

Way to Limit Congress' Taxing Power Suggested by Publisher of Eccentric

A constitutional amendment may be a way to prevent the federal government from taxing away more and more of the nation's income, George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, suggested to Birmingham Rotarians at their Monday noon meeting.

"The more I think about it, the more I believe the people should limit, by constitutional amendment, the amount of money Congress can raise through taxes," Averill said.

This restriction would not apply during a war, Averill added. Liking government to a house, Averill said the people must be constantly on the alert to keep government service efficient and sound and in "good repair."

"YOU KEEP the roof of your home from leaking, keep out the rats and ants, and paint it periodically to protect it from the weather. Why shouldn't you take a similar interest in government to keep it in 'good shape'?" he asked.

He said the further public officials are removed from the people who control them, the less they can be controlled.

Walnut Lake Baby Nearly Suffocated in Bedroom Fire

By Helen Giddings

WALNUT LAKE—Mary Joritz, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merif Joritz, of Wycliffe, narrowly escaped death from suffocation Saturday evening. It is believed that a short circuit in an electric vaporizer set fire to drapes at a nearby window and the mattress of another bed in the room.

Joritz, who had been working long hours on a tow truck, told firemen he had fallen asleep in the living room. Awakening shortly after 9 o'clock and smelling smoke, he said he went to the bedroom and carried the baby from her crib.

His shouts were answered by Mr. and Mrs. George Olsen, who live across the street. While Mrs. Olsen administered first aid to the baby, the two men carried the mattress from the house. It burst into flame as soon as it was carried into the air, burning both men about the hands. Joritz was taken to St. Joseph hospital for treatment.

WEST BLOOMFIELD firemen responded to the call, but found the inhalator they carry too large to use on an eight-months old

baby. Mrs. Olsen's emergency treatment was credited with saving the child's life. Attendees at St. Joseph hospital report her condition as "much improved."

Joritz said the baby had been ill for some time and that both the vaporizer and an air purifier had been turned on in the room. A few minutes after 8 o'clock he said he had turned the latter off.

The two children, Gordon, 3, and Dale, two and a half, asleep in another room, were unharmed. Mrs. Joritz, who with her sister, Margaret and Catherine, were away from home, returned just as the fire truck arrived.

Plan Easter Service for Baldwin Class on Washington Trip

By Peg Perkins

A sunrise service on Old Point Comfort will mark Easter Sunday for the 115 members of Birmingham's 1950 Washington group and their advisers.

As there is a Catholic church in the living room of the hotel which will attend its eight o'clock mass, if they desire.

The service was planned by Betty Chaney, Ed Matus and Elaine Kozit, with John W. Simonds as faculty adviser.

William McCallum, Suburban Lines Founder Dies

William McCallum, 81, of 943 East Maple died last Friday afternoon at his home. He had been ill about a month.

Mr. McCallum, creator of the suburban bus line system, started his idea with a line from Sevenwicks to Detroit in 1923. Seven years later he held the line to the Eastern Michigan motor coaches, which was later taken over by the Greyhound lines here.

After the purchase by Eastern, Mr. McCallum continued as manager of the business for a year, which by then included lines to Pontiac, Berkley, Clawson and Ferndale.

He started the McCallum dairy company in 1935.

Born on Aug. 17, 1868 in Blenheim, Canada, he received his education in the Port Huron schools and moved to Birmingham in 1913.

MR. McCALLUM was a member of Birmingham lodge P. E. O. No. 1, the Moslem Shrine in Detroit and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was known through the city as one of the city's most ardent fishermen, and a member of the 101 club.

Mr. McCallum is survived by his widow, Frances; a daughter, Mrs. Harry McCallum of Pontiac; two sons, Cecil McCallum of Pontiac and Earl McCallum of Pasco, Wash.; a brother, John McCallum, and one sister, Mrs. Grace Davidson of Port Huron.

Services were held from the Bell funeral home Monday afternoon, with burial in Roseland Park cemetery.

L. J. Bishop Home Damaged by Blaze

A fire at the L. J. Bishop home, 838 Westwood, Friday evening caused an estimated \$5,000 in damages to the roof and upper floor. The loss is covered by insurance.

The blaze was discovered by a maid, working on the upper floor, when she heard the crackling of flames above her head. She notified the local fire department and members of the family who were away at the time.

Fire Chief K. W. Griffith stated that he was informed that the house had been burned in a basement incinerator earlier in the day. It is believed that sparks from the unscreened chimney ignited the roof. Griffith said it is quite probable that the roof was burned through in a small area, leaving the fire smoldering undetected for several hours.

FIREMEN, working from an aerial ladder, kept the blaze to the upper portions of the house. The immediate use of salvage covers throughout the building kept damage to furnishings at a minimum.

Bishop is vice-president of the Mechanical Handling systems in Detroit.

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Edison Asks Court to Declare Zoning Ordinance Illegal

Detroit Edison went to federal court Friday in an attempt to have the Bloomfield township zoning ordinance declared illegal, thus permitting the company to erect a 30,000-volt power line along the Grand Trunk right-of-way.

The civil action, filed in federal district court in Detroit, charged that last August the township had issued a permit for the line, only to revoke it later.

The township board of zoning appeals on March 4 upheld the action of the building inspector.

THE TOWNSHIP'S action nullifies a Royal Oak permit, which was conditioned on the acceptance of each of the other areas the line would have to go through.

Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham have unconditionally approved the erection of the line.

Bloomfield township attorney Floyd Blakeslee said the township would contend the Grand Trunk could not grant Edison permission to use its right-of-way because it would be used exclusively for railroad use.

Property Damage Up in March Accidents, Police Report Shows

Police recorded a total of 33 accidents on Birmingham streets during the past month. Property damage amounted to \$9,010, and nine persons received injuries in seven of the crashes.

Failure to yield right-of-way, improper turns and failure to stop in the assured clear distance were cited as the main crash factors, with five each.

Improper passing and improper starting from a parked position were accountable for four each; disregarding stop sign or signal, three each; improper parking, two each; and speeding, one each.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said this report represented the sharpest rise in traffic mishaps recently recorded here.

Accident Victim Dies of Injuries

Services were held Saturday morning from the Purley funeral home, Pontiac, for John Novak, 73, of 708 Bennaville, with burial in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Mr. Novak was struck by a car March 25 while attempting to cross Woodward avenue in Bloomfield Hills. He was taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital where he died.

He came to Pontiac 30 years ago from Wisconsin and was employed in the shipping department of GMC truck and coach division.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Florence Terbeck, with whom he lived; a son, Louis Novak of Pontiac and a brother, Jake Novak of Port Austin.

Exchange Club Hears Sales Manager Speak

Arthur H. Jones, general sales manager for Madison Electric Co., and director of the Detroit sales executive's club, spoke to the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Birmingham Exchange club on "The Need of Salesmen."

Albert Wilmont, a member of the Exchange club's state board of directors, was a guest at the meeting.

Club members will hear William Brech, president of Great Lakes tractor and equipment Co., at the April 11 meeting.

New Readers Elected

Clyde C. Bennett, West Maple road, local real estate broker, was elected first reader of the Birmingham First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Mrs. Charles A. McIntyre, 19215 Riverside, second reader at the annual meeting of members here Monday night. They will serve for three years in their respective capacities.

To Marry April 10

Miss Grace Katherine Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip K. Fletcher of Alpena and Clayton Hill Gordon, Jr. of Westland, will marry to Mr. John H. Gordon of Birmingham will be married on April 10 in Alpena.

Obituary Notices

MRS. MARY E. WILSON of 315 East Frank died suddenly at her home Saturday. She was born in Grand Rapids and came to make her home here in 1917. She was the widow of the late C. J. Wilson.

Survivors include the following children: Mrs. Harold Service, Mrs. Dorothy Dean of Birmingham; Paul R. Wilson and Mark Wilson, Detroit; Mrs. Orlin Wilson, Pontiac; George L. Wilson, Berkley and Knowles Wilson, Ferndale.

Services were held Monday afternoon from the Manley Bailey funeral home with burial in Roseland Park cemetery. The Rev. Harold E. Towne of St. James Episcopal church officiated.

MRS. EMMA SLY HUPP, 90, died Monday evening at her home, 437 E. Maple. She was born there on Oct. 30, 1859, the daughter of the late George and Jennie Cleveland Sly, early settlers in this section.

Mrs. Hupp received her education at the Wing Lake School and later returned there as a teacher. She also taught at the Walnut Lake school and in Minnesota.

Mrs. Hupp was a member of St. James Episcopal church of Birmingham.

She is survived by one son, Fred J. Blanding of Salem, Va., and a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Sly of Bloomfield township. Five grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Bell funeral home with burial in Franklin cemetery. The Rev. Harold E. Towne of St. James church officiated.

WILLIAM ORTH, 37, of 18756 San Jose drive, Lathrup, died last Saturday afternoon in Harper hospital, Detroit, after an extended illness.

He was born on Jan. 4, 1913, in Detroit and had spent the greater part of his life there. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan and was employed as a buyer for a local paint company.

In 1944 he married Thelma Orth, who made her home with him and one brother, Byron Orth of Grand Rapids.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Bell funeral home with cremation at White Chapel.

Mrs. NELLIE ELLA HARLEY, 60, of 32811 Inkster road, was taken from the Bell funeral home Monday to Bronson, where services and burial were held.

Mrs. Harley died suddenly in the New Grace hospital, Detroit, last Thursday. She was born in Bethel township on Aug. 6, 1889, and was married to the late Dr. Claude Harley in 1906. She came from Bonifield, Colo., to make her home with a son, Dr. Leland Harley of the Inkster road address three years ago.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Clarke Miller of Lathrup; three brothers, Charles Wessel of Union City, Mark of La Jolla, Calif., and Dr. Leon Wessel of Detroit.

JAMES RENWICK BELL, 71, was buried in Roseland Park cemetery Monday morning after services held at the Bell funeral home. Mr. Bell, who made his home at 780 Knox, died suddenly in a Detroit hospital last Friday.

He was born in Southfield township on Feb. 18, 1869, and came to Birmingham about 30 years ago. He was engaged for several years in the real estate business. He was a brother of the late S. O. Wylie Bell, and an uncle of Mayor Donald S. Bell.

The survivors include his widow, the former Virginia Purdy, a son, William D. Bell of Birmingham; Mrs. David Curry, all of Birmingham; a second daughter, Mrs. Thomas Gilly of Lansing; two sisters, Mrs. Harry Miller of Southfield and Mrs. D. A. McGaffey of this city.

"Story Lady" Will Present Guests At Easter Broadcast

In keeping with the Easter season and to show the use to which the Easter seal returns are put, Mrs. Opal Murdock will have a special program over WCAR at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. The "Story Lady" will have several guest programs.

Miss Hope Scott, executive secretary for the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children and Mrs. Marie Richards, a speech therapist, will tell of the work done by that organization among the children of the county.

Patients, Francis Reidout, four, Lauren LaFay, three, will also be presented from the cerebral palsy section.

The "Story Lady" will present the poem, "Ambrose, the Affectionate Drake," written by Mrs. Frances Patton of Birmingham.

The program is regularly heard each Sunday at 4:45, but will begin 15 minutes earlier for this special broadcast.

ROA Military Ball

The Birmingham chapter of the Reserve Officers Association is planning a military ball to be held April 14 in the Champagne Room of the Penobscot Club with dancing from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Reservations may be made through Ralph E. Wams, 16037 Humphrey boulevard.

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