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Local Woman Found Hanged in Bathroom

The body of a 77-year-old woman, identified as Mrs. Alice Wolfe, was found hanging in the bathroom of her home, 1336 Cole, Tuesday night. Clarence Deason found the body when he went to the home to tend to the furnace. He told police he had not seen her since about 9 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Police said a chair placed near by indicated that Mrs. Wolfe had taken her own life by stepping from it after looping a piece of clothline about her throat.
Her stepdaughter, Mrs. Rufus Carpenter, 910 Dwight street, Funtun, could give police no reason for Mrs. Wolfe's act.
The body is at the Bell funeral home pending funeral arrangements.

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Candidates

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mington resident, returning here in 1949.
He is a Birmingham high school graduate, and holds a master's degree in accounting from the University of Michigan.



THOMAS F. NEAL

A Birmingham resident for 30 years, Thomas F. Neal, 38, is district manager in Detroit for the Sun Oil Co. He lives at 1179 E. Maple.
During the recent war, he served as a captain with Patton's army in Europe. He has never held public office before.
A Birmingham high school and University of Virginia graduate, Neal is also a member of the AFWA, the Adams PTA and Orchard Lake country club.



DEAN G. BEIER

Dean G. Beier, 32, a Pontiac attorney, lives at 1727 Washington Blvd. He is a native of Birmingham.
A graduate of Birmingham high school, Denison University and the University of Michigan law school, Beier was recently appointed the public interest member of the Oakland county rent advisory board. He has never held an elective public office.
He served with the U. S. army for four years during the recent war.

He is a member of Birmingham Lodge, F.E.M., several P.O. clubs, the Birmingham chamber of commerce, and Birmingham Veterans Organization.

Resolution

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available for testimony and he will confer with County Coroner Dr. J. R. Bostwick regarding an early date for the inquest, Underwood stated.

Still in Hospital
Mrs. Arthur Wilson, only survivor of the blast, is still confined to Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.
"I have her attorney conferring with her doctor regarding when I will be able to get her testimony, at the hospital or at the county office, as she can be moved," Underwood said.

The following is the portion of Governor Williams' message dealing with this case distribution study committee:
"On December 11, 1949, a gas explosion occurred in a City of Birmingham which caused the death of five persons.

"It may well be that this loss of life resulted from poorly constructed or worn out gas transportation facilities, and it would seem that a thorough investigation should be made of this tragedy in an effort to prevent recurring incidents of like nature.
"Some time ago I appointed a special investigating committee composed of the attorney general, the state fire marshal, the chairman of the public service commission and the chairman of the governor's fire prevention commission to thoroughly investigate the explosion and to report to me its cause, together with recommendations as to the present regulations and law.

Requests Coroner's Inquest
"I am sure you will be glad to see that a coroner's inquest is ordered so that the responsibility for the accident could be legally established.

"These reports are now available and you will feel that further thought and consideration should be given to the problem before a final decision is made, and therefore, I recommend to you that you establish by resolution a study committee to investigate the extent of authority now existing in the Michigan Public Safety Commission to adopt and enforce regulations covering the transmission of gas and to make recommendations to the legislature for such legislation as they may deem advisable."
The text of Eater's concurrent resolution:
"A concurrent resolution providing for a study of gas explosion in the State of Michigan and the advisability of safety legislation.

WHEREAS, a considerable number of disastrous explosions have occurred in the State of Michigan and in industries furnishing public services; and
WHEREAS, in the interest of the safety of the people of the State of Michigan, it is desirable that a study be made of the existing State laws governing safety requirements and controlling the use of gas as a public utility; and in this connection the laws of other states should be studied in order that property and lives may be protected; and
WHEREAS, it is the duty of the House of Representatives to seek and secure the best legislation possible for the people of the State of Michigan;

RESOLVED That such committee be authorized to subpoena witnesses, and/or to examine the books and records of any persons, partnerships, or corporations that are called before such committee; and be it further:
RESOLVED That said committee be authorized to function in the interim between legislative sessions and shall be authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary; and be it further:
RESOLVED That the members of the committee shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to actual and necessary traveling and other expenses while on the business of the committee."

Bowling

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based from a scratch of 1,000 in 200 ends, 400 for double and 200 in singles. Each bowler will be allowed a handicap of 60% of the difference between his actual average and scratch. The same applies to team entries.

Entries will be accepted right up to the opening day of the tournament according to Smith, and entry blanks will be available through the secretary of each club's league rolling the local rolls. He added that anyone may bowl in the events as often as they desire, but only one score will be recorded in the all-events competition.
This is the first men's bowling tournament to be held locally in a number of years.
With the high calibre of bowlers competing regularly in local leagues it is assumed that creditable performances will be turned in and interest is expected to run high, Smith said.

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Health Insurance

Among the property owners who signed the petition requesting the Board of Review to consider closing the tax roll for two weeks are Ralph A. Wilson, John B. Taylor, Hans C. Bostwick, W. W. Wabsek Corp., David A. Green, Hugo A. Freund, Robert E. Allen, and George R. Averill. The latter, former member of the City Commission, has been engaged as legal adviser to the group.

World Defiant Assessor
Emphasizing the fact that the action of the group was a concerted effort to aid Haack in arriving at uniform tax assessments, Averill, publisher of the Birmingham Eccentric, told the Board and the assessor that "we have endeavored to enter into this investigation with open minds, with the personal desire to become educated as to Haack's method of assessing local property."
"Haack has the lionest and most distasteful job in government. We want to become assured, through Haack's explanations, that his current assessments are either right or wrong. We want to learn all the facts. If Haack cannot do this, we are not solely interested in his financial valuations alone. We intend to look at every aspect of the best possible defenders of his methods in preparing his tax roll."
"We investors in Birmingham are not interested in business valuations alone. We want to assist in the defense of a continuing mistake that could result in an unexpected and tremendous increase in residential valuations."

No Commission Advice
Disseminations with Haack revealed that since he became assessor 14 years ago he has given very little advice on policy from the City Commission or city manager.
He admitted that such advice would be helpful, even though most of his job is highly technical and is governed by State tax laws and local assessing ordinances for special improvements.
"I am sure that the City Commission has known of some inequities on local property assessments and is getting a report from Bell told The Eccentric yesterday. We did not, however, realize the extent to which some of the business valuations for the current tax roll would be increased."

Obituary Notices

Mrs. Annie C. Hebblewhite
Mrs. Annie C. Hebblewhite, 88, mother of Mrs. Louis Hascall, died in the Lee Memorial hospital, Fort Meyer, Fla., last Friday, after a short illness. She was born in Florida the first of the year to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Sears of Hartsville, Mich., and Sanibel Island, Fla.
She was born in Armada, Mich., on April 20, 1861 and was the widow of the late George Hebblewhite.
Services were held yesterday morning from the Bell funeral home, 1435 S. Woodward, at the new cemetery, Armada.

Fremont P. Byrne
Services were held Monday afternoon from the Bell funeral home for Fremont P. Byrne, 2316 Springbrook road, Farmington, Burlingame, in Franklin county, Mo., who died in the city's next tax rate.
"I say this because I do not believe the next year's tax rate will be as high as the current rate. The tax rate on the city's next tax rate is \$20 per thousand of assessed valuation to even \$16. This will, of course, decrease the tax rate."

Mrs. Catherine L. Bertram
Rosary services were held Friday morning from the Bell funeral home for Mrs. Catherine L. Bertram, 73, at the Bell funeral home with a requiem mass from Holy Name church Saturday morning. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.
Mrs. Bertram died last Wednesday at her home at 11725 Indiana avenue in Detroit. She was a former member of Water Lane and had spent many years in this area.
She was born in Detroit on Aug. 9, 1877 and was married to the late John Bertram in 1895 at Brown City.
The survivors include two sons, Amos J. of Birmingham and Martin T.

Edward Tucker, Jr.
Edward Tucker, Jr., 54, of 1690 Birchcrest, died in a Detroit restaurant last Friday after a heart attack. He was an advertising salesman for Life magazine's Detroit office.
Mr. Tucker was born in Saginaw on Sept. 7, 1895 and had been a representative for the magazine in Detroit since 1936. Prior to that time he had been associated with the Scripps-Howard newspapers.
He was a member of the Revere club of Detroit and the Bloomfield Hills country club.
The survivors include his widow, Frances; a daughter, Judy and a son, Thomas C., all of Birmingham. He is survived also by a daughter, Mrs. F. P. Stull of Glencoe, Ill.

Mrs. Mary C. Waldrip
Services were held Monday afternoon from St. James Episcopal church, of which Mr. Tucker was a member, in charge of the Bell funeral home. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Mary C. Waldrip
Services were held from the home of Mrs. Waldrip on Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Mary C. Waldrip, 82, a former resident of Birmingham. She was in Acacia Park cemetery.
Mrs. Waldrip was born in Logan, Ind., on Oct. 26, 1867. She resided at 591 Henrietta street here for several years, moving to the home in Detroit last fall. She died in that city Sunday.
The survivors are her husband, Edward, in charge of the law firm of E. C. Lawrence II, and two grandchildren, all of Cleveland.

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Assessments

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pend upon the Commission's final action on the budget."
Haack said this week that his new roll does not show any appreciable assessment increase on either improved or vacant residential property.
"Others invited to join our business group at the moment does not include all local business property owners, because we had to get together quickly over the past weekend," said Haack. "It must be remembered that most of us received our notices of tax increase only last Friday and Saturday, and some were on Monday."
"With the Board of Review holding its last public hearings Monday and Tuesday of this week, it was impossible to rally all interested business property owners, so our small group was formed to ask for the two weeks' postponement in closing and certifying the current tax roll."
"However, we welcome others to join us in this co-operative effort to learn more about Birmingham tax assessments."

Lowered Tax Rate
"I believe that Haack's current tax bill, if it stays as lowered with taxes from new homes and buildings erected during the past year, results in a decrease in the city's next tax rate.
"I say this because I do not believe the next year's tax rate will be as high as the current rate. The tax rate on the city's next tax rate is \$20 per thousand of assessed valuation to even \$16. This will, of course, decrease the tax rate."

PFC Render Buried with Military Rites

PFC Harold Earl Render, 30, was buried in Greenwood cemetery yesterday afternoon with full military rites including a firing squad composed of members of the 56th Fighter Wing based at Selfridge Field.
Pvt. Render died last week Wednesday night in a flash fire which destroyed a part of the military base at Sandia, near Albuquerque, N. M. He was born in Berkeley, and had spent his entire life in this area.
He is survived by his widow, Vivian Jean, and five children, Sandra Jean, Susan Ann, Harold E., Jr., Ronald and Gary, all of Royal Oak; his father, William C. Render, of Milford and several brothers and sisters.
Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Bell funeral home.

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