

# \$200,000 Libel Suit Filed Against Twp. Clerk, Editors

A \$200,000 libel suit against Southfield township Clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams and Mrs. Betty Lewis and Mrs. Marion White, editors and publishers of The Four Corners Press, was filed in circuit court Tuesday by Southfield Township Supervisor Dudley P. Frame.

The suit charging "libel per se" involved "a sum not exceeding \$100,000 actual damages and punitive exemplary damages not exceeding \$100,000."

Roeder defeated Frame by a four to one majority. Frame has been supervisor for the past four years. William John Beer, attorney for Frame, said the defendants had been sent registered letters asking for a retraction but no answer was returned.

Beer charged the article was "libelous per se and speaks for itself."

FRAME STATES this week that he was filing the suit because "I consider my reputation my most valuable asset."

Mrs. Adams has been a Southfield township official for the past 20 years. Mrs. White and Mrs. Lewis are Franklin residents and have published The Four Corners Press for the past year and one-half.

Mrs. Adams stated this week, "Whatever I wrote came from the heart."

She added that before submitting the letter she checked it with an attorney.

Mrs. Lewis said she received the request for a retraction but didn't reply because "she didn't make it clear what he wanted retracted."

This is the second suit involving The Four Corners Press which has been filed within the past two months. A case now pending in circuit court and filed by several Franklin residents, claim that Mr. and Mrs. White are violating subdivision restrictions by publishing the paper in their home.

An Auto Club traffic report on what may happen as the result of opening Park street from Hamilton to Maple may be the determining factor in the city commission's decision to proceed with the plan.

This was indicated Monday night as commissioners hesitated to proceed with the acquisition of the remaining property needed for the extension.

City Manager D. C. Egbert reported that appraisals of portions of three lots still needed have been set at \$10,800. The commission several months ago purchased home W. Maple frontage for \$16,000.

POLICE CHIEF Ralph W. Eggeley said the Auto club expansion is expected here next week to make the study.

Mayor Bruce G. Booth and Commissioners Chad Ritchie, Dean Beier and Ralph A. Main indicated they wanted to see the report before they made their final determination on the project.

In the meantime, Egbert was instructed to contact the property owners regarding the value of the property remaining to be acquired.

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## Obituary Notices

MRS. MARCELLE HATT, wife of Dr. Robert Hatt, director of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, died at her home in Bloomfield Hills Tuesday morning.

Born in Boston, France she came to this country in 1921 and enrolled as a student in Columbia University.

She served as exhibit designer and illustrator for the American museum of natural history from 1922-35 and held a similar position at the Cranbrook institute.

She was a member of several expeditions from both places and explored extensively through Mexico. A cave in Yucatan has been named in her honor.

Besides her husband Mrs. Hatt is survived by two sons, Richard and Peter, and a daughter, at home. A sister, Mrs. Leon Volkmar of Bedford, N.Y., also survives.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. in Christ Church Cranbrook on March 29. Relatives have asked that flowers be omitted.

MRS. CLARA SHAW, 71, of Armada, died March 12, after an illness of only a few hours.

The daughter of Charles and Orpha Castle, she was born in Southfield on Oct. 6, 1870 and moved to Armada as a child. She has been a frequent visitor in Southfield and Birmingham since that time. She was married to Almer Shaw on March 15, 1899.

Mrs. Shaw was a member of Armada chapter, OES and the Justamer club.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Marion, widow of Armada; a brother, Charles Castle of Paw Paw and a foster son, Capt. Robert Huddleston of Fort Knox, Ky.

Services were conducted March 15 from the Tiffany home with burial in Willow Grove cemetery.

MRS. STELLA M. BINGHAM, 86, died March 22 at her residence, 23011 13 Mile road after a long illness.

She was born on May 1, 1865 and had spent her entire life in this vicinity. On Oct. 15, 1886 she was married to the late Lorenzo D. Bingham, of Birmingham.

She was a charter member of the auxiliary of the Franklin cemetery association.

Mrs. Bingham is survived by one son, Glen H. Bingham of Birmingham; a daughter, Mrs. Corna Mae Walker of Lapeer and a sister, Mrs. Clara Nixor of Birmingham. 18 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Services were held from her home Saturday afternoon with burial in Franklin cemetery in charge of the Bell funeral home.

ARTHUR E. ROBERTS, 70, a former resident of Birmingham for many years, died at his home in Crosswade, Mich., March 22 after a long illness.

Mr. Roberts was born in England on Dec. 22, 1870. He married Rylma Fried in Detroit in 1921 and during his residence here was in the office equipment business in Detroit. The family moved to Crosswade about three years ago.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Hillary Williams of Milwaukee. A brother and sister also survive.

Services were held Monday afternoon from the Bell funeral home.

MRS. ELSIE McLELLAN CREE, 61, of 812 Mohegan, died suddenly at her home Monday evening.

She was born in Detroit on Aug. 26, 1889, and was married to Harold S. Cree in that city. The family moved to Birmingham about 25 years ago.

Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Joseph A. Braun, Jr., of Bloomfield Hills; a brother, Donald J., of Detroit; a sister, Mrs. Alma King of Ferndale and four grandchildren.

Services will be from the Bell funeral home at 2 p.m. Thursday with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

FRED J. ARMSTRONG, father of Mrs. Guy W. Jensen, died at his Daytona Beach, Fla., home Sunday.

A resident of Commerce and Daytona Beach, he was a retired Detroit business executive.

Besides his daughter, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lula Armstrong.

Services will be held from the Bell funeral home Friday at 2:30 p.m. with burial in Elmwood cemetery, Detroit.

Grand opening of the Milk Appliance store at 1435 South Woodward will be observed March 29-31. The firm recently moved from its former location at 186 South Woodward.

The store features a nationally known stock of electrical and household appliances. Better display facilities for the merchandise will be available in the new location.

At the grand opening, various electrical appliances will be awarded. Owner Robert B. Milks has been in business in Birmingham for the past 21 years. He also operates another electrical appliance store in Berkeley.

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Charles Mortenson, secretary of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, stated today that the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors would be held in their

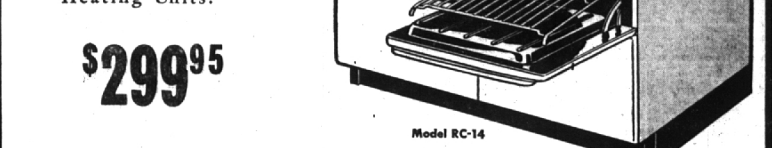
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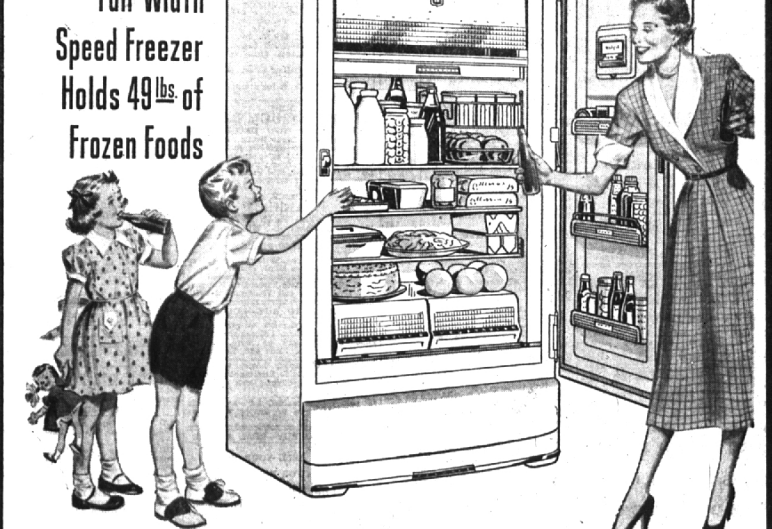


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