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Obituary Notices

JOHN S. VAN ALSTINE, SR., 85, died at the Eastlawn Rest Haven, Northville, July 19. He is the father of John S. Van Alstine, Jr., Birmingham.

Mr. Van Alstine, former president of the J. S. Van Alstine Photo Engraving Co., was a pioneer in the Detroit engraving business. He resided in Detroit for the past 65 years.

Services were Monday from the W. R. Hamilton Co. chapel, 3975 Cass. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

JAMES G. FRANCE, 65, former Birmingham resident, died July 15 in California. He married Sarah Adeline Cooke, former Baldwin library librarian, in 1948.

Widely known for his knowledge of Avoacdo culture, Mr. France was an agricultural county agent in San Diego, Calif.

COL. WALTER G. COLE, 64, died July 19 in Sarasota, Fla. He was a Detroit and local resident until 1955 when he retired after 42 years service with Michigan Bell.

Born April 15, 1892, he was an electronic engineer. He was a veteran of both World War I and II.

Surviving him at his wife, Blanche Mullen Cole, and her niece, Mrs. William S. Morse, of Bloomfield township.

Funeral services were Monday in Bell Chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co. Cremation followed in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

CLAUDE IRA LEACH, 69, of 3072 Willett, Avon township, died July 21 at his home following a five-year illness.

He was a jitney operator in Pontiac for 29 years prior to his death, and before that was a farmer in the Birmingham area.

Born June 6, 1887, in Melbourn, N. Y., he married Lena Shauvelt, Aug. 17, 1912 in Cincinnati, N. Y.

Besides his wife he is survived by a son, Claude H. Leach, Avon township, two sisters and a brother.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Dudley H. Moore funeral home, Auburn Heights, with the Rev. Robert P. Ward, of Troy Methodist church officiating. Burial was in Mt. Avon cemetery.

WILLIAM RADTKE, 68, of 328 E. Myers, Hazel Park, died July 24, at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, following a long illness.

He is the father of Mrs. Lyle St. Aubin, 1563 Sheffield, Birmingham; William A. Radtke, South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. Paul Christian, Marquette; and Edith, of Hazel Park. Other survivors are six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

A former Post Office clerk, Mr. Radtke was a member of UNAPOC and former vice president of the national federation of post office clerks association.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Wm. Valu funeral home, 4175 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. Burial will be in white chapel cemetery.

'Playgrounders' Plan Parties For Final Day

"Come with me to the playground" is the invitation many parents have extended for tomorrow morning.

Children are inviting their mothers and fathers to see the special events scheduled at playgrounds on the last day of the city recreation department's summer playground program.

From 9:30 to 12, there will be bubble gum blowing contests, prizes, relay races, treasure hunts, games, and even a puppet show at one playground.

OTHER EVENTS scheduled include three-legged and potato sack races at Adams school playground, along with a peanut hunt.

Special certificates will be awarded at Quarton school playground for the best attendance, the best helper, and the best "playgrounder", a new word coined by the recreation workers. A list planned at Quarton is a scavenger hunt.

Special feature at Pierce school will be an unusual hat show.

AT PEMBRROKE SCHOOL, the youngsters will put on a puppet show for their parents, using pup-

pets they have been making during the past few weeks. Bubble gum blowing is among the events scheduled at Terry school.

The day camp at Springdale park ends tomorrow, with a scavenger hunt and other special events scheduled from 9 to 4 p.m.

City Recreation Director Robert Girardin said the Eton park swimming and music programs will continue through Friday, Aug. 10.

Girardin said Birmingham's first "swing gate" has been set up for youngsters to swing on at Eton park, along with three various-sized "tunnels" in the form of piping material, for young park visitors to crawl through.

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Employee Gets 3 Years' Probation

A former Birmingham store employee was placed on three years' probation Monday by Oakland county Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams.

Douglas E. Blake, 18, of Royal Oak, was also ordered to pay \$150 costs.

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