

Balloon Went Up, and With It, Their Hopes



'(H)oops!'

Pembroke school celebrated Halloween with its own party and parade. After the ball was over, Marcia Case (center), of 1740 Witherbee, metamorphosed back from a pumpkin into a girl. Ripping the covering off her hula-hoop pumpkin are Mary Mulhern, 854 Brooklawn, and Chris Hamrick (the devil-costumed one), 453 Buckingham. Doug Schroeder and Ken Boynton were co-chairmen of the Pembroke PTA-sponsored party.

A giant, aluminum balloon, shot to the fringes of space late Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 28, from Wallops Island, Va., fulfilled the lifelong dream of the Flying Saucer club of Bloomfield Hills—temporarily anyway.

Club members, whose ages range from 7 to 11 years, thought the long, thin "bright orange to bright red" streak of light that appeared in the eastern sky was a flying saucer.

THE BOYS weren't alone in their observations—adults in the neighborhood also saw the strange object.

Mrs. E. J. Welker, 1045 Country Club drive, mother of one of the saucer-watchers corroborated their story.

The balloon was launched by a rocket at 5:40 p.m. With a 100-foot diameter, it was the largest object ever sent so far into space.

THE BALLOON'S aluminum surface caught the sun's rays as it unfolded at the peak of the rocket's flight.

Local observers (members of the FS club) included: Larry Welker, Scott Harris, Greg Bower, Greg Dunville, all 11 years of age; Skippy Harris and Gary Bower, 9, and Stu Harris, 7.

The boys attend Hickory Grove and Vaughan schools.

Names Transposed

In the business section of The Birmingham Eccentric last week, the names under the pictures of James McLaughlin and Ray B. Wells were accidentally transposed.

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Ernest M. Jackson
Ernest M. Jackson, 870 Humphrey, Birmingham, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Mercy hospital after a long illness. He was born in Ontario, Canada, Jan. 1, 1879. He lived in Birmingham for seven years.

Mr. Jackson was a retired farmer and a member of Embury Methodist church.

He leaves his wife, Lillie; five daughters, Mrs. Ethel Bates, Mrs. William Burkle, Mrs. Leo Burns, Mrs. Roy Mayer, Mrs. Frank Landvay, two sons, John Jackson and Harold Perkins; two sisters; and a brother; also 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Mr. Jackson will be at the Manley Bailey funeral home until Friday and then will be taken to Kingston, Mich., for services and burial.

Clifford McCurdy
Clifford H. McCurdy of Detroit died suddenly Saturday. He was president of McCurdy Coal company. Mr. McCurdy was a member of the Birmingham Country club and 32nd degree mason of the Modern Shrine.

He is survived by his wife, Deffa, a daughter, Mrs. Donald Ashley of Birmingham; sister, Mrs. Jean Retz of Preston, Ont.; and three grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday from the William Vasu funeral home with burial in White chapel cemetery.

Charles W. Griffin
Charles W. Griffin of Detroit died Saturday after a short illness. Services were Tuesday from the Kinsey funeral home with interment in Roseland Park cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Ann; a brother, William J. of Birmingham and a sister, Mrs. Ann Drew of South Lyons.

Mrs. Iva Gray
Mrs. Iva Gray of Detroit, formerly of Birmingham, died Monday at Palmer Osteopathic hospital.

She was 62 years old.

Survivors are a son, Donald Herbert; mother, Mrs. Emma Hubbell and a sister, Mrs. Ward Peck.

Services were Wednesday from the William Vasu funeral home with burial in Oak Hill cemetery, Pontiac.

12 Local Men Get Masonic Degrees At Detroit Reunion

Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of Detroit, which includes 31 lodges in southeastern Michigan, are holding their 24th annual reunion at Detroit Masonic temple.

Masonic and legal circles. Birmingham residents who will receive the Thirty-second degree in honor of the late Guy W. Moore, who before his death Class are: Ronald C. S. Young, Ernest F. Willard, Ralph G. Rich-ardson, John A. Fappas, James F. candidates. The class has been received by the Thirty-second degree in honor of the late Guy W. Moore, who before his death Class are: Ronald C. S. Young, Ernest F. Willard, Ralph G. Rich-ardson, John A. Fappas, James F. Moore, Stanley R. Mattson, Michael D. Markarian, Ralph A. Main, Arthur Cabral, Charles W. Blomman, Herbert C. Ashcraft and Charles Adams.

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Obituary Notices

B'ham Chief's Father Dies

Charles W. Moxley, 73, life-time railroad man, and father of Birmingham's police chief, Ralph W. Moxley, died in a Desoto, Mo., nursing home Friday, Oct. 30, after a long illness.

Mr. Moxley was an employee of the Missouri Pacific railroad from 1909 until his retirement in 1930.

A RESIDENT of Poplar Bluff, Mo., he started as a car sweeper, and attained the position of inspector before his retirement.

Besides the police chief, Mr. Moxley is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; two daughters, Eva Jean and Grace Moxley, all of St. Louis; two sons, Russell T., of St. Louis, and Charles W. Jr., of Appleton, Wis.

Funeral services were Monday from the Main funeral home. De-Interment was in the family plot in Morley, Mo.

Mrs. E. H. Gibson, Active Club Woman

After a short illness, Mrs. Ethel Haines Gibson, 69, of 983 Bernalille, Birmingham, died Saturday at William Beaumont hospital after a short illness. She was born in LeRoy, England.

Surviving are her husband, Jack; three sons, Frederick and Richard of Birmingham and Arthur of Swanton, Ohio; three grandchildren; three sisters, Elizabeth, Mable and Dorothy; and six brothers, Jack, George, Ernest, Josh, Frank and Caleb.

She is a resident of Birmingham since 1928. Mrs. Gibson was past matron of OES 229, Birmingham, and a member of White Shrine of Royal Oak, Birmingham MOMS club and Present Day club. She was also a member of the Senior Activity group and Women's Society of Christian Service Embury Methodist church.

Eastern Star services were Tuesday and Wednesday from the Manley Bailey funeral home. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

Mrs. Vissonette

Mrs. Beatrice H. Vissonette, 25875 Balsam, Franklin village, died yesterday in her home at the age of 74 after a short illness.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Sawyer funeral home, 2125 12 Mile, Berkeley, Interment at White Chapel cemetery.

A native of Illinois, she is survived by her husband, John E.; a daughter, Mrs. H. R. Haupt, Detroit; a son, Melvin Peters, of Chicago, and five grandchildren. She was a resident of Franklin village for 20 years.

Guy Jameson

Guy Jameson, 39, of Howell, new journalism teacher for Seahigh school, Birmingham, passed away suddenly last Wednesday in Howell hospital.

Jameson, who was urged to go home by his students when he mentioned he wasn't feeling well, suffered a heart attack and was taken to the hospital.

He received his bachelor's degree from Albion college and his masters from University of Michigan and had taught in Howell for 11 years, joining the Birmingham school system this fall.

He is survived by his wife and one child.

Funeral services were held Friday in Howell and interment followed in that city.

Peter Dronken, Real Estate Broker

A resident of Birmingham for 40 years and a Detroit real estate broker until his retirement five years ago, Peter L. Dronken of 848 E. Lincoln, died Tuesday at William Beaumont hospital. He was 66.

He had been owner of the Peter James-Lee Co., a Detroit real estate firm. Mr. Dronken was a veteran of world war I, an Ellm member of the Northwestern Realty association and Detroit Real Estate board and past president of the Civic club of Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian H.; and two daughters, Dorothy A. and Mary L.

Services will be 1 p.m. Friday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham. Burial will be in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

Mrs. H. J. Mallinson

Mrs. Harriet J. Mallinson of 2471 Radnor drive, Birmingham, died Tuesday at her home after a short illness. She lived in Birmingham for two months, coming from Gary, Indiana.

She was born June 20, 1884, in Scotland. Mrs. Mallinson was a charter member of 43rd avenue Presbyterian church, Gary.

She leaves her husband, Harry; a daughter, Mrs. Chester H. Stokes of Birmingham; two sisters, Mrs. James Philip of London, Ontario, and Lillian Scott of Montreal; also three grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with cremation to follow.

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