

No Date Set for Frame Label Suit

No date has yet been set for the \$200,000 label suit filed by former Southfield township Supervisor Dudley P. Frame against Township Clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams and Mrs. Betty Lewis and Mrs. Marion White, publishers of The Four Corners Press.

However, the case is scheduled during the current court term and is now 35th on the list.



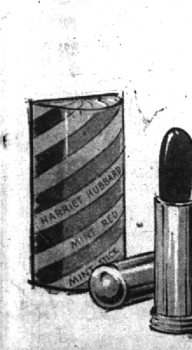
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SCOTT-SHUPTRINE Fine Furniture of Detroit opened its fourth store this week in the entire Adams Square building at the corner of Ruffner and Adams. The building occupies 90 feet of Adams and 60 feet on Ruffner. It covers about 8,000 square feet, according to Ernest Ball, store manager. The firm has been in business for 25 years and has three other stores in Detroit. It will feature custom upholstered furniture and also carries other nationally known brands. An open house is planned Friday to allow local area residents to wander through the building. Ball stated that nothing will be sold that day. Open House hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Explosion

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section of the pipe had been torn out," he continued.

The break was uncovered and an expandable plug inserted to stop the gas flow. Then the crew leader went back to the shop to get materials with which to repair the break. While he was en route, the explosion occurred.

The 500-foot long stub, which serves the Woodward business frontage, was shut off at the Nakota street end after the explosion had taken place, Lee said.

REPAIRS WERE MADE Saturday and service restored Saturday afternoon, he said.

Lee explained why the stub was shored up to remain after the explosion and not before.

"When we have a break in the main, the first thing to do is plug the break and prevent more gas escaping. We have no reason to believe that any other points along the line should be taken care of other than at the break," he stated.

THE EXPLOSION WHICH jarred nearby homes also was heard in Birmingham. Debris was hurled high in the air and glass and wood were strewn over both north and southbound Woodward lanes.

BIRMINGHAM Police Chief Ralph Moxley arrived at the scene shortly after the explosion. Noticing large crowds gathering, he secured rope from a nearby hardware store. It was then strung around the scene to keep the pushing onlookers back. There was an estimated 2,000 spectators, including the sheriff's department and state police, were on hand.

CHIEF MOXLEY SAID approximately 10 members of the Birmingham police department were present and most of them were off duty at the time.

He stated, "They were directing traffic and also helping to prevent looting. We were afraid that some of the kids would find some of the rifles."

Throughout the evening, many policemen from all departments were collecting rifles which were strewn among the debris. By 11 p.m. a pick-up truck was filled with these weapons.

Firemen also had to fight small explosions which went off periodically when ignited by flames.

Windows of the Lancaster Construction Co. and Wright Tool Co. were completely knocked out. These structures were next to the sporting goods store. In addition, a window at the Maskill Hardware

Co., a block away was shattered.

THROUGHOUT THE EVENING, girls from the Variety Drive-in across the street were carrying coffee to the policemen, firemen, ambulance workers, crane operators and rescuers.

After the two victims were taken out, rescuers kept searching in the wreckage in case any more persons were trapped. These operations kept up until after 1 a.m., when the excavation was fairly well cleared.

A score of newspaper photographers and reporters arrived within an hour after the explosion and kept near the disaster scene all evening.

PROBABLY ONE of the most thankful persons there was George Ely, Jr., 411 South Adams, an employee of the store.

He stated that some Friday evenings he left work at 6 p.m. and others at 7. However, last Friday he departed for home about 6:10.

Ely said, "About 7, a friend called me and asked if I was safe. He said the store had blown up. I thought he was kidding at first but when he began to give more details I knew he was telling the truth."

Nan Segal, 17, of Beverly road, Bloomfield township, had a 6 p.m. appointment for a rifle instruction lesson. But luckily she forgot and didn't remember a thing about it until 7.

An unidentified man reported that he was going to stop at the store on his way home but passed by because he wanted to put his new license plate on his car.

THE 50 FOOT RIFLE range at Parn's was a popular spot. It is very likely that an hour after the time of the blast, 10 to 20 persons could have been in the basement of the store.

Services for Mr. Parmelee who was 59, were held Tuesday afternoon in the Sawyer Funeral home, Berkeley and burial was in Roseland Park.

He was born in Iron Mountain, Mich. As co-owner of the sporting goods store, he cooperated with scout troops in opening his facilities to their activities.

During World War II, he was a civilian instructor in training fire arms to troops. Mr. Parmelee was also the author of the book, "How to Be a Crack Shot."

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Mrs. John Jensen, of Cleveland, Ohio; a brother, Gale of Whittier, Cal.; and two grandchildren.

SERVICES WERE HELD in Waterbury Conn., Wednesday for Mr. Friden and burial was in Pine Grove cemetery. The body was taken from the Manley Bailey Funeral home.

He was born June 21, 1904 in Naugatuck, Conn., and graduated from Pratt Institute of Technology in Brooklyn. Mr. Friden moved to Birmingham last September from Cleveland.

At the time of his death he was a sales engineer for the Heald Machine Co. of Detroit. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Cleveland and the Masonic lodge in New Britain, Conn. He also belonged to the Shrewsbury, Conn., Lions club and the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Surviving are his widow Venie; a daughter, Norma; his mother, Mrs. Carl Friden of New Britain; one sister, Mrs. Leon Lambert and two brothers, Walter and Carl, all of New Britain.

Gustavus Pope Dies on Visit In California

Gustavus D. Pope, 78, of Bloomfield Hills, died Sunday in Banning, Calif., where he and Mrs. Pope had been spending the winter. They had been there since September.

Born in Humboldt, Tenn., Mr. Pope came to Detroit in 1904 to accept the presidency of a chemical company. He left the commercial field in 1914 to become associated actively with the American Red Cross.

During this association he represented the organization at several foreign conferences including the Oriental Red Cross in Tokio in 1926, the International conference at the Hague in 1928 and the Pan American session in Rio de Janeiro.

Closely associated with Cranbrook, he became a director of the

Foundation in 1927, trustee of the institute of science in 1930 and trustee of the academy of art in 1942, serving until the time of his death. He had also been an official of Christ Church, Cranbrook.

MR. POPE HAD also been associated with the Safety Car Heating and Lighting company as director and was director of the Difco Laboratories at the time of his death. He served 21 years as commissioner of the Detroit department of health and seven years as president of the Detroit Community Fund.

He was a member of the Detroit Athletic club, Detroit Country club, Detroit Boat club, Bloomfield Hills country club and Bloomfield Open Hunt club.

Surviving besides his widow are two sons, John A. Pope of Washington, D. C., Gustavus D. Pope, Jr., Macon, Ga., and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lee Hill of Chester, N. H.

Burial services will be held in California. Plans are being made for a memorial service to be held in Bloomfield Hills in April.

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