

BHAM PROSPECTOR HAROLD HELGESON
Beards were the fashion in Canadian Northwest

Uranium Prospector For Almost a Year

Although the Alaskan gold rush was long before his time, Harold C. Helgeson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Helgeson, 711 Colonial court, can well imagine what those days were like.

Harold has experienced the recent rush of prospectors to the new mining metropolis, Uranium City in northern Canada. Located just north of Lake Athabaska, province of Saskatchewan, Canada, Uranium City is 1600 air miles northwest of Birmingham.

Majoring in geology, Helgeson graduated from Michigan State college in 1951 and worked as a mining geologist with headquarters in Saskatchewan for almost a year.

People of at least 17 nationalities, with skins ranging in all shades of white, brown, red and black, were feverishly getting in their claims, Helgeson wrote his parents. Claim jumping was just as prevalent as in the days of the Klondike.

URANIUM CITY is booming, Helgeson said, but carving a completely new city out of what was originally moose pasture, then a tent city, presents many problems.

One character in the town, Charlie Swanson, half owner of the only hotel and now reputed to be worth \$250,000 from the sale of uranium claims, had come down



HELGESON (left) AND FRIEND LOOK OVER DRILL CORES
That's snow on those racks (Photos by permission of Toronto Star Weekly)

Obituary Notices

Daisy Taylor, Antique Dealer

An antique dealer in Birmingham for the past 20 years, Mrs. Daisy Taylor died Sunday in St. Joseph Mercy hospital following a brief illness.

A Birmingham resident for 25 years, she was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Survivors include a brother, James H. Dodd of California, and a niece, Mrs. Marguerite Fijux of Birmingham.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

F. GEORGE RUBY, 78, of 205 South Josse, Pontiac, died at his residence Aug. 5.

Survivors include his wife, Edna B.; a cousin, Manley Bailey of Birmingham; and 17 nieces and nephews.

Born in Ontario, Canada, Jan. 6, 1876, Mr. Ruby married Edna Bailey in Oxford July 29, 1903.

A retired groceryman, he was manager of the A & P store in Pontiac for 11 years and previous to that was with the Bailey and Ruby Farm Implementers in Oxford and Armada. He was a life member of Oxford lodge 84, F & AM and a life member of the OES of Armada and a member of the Sunset club.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Farmer-Snover funeral home in Pontiac with the Rev. Paul Havens officiating. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery. Arrangements were by Manley Bailey funeral home.

Lloyd Woodside, Chemical Head

President of the Park Chemical company, Detroit, F. Lloyd Woodside, 58, died Monday in Henry Ford hospital.

A resident of 1072 Pilgrim, he was born April 3, 1896, in Fort Arthur, Ont. He came to Birmingham from Detroit a year ago.

Mr. Woodside was a member of Ashlar lodge, F & AM of Detroit, Damascus Commandry No. 42, Knights Templar, Detroit Golf club and the Revere club.

Survivors include his wife, Cassandra M.; a son, Donald S. of Livonia, a daughter, Mrs. James Bomker; two grandchildren and a brother, William P. of Phoenix, Ariz.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. today at Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company. Burial will be in Acacia Park cemetery.

DONALD C. VOORHIES, 49, a former Birmingham postman, died Aug. 5 in Van Nuys, Calif., when a roadgrader ran over him. Born in Birmingham, he lived here until 1945 when he moved to California.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; three children, Stuart, Liesel and Irving; a brother-in-law, Allen Stuart of Berkeley; his mother, Mrs. Irving Voorhies, two brothers, Glen and Frederick, all of California; and a sister, Mrs. R. W. Snyder of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at the First Baptist church in Van Nuys. Burial will be in White Lake, Mich. cemetery.

THOMAS MCLAUCHLAN EDGAR, 78 of 844 Emmons, died Aug. 5 following a long illness.

A Birmingham resident for 31 years, he was born Jan. 14, 1881, in Edinburgh, Scotland. He married Clara Marshall Aug. 31, 1912, in Montreal, Canada.

A plasterer by trade, he was more recently a maintenance worker at the Wabcock building.

Survivors include a daughter, Jane Edgar, and a granddaughter, Rebecca Edgar, both of Birmingham; and a brother, Peter of Detroit.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Manley Bailey funeral home. The Rev. William C. Norvell of Christ Church Cranbrook officiated. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Suggest Area, Not City, Buy Buffer Zones

Too many complications seem to be involved in a plan board suggestion to purchase eight lots on Bowers street in order to "protect" the residential area to the north and provide it with a playground and recreational facility, Birmingham city commissioners fear.

"It would be setting an extensive precedent to buy property primarily to protect residences," declared Commissioner V. B. Watkins. "We'd soon get into the position of having to decide what property to buy and who to protect."

The city now has more park property than it can adequately develop and maintain, Watkins pointed out.

At Commissioner William Roberts' suggestion, the commission ordered City Assessor Elmer W. Haack to set up a tentative assessment district which would benefit from the proposed Bowers park.

THIS ACTION grew out of another comment of Watkins: "If the park would benefit this area, then is it not logical that the area should pay for it?"

Commissioners agreed that under an assessment plan, it might be possible for the city to embark upon a "protection" program to greenbelt residential areas from adjoining business and industry.

The commission postponed action on a petition for rezoning of the Bowers lots from single family to business pending Haack's assessment roll and subsequent discussion about it with the affected neighborhood.

Eton Bleachers?

Proposed Eton park capital improvements including bleachers for spectators will be discussed Thursday at 8 p.m. by the Birmingham Recreation board. The agenda includes a final report on summer activities.

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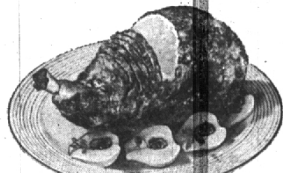
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