

Two Men Die in Auto Crashes Two Miles, 40 Minutes Apart



Tragedy struck this small car in Bloomfield township...

A Pontiac man and a Mt. Clemens resident were killed in two separate accidents Wednesday morning that occurred only two miles apart and within 40 minutes of each other.

Dead on arrival at St. Joseph hospital at 8:20 a.m. was Manuel Pelaez, 33, of 38 Allison, Pontiac, who was killed in an accident on Woodward, 500 feet north of Opydke road, Bloomfield Hills.

Killed in a separate accident 40 minutes later in Bloomfield township on Big Beaver between Woodward and N. Adams was Frank C. Fanner, Jr., 21, of 22683 Phillips drive, Mt. Clemens.

PELAEZ, a construction worker, was driving south on Woodward when he apparently lost control of his car on the wet pavement and went into a spin.

The car veered into the parkway, hit a tree sideways and split in two at the windshield. The rear half continued into the northbound lane where it struck another car which had stopped.

Herman Anderson, of Royal Oak, had stopped his car when he saw the accident happening.

His car was struck by the rear half of Pelaez' and at the same time, Anderson saw the victim slide under his automobile.

FANER was driving west on Big Beaver when he too lost control of his car and went into a spin, Bloomfield township police said.

His car spun into one driven by William Mead, 73, of 3170 Oakhill drive, Troy. Fanner was killed instantly. He was dead on arrival at Beaumont hospital, Royal Oak.

Fanner also had been thrown from his car.

HIS AUTO WAS struck on the passenger side and the force of the crash threw him out of the driver's side three feet from the car.

Mead was treated for cuts on his face at Beaumont and later released.



... and severed this one on US-10 in Bloomfield Hills.

There are at least two basic requirements for the carrying on of a conversation: the one who speaks and the one who listens—with allowance for the proper shifts of both conditions. Experience proves, though, that not always is there the right balance between the speaker and the listener. It seems as though speaking lures the vocal chords more than does the ear drum.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Just remember what you have done: you have allowed the Congress of the United States to take from 20 to 32 per cent of your earnings, depending upon how much you earn. The vast majority of our population pay not less than 20 per cent of each day's wages to Uncle Sam. Of course, some of this "take" is justified. We must carry on certain national programs: defense gets most, and many other billions go into many agencies... some of them "pork barrel types." Have you let your Congressman and Senator know that you want Uncle Sam to take less? That unless he votes against further extravagance you will oppose him for reelection? Honestly, how else do you ever expect to be able to keep more of your hard-earned income?

There are times when it is difficult, almost impossible, to reach certain parts of a machine or gadget with an oil can. When confronted with such a problem, either don't bother and let the thing wear out, or use the fine spray nozzle of the garden hose... (See THIS & THAT, Page 2-A)

B'ham Business Is Booming, Say Merchants

Christmas Season Best Ever for Most

By WILLIAM J. ARTHUR
Business Writer

Business is booming! At least business in the Birmingham area, according to the merchants, businessmen and bankers in the city.

Number of Christmas shoppers in Birmingham stores is at an all time high and they're spending more money this year, say most merchants.

Some businessmen had a poor year in 1958 and others had a good season—but all agree that today's business volume is way ahead of last year's.

FOSTER TOTHACKER, co-owner of Shant's druggists, 105 W. Maple, and chairman of the Birmingham chamber of commerce, said most merchants are extremely pleased.

"Everybody seems to feel that business is very good and everybody I've talked to seems to be having a banner year," he said.

Aaron Kershenbaum, manager of Kay Baum, 106 W. Maple, summed up his Christmas season and the business year in general with one word:

"Dandy."

"WE ARE WAY ahead of last year and last year's sales record for both Christmas season and the overall year were good," Kershenbaum said.

"People are spending money this year at an even better pace than they did in 1958. We are looking forward to the best Christmas ever."

"Business is excellent this year," said Willbur Mason, manager of Jacobson's.

"WE HAD A GOOD Christmas last season and are having an even better one this year," Mason said. "The general business trend is up at all four of our units."

Crippled Kids'll Benefit More If You Dig Deeper

One hundred Birmingham Rotarians tomorrow morning will lend a helping hand to Oakland county's crippled children.

The amount of help these children get will depend on how deep YOU and your friends dig into your pockets to buy a special copy of a newspaper.

On major Birmingham streets and street corners, these Rotarians will offer you a newspaper on your way to work. Buy it. Buy it for as much as you can afford.

THE MONEY will go to the Oakland county society for crippled children, one of Birmingham Rotary's principal charity projects.

Guided by member Matthew Cammareri, the local Rotarians

At B of E: A Few Did Lots—Maybe

A short-staffed board of education left a bundle of loose ends at Tuesday night's meeting.

Left without a quorum, they tentatively set a date (Jan. 12) for a meeting with the Birmingham Education association to discuss salaries and the drawing up of a realistic request according to B. E. A. spokesman George Miller.

IN ANOTHER context, later that evening, School Superintendent Dwight Ireland said "we're meeting salaries one salary at a time."

A SPECIAL education room may be fitted at the Wylie E. Groves high school. The room for mentally retarded is now needed on the junior high school level, Ireland said he did the county board of education.

The cost of \$14,325 for the room and \$501 for furnishings will be paid by the county—taken from an extra one-half mill tax levied for this purpose by the county.

There was a tentative approval of Groves high school's new green building. The plan for the building is different from Seaholm's only in color.

Feels Fenced In, City Now Wants Fence Taken Out

"Don't fence it in!", Birmingham city officials said of an alley behind Woodward properties north of Lincoln.

So North Chevrolet has been given 30 days to take down the portion of fence which crosses the alley at the north side of company property.

It is expected that this Monday night action will result in the company's petitioning for abandonment of the alley.

FROM CITY FILES it was learned that in 1948 a previous commission abandoned an alley paving assessment district upon property owners' petitioning.

The directors who introduced it would not object if the company fenced the alley to protect the new and used car storage lot.

"FOR THE PAST 10 years, we have had shoppers looking for gifts 'way before Thanksgiving. This year the majority of shoppers is coming later than usual," he said.

"Business," he added, "is much up." (See BUSINESS, Page 2-A)

MUCH to help these handicapped youngsters, who so badly want to be just like normal children. Please help us keep this helpful program continuing.

The money is sent to the club's bank. An extra dollar tomorrow will do it!

Cammareri suggested that if anyone knows a crippled child who needs help, the Birmingham Rotary club should be notified. Letters are sent to the club's crippled children service chairman, c/o Birmingham Community House, 1000 1/2 E. 12th St., Birmingham 4.

All makes of home spray nozzles available for use on garden hose. Write THESS COMPANY, Dept. 100 and ask for catalogue 6518.

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Judges, Judges, on The Walk, Which Is Fairest in the Block?

Sheffield Estates Civic association is going all out for the third year in a row on the out door Christmas decoration contest.

Each year there have been more participants and better displays.

The only qualification is that a contest live in the Sheffield Estates subdivision and is not a director of the civic association or one of last year's winners.

The prices are \$15, first, \$10, second and \$5, third.

Twelve Town drainage board "considered" now live in the Sheffield Estates subdivision and is not a director of the civic association or one of last year's winners.

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May Ban Parked Trucks from Residence Areas

Residential character of Birmingham is not enhanced when commercial vehicles are parked in front of homes, six Birmingham city commissioners agreed Monday night.

Lone dissenter was Charles Renfrew, who voted against having the city attorney draw up an ordinance amendment banning parked commercial vehicles from residential areas.

Renfrew sees no immediate problem in the few instances of commercial vehicles parking in residential areas now.

"I DON'T LIKE to pass ordinances on such minor points," he explained. "It's practically impossible to enforce them."

Commissioner William E. Roberts asked, "I wonder, then, why we have spent so much time on this?" How did we get so far along?

Principal concern of Commissioners will be to see that the city does not keep residents from driving small commercial pickup trucks home at the end of their day's work.

"LOTS OF OUR residents do this, and I wouldn't want to see us adopt anything which would bar this practice," he said.

City officials will draw up a proposed amendment for subsequent commission discussion.

Miss Christmas Spirit Arrives

Miss Christmas Spirit was officially welcomed to the city Monday evening by the city commission and Mayor Harry Bennett in an informal ceremony before the official meeting at city hall.

Miss Spirit will be visiting various stores in the downtown Birmingham area and giving gift certificates to shoppers at random from now till Christmas eve.

She also gave theater tickets as gifts.

THE ATMOSPHERE by the end of the evening had become male blue, figuratively. For the Birmingham city commission, this is comparable to the dark blue of the Michigan legislature halls during recent debates on new taxes.

Only Citizens Can Save Michigan, Romney Says

By JULIE CANDLER
Staff Writer

Our state government is failing to perform properly because the citizens have failed to carry out their responsibilities. So says a man who has little acquaintance with failure and is launching a successful drive to arouse Michigan's citizens.

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Tempers Flare At 3-Hr. B'ham City Meeting

Swim Pool Club Won't Get Lease

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
Managing Editor

Wow! What a meeting! There hasn't been one like it in nearly 10 years! Hardly a member of Birmingham's top brass escaped burns from verbal sparks which lit up a three-hour session Monday night.

Only Commissioner Florence Willett was spared from the caustic comments which flew back and forth.

She sat by and watched the readings and retellings as her colleagues lit into agenda items—and those items which were not on the agenda.

And the evening started so prettily, too!

SHE SAID SHE had from former commissioner and ex-mayor Milton F. Maller a letter which had been submitted just that morning. The letter asked for a postponement of an alley vacation because Maller's client had to out of town.

"I think we should stick to the agenda," Minger began. "Things have been sneaking into our meetings lately, things we have had no chance to consider adequately."

He said he saw no reason why the petitioner's position could not have been made known to the commission before the last minute.

"THIS HEARING'S been advertised for several weeks, and notices have gone out to the property owners—it's his hard luck if he can't get his letter in by the (See MEETING, Page 3-A)

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