

Former Resident Posts \$100 Bond to Appeal Case

A Royal Oak man posted \$100 bond in the Birmingham justice court Friday for appeal on a \$5 fine for violation of a local dog ordinance.

Charles Fancher of 4235 Fourteen Mile road, Royal Oak, and former resident of Birmingham, was found guilty by Justice John Gaffill of permitting his dog to run loose in the city.

Fancher denied ownership of the dog, saying it belonged to his family.

Dog Warden Ralph Riley introduced evidence that Fancher purchased a license for the dog in 1949. He stated that he had fol-

lowed the dog to the Fancher home and had, on one occasion, seen it tied in the yard there.

RILEY ALSO stated that he had seen the dog on Birmingham streets several times and that it turned to its former home here. He added that he, personally, had warned Fancher that unless it was properly confined, the animal would be impounded under city laws.

Fred Ziem, assistant county prosecutor, said that to the best of his knowledge, this was the first case of its kind ever appealed to the Oakland county court.

Highway Department Reveals Low Bid on Telegraph Widening

Low bidder on the proposed widening of Telegraph road (US-24) from Long Lake to Northwestern Highway in Sargent Construction Co. of Detroit and Wm. J. Muehlenbeck of Saginaw, the State Highway department announced Saturday.

The bid was \$747,977.27. Department plans call for widening this stretch of Telegraph from two lanes to four lanes with a concrete island in the middle to separate traffic.

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In St. James church's recent Pet Parade, Billy and Betty Rose of 544 Willits were awarded a prize for their float comprised of a house with three kittens and the sign as shown in the picture above.

Not only did they win a prize from the official judges, but another prize from local realtors, Snyder, Kinney & Bennett who appreciated the subtle compliment. Oddly enough, it so happens that a competitive broker has been designated as the agent for the sale of the family's home.

Maples To Compete In Wayne Relay

Birmingham will be among seven schools competing in the Class B division at the 16th annual Wayne University relays Saturday at Redford High School, Six mile and Grand River.

BIRMINGHAM has entered 19 in the events. For the first time since pre-war days, medals will be awarded to winning relay teams instead of ribbons.

City Forester To Resign Job on June 30th

John Johannot, city forester since February 1947, this week revealed that he was resigning effective June 30.

He said the city's limited finances for park and tree work here, together with the city's rapid residential growth, did not permit a career.

"To catch up on needed work, the city should spend at least \$45,000 a year for the next six years to protect its \$2,000,000 investment in city trees," he recommended.

Local Plants Move Out of Character to Rate Headlines

The fauna of Birmingham, generally speaking, has the news edge on the flora, but not just now. The plants have come to the fore with a vengeance this week.

Among the unusual are two which seem to have decided to work on a mass production basis. One lady phoned to report a "black" tulip which had five blooms.

The second report came from Mrs. Stan Bartleson, 422 Baldwin, who found a seven-leaf clover in her yard. Mrs. Bartleson said she had often found five leaves on one stem, but never quite so large a "crowd" before.

JOHN H. GILL, 768 Emmons, and DeHull Travis, 1027 Forest, reported that their wisteria vines right now are in full bloom. Travis said the blooms hang on both sides of the front door like huge bunches of grapes.

As a sidelight, it might be added that the ginkgo tree, given to the city last year by Miss Mabel Toomey, is growing nicely in its new location in Civic park.

tain \$19,760 for this type of work. This year it was \$17,800.

Under Johannot's direction, the city built Howarth Park, cleaned up and trimmed the trees in Greenwood cemetery, cleaned the Springdale park woods, the Rouge river banks and stream, flooded and maintained skating rinks, trimmed 2,500 trees, removed 400 trees, and planted 1,600 others, mowed weeds and maintained city parks.

Johannot said his next position would take him out of the Detroit area.

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Pierce
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Industrial world Friday voiced their regret at the death of Mr. Pierce.

C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors, said:
"We are shocked at the death of Frank R. Pierce, a great salesman and a good friend. He was an outstanding leader of men."
"His death comes as a loss to all who have known him over a period of years."

THE AUTOMOBILE Manufacturers association's director, William J. Cramin, spoke for that group when he said:
"Word of the death of Mr. Pierce comes as a great shock to his many friends in the automotive industry."
"He had been an outstanding leader for many years. In spite of the many demands business placed upon him time, Mr. Pierce always found time to lead in civic and charitable affairs to the great benefit of the community."
"His loss will be greatly mourned by many."
Among the civic affairs in which Mr. Pierce took part are his activities last fall in the United Foundation campaign. A member of its executive board, he served as general chairman of its first Torch Hunt club and was a member of the Masonic Order.

Mr. Pierce is survived by his widow and two children, Frank E. Pierce, Jr., and Nancy Joel Pierce, all of Birmingham.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all new—the society editor about them.

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