

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

DON'T GET CAUGHT on thin ice—and you can take this literally. Now is the time of year when our ponds and lakes develop hidden weak spots and flaws because of alternating freezes and sudden thaws. If you would figure your skating is over for this year, you'll be more certain to be around to enjoy it next winter.

WHAT DO YOU DO with a rare bird resembling a chicken with an eight-inch-long beak? That was the problem of Patrolman Richard Thomason, of Birmingham's police department, Saturday. He solved matters by turning the creature over to Dr. Robert Hart, of Cranbrook Institute of Science, who identified the bird as a black crowned night's heron. Thomason "got the bird" when he responded to a call from M. C. Jenson, 1420 Yosemite, who phoned police after catching it.

SENIOR WORKSHOPERS at the Community House received an award this month from the American Cancer society for the largest group of cancer pads sent in. Besides being the most, their 11,000 pads also were judged the neatest.

A new sign has sprung up on Bates street identifying the Birmingham Community House gold letters on black and mounted in a white-painted colonial frame. Henry Foley of the Community House board looked at the sign admiringly, and said, "It's full of schmaltz!"

AN EASTSIDE B'HAM HOUSEWIFE the other day was asked this bewildering question by her eight-year-old son: "Mom, when are we going to have some more of the red celery for supper?" She stopped her broomstroke in midair and began to correct him. "No, no—celery is white or perhaps light green. But certainly not red." "Sure it is, Mom, and it gets all mushy when you fix it!" Both tried for several moments more to come up with the answer, then son blurted: "I think you call it rhubarb—or something like that!"

TO HELP DISTINGUISH the candidates from charter amendments and other propositions being voted on at elections, municipalities now have the option of using blue and pink colors on voting machines: Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley this week received commission approval to use the new colors here April 2. (All-white is the regular color.)

TO ADD FUEL to an already fiery subject, that of male versus female drivers, the Birmingham police department's annual report sparks the women's side of this heated argument, stating that 766 male drivers were involved in Birmingham auto accidents last year, while only 302 women's motoring casualties occurred. Question now is "Which sex burns up the most gas in mileage?"

HARRY V. COLLINS, JR., 1141 Fairfax, Birmingham, is counting his blessings after narrowly escaping serious injury last week in an airplane crash at Chicago airport. The wheels on the plane Collins was aboard collapsed while landing and it skidded 700 feet to a rocky stop. The top of fuselage cracked down the middle but the 37 passengers and four crew members left the plane with nothing more than a bad case of "nerves", Collins reports.

Hills Incumbents Run Unopposed

Incumbents will be unopposed in the April 2 municipal elections for two city commission posts and constabulary positions.

James A. Beresford and C. G. Eden whose commission terms expire, were the only candidates to file by the Saturday deadline.

Constable Homer J. Murphy was the only one filing for his post.

BERESFORD, on the commission since 1948, was appointed mayor in 1954 for a two-year term. Minor was elected to the commission in 1944.

For the first time in the city's history, there will be two voting precincts for the election. The city now has enough voters to add a second precinct to the municipal building which in the past was the only voting place.

Dusman's Playhouse will be the new voting place for the southern part of the city.

Deadline for voter registration is Monday for the April 2 election. City offices will be open until 8 p.m. Friday and 5 p.m. Monday.

Cranbrook Art Wins Craft Awards For 4 Exhibitors

Among the 147 craftsmen from 35 Michigan communities represented in the 11th annual Michigan Artist-Craftsmen exhibition are three students and a faculty member from Cranbrook Academy of Arts, all of whom have been awarded prizes.

A \$100 purchase prize went to Robert Creman, Cranbrook Academy of Arts student, for a stoneware bottles with copper wire decoration.

Donald Larkin, Cranbrook student, won \$50 for a group of three pieces of ceramic sculpture.

A carpet company purchase prize went to Charlotte Engle, Cranbrook Academy of Arts student, for wool and linen rug in red, white, yellow and gray.

Marianne Strongell, Cranbrook Academy faculty member, won a \$50 prize for a blue upholstery fabric in cotton, rayon and metallic threads.

The exhibition continues at Detroit Institute of Arts through March 25.



JACK W. MINOR, 1836 Dorchester, Birmingham, has been named general sales manager for Dodge cars and trucks. Minor, 35, has been sales manager of advertising and merchandising since last Sept. He had served in earlier years as director of advertising and merchandising. Prior to joining Dodge in December, 1953, Minor was vice-president of Grant Advertising, in charge of the Dodge account.

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Obituary Notices

FREDERICK J. DUFFY, 67, of 156 Willard, Pontiac, died Feb. 23, at home after a long illness.

Born in Bristol, England, Mar. 18, 1888, Mr. Duffy had been a resident of Pontiac for 40 years. He was retired from General Motors Truck division.

Mr. Duffy had been active in Boy Scout work for more than 20 years and had received the Silver Beaver award, the highest adult award given by the scouts. He was also a Junior Achievement coordinator and a member of Bethel E.M. church, Pontiac.

He leaves his wife, Elizabeth; four sons, Raymond, Royal Oak; Vernon, Pontiac; Eugene and Cyril, both of Birmingham; four grandchildren; three brothers and five sisters in England.

Funeral services was Saturday afternoon at Sparks Griffin chapel, Pontiac, with Rev. A. H. Meyer and Maynard Osterke officiating. Interment was in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

MRS. JULIA M. SCHUMANN, 78, of 93 Seward, Detroit, died Feb. 23, at Ford hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Bay City, Mich., Jan. 2, 1878, she had lived in the Detroit area 15 years. She was a member of the Shrine of the Little Flower, and the wife of the late George C. Schumann.

She leaves six daughters: Marguerite Schumann, Mrs. W. P. Wheelan, Mrs. Porter Hart, Mrs. John G. Naiman, Mrs. Norman F. Rice and Mrs. John J. Zinterhofer, 2821 Santa Barbara, Lathrup.

Rosary was Sunday evening at William R. Hamilton Company, Detroit. Requiem mass was at the Shrine of the Little Flower Monday morning and interment was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

EARLE E. ORCUTT, 63, of 20712 Kenmore, Circle East, Southfield township, died Feb. 24 in Detroit Memorial hospital following a long illness.

Born May 30, 1892 in Oil City, Pa., he has lived in the Detroit area for 40 years. He was manager of engineer material operations at Chrysler corporation.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie; a daughter, Mrs. Walter C. Beyer, 21805 13 Mile rd., Birmingham; a son, J. Garret, Detroit; two brothers and one sister.

Services were from Northbrook cemetery of the William R. Hamilton company Tuesday afternoon; with interment in White Chapel cemetery.

MISS M. EDITH ROLLINS, 84, of 700 Whitmore street, Detroit, died in St. Barn's convalescent home Tuesday after a brief illness.

She was born in Ontario, Canada, March 19, 1864, and was a resident of Detroit for the past 50 years.

She leaves a niece, Mrs. Jean de la Rosa, Los Angeles, Calif.; two nephews, Dr. Arthur J. Rollins, Willows, Calif., and Fred H. Rollins, Jr., Birmingham.

Private services are being held at Bell Chapel of William R. Hamilton company this morning. Interment will be at London, Ont.

MRS. ABIGAIL WALLER CANDLER, 75, of 16136 LaSalle, Detroit, died suddenly Tuesday, at home. Born Feb. 8, 1881, in Saginaw, she had been a resident of Detroit for 50 years.

Mrs. Candler was a member of the Detroit City club, Louisa St. Clair, D.A.R., Detroit Boat club, Detroit Historical society and the First Presbyterian church, Detroit.

She was the wife of the late W. Robert Candler. Survivors include a son, William R., 863 Knox, Birmingham and three grandchildren and a nephew, D. W. Candler, Birmingham.

Funeral services will be at the chapel of William R. Hamilton company, 3975 Cass avenue, Detroit, Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Interment will be in Roseland Park cemetery.

GEORGE SIMENTON, 57, of 280 Daines, Birmingham, died Monday at his residence after a short illness. Born Oct. 19, 1898 in Mariette, Mich., he had been a resident of Birmingham 18 years, moving here from Pontiac.

He attended Alma college and was a member of the Presbyterian church in Mariette. Mr. Simenton was a planning supervisor with the Plymouth division of Chrysler corporation.

He leaves his wife, Elizabeth Devore.

Services were Wednesday afternoon at Manley Bailey funeral home. Dr. W. Glen Harris officiated. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

TIMOTHY JOHN HAGERMAN, of 4055 Butternut Hill drive, Troy, died Tuesday at William Beaumont hospital at the age of four days.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marc L. Hagerman; two brothers, Douglas, 4 and Stephen, 2; grandsons Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hagerman and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacArthur, all of Flint.

Private services will be held today at White Chapel cemetery with arrangements by Manley Bailey funeral home. Rev. Harold Towne will officiate.

T. FRANK STERLING, 82, of 840 Henrietta street, Birmingham, died in William Beaumont hospital last Friday after a brief illness. Mr. Sterling was born Mar. 13, 1873, in Ontario, Canada. He had been a resident here for the past eight years, coming from Detroit.

He had been retired 12 years from the Detroit Trust company, where he was a guard for 25 years.

Mr. Sterling leaves his widow, Iva L., a daughter, Mrs. Catherine McClure, Franklin, O.; three sons, Joseph, Flint; Theodore F., Fairview village, O. and John B., Detroit; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren, and two sisters.

Funeral services were Monday morning from Bell Chapel, the William R. Hamilton company; with interment in Cleveland, O.

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