

requirements of their families, adding to the table those little decorative items that make the table look like something unlike a boy's trough. That is fine . . . and we men ought to appreciate this aesthetic effort.

THAT and THAT

By G. R. A.

TO THE MEMORY OF ALBERT (PETE) STOLL, A WELL-DESERVED TRIBUTE

Up at one end of Lake Superior's Isle Royale two weeks ago, a small group of men and women descended a lonely trail with a plaque upon it which read:

"Dedicated to the memory of Albert Stoll Jr., conservation editor of The Detroit News from 1923 to 1950, whose untiring efforts made possible the preservation of Isle Royale as a national park."

This is memorialized a man who, from a great personal love for the out-of-doors and for the enjoyment of it by human beings, labored most of his life for these objectives. Isle Royale was but one of numerous activities in which Mr. Stoll (always called "Pete" by his many friends) gave of himself.

AND TO THE everlasting credit of The Detroit News, that newspaper always stood behind "Pete" in his activities. Another achievement of "Pete's" was the planting of hundreds of thousands of pine trees in various sections of Michigan by school children, Scout organizations, conservation clubs and chambers of commerce. He originated the idea in Michigan and lived to see it flourish over a considerable area of this State.

When I came to Birmingham over 34 years ago, I hadn't been here a year before Mr. Stoll, then editor and publisher of The Michigan Sportsman, moved his offices from Detroit to the Field Bldg., on W. Maple.

I got to know him intimately. Indeed, the very first time we ever went deer hunting in Michigan was with "Pete" and several Detroiters. Our locale was a few miles north of Newberry, in an ancient cabin once built and lived in by "Uncle George Wheeler." I even recall that Ed Niles, of Newberry, was the local game warden at the time.

MR. STOLL not only was interested in the forests, the streams, the fish and wild life, but he also did much to encourage city people to learn to love and protect their life in the urban centers.

For many years he built and operated a variety of bird-feeding stations at his home on Bloomfield Court, just north of Oak street. His home was adjacent to the old Greenwood Cemetery, within whose lonely acres was provided a natural bird sanctuary.

Although far removed from the noise and traffic of the city, the Isle Royale plaque dedicated to the memory of Albert Stoll Jr. will be seen and read by many of the years roll on.

MOST of those who read the plaque will not know who "Pete" was, nor probably will they take the time to find out.

Yet to many of them will come a thankful thought for the man who, for more than 30 years, crusaded for the establishment of Isle Royale as a national park . . . thus insuring it against becoming a commercialized domain, eventually then to go the way of all nature that is not protected against the barbarism and vandalism of many human beings.

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STRICTLY FRESH

GARDNER in Sydney, Me., harvested a pocketbook he lost in 1953 containing \$600. Seed companies could make a fortune if they'd bring out a strain of "cabbage" like that.

Fellow in Summerville, N.J., let his younger brother run him down with a car on a dare, to prove he wasn't yellow. But now he's sure black and blue.

Houston, Tex., police paid \$5 parking fees for two of its 35



vorite announcers. The boys must have "fine" music on their programs.

A 20-year-old robber was soundly whipped by a 78-year-old jewelry shop manager in New York City. He found the truth of the old saying, "age-before beauty."

Slight hitch in solving the dairy surplus problem has been noted. Milk-vending machine outside Agriculture Secretary Benson's office, recently had an "out of order" sign on it.

All makes of loose spring mattresses are being recalled by the NATIONAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dial "50" and ask for Ed Speranza 6319.

Hospital Fire Endangers 44 Patients

Farm Engineering Center Created By Ford Division

Establishment of a major engineering center for tractors and farm equipment in Birmingham was announced by the tractor and implement division, Ford Motor Co.

Irving A. Duffy, vice-president and general manager, said the center which "will be unique in the farm equipment industry", will require a staff of over 500.

Duffy made the announcement Monday evening of the annual national awards dinner at the division's honor council at Hotel Fort Shelby.

Inducted into the honor council were 33 district supervisors from all parts of the nation whose work with Ford tractor and implement dealers during the past year had won for them top honors, including membership in the council.

The CENTER will have under one roof the facilities and manpower needed for research, design, engineering and laboratory testing of all types of farm machinery.

Duffy said the division's tractor engineering department, now located at the Rouge with central engineering staff, will be transferred to Birmingham. Approximately 100 tractor engineering people are in this department.

The harvesting engineering activity of Wood Bros., Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, also will be transferred here.

Reorganization and expansion of facilities to accommodate the engineering center, as well as for other expanded staff activities, now are underway and completion is expected at the end of the year.

The BUILDING area now occupied by the Division's parts warehousing activity will be converted into an engineering shop and laboratory. Duffy said. The parts activity will be transferred to the newly acquired tractor and implement division parts depot at Lincoln Park.

Expansion of several employee service facilities, including the cafeteria and parking lots, are included in the program.

Cycle-Auto Crash Kills Girl, 18

The second traffic fatality in Birmingham this year occurred Sunday night when Miss Joan McLeod, 18, of Detroit, was killed in a motorcycle crash with a car on Hunter Blvd., about 300 feet north of Oakland.

Miss McLeod was a passenger on the rear of a motorcycle driven by Daniel G. Farley, 18, of 4241 Lincoln, Detroit.

No charges against Farley are being contemplated at the present time, but the investigation is continuing, George Taylor, assistant Oakland county prosecutor, declared Tuesday.

ACCORDING TO investigating officers, Farley was traveling in the southbound lane on Hunter Blvd., when he ran his cycle into the rear of a car driven by Shirley Lou Karagos, 30, of 1775 Van Dyke, Detroit. The crash occurred about 10:45 p.m. Sunday.

Farley suffered head abrasions and cuts about the face.

The victim was catapulted over the driver's head and into the rear of the second halted car ahead, police said. Death was due to a skull fracture, said St. Joseph Mercy hospital authorities.

In the city's first fatal accident of the year June 20, Earl H. Chapman, 3001 Gladwin, Detroit, died of injuries received when his car plunged off the road at Maple and Edenborough.

September Hearing For Gas Report

A hearing on regulations governing installation and maintenance of natural gas transmission and distribution lines is expected to be held before the Michigan Public Service Commission sometime in September, Birmingham fire department officials learned last week.

The work of the study committee, of which Chief Vern W. Griffith is a member, was begun in 1952 after the state legislature asked definite safety regulations for gas lines.

Motivating force behind the legislature's action was the tragic gas explosion that claimed five lives at an antique shop here in 1949.

A second explosion in March, 1952 took two lives at a Royal Oak sporting goods shop.

Citizens' Help Sought In Fight on Dutch Elm

Property owners in Birmingham were called on this week to cooperate with the city in its campaign to stamp out Dutch elm disease, the fungus infection fatal to American elms.

Thirty-seven trees have been lost to the infection already this year and City Forester William LeBold reports more suspected cases are being checked almost daily.

City Manager D. C. Egbert has urged all citizens to do whatever is possible to prevent further infections.

Steps that citizens can take are to have elm trees on their property sprayed with a special DDT solution, and to see to it that all dead elm wood on their property is removed. These steps should be taken to kill elm bark beetles, the carriers of the fungus, and to destroy their breeding places.

THAT SUCH a control program is effective is pointed out by the city's most recent survey of the situation, Egbert said.

Among 38 diseased trees, four were found among those on public lands where a thorough spray program was conducted this spring, and 34 were found on private property. Let us assume these figures go to the trouble of spraying public trees if private trees are left untreated and permitted to foster and spread this disease," he emphasized.

"We consider the elm trees in this city are worth at least \$1,000,000, a value worth protecting," he added.



FIREMEN ENTER BUILDING BY FRONT DOOR AND BY LADDER. Fire had to be controlled before firemen could gain entrance. (Eccentric Photo)

Patients Watch Blaze From Bed-Covered Lawns

Man power and speed were essential fire fighting 'musts' at Wednesday morning's tragic fire at Bloomfield Hospital, 2100 Woodward.

Fire departments from the cities of Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac and Woodbrook, Southfield, Troy, Pontiac, Waterford and W. Bloomfield townships were pressed into service.

The Cranbrook and Auburn Heights departments also responded.

All available police in the area were called upon to route traffic and aid operations of the fire departments as flames were fanned by a strong breeze and the upper portions of the house broke out.

blazing several times, shooting flames over a hundred feet in the air.

The spectacular fire drew thousands of spectators to the scene . . . a pathetic one. Parked cars lined both lanes of Woodward and narrowed Square Lake road.

Spacious lawns at the front and rear of the recently enlarged building were covered with beds, some empty, some occupied. Sick room supplies, stood side by side with television sets, mattresses, soiled linen and articles of wearing apparel.

ELDERLY MEN strained unbelieving eyes as they propped themselves up in beds or leaned forward from wheelchairs. Nurses, true to their profession, scurried in and out of the building carrying equipment and still managing to answer the needs of the patients shivering in the damp air.

Soon after the fire broke out, Woodward avenue became nearly a steady stream of ambulances hurrying to the hospital to remove patients. Even horses responded to help transport bed-ridden persons to area hospitals.

Spectators arriving on the scene early were recruited to help remove heavy hospital equipment (See BLAZE, Page 2, Sec. 1)

A local landscaper, whose firm supplies spraying service, said costs for spraying range from \$1 to a maximum of \$10 depending on tree size.

LeBold stressed that the disease has spread in Birmingham to the extent that all elm trees are vulnerable to the fungus, and to destroy their breeding places.

Most cases so far have been uncovered east of Woodward, but the last survey found 10 infected trees on the westside.

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Cause Still Undetermined

Fire equipment from nine departments pitched in to help Bloomfield township firemen fight a blaze which Wednesday morning threatened 44 patients and destroyed the third floor of the Bloomfield hospital at the northwest corner of Woodward and Square Lake roads.

As of Wednesday noon, cause of the fire still had not been definitely determined.

It was discovered about 9:30 a.m. by Roosevelt Head of Detroit, who for the past couple of months has been the hospital's maintenance man.

"I was around at the back of the hospital painting, when I noticed the fire," Head told The Eccentric.

He admitted that several days previously he had been removing paint from the building with the aid of a blow torch, but said he had not been doing so since he ran out of materials last Saturday.

When asked his opinion of how long the blaze had been burning, Pontiac Asst. Fire Chief Max Wells said: "Usually a smoldering blaze like this breaks into the open in about two hours."

THE FIRE broke from the attic to the sleeping quarters of three hospital attendants on the third floor. Office attendants awakened Mrs. Margaret Daniels, a nurse asleep in the room at the outbreak of the fire.

Mrs. G. Burt and Mrs. V. Baynes of the hospital office staff, attempted to salvage some of the clothing of the three persons who used the damaged area on 3rd floor for their living quarters, but very little was saved, it was disclosed.

The hospital has a staff of 30 employees, 25 of whom are nurses. Six nurses who were on duty included Mrs. Agnes Head, Mrs. J. W. Deeg, Mrs. Rosey Boatright, Mrs. N. W. Schmitt, Mrs. V. Warrick, and Mrs. B. Madar.

THE PATIENTS ranged from 25 to 86 years of age. The bed-ridden patients were all over 50 years of age.

Mrs. Kathleen Schwesinger, housekeeper, who has lived at the hospital since 1948, was said to have suffered the loss of all her possessions.

Two others who lost clothing and belongings on the third floor area were Mrs. Margaret Daniels, a nurse, and Miss June Gustenau, cook.

Bloomfield township fire department received the first call. Other responding fire departments were from Pontiac, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Troy, Waterford, W. Bloomfield, Cranbrook, Auburn Heights and Pontiac township.

A Pontiac city fire department sent two trucks. The first went at the call at 9:40. The second truck was sent at 10:05.

The hospital formerly was the H. H. Collins residence. It has been a hospital since 1948, when it was acquired by Marshbanks.



WILLIAM PARK (left) and Clarence Harper, patients at Bloomfield hospital, watch quietly the excitement about them as they wait to be transferred to other hospital quarters. In all, 44 patients escaped injury in Wednesday morning's blaze. (Eccentric Photo)



NURSES STAND BY PATIENTS AS BLAZE ENVELOPES HOSPITAL. They worked calmly and efficiently with no inconveniences (Eccentric Photo)