

Baptist Bulletin Board Is Memorial to Will Olsen, Late Community Leader

By George Wm. Arvill

Many readers took a second look at the picture of the outdoor bulletin board of the First Baptist Church which appeared in the Eccentric two weeks ago. The message on the bulletin board read: "Come in and have your faith lifted." Hundreds of motorists heading north on Bates street passed, not only for the "Stop" sign at Willis, but also took a glance at the message. One of those, a commentator on one of Detroit's radio stations passed on the good advice to his listeners. Many more saw it in the Eccentric and smiled at the humorous editorial caption under the picture.

There is a story behind that bulletin board.

A Living Memorial

That bulletin board is a living memorial to one who was high among the well-known and widely loved citizens of Birmingham. It is dedicated to the life and memory of William Olsen, popularly and affectionately known for decades in this community as "Will Olsen." (His wife is also included in the memorial.)

Will Olsen was for many years chief of the local fire department. He was active in many constructive community affairs and was particularly interested in club groups for men and boys. He was identified for a long time with the Boy Scouts and the YMCA. He operated a market on Woodward Avenue for many years, not only dispensing his goods efficiently but also displaying a friendly smile and a cheerful spirit to all. He was especially idolized by the children of all groups.

But the first love of Will Olsen was his church. For over 40 years he was an active leader and officer in the First Baptist Church. For years he was chairman of the important board of deacons—an office now held by his son, Merritt Olsen. He was an able and popular

teacher of the Sunday School staff. He was a discerning member of the Board of Trustees. For many years he was chairman of the children's home committee. Now the church has an annual observance of "Will Olsen Sunday" for the benefit of the Baptist Children's Home. Mr. Olsen passed on in November, 1947. The bulletin board was erected as a memorial by his children, all of whom are active in the Baptist church.

Stories like these, of other fine citizens and faithful church leaders, will be sure to be included in the various programs of the 20th Anniversary celebration at the First Baptist Church, May 22-25. All residents of Birmingham are invited to attend these services, listed on today's church page in the Eccentric.

School Notes from Big Beaver

The eighth grade history class of Big Beaver high school will visit Greenfield Village on Monday, May 23rd. They will be accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Dell Schlademan, and several of the eighth grade mothers.

The senior class will go on its annual trip from Sunday, May 22, through Wednesday, May 25. They will visit Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Toronto. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wooster.

Richard Mouch, a junior at Big Beaver, will attend Boys' State at Michigan State College next month. He is sponsored by the Big Beaver Businessmen's Association. John McFarland is the alternate.

REGISTRATION NEWS


Registration hours for the Troy Township School election are:
9:00-4:00—Every day
7:00-8:00—Monday and Wednesday
9:00-8:00—June 4, registration closes.
Election day: June 13.
Everyone must register at the town hall. Even people who were registered for previous school elections must re-register at this time.

Have You Met? . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vinton, formerly of Detroit and now residing at 1538 Henrietta, Mr. Vinton is industrial sales manager of the Cook Paint and Varnish Company.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wyman who have moved from Dearborn to 1406 Northlawn, Mr. Wyman is controller of Great Lakes Tractor and Equipment Company.

Off to Good Start



Dean Cramer is experiencing a good season as a pitcher with the Illinois College Blueboys of Jacksonville, Ill. Dean won the first game he hurled this season from Quincy College and is being counted upon to handle some of the important assignments in the team's schedule.

Dean is a former Baldwin High School pitcher and for the past two seasons he was on the pitching staff of the Birmingham Chrysler team. He is a freshman at the Illinois school and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cramer of 1314 Pilgrim.

Obituary Notices

William N. Manuel

William N. Manuel, 72, died suddenly Friday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Wright, 300 Aspen road, with whom he lived.

Mr. Manuel, born Nov. 24, 1876, entered railroad work in 1894, and followed this field until 1912 when he became associated with the railroad and marine division of the General Glass Works in Corning, N. Y. At the time of his retirement in 1942, he was manager of general sales for the railroad division.

He came to Birmingham in 1947, following the death of his wife, Florence Moran Manuel. Besides Mrs. Wright, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Roach of Royal Oak and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Newark, N. J.

Sgt. Michael Mitchell

Reburial services for Sgt. Michael Mitchell, USAAF, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Temple of Memories at White Chapel cemetery.

Sgt. Mitchell, a son of Theodore and Sophie Mitchell, was born in Chester, Pa., on Oct. 13, 1918. He came to Birmingham from Detroit as a child, and in 1937 was graduated from Baldwin high school. In April, 1942, he entered the Army Air Corps and was assigned to overseas duty the following January. Sgt. Mitchell was killed in France on Sept. 20, 1944, while serving with the USAAF Quartermasters Corps.

The Birmingham VFW organization will conduct full military rites at the grave. Burial will be in the dedicated Memorial area of White Chapel.

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Besides his widow, Mr. Sager is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Roy Edgerton, Mrs. Bess Doly and Mrs. Ray DeVries, all of Royal Oak township; three brothers and one sister.

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Mrs. John Humphrey

Funeral services for the late Mable Tunis Humphrey, killed last week in a highway accident at Battle Mountain, Nev., were held Saturday from the Bell funeral home. Burial was in Woodland Park cemetery, with the Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating.

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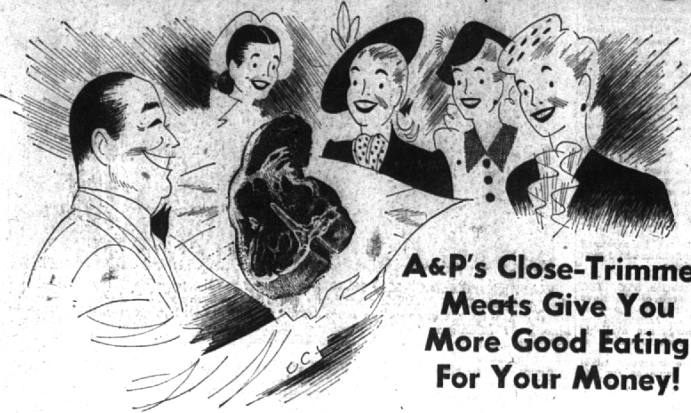
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