

Round of Showers Brought to Climax

The last of a round of showers honoring Donna Puls was given Friday at the Puls residence on Linden when Beverly Laidson was hostess in a miscellaneous shower.

Four Cars Crash, Woman Is Injured

An estimated \$1,000 damage resulted Saturday from a four-car collision at the West Maple-Hates collection. One woman, Mrs. Winifred Coffin, of 977 Gordon Lane, was treated for head injuries at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

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Obituary Notices

Charles H. Ayers, Pilgrim Descendant

A retired Detroit banker and an eighth generation descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, Charles Henry Ayers died Dec. 10 at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac. A resident of 1516 West Lincoln, he was 88 years old.

Born Feb. 9, 1866, in Detroit, he had lived in Birmingham for 16 years.

Mr. Ayers joined the Preston National bank in 1887, which later merged with Peoples State bank. He was a state bank examiner from 1906 to 1909 and served as vice president of the Peoples State bank from 1920 to 1933. He retired in 1941.

Former governor of the Michigan Society of Mayflower descendants, he had been secretary-treasurer of the Detroit Bankers club for 10 years. He was a member of Valentine lodge 357, F & AM, King Cyrus chapter and a life member of the Detroit Boat club.

Survivors include his wife, Annie; a daughter, Mrs. Louise Cunningham of Pasadena, Calif.; and three stepsons, Brig. Gen. Edward T. Williams of Ft. Still, Okla.; Leroy J. Williams of Philadelphia and Thomas H. Williams of Portland, Ore.

Funeral services were conducted at the Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. on Cass avenue. Entombment was in the Ayers mausoleum at Woodlawn.

MRS. JULIA O'NEIL ELY, 84, of 4256 Bishop, Detroit, died following a long illness at her residence Dec. 11.

She was the mother of George and Neil D. Ely of Birmingham. Born in Thanesville, Ont., June 30, 1870, she was married to George Ely in Detroit Nov. 19, 1890. Mrs. Ely was a Detroit resident for 64 years and a member of the Jefferson avenue Presbyterian church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. B. L. Stilson of Waterbury, Conn.; Mrs. Hugo D. Trombley of Detroit; another son, Robert of Irish Hills; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Manley Bailey funeral home with the Rev. W. Glen Harris officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery, Detroit.

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Ceiling Placed On Share of Cost In Relief Sewer

Birmingham city commissioners still are not agreed on the amount to charge the Adams Village development as its share in a relief sewer east of Eton.

But they set Jan. 17 as the necessity hearing on the assessment, which they do agree will not exceed 20 per cent of the estimated \$36,200 cost. This would be \$7,240.

The developers claim a previous agreement with the city exempts them from this assessment.

During the next four weeks, city officials expect to negotiate with Troy township over the latter's participation in the sewer cost. The drain would be used by a township triangle east of Adams and north of the city limits.

Would Settle For Trial Cost

If the sidewalk contractor will not settle out of court for \$500, the court will decide whether the city is liable for alleged damages because of detours from a contract, commissioners resolved Monday night.

They figure it will cost the city that amount to have the case tried.

Plaintiff Charles H. Davis claims the city owes him \$5,132.18 because it cut 24,508 square feet of sidewalk from his contract.

The city maintains it offered him a similar amount of sidewalk work in another area, but that he turned it down.

Furthermore, Davis' claim is high by several thousand dollars, city officials state.

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Six-Man Teams Play Volleyball

Local interest in the YMCA volleyball group has progressed to the stage where plans are being made to divide all the interested men into intramural teams of six men each. Play by teams will be conducted on a time basis in order to give all a chance to compete.

The group is headed by Warren Neville and plays each Thursday evening at the Baldwin Junior High School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Tennis shoes, slacks and tee shirts are needed and interested individuals are invited to join the group. Teams will play December 16 and 23 but recess December 30 for the holidays. For full information contact the Birmingham YMCA.

Have You Met

David C. Halsey, an engineer who brought his wife and children, David C. Jr., 8, and Debra Carol, 11, to live at 2475 Windercrest at the Baldwin Junior High School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and likes hunting and fishing.

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Today's Artists Afraid to Talk, Claims Writer

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

John Mason Brown, appearing as the sponsor in Birmingham's Town Hall series Friday morning, centered his remarks around the thought that while an artist never enjoys immunity from citizenship, his rebuffs conditions of his life and times, many artists today are afraid to speak out.

The rising mass hysteria of fear of communistic tendencies make it safer for an artist to say nothing, commented Brown.

"John Barrymore, who spent his sunset years sliding down the banisters of his reputation," he said, "has sold their artistic integrity, so they can eat at the 21 Club," he said.

SPEAKING in the general field of humanities, Brown interspersed his lecture with entertaining side-bites.

Examples of these Brownish bits were:

"John Harwood, who is a man so old that even if he says yes, it doesn't really matter."

"John Barrymore, who spent his sunset years sliding down the banisters of his reputation."

"Education is what you have left after you have forgotten everything you learned in school."

IN THE latter part of Brown's lecture, he discussed current theatrical offerings.

Of particular delight and pleasure to him was Mary Martin's performance in "Peter Pan."

Most Valuable Scout Award To Warren Hardy

An impressive Court of Honor Monday night at the Jefferson school, Scouts and Explorers of Troop B-5 were awarded the first achievement award of the year.

Headed by Dr. Don Kemp, Gene Paultette, Dr. Norville Williams and Scoutmaster Tom Anderson, the program featured the award of the coveted Jim Thomas citation to the troop's most valuable Scout, Warren Hardy.

Life Scout went to Bill Brown and John Alie and Bill Paultette gained Star Scout awards.

First class ratings were given to Bob Adams, Sandy Barr, Tom Heggen, David Hauler and Erik Natchke.

A total of 28 merit badges were awarded to Bill Alborn, Steve Bugbee, Art Erickson, Bill Munching, or Dan Reid and George Squibb.

Top Albion's List

At Albion college, Melvin A. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Green of Cedar, and Stanley R. Jesson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Jesson of Telegraph, have been named to the dean's list for their high scholastic average. Green is a senior at Albion, majoring in economics, and Jesson is a sophomore pursuing a pre-dental course.

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