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COLBERT FIRE ORIGIN UNKNOWN

Blaze Fed by Fuel Oil From Bursted Tanks in Basement

The fire last Thursday evening that heavily damaged the T. C. Colbert home at No. 352 Glenhurst had burned for about two hours before it was noticed by Phil Lambert, residential patrolman, that section of the city. The officer observed the flames shooting from the burning structure as he sat in his office, turning in the alarm immediately afterwards.

According to reports from the fire department no one had been in the home for at least 40 hours previous to the fire. The alarm was turned in at 7:44 o'clock that evening and the fire fighters upon arriving at the scene found the basement and first floor in flames. Fuel oil from a ruptured tank was feeding the blaze, making it difficult for the firemen to attack the source of the danger.

It was stated that the origin of the fire is unknown and the possibility of ever locating it is remote because of the damage done by the flames.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SUNDAY AT 1ST METHODIST CHURCH

The monthly fellowship hour will be held Sunday evening at the First Methodist Church, beginning with a light supper at 6:30 o'clock. The E. Worth League co-operates with the adult group in this service. Following the supper, there will be an illustrated address, "The Desert Shall Rejoice," which will depict the work of the church among the Spanish speaking people of the Southwest.

As a special musical number, there will be a solo by Mr. Henry James.

Obituary

JESSE LEE THORNBERY
Jesse Lee Thornberry, 38, died at his residence, No. 112 Chapin Avenue, at 6:50 o'clock Saturday evening, February 25, following an extended period of illness. The deceased was born at Meron, Indiana. He moved to Deaver, Colo., with his parents, coming to this city nine years ago. He was a member of the Methodist church in Denver and also, of the Birmingham Fellowship Club.

Surviving are his wife, Myrtle, a daughter, Virginia Lee, age 11, one brother, Hershel, of Deaver, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thornberry of Deaver.

Services were held at the Manley R. Bailey Funeral Home Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock with Rev. King of Embassy Methodist Church officiating. Following the services the body was shipped to Deaver for burial there.

GEORGETTE DIANE CLAPPISON

Mrs. Georgette Diane Clappison, nee 916 Madison, died at her residence, 2500, at 10:30 o'clock, in the morning, was born in Paris, France, October 18th, 1869.

The deceased came to the United States 32 years ago, going first to Detroit. Eleven years ago she came to Birmingham with her mother and lived with her until the time of her death. She was a member of Holy Name church here.

Surviving are the widow, Henry C., and one son, Charles James, 18. Funeral services were held Saturday at 8:30 o'clock from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home at 2:00 o'clock from the Holy Name church with Father J. W. Cotter officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

HOWARD MILTON ADDLEMAN

Howard Milton Addleman, 37, of No. 1242 Auburn Road died yesterday afternoon in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where he had been confined since two weeks ago Sunday. The deceased was born in Bowlerston, Ohio, moving to Maumee, Ohio, later and coming to Birmingham about 12 years ago. He had been employed at the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for 35 years.

Surviving are the widow, Florence Graham, one sister, Mrs. Frank Eckman and his mother, Mrs. Elmer Scoville, the latter two of Columbus, Ohio. The deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge at Maumee, where he lived for 14 years. He also was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church of this city.

It was stated that the remains will lie in state at the S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home until Friday, at which time the body will be removed to the Greenwood Cemetery chapel where services will be held at 2 o'clock that afternoon. Rev. Warner Forsyth will officiate at the services.

FANNY GREEN TAYLOR

Funeral services were held yesterday in New London, Conn., for Mrs. Fanny Green Taylor, mother of James W. Taylor, of Beverly road, and John B. Taylor, of Madison avenue, Birmingham. She was the widow of Peter Taylor, who passed on in 1919. Her death came Sunday afternoon at 6:50 o'clock, in New London. She was 73 years old, and known to many local people, having made many visits here. She had been ill the past year.

Besides the two sons here, the deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Harry Sloan and Mrs. E. J. Semmig, both of New York City, and Mrs. Louis Markow, of New London. Funeral services were conducted by a First Church of Christ minister.

MRS. EMILY SNIDER

Mrs. Emily Snider died the past Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nell McIntyre, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The deceased, who had resided with her daughter the past five years, was born in Simcoe, Ontario, July 23, 1850. She came to Southfield Township in 1928. She was the mother of the late Mrs. Lillian B. Chicago who died at Southfield Township in 1928.

Services were held at the grave yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Rev. Francis Wilson of the Township Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Southfield Cemetery. The S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

AL. HAMMEL

Al. Hammel, 53, of No. 844 Hayes St., died at the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Wednesday, February 19th, at 10:50 o'clock in the morning. The deceased had been confined to the sanitarium since January 17th.

Born in White Cloud, the deceased lived there until 17 years ago, moving to Birmingham at that time. Surviving are one son, Arthur L., and one sister, Mrs. Doris MacGregor, both of this city.

IDA M. JORDAN

Ida M. Jordan Allen, 77, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Ewald, No. 782 Overhill Road, Tuesday morning, February 18th at 1 o'clock.

The deceased was born in Ionia County. Her father was a pioneer of that district, moving to Detroit before roads had been constructed. About four years ago, the family moved to Birmingham.

Surviving are the widower, Foster W., three daughters, M.

Frank Smith of Detroit, Mrs. Don Miller of Casper, Wyo. and Mrs. Ewald of this city. Her grandchildren and one great grandchild also are left.

Services were held Thursday, February 20th, at the residence with Rev. Charles B. Allen of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Detroit, officiating. The deceased was a member of that church.

Interment was in Roseland Cemetery, 12-Mile Road and Woodward Avenue. The S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

CATHERINE SINCLAIR HANEY

Catherine Sinclair Haney, 72, died at her residence here, 1204 1/2 Highland Street, the deceased was born in Rostown, O., spending her youth there. She moved to Detroit 14 years ago, coming here last year.

Surviving are four sons, six daughters, 35 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

IDA WOOD PHELPS

Ida Wood Phelps, 69, died at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit Sunday night at 10 o'clock. She was born in Muscatine, Iowa. She had come here from Kew-Forest, Iowa, her home for six years, in this state when she was 61.

The deceased is survived by three sons, Harry W. and Max K. of Jackson, Claude A. of Benningham and one daughter, Mrs. Robert Johnson of Kew-Forest, Iowa, in addition to 11 grandchildren.

The remains have been shipped to Iowa for interment at Kew-Forest. The S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DANGER OF GAS LEAKS IN HOME STRESSED AGAIN

City Authorities Point Out Best Ways To Avoid Mishaps

Editor's Note: So serious is the danger of leaking gas in local homes, because, as a result of the recent cold spell, that city authorities have seen fit to issue a statement on the situation in the hope of preventing any major accident. It reads as follows:

The people of the City of Birmingham should be on the alert for gas leaks in their homes until cold weather has subsided and the frost in the ground has raised to a point above the surface so that it does not freeze and cause the pipes to break, or until such time as they are notified through the paper that the danger period is over.

Even though people do not have gas meters or are accustomed to their gas, gas leaks are just as apt to happen in their homes, because gas leaking from a main under pressure takes the line of least resistance and is very apt to follow a water pipe or a water crack in the basement of a house.

The only safe precaution that can be taken is to leave at least one window slightly open in the basement and sleep with a window open.

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partly open in the bedroom. What to do immediately: if a gas leak is detected in a home: Open all windows possible in the house.

Do not strike matches or turn on electric switches. Turn out all flames and pilot lights.

If anyone has been overcome, or seems likely to be overcome, call the fire department rescue squad and inhalator at phone 1753 or ask the operator for the fire department, also call the family physician.

If no one has been overcome and the odor of gas exists in the home, immediately open the windows and doors and call the Consumers Power Company during day times at 1774 and 11900 at nights.

If gas odor is detected in your home, it would be a wise policy to visit your neighbors' homes and see that they are aware of the leak as these leaks do not always enter themselves in one location.

The officials and the janitors of the schools and all buildings where public assemblies may be held have been notified of this existing hazard.

As stated in a prior warning there is no real danger if the proper precautions are taken. The Consumers Power Company are doing everything in their power to cope with the situation and nothing more can be done until the frost has left the low level of the ground.

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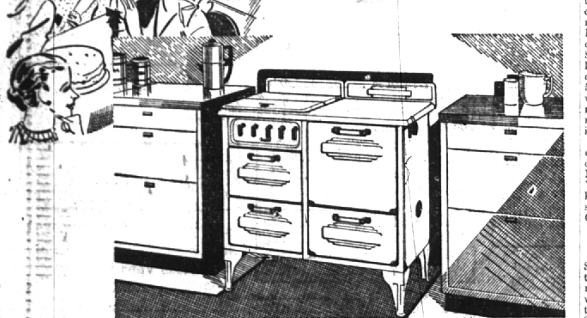
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