

Groves
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A school acquaintance said Groves was "one of the best drum majors Baldwin ever had."

"He was quiet while doing his work and very neat about it," is the consensus. Groves has worked in Birmingham as a painter and window cleaner during recent years.

Milton Pearsall Victim of Polio

After all illness of only five days, Milton C. Pearsall, 21, of 1909 Pierce, Birmingham's first 1951 polio victim, died Aug. 12 in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac. He was born in Bloomfield township on July 16, 1929 and had spent his entire life in this area. A graduate of Baldwin high school, Mr. Pearsall was a veteran of World War II, being discharged as a staff sergeant from the Army. He was a member of the First Baptist church. At the time of his death he was a department manager for the local Atlantic and Pacific store.

He married Louise Mae Bolt in Birmingham on June 12, 1948 who survives. Other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. William Fitzpatrick of Livonia and Mrs. Cony Jarard of Drayton Plains and a brother, William Pearsall of Drayton Plains.

Services, in charge of the Manley Bailey funeral home, were from the First Baptist church Wednesday afternoon with interment in Greenwood cemetery. The Rev. Emil Kopta officiated.

Investigate Cause Of Fire At Partly Completed Home

Birmingham Fire Marshal Charles Groves opened an investigation Wednesday to determine the cause of a fire which destroyed a partially completed house at 375 G. Hurst late Tuesday afternoon.

Playoffs Match Indians-Sox

The Indians clinched the second half title of Birmingham's Little League baseball organization Monday evening and will meet the Red Sox in a two out of three game playoff starting Monday, Aug. 21.

In a game called after three and one-half innings, the Indians defeated the Yankees 5 to 3 behind the four hit pitching of Larry Hower. Indian third baseman Ed Leaveworth batted in four runs with two long triples.

Next week's playoffs will determine the champion of the league. The Red Sox copped the first half-season's title with eight wins and one loss. During the second portion the Sox completed a three win and four defeat record through Monday.

Playoff games will be held Monday and Tuesday and if necessary, Thursday. All tilts will get underway at 5:30 p.m. and will be played at Clara Knudson Memorial park at the rear of the Lutheran Church on West Maple.

Regular Little League season will end Thursday evening, Aug. 19, with the Yankees and Red Sox playing. Game starts at 6 p.m.

Second half standings through Monday, Aug. 13 are Indians, six wins, two losses; Yankees, four wins, four defeats; Red Sox, three wins, four setbacks; and Tigers, two victories and five losses.

A close, hard fought series is in prospect next week.

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