

# History's 'Most-Decorated' Maintenance Man Is Cranbrook's Harry M. Bell

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

One of the biggest days in the life of Harry M. Bell, 75, came along the other day.

Affectionately known as Little Harry around Cranbrook, where he has been a maintenance man for 25 years, Bell retired Monday after 25 years of service which he began as a laborer on a construction gang for Wermuth and Co., building the academy of arts.

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a student in the metalsmith shop, to polish these medals. Knowing of Harry's pending retirement, Richard Thomas, head of the shop, challenged the class to make silver or brass "Bell" medals, and offered first, second and third prize winners.

Monday they marched Harry into the shop, decked him out in the coat of a civil war general and students with prize-winning medals pinned them on his coat. Miss Krueger, who made an oval-shaped medal with a bell surrounded by stars, acted as master of ceremonies.

Vernon MacNeil of Santa Fe, N. M., won first prize with a portrait of Bell carved on a silver

medal. Lawrence Hayes of Rainer, Wash., was second-place winner with a silver medal set with stones that hangs from the neck on a ribbon, and Paul Tarantino, of Duquesne, Pa., took third prize with a silver engine modeled after those which Bell worked around many years ago in Hamilton, Ont.

THOMAS pinned on the 10-year-old medals. Others were presented by the class. Harry was presented with the words, "A Northern Sun for Everyone", and Nancy Fisher pinned on Bell a diamond-shaped medal of brass.

But Harry promises to return to Cranbrook every now and again to "kibitz" with all those who made his parting so pleasant, and at the same time, so difficult.

## United Nations' Aims Outlined by Canadian

A small audience of Birmingham area people heard the Hon. Paul Martin, Canadian delegate to the United Nations, review that organization in observance of its tenth anniversary Friday night.

"All civilized men and women must support the United Nations," he told listeners at the beginning. "We can have no misgivings about UN, for what would have happened had it not been created?"

Martin has taken part in nearly every important UN session since 1945, including meetings abroad. He has seen the group grow, in spite of periods of internal turmoil and misunderstanding.

"We have gone through periods of division, conflict, frustration, obstruction and still have achieved," he declared.

"ACTUALLY, the United Nations is exactly like a home town council, in its purpose. It wants to erase the problems of its community, which in this case is the world, and improve the lot of mankind."

His personal problem is magnified because it deals with far-flung lands, people of different social, educational and religious backgrounds. "It must evolve a common meeting ground for sixty nations, unite their thinking and turn it to peaceful, constructive channels."

James E. Grimshaw, 60 of Rayal Oak, told Township Patrolman



PICKING OUT pumpkins for little Janine Lottier's jack-o-lantern called for careful study by Janine and her mother, Mrs. Carl Lottier at last Friday's Quanton school fair.

## Troy Youth Killed While Halloweening

TROY — Norman E. Huff, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huff of 3141 Crooks road was killed instantly and a companion John Parkinson, 14, of 2905 Crooks road, was seriously injured when struck by a car on Crooks road south of 16 Mile while trick-or-treating Saturday night.

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Bill Schwandt that he did not see the boys until he struck them. Grimshaw was released after giving a statement to Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Edward Shigley.

Parkinson was admitted to St. Joseph Mercy hospital with compound fractures of both legs, a fractured arm and possible fractures of the chest. His condition was listed as fair.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huff; and a brother and sister, Larry and Marilyn, both at home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. today at the Huntington funeral home, 29 Oakland, Pontiac. Burial will be in White Chapel cemetery.

## Candidates Take Out 4 Nominating Petitions in Troy

TROY — Four nominating petitions were taken out at the township hall so far this week—three for justice or associate justice and one for councilman.

First named candidate was Gerald Hamrick, 2791 Virginia. Opposition is already forming for the justice of the peace post Charles H. Loney, 3159 Talbot, and Scott C. Belyea, 221 Florence, have declared intentions of seeking the seat.

George T. Jeffers, 2451 Hylane, has taken out a petition for associate justice.

Monday was the first day for taking out nominating petitions. Deadline for nominations is 4 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the township hall. So far, about 1,700 persons, of approximately 6,000 potential voters, are registered. Registration is required, regardless of past township voting qualifications.

Deadline for registration is Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. Norman Barnard, township supervisor, said registrations will be taken all day on the Saturdays of Nov. 5 and 12 and during regular township office hours.

## Ethnobotanist Talks

"CRANBROOK — "Plants, Man and Culture" is the subject Dr. Jonathan D. Sauer will discuss Nov. 16 at the Cranbrook institute of science. Dr. Sauer is ethnobotanist at the University of Wisconsin, now on leave as curator of phanerogams, university museum, University of Michigan. His lecture is open to the public.

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