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Obituary Notices

WILLIAM S. VanAMBERG, 81, a Troy township resident for 24 years, died Aug. 20 in the Green Lakes Rest Haven.
Born March 10, 1872 in Seneca Falls, N. Y., he was a life member of Grand River Lodge 34, F.A.M. at Grand Rapids.
He is survived by his widow Pauline of Green Lake Rest Haven; two sons, Harold W. of Southfield township and Joel L. of Houghton lake; five grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.
Services were Saturday afternoon from the Clarence F. Schmidt funeral home in Royal Oak with burial at White Chapel cemetery under the auspices of the Royal Oak Chapter of the Rev. R. G. Reimann of the First Presbyterian church of Royal Oak officiated.

CLYDE E. KOLB, 61, of 4114 Crooks road, Troy township, died Aug. 24 at Royal Oak General hospital. He was co-owner of the Town-A-Grip company, manufacturer of fishing equipment.
He was born in Williamsport, Pa., on Dec. 13, 1891.
Besides his widow, the former Beatrice Huber, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Richard Gessaman of Royal Oak; a son, Charles W. of Clawson; two brothers, George W., of Pleasantville, N. J., and Howard M., of Lancaster, Pa.

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HARRY E. NETTLE, of 4104 Arlington, died Aug. 23 at Pontiac General hospital.
Born April 22, 1910, in Claremont, N. H., he had been active as a Scoutmaster and executive director of Boy Scout groups in the area. He was a past president of Parker AFA and the Beverly Hills Improvement association. He was a member of Northwood Lodge 551, F.A.M.
Mr. Nettle was with the sales division of the Chicago Rawhide manufacturing company's Detroit office.
He is survived by his widow Evelyn; two sons, Brent and Barry; his mother, Mrs. Flora Nettle of Highland Park; a sister, Mrs. Kenneth T. Millspaugh of Dearborn; two brothers, William H. Jr., of Pleasant Ridge and Edward H. of Highland Park.
Services are to be at 1:30 p.m. today from the Clarence F. Schmidt funeral home, Royal Oak, with burial in White Chapel cemetery. Graveside services will be conducted by Northwood Masonic lodge.

ROBERT E. TOWNSEND, Sr., 73, of 908 Beauville, died suddenly at his home on Aug. 21, after a brief illness.
Born in Fall River, Mass., on Jan. 18, 1880, he married Margaret McIntyre there in 1907. He moved to Birmingham from Highland Park in 1921.
A machinist for the Ford Motor company, Mr. Townsend was retired in 1951 after 31 years with the company.
He was a member of the IOOF Lodge of Newark, N. J., and Eureka Lodge, F.A.M., of New Bedford, Mass.
Surviving besides his widow are three sons, Robert E. Jr., Thomas A., and Murray K., all of Birmingham; three sisters, Mrs. Adeline Travis and Mrs. John Wilde of Fall River and Mrs. Charles Mulcahey of Redwood, Calif. One grandson, Bobby Townsend of Birmingham also survives.
Services were held from the Manley Bailey funeral home Monday afternoon with the Rev. Dr. Harry O. Martin of the First Methodist church officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park cemetery.

ROBERT C. BLACKINGTON, 64, of 1752 Glenwood, Lathrup township, died Aug. 21 at Plymouth general hospital after a brief illness.
Born in Attleboro, Mass., on July 11, 1889, he had been a resident of this area since 1912 and of Lathrup for the past three years.
He married Sylvia Plante in Woonsocket, R. I., in 1914.
Former vice president in charge of manufacturing for the Federal Telephone and Radio corporation in Clifton, N. J., Mr. Blackington was a consulting engineer for the Trio Tool company in Detroit at the time of his death.
He had also been associated with the Fluor engineering and manufacturing company of Detroit; Cadillac and Pontiac divisions of General Motors and had been manager of the Blaw-Knox company of York, Pa.
Besides his widow he is survived by a daughter, Betsy Blackinton at home; Robert C. Jr., of Walled Lake and three grandchildren.
Services were from Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton company Monday, with burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

MERRITT A. SNYDER, 53, of 6500 Crooks road, died suddenly

at his residence on Aug. 19.
Born in Indiana on Sept. 9, 1899, he attended Valparaiso university and for 21 years was personnel manager for the R. C. Mahon Structural steel company of Detroit. He had been a resident of the Detroit area for 30 years.
A Cavalryman in World War I, he married Irene Fuller in 1922 at Pontiac.
The family came to their Crooks road home six years ago where Mr. Snyder founded and operated the Snyder Dairy.
Besides his widow he is survived by a son Thomas, a student at Michigan State college and a daughter Joyce Irene, at home.
One brother, Oscar Ricker of Detroit, also survives.
Services were Saturday afternoon from Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton company with burial in Rochester cemetery.

LILLIAN FLORENCE MACDONALD, a former resident of Birmingham, died last week in Hanover, N. H., after a long illness. She was the wife of Kenneth M. MacDonald, retired General Motors executive.
Mrs. MacDonald was born in Sydney, N. S., and came to Michigan following her marriage in 1930. She lived in Birmingham from 1933 to 1947 when the MacDonalds moved to Haverhill, N. H. While here she was a member of the First Presbyterian church.
Besides her husband Mrs. MacDonald is survived by three sons, Lorne S. MacDonald of Birmingham; Kenneth C. MacDonald of Redburn, N. J., and Weldon B. MacDonald of New York City. Two sisters, Mrs. William M. Easton of Flint and Miss Anna Mackenzie of Halifax, N. S., also survive with two brothers, William A. Mackenzie of Queens, B. C., and Charles Mackenzie of Penrith, England.
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