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**POLIO SWIMMING** is getting under way again at Barnum pool, according to Mrs. John Parrott, 1217 Washington, who is accepting registrations. She said a letter from the enrollee's doctor is necessary before one can enter the classes. Two groups are scheduled for 6:30 to 7 p.m., with the possibility of daytime groups should the demand be great enough.

**ALL THE FUSS** about the lost snake, Adolph, which has such an important role in the St. Dunstan production of "My Three Angels" was solved so simply. The small son of Lyman (Rocky) Craig simply went out and caught another one, which he generously offered to the players. This wanderer has been given to understand the offer was politely refused, the original Adolph having been located and more suitable for the job.

**SOME PEOPLE ARE WONDERING** why Birmingham's new all-purpose fire truck is being driven around so much. Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith explains that several members of the department are being trained to drive and operate the vehicle. Heretofore, firemen have operated either the pumps or the aerial. The new truck combines both features.

**THE VILLAGE PLAYERS** are turning to television with a great deal of enthusiasm these days. A first appearance was made by Director Sue Daly with Page Gilray, Dyke Dweley, Grace Hood and Gordon Jaynes, who presented a brief skit from their fall operer, "Season in the Sun". The entire "Breakfast with Bob Murphy" show was given over to them. On Monday Mrs. Daly, with Margie Brech and Dweley, appeared on the Bruce Mayer show where once again short scenes from "Season in the Sun" were given.

**A SURE SIGN** that October is here is the notice which goes up today at the City disposal plant on Cranbrook road. Russ Grinnell, plant attendant and flower enthusiast, has put out the welcome mat for those who wish to stop by and see the current chrysanthemum crop. He tells us that in spite of a dry hot summer, the plants are doing well and blooms should be plentiful and colorful.

**A GIANT TORCH DRIVE RALLY** will be held at the Broadway-Capitol theater, Detroit, at 9:00 P.M. Monday Oct. 18. Stars of Television and radio will appear as a contribution for this cause. Among those who will make personal appearances are Jackie Gleason, the June Taylor Dancers, Connie Haines, Florian Zabach and notables from Detroit radio and television stations. Tickets can be secured at Birmingham headquarters of the Torch Drive, 219 Briggs Bldg. There is no admission charge.

**A LONELY PUPPY** exiled to the utility room and kitchen after using his mistress' bedroom slippers for teething rings is posing a problem at the Fred Ball home. Each night the French poodle youngster, two-months-old Pierre, utters loud protests and keeps everyone awake. Mrs. Ball has tried the old happy clock and hot water trick to keep the little fellow happy during the night but to no avail. At the

moment, she will welcome any suggestions on how to keep a small puppy happy while alone.

**"IT'S A TRANSLATING MACHINE,"** explained Mrs. Emily Gove last week when a service station attendant spotted a complicated looking instrument in the back of her car. "It translates the Martian language so earthlings can understand it when they visit the planet. Of course this is a play, "Space Happy" which the AAUW is giving Friday for children." Mrs. Gove later confessed that the young man was right when he thought he recognized a bomb sight!

### Obituary Notices

**MARY ALICE UNDERWOOD** died Sunday at 3309 West Shore, Southham, following an illness of nine months.

Born in Connecticut, she was a member of the First Presbyterian church and the Woman's club of Birmingham.

Survivors include her son, J. Underwood, with whom she made her home for the past 20 years; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at the Bell chapel of the William B. Hamilton company with the Rev. W. Glen Harris officiating. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

**SOUTH'S VENUS CHISSUS BELL**, 64, of 2170 West Ten Mile road, Southfield township, died in Harper hospital Oct. 8. She was the sister of Robert Chissus, president-treasurer of the Chissus Construction Co.

Born in Toronto, Ont., July 31, 1890, she was married to William C. Bell in Windsor April 16, 1908. A member of the Southfield Presbyterian church, she was a resident of the area for 20 years.

Mrs. Bell was a member of Victoria chapter 290, O.E.S. of Bedford and the Women's Missionary Society of the Southfield church.

Survivors include her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Blanche Sharp of Allen Park, another brother, Richard Chissus of St. Petersburg, Fla., a sister, Mrs. John Ferguson of Southfield and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Manly Bailey funeral home with the Rev. Harry M. Lewis officiating. Burial was in Southfield cemetery.

**BENJAMIN A. GEORGE**, 73, of 812 Davis avenue, died Sunday in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, following a brief illness.

He was born May 3, 1881, in Manchester, Mich. At the age of one his parents moved to Caro where he lived until he came to Birmingham 15 years ago. He attended the George school there and was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Ada R., a daughter, Mrs. George E. Libby of Birmingham, a son, Clinton R. of Pontiac, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted

**Slug Attendant, Escape with \$140**

After slugging the attendant room. He said one of the men over the head, two thugs escaped with \$140 in cash early Tuesday morning from a service station at the northeast corner of Woodward and 14 Mile.

The victim, Samuel Eugene Hughes, 22, of Berkley, said two men came into the station about 2 a.m. asking to use the wash room. He said one of the men forced him into the station's supply room and slugged him over the head with a bottle.

Hughes, unconscious, was discovered by his parents. They were returning from a month's vacation in Florida, and had stopped by to see him.

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Wednesday at the Bell chapel of the William B. Hamilton company. The Rev. Harry O. Martin of the First Methodist church officiated. Burial was in Roseland Park cemetery.

**Toast New Members**

Birmingham Toastmasters Rollin Gish, John Arbour, Bill Andrews and Bob Den Uyl were featured speakers at Tuesday night's meeting of the club. Toastmaster for the evening was Pete Stoffel. New members inducted were Jack Joyner, Pat Patterson and Harry Winston.

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY:**

**MRS. VICTOR M. CICHMETTE**, Pierce TIA publicity chairman. "We have been told by city officials that Pierce street will, in all probability, be completed by the night of our fair, Oct. 22, along with Southham. Parents, planning to attend will welcome the news, since reaching the school has been difficult these past few weeks. We sincerely hope weather conditions will be favorable for the work so access to the school will be easy, and plenty of parking space available."

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"A last fling of the season" has been used to describe the English and Western horse show which will be held Sunday at the Troywood Farm, 5500 Adams road.

Events will get under way at 9 a.m., continuing throughout the day under the general direction of Mrs. Warren Jewell of Pontiac.

Among early entrants are Kittie James, riding Good Time; Pattie Bugas, Supreme Lady; Janie Bugas, Overdrive; Lou Wilson, Timka; Skip Dowd, Emercraft; Paula Jones, Briar King; Rick Otto, King Arthur; Jim Farry, Gypsy; Paul Garlick, Lassie; Bobby Couzens, Red Jacket and Randle Grant, Mr. Yonkers.

Others include Saran, Kathy and Lucy Bates, and Nancy and Heidi Kuschell.

Musical stalls, by young Western riders will share high honors with an amateur jumping contest for adult riders.

Mrs. Jewell said entries have not yet been closed. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded in the events.

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