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**Obituary Notices**  
**President of Real Estate Firm Dies**  
 President of Knight Menard Co. in Royal Oak, Harry P. Menard of 1140 Westwood, died Jan. 1 at St. Joseph Mercy hospital after a short illness. Born May 6, 1882, in Detroit, he lived in the Birmingham area for 10 years. He started his career as bookkeeper for Wood Estate Timber and Lumber Operators. Later he founded the firm, Clemons Knight & Menard.  
 The real estate firm was responsible for the development of Rosecliff Park and Beverly Hills subdivision.  
 Mr. Menard was a member of the Detroit Athletic club and North Congregational church.  
 Services were Saturday at the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.  
 He is survived by his wife, Leone; two daughters, Mrs. John Menard, Mrs. Frank Egan; also two grandchildren.

**DR. WILLIAM MERRILL**  
**Services Friday For Dr. Merrill**  
 One of the first doctors in the Fisher building, Dr. William O. Merrill, 73, died Tuesday in Harper hospital after a short illness. Born in Crystal Valley, Mich., Aug. 7, 1885, he moved to Bloomfield Hills in 1935.  
 Dr. Merrill was a graduate of the University of Michigan medical school in 1910 and studied at the University of Vienna in Austria. He started his practice in Lowell, Mich., in 1909 and moved to Detroit 45 years ago.  
 A resident of Will - O - Way, Bloomfield Hills, Dr. Merrill married Treasa Way June 29, 1909 in Detroit.  
 HE WAS A member of Christ Church Cranbrook, Wayne County Medical association, Michigan Medical association and Birmingham Medical association and Birmingham Masonic lodge 44 F&M.  
 Dr. Merrill was a member of Scottish Rite Bodies of Detroit, Moslem Shrine, Detroit; charter member of Birmingham H-12 and Michigan Mineralogical society.  
 BESIDES HIS WIFE, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Edward S. Sikorski, Mrs. Carl Rice and Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Jr.; a son, William W.; a brother, Lowell; and 12 grandchildren.  
 A former chief of staff at Highland Park General Hospital, Dr. Merrill was head of eye, ear, nose and throat department at the hospital.  
 He was an honorary life member of Birmingham Masonic lodge 44 F&M and honorary life member of Birmingham chapter 83 R.A.M.  
 Dr. Merrill was a member of Scottish Rite Bodies of Detroit, Moslem Shrine, Detroit; charter member of Birmingham H-12 and Michigan Mineralogical society.

**Real Estate Manager Dies**  
 George D. Mitten of Pleasant Ridge, manager of the Argonaut Realty Division of General Motors since 1948, died Sunday at William Beaumont Hospital following a brief illness.  
 Mr. Mitten, known to many people in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, was born in Huntington, Indiana, 60 years ago.  
 He has been associated with General Motors since 1919 and with the Argonaut Division since 1928. His first assignment in GM was preparing land maps of property belonging to the company. He then joined in establishing a real estate section in the company and continued with that group in an engineering capacity until 1928.  
 IT WAS at this period that he played an important role in acquiring the General Motors property at Milford, Mich., on which the 1208-acre GM Proving Ground is now located. He also had a hand in moving the General Motors Research Laboratories from Dayton to Detroit and later in acquiring the property for the Technical Center in Warren, Mich.  
 Funeral services were Wednesday from Bell Chapel of William R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham.

**Mrs. Carl Sitta**  
 Services for Mrs. Carl F. (Alma Harger) Sitta of 1888 Oak drive, Birmingham, were Friday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery.  
 Mrs. Sitta died Dec. 31 in Raeburn Nursing Home, Bloomfield Hills.  
 She was a member of St. James Episcopal church in Birmingham. Surviving are her husband, a son, Charles J.; and four grandchildren, all of Birmingham.

**Louis J. Auer, Sr.**  
 Louis John Auer, Sr., of Royal Oak, father of Louis, Jr., of Square Lake road, Bloomfield township, died Jan. 1 at William Beaumont hospital.  
 He leaves his wife, Minnie; a brother and sister; also four grandchildren.  
 Services were Saturday from the Kinsey funeral home with burial in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

**Mrs. Stanley Todd**  
 A former teacher at Poppleton elementary school, Mrs. Stanley Todd died Dec. 31 at St. Joseph Mercy hospital after a long illness. Mrs. Todd of 884 Pierce street was born in her family home, situated in what is now Shan Park.  
 Surviving are her husband, a son, James F. of Bloomfield Hills; two brothers, Gerald and Elmer Ford of Troy; and five grandchildren.  
 Services were Saturday from the Manley Bailey funeral home with burial in Rosecliff Park cemetery.

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**Troy News Briefs**  
**Troy Home Looted By Burglars**  
 Burglars broke into the home of M. St. Amour, 2469 Breiby, Troy, last Thursday or early Friday and stole a mink cape, jewelry and silverware.  
 The Amour family had been away from home and didn't discover the burglary until they returned around 11 a.m. Friday.  
 Amour estimated the stolen articles were worth over \$400.  
 Chief David E. Grapp said the burglars used a glass cutter to remove a pane in a rear door to gain entry.

**Hal P. Buerge Renamed Ad Manager**  
 As part of a departmental reorganization, Harold P. Buerge, 528 Catalpa drive, Birmingham, has been re-named advertising manager for the Birmingham Eccentric, according to Paul N. Averill, business manager.  
 Buerge will supervise the advertising staff and also service selected local and national customer accounts.  
 Well-known in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area through his many civic and sports activities, he returns to the position he formerly held from 1941 to 1946. Buerge has been a member of the Birmingham Lions club for 15 years, and is a past president.

**Another Day Off**  
 Troy's school buses wouldn't start Monday morning so more than 2,500 children had the day off. Nine of the city's schools were closed when only two of 14 buses could be started.  
**Electrical Engineers Speak on Careers**  
 Electrical engineering as a career was discussed Wednesday by members of the Oakland chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers at the Bloomfield Hills high school.  
 The session was sponsored by the Mathematics club at the high school.  
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**Maple-Willets Alley's Final Cost \$47,344**  
 They have been expecting it for several years, but this week Birmingham businessmen who use the Maple-Willets alley got the exact cost of its widening, paving, and construction of a new sewer.  
 It is \$47,344.21, or almost twice as much as the project had been estimated 12 years ago.  
 Most of the deficit results from an original assumption that the alley could be widened without having to buy private property.  
 Business owners have paid in \$23,990.61 on the original special assessments. Birmingham city commission expects to pay Jan. 26 at the hearing date on the deficiency assessment roll.

**JayCee's Will Hold Annual Banquet**  
 The Birmingham JayCee's will hold their annual "Distinguished Service Award Banquet," Feb. 4, at Devon Gardens.  
 This year the dinner will also be "Business Night" and each JayCee member will bring his boss to the work and progress accomplished in Birmingham by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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**1st Day of New Year Fairly Quiet for Police**  
 Aside from accidents caused by icy streets, the Birmingham police department reported the new year was ushered in rather quietly in the area.  
 The icy caused 13 automobile accidents New Year's Day. The majority of the accidents were minor and only one person was injured.  
 The year's first request for police assistance came in at 12:25 a.m. Jan. 1st, after a car driven by David P. Morris, 22, of 3406 W. Seven Mile, Detroit, straddled W. Maple and struck a car driven by Richard W. Bailey, 20, of 5275 Adams.  
 Damage to both cars was minor.  
**THE FIRST INJURY** report of the year was turned in at 1:52 a.m. by Mrs. L. H. Eby, 986 W. Lincoln.  
 Mrs. Eby said she saw a woman fall and injure herself on Lincoln near Shirley, but the woman was gone when police arrived.  
 Miss Beverly Lewis, Hazel Park, was the first person snatching incident in the area in over a year was reported Jan. 2, by Mrs. Ilva Roberts, 3812 Huntington, Pontiac.  
 Mrs. Roberts said she was getting into her car, parked at the rear of Monahan's Beef Buffet, 975 E. Maple, when a young opened the right hand door, grabbed the purse and ran.  
 She said there was \$15 and personal papers in the purse.  
 Robert J. Farrell, 1554 W. Lincoln reported his car stolen from the Birmingham bowling alley the same day. The car was recovered after a Royal Oak bowling alley the next day by Royal Oak police.  
**POLICE SAID** Miss Lewis was involved in a three-car collision on Hunter while riding with Mrs. Edward G. Sharpe, 3550 Ellwood, Berkeley. They said Mrs. Sharpe lost control of her car while proceeding north on Hunter and struck the rear of a car driven by Albert W. Zimmer, Pontiac.  
 The third car, driven by Charles W. Brady, 684 Lakeview, Birmingham, struck Mrs. Sharpe's car after it stopped.

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