellent advantage about half way down the back. Either she had a pretty sandwich lady she was, and we hope she does it again.

After due reflection, Mickey Cochrane arrives at a conclusion. The Deans, he says in a recent interview, beat Detroit. The truth at any cost, eh, Mickey?

NEGRO CHORUS FEATURES PRESBYTERIAN SERVICE

Appearing in Birmingham for the first time in many years, members of the St. John Presbyterian (Negro) Church of Detroit will give a program of musical and chorus numbers at the First Presbyterian Church here during the evening of the 20th of this month. The concert will be given under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Jefferson, co-director of the church.

The Rev. John Coleman, pastor of the Negro congregation, will preside. Mr. Coleman is a graduate of an Ohio college and of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Chicago, and has preached in Birmingham on two previous occasions. He is scheduled to leave Detroit shortly to assume a pastorate in Ohio.

'FOUL LANGUAGE' CASE TO BE TRIED

Salesman Denies He Talked Indecent About 'Foul' Or 'Optometrist's Wife'

An unusual jury trial is scheduled for 10 P. M. Friday, Oct. 26, in Justice Forbes S. Hascall's court when Ray A. Dreyer, 35-year-old district sales manager for a national hosiery company, is to be tried for violation of a state statute forbidding the use of indecent and obscene language in front of a woman. Dreyer lives at 17229 Santa Rosa avenue, Detroit.

The complainant is P. A. Sanders, a 53-year-old optometrist, of 1455 Montclair avenue, Detroit, who claims Dreyer committed the offense in front of his wife Sunday evening, Oct. 7, following a minor accident on Woodward avenue at Willis street.

Sanders stopped at Willis for an amber traffic signal, he said, and Dreyer's car ran into the rear of his. No one was injured and no damage was done to the cars, but Dreyer got out of his car and came forward, cursing the optometrist and his wife. Sanders' wife, who was riding with him, Sanders alleges.

Sanders further claims that when he asked to see Dreyer's operator's license, the latter showed it to him, but then snatched it out of his hand and slapped the optometrist across the face. There were three other persons in Dreyer's car, and Dreyer had been drinking, Sanders claims.

Sanders reported the incident to the police, and later signed a complaint against Dreyer, whose automobile license number he had written down. After a hearing, Dreyer pleaded not guilty when arraigned last Thursday morning, and demanded a jury trial. Pending the trial, he was released on \$50 bond.

The offense of which Dreyer is accused is a misdemeanor, carrying a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and \$100 fine.

Rotary Hears Plans For 1935 Convention

Details of the next annual meeting of the Rotary International Convention, to be held June 17-21, 1935, at Mexico City, were given to Birmingham Rotarians by Al McKeown, former president of the Detroit Rotary Club. Mr. McKeown is one of six Rotarians from various sections of the world who are in charge of arrangements for the event.

The speaker, who was introduced by J. B. Howarth, secretary, recently returned from a trip to the convention city, and is enthusiastic about the tour, is optimistic and the great time promised by the Rotarians next summer. He stated that there are three ways of getting there—by airplane, railroad or boat from New York to Vera Cruz, the latter concluded by a four-hour train ride to Mexico City. Mr. McKeown said, is situated on a plateau a mile and one-half above sea level. He advised against attempts to motor through Mexico, pointing out that the roads are not good all the way, and that hotel accommodations are very poor en route through the sparsely settled sections of the country. The distance is 2,500 miles from Detroit.

Maid Struck By Car Driven By Youth, 16

Miss Christina Hanna, a maid in the home of Hubert L. Garfield, 431 Aspen road, was recovering today from painful injuries she suffered when struck Sunday night by an automobile driven by 16-year-old Richard Charlton, 226 Abbey road.

The accident occurred at the corner of West Maple avenue and Henrietta street as Miss Hanna was returning to the Garfield home from church. The car knocked her to the pavement as it made a left hand turn onto Henrietta street, police said. The driver was not held.

Miss Hanna sustained cuts on the legs, ankles and forehead.

ALLIED YOUTH PLAN ANNUAL FALL RALLY

Members of the Allied Youth Post of Birmingham are preparing for an annual fall rally of the Allied Youth of Michigan, to be held at the Detroit Y. W. C. A. at 8 P. M. Friday. The rally, called the "Kickoff," will carry out the spirit of a football game, and will be featured by short sketches to be given by various group leaders. All activities for the organization throughout the state for the coming year will derive their impetus from this meeting. A dance will conclude the program.

F. J. Mulholland Heads Merchants' Association

New Officers Take Helm As Organization Begins Second Year

With Frank J. Mulholland, dry-goods merchant, as its new president, the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association today had entered on its second year of activity in the interests of local business.

Mr. Mulholland and other officers were elected at the annual organization meeting last Thursday night in the Community House. They will begin their administration at a meeting tonight which will take the form of a stag party at the Birmingham Gun Club, to which all Birmingham business men are invited.

The Association's new vice-president is Russell McBride, of the McBride Hardware Company. C. J. Braams, manager of the Birmingham Credit Bureau, was elected secretary, and Russell W. Hardman, local manager of Goodyear Service, was named treasurer.

Paul Neal Averill, Sam Bruni, L. E. Davidson and Hans Machus were elected to three year terms on the Board of Directors, and Clarence Grodolat to a one-year term.

Outstanding accomplishments of the Association in its first year of existence were reviewed. These included the sponsoring of a Buy in Birmingham campaign, appointment of a sanction committee and development of a system which has eliminated promiscuous solicitations in the city by unaccredited agents, and the organization's work in helping to draft an ordinance for the licensing and regulation of peddlers which was later adopted by the City Commission and is now in effect.

Mr. Mulholland, the Association's new president, succeeds Alfred J. LaBelle, book and gift store proprietor, as the organization's administrative chief. Mr. Mulholland has been in business in Birmingham nearly 13 years. He earned the dry goods trade in New York City, and came to Birmingham from Royal Oak, where he was manager of a department store for five years following the World War.

PLAN TESTIMONIAL FOR ARTHUR POUND

Several Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills residents are planning to attend a banquet to be held in the gymnasium of Pontiac High School next Thursday evening, Oct. 25, in honor of Arthur Pound, former Pontiac resident who won fame in the literary field. The banquet is being sponsored by the Pontiac Board of Commerce.

Mr. Pound, former magazine and newspaper editor, is best known as an industrial historian, and especially for his "Turning Wheel," a history of the General Motors Corporation. The banquet speaker will be Stuart H. Perry, editor of the Adrian Daily Telegraph. Donald S. Patterson, Pontiac attorney, will serve as toastmaster.

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INSTALLATION PLANNED BY FELLOWSHIP CLUB

New officers of the Birmingham Fellowship Club will be installed at a banquet to be held Friday evening at the Embassy Methodist Church, starting at 7 P. M. Mr. Rev. W. Clarence Wright, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will be the principal speaker, and there will be a program of musical entertainment.

The officers to be installed are: Jack Brown, president; Floyd Crouse, vice-president; John W. Thomas, secretary; Clyde Grant, financial secretary; and John Gill, treasurer. Mr. Crouse is president of the Manley R. Bailey as head of the organization.

SEZ YOU

True False Score

1. A poet laureate is a court poet.
2. Pyemia is a stomach disorder.
3. S is the 20th letter of the alphabet.
4. Rogue means wrinkled.
5. A sociologist is a conclusive argument.

TOTAL

U. S. Tires STAROLINE BATTERIES

Wife Dies in Crash, Husband Recovering

Dr. Peter Radebaugh, father of Mrs. Frank S. Packard, 1047 Madison avenue, is recovering at his home in Sturgis from serious injuries received Oct. 5 in an automobile accident in which Mrs. Radebaugh was killed.

Dr. Radebaugh, who is 80 years old and served for many years as St. Joseph County physician, was driving into the County Infirmary, four miles east of Sturgis, when his car was struck by another automobile. The Radebaugh car was overturned, and Mrs. Radebaugh, 75 years old, died instantly.

Dr. and Mrs. Radebaugh had recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. They have another daughter, Mrs. Wallace Head, of Shanghai, China.

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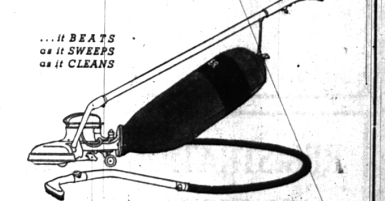
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