

Cecil Billington Services Monday; Buried in Tipton

Services were held from the Bell funeral home Monday morning for Cecil Billington, 74, former Detroit newspaper man and noted amateur botanist. Burial was in Tipton cemetery Monday afternoon.

Mr. Billington of 761 Southfield died in Harper Hospital, Detroit, Friday, following a short illness. He was born in Lenawee county on Jan. 1, 1876 and joined the staff of the Detroit News in 1897, shortly after being graduated from Cleary college, and was named secretary in 1918.

G. Booth, founder of the Booth newspaper chain. He served as director of the group from the time of its foundation.

Foundation Secretary
Mr. Billington also served as secretary of the Cranbrook foundation after its creation by Mr. Booth, and played a prominent part in the development of many of the school's activities.

He retired from active service with the Detroit News in 1947 after almost 50 years' association with it.

Mr. Billington was an amateur botanist of note in the state, beginning his activity in this field in 1911 when Mr. Booth asked him to select native shrubs, flowers and trees for planting on the Cranbrook estate.

He became a trustee of the Cranbrook institute of science, and was an honorary curator of herbaria for the herbarium at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Billington was the author

of "Shrubs of Michigan" which had its first publication in 1943. His second book, "Ferns of Michigan" has not yet been published. He is survived by his widow, Nina, and a son, Prof. Ray Billington, professor of history at Northwestern university.

Children

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saw the answer to the problem when Tris and Howard Coffin arrived at school, proudly bearing the little black and white cat.

Mrs. Gilson received the word and hastened to the school to get the kitten which she would turn over to Newman for delivery. Her phone call to tell him the news threw a shadow over her happiness and pride in the Birmingham youngsters.

She Never Knew

Little Gertrude Coteaux died Wednesday morning about 7:30, never knowing how her appeal had touched Birmingham children so that they had offered to lend their own pets to her. She died without ever seeing the little cat which was to have been hers.

Mrs. Gilson quietly made another phone call—several, in fact—to notify the heads of the schools that little Gertrude no longer needed the little kitten to keep her company through the long hours she must spend in bed. She called to make arrangements for the kitten to be returned to its former home.

She admits she made the calls with tears in her eyes and an ache in her throat, but adds that her heart swelled with pride at the wonderful response these Birmingham boys and girls made to help a sick child, none of them had ever seen.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

Review

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board of review shall meet the second Monday in March. The former time for this board to meet was on the second Thursday in May.

Charter Amendment No. 3 concerns certain changes in the city employees' retirement system. Most of the changes in this amendment are rephrasings of certain word groups in order that the provisions can be more easily understood.

Principal change in the retirement system is the addition of section (Sec. 26) which would provide benefits for the widows and children of employees killed in the line of duty.

\$1,800 Yearly Maximum Benefit
This new section arises out of a comprehensive re-study of the system as the result of the death of City Fireman Lee Carroll, killed in the Dec. 11 gas explosion here.

If adopted, this would provide for a maximum of \$1,800 a year for beneficiaries who did not recover. Dependent children under 18 years could also share in benefits all of which would be determined by the salary or wages of the deceased at the time of death.

This provision would be made retroactive to Oct. 1, 1949, thus permitting Mrs. Carroll and 13-year-old daughter Sharon Lee to be eligible for benefits under this new section.

The \$106,000 bond proposal would provide funds for paving and fencing of the DPW yard, and for new buildings to house equipment that now is crowded into present facilities or left outside uncovered.

May Delay Some Construction
City commissioners, when placing this bond issue on the ballot, indicated they may or may not spend the entire amount in one time.

They feel the paving and fencing should be done immediately, but perhaps certain of the proposed construction can be re-studied and built at a future date.

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City Tables Hearing on Relief Sewer

A hearing on the proposed \$20,000 Eton-Taunton-Ilwaco relief sewer has been tabled by the city commission until it receives word from the board of education regarding action on the assessment against the Torry school site.

Board members talked the matter over at their monthly meeting Tuesday but decided to take no stand until their next meeting.

The board may elect to pay city assessments, but are not required to do so. In the event they decline to accept them, the city must stand the school district's cost.

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\$2916 in Earmarked Torch Drive Funds 'Available' to Oakland Red Cross

Emphasizing that there was no conflict between the local chapters of the American Red Cross and the Torch Drive, Walter C. Laidlaw, vice-president and general manager of the United Foundation, today pointed out a possibility of misunderstanding in The Birmingham Eccentric's story of the Red Cross drive which appeared last week.

The story quoted Glenn H. Griffin, county chairman, as saying that "money raised in earlier campaigns," apparently referring to last fall's United Foundation Torch Drive) was not available to the Red Cross.

"The facts are," Laidlaw said, "that \$513 from companies in the Oakland County area, and \$2,403.92 from individuals who turning this sum over to the Red Cross."

Caltrider Is Main Threat in YMCA's Basketball Finals

Winners of first and second round playoff games, the W. A. Caltrider quintet established itself as the team to beat in the current YMCA city basketball playoffs.

Caltrider's Red Craig's sporting goods store 5 to 4 at the end of the first quarter, and moved into a 14 to 11 halftime advantage.

Roge Reynolds of Caltrider's with 13 points led the scoring while Bob Stauffer tossed in five markers for Craig's and played the best floor game. Caltrider won 32 to 23.

The defeat leave Craig's a one and one record in the play-offs. They oppose North Chevrolet All Stars at Barnum tonight. The

winner meets W. A. Caltrider for the title.

All Stars Win
North Chevrolet All Stars swept over Exchange Club, 68 to 56. The All Stars held a height advantage and used pivot plays to build up

28 to 14 halftime lead.

Fred's Barber Shop won its second in a two-out-of-three game series against Virginia Market to win the consolation trophy.

With Jim Phillips netting six baskets, Fred's Clippers moved to 26 to 20 victory that was close throughout.

Troubles for the winners will be given out by the Birmingham YMCA at the annual recognition site banquet at the Embassy church April 17.

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