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Decision for Safer Oak Bridge Leads to Thoughts of Concrete

Even if the city continues to postpone the paving of Oak street, it no longer can ignore the dangerous bridge over the River Rouge, Birmingham City Commissioner William Burgum charged.

The bridge is only 16 feet wide, hardly enough for two cars to pass safely, city officials long have admitted.

OTHER COMMISSIONERS endorsed Burgum's comments, and the administration was told to recommend a safe design as soon as possible.

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham pressed the Oak widening problem, which has been in a city pigeonhole for nearly 20 years.

The widening would take place between the bridge and Woodward avenue. It would require taking down some trees, and possibly some right-of-way acquisition.

'WE CAN'T LET this Oak widening and paving situation go on forever," Ingraham insisted. "We had pretty good success this year in getting Lincoln widened. Why not try again to get Oak widened?"

The problem is not getting any easier to solve, the commissioner emphasized.

Commissioner Florence Willett said she thought the new Oak bridge should be finished first, then traffic counts taken.

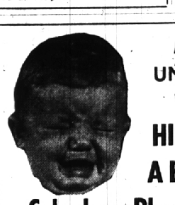
INGRAHAM SAID he didn't think this was necessary.

"Then why don't we take the streets in the whole area?" countered Mrs. Willett. "What about widening and paving Chesterfield?"

Commissioner Lance Minor immediately stuck in this comment: "Let's take care of Oak street—and Chesterfield will be easy after that. Until we pave the rest of Oak, we won't have any success with any of the other neighborhood street pavings."

CITY MANAGER L. R. Gare said engineering department studies on Oak street would have to be restudied if the commission is seriously considering paving the east end of Oak.

He said the project has been dormant for eight or nine years.



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Carnegie Course To Start in B'ham

The Birmingham Exchange club is bringing the Dale Carnegie course in effective speaking and human relations to the Birmingham area for the fourth consecutive year.

The world-famous personal development program will begin with a free prevue meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at the Birmingham community house, 380 S. Bates. The prevue meeting is designed to demonstrate the content, purpose and teaching techniques of the course, and is open to the public without obligation.

Harlan B. Ritze is the Birmingham Exchange club chairman for the Feb. 3 meeting. The Exchange club sponsors the course as a community service in bringing professional training in leadership to businesses, industries and individuals in the greater Birmingham area.

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PTA to Back Teen Behavior Study Group

Birmingham, area PTA council representatives met Monday with the Parenteen committee for a panel discussion on formation of a teen behavior study program for Birmingham-Bloomfield teenagers.

Following a question-answer session, PTA representatives encouraged the committee to continue with its study of what parents and teenagers feel is a reasonable guide for social life of young people.

Moderated by Mrs. Hugh Black, the panel outlined its program: of tallying opinions with a questionnaire now being formulated.

ONE TEENAGER attending the meeting told attending parents that they are not taking time to find out the type of companionship and activities teenagers today are involved in.

The committee was given a go-ahead by the council who agreed to back the study program.

A SERIES OF individual PTA meetings on this topic will be held before the questionnaire is filled out by parents and students.

The questionnaire will be completed in school by the students. Parents will receive the form in the mail and are asked to return it to the committee. Parenteens will then total and interpret the results of the study which will be presented to parents for their information.

Science Is the Star In This Cub Show

With science as their theme this month, cub scouts from Bloomfield Hills pack 39, are slated to see a series of demonstrations by Steven Velkoff, Bloomfield Hills high school physics and chemistry instructor, Jan. 29.

The demonstrations will be given at Bloomfield Hills high school.

Obituary Notices

Earl MacPherson, Retired Ford VP

Earle S. MacPherson, retired vice president-engineering of the Ford Motor Co., died Tuesday in Old Grace hospital. Mr. MacPherson, 69, suffered a heart attack Monday while in his home, 20 Merrimac court, Bloomfield Hills.

He served overseas in World War I as a captain. Mr. MacPherson was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the Engineering Society of Detroit, Phi Delta Theta, Tau Beta Pi, Detroit athletic club, Red Run golf club and Detroit skating club.

He left his post as chief engineer of Chevrolet's light car division in 1947 to take over as Ford chief engineer. In May, 1952, he was elected a Ford vice president.

A graduate of the University of Illinois, he was with Chalmers Motor Co., Liberty Motor Car Corp., and Hupmobile Motor Corp. before joining GM as assistant to the vice president in 1934.

Surviving are his wife, Florence Lucille and daughter, Sandra Lucille, 13.

Mr. MacPherson will be at the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., until noon Friday and funeral services will be 2 p.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook that afternoon. Entombment will be at Woodlawn cemetery. Memorial tributes may be sent to the Congregational church of Birmingham.

R. E. Lawlor

Vice president and general manager of the Pilgrim Drawn Steel Division of Automotive Materials Corp., R. E. Lawlor of 3797 Lakecrest, Birmingham, died Sunday in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Mr. Lawlor, 63, was past president of the Recess club and a member of Bloomfield Hills country club, Bloomfield Open Hunt club, Oakland Hills country club and the Detroit Athletic club. He was a member of St. Hugo of the Hills church.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen M.; three daughters, Mrs. Richard Lynch, Mrs. Ann White and Sally Lawlor and a brother, Lawrence.

Services will be this morning at 11 a.m. from St. Hugo of the Hills church. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Contributions are being made to the Heart association. Arrangements were by the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co.

Dr. Earl B. Swift

Services for Dr. Earl B. Swift, a Detroit dentist with offices in the General Motors building for 29 years, were Tuesday from the William R. Hamilton Co. chapel.

Dr. Swift of 30615 Vernon drive, Beverly Hills, died Saturday at William Beaumont hospital after a long illness. He was 68.

Surviving are his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Agnes Swift, and a sister, Mrs. George W. Keiper.

Burial will be in Edmore.

Nathan Rattner

Nathan Rattner, owner of the RB Dress Shops in Ferndale, Royal Oak, Birmingham and Mt. Clemens, died Jan. 21 in a Miami Beach hospital. His home was at 325 Hendrie, Royal Oak.

Services were Sunday in the Ira Kaufman Chapel with burial in Clover Hill Park cemetery.

Mr. Rattner, 74, was a resident of the Detroit area for 32 years. He had owned the dress shops for 30 years. He was a member of Temple Beth El and the Royal Oak Kiwanis club, chamber of commerce and Merchants association.

Surviving are his wife, Mollie; two sons, Joseph and Harvey; a daughter, Mrs. Sam Milner; three brothers, three sisters, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert A. Shockley

Robert A. Shockley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Shockley of 3855 Oakland drive, Birmingham, died Saturday at Childrens' hospital.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woznisk, Mrs. Donald Nichols and Mr. F. C. Shockley.

Services were Monday from the Manley Bailey funeral home with burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mrs. Kenneth Smith

After a short illness, Mrs. Kenneth Smith of 52 Kirk lane, Troy, died Saturday at William Beaumont hospital. Born in County Longford, Ireland, Mrs. Smith was 52 years old. She lived in the Troy area for 19 years.

A member of Guardian Angel church, she is survived by her husband, Kenneth.

Rosary was Monday from the Manley Bailey funeral home. Services were Tuesday from Guardian Angel church and burial was in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

Mrs. F. L. McCale

Mrs. Florence Long McCale of Detroit died Monday at St. John's hospital in Grosse Pointe after a short illness. She was a member of the DYC.

Survivors include two sons, Karl of Birmingham, and Wayne; a daughter, Mrs. Steven Darcey of Birmingham; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Roetzel and Mrs. Barbara Ostergard; a brother, Richard Mooney and nine grandchildren.

Services will be this morning at 9 a.m. from the William Vasu funeral home and 10 a.m. from St. Clare of Montefalco church of Grosse Pointe. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mrs. Mary McIntyre

Mrs. Mary Boyle McIntyre of 1099 Wakefield, Birmingham, died Jan. 24 at her home. Services were Monday from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church with burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Patrick; two sons, George and Brenden; a daughter, Mrs. Edward Rzepta; a sister, Mrs. Charles Davis and 10 grandchildren.

Victor B. Reuther

Victor B. Reuther, 50, of 16231 Residniere, Birmingham, died Monday at William Beaumont hospital. He worked for the Veterans Administration.

He leaves his wife, Lillian; a daughter, Nancy; a sister, Mrs. Alma Batchelder and a brother, Alfred.

Services will be this morning at 11 a.m. from the William Vasu funeral home with burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Roy W. Roush Sr.

Roy W. Roush Sr., of Royal Oak died Sunday at New Grace hospital after a short illness. Services were Wednesday from Kirk in the Hills church with burial in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Martha; three sons, Roy Jr., James L. of Birmingham; and Pfc. John C.

Reuben H. Allie

A former resident of Birmingham, Reuben H. (Roob) Allie, 69, died Friday at his home in Detroit. Mr. Allie was known as Detroit's "Mr. Railroad."

Mr. Allie was a public relations director for railroads in the Detroit area for 27 years. A former newspaperman, he worked on the Houghton Gazette, Duluth Herald, Marquette Journal and Lansing State Journal before coming to Detroit in 1914.

He continued his newspaper career as a reporter for the Detroit Free Press, the old Detroit Journal and the Detroit News before joining Campbell-Ewald advertising agency staff for two years.

He leaves his wife, Betty; a son, Capt. William W.; and a brother, William C.

Services were Monday from the William R. Hamilton Co.

Court

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Richardson and Mrs. Stewart (Margaret) MacLean, also live there. Mrs. Richardson died two years ago.

From his home it's only a short jaunt for the justice to 51 W. Long Lake, where he works every day at the Bloomfield Hills post office.

At 10 a. m. daily he puts on his coat and hat and goes the short distance to the little flag-draped room where he has held court since 1945.

He approaches his court responsibilities seriously, with wisdom and common sense. Some of the Richardson observations on the judicial:

We don't have two laws—one for the rich and one for the poor.

IT ISN'T easy to fine a man $100 for drunk driving when he stands here shabbily dressed. You know you are taking it away from his kids.

It isn't hard to run a good justice court if you have good, honest policemen who know what they are doing. If a good policeman arrests a man, you can be reasonably sure he did something wrong or the police wouldn't have brought him in.

I operate a courtroom the way I would like to be treated myself.

"I always go over backwards to help anybody if they tell me the truth. But if they lie to me . . .

I don't think any judge should hear a case when he's angry.

I THINK juvenile delinquents are young adults, and they should be treated as young adults. I like to talk to them like a father. I try to encourage them to go to church and take some active part in their church work.

I don't think kids are any worse today than they have ever been.

Most of his work as a justice involves traffic violation cases. Added to that is an extra duty that usually comes on weekends—performing marriages.

"WE GET a lot of them," he says. "They come from all over—usually cases of mixed religions." Behind Justice Richardson's desk are his law books.

Unlike most of the justices in the Birmingham - Bloomfield area, Richardson is not an attorney. His education ended with high school. He has little liking for the attempt of the state bar association to prohibit all but attorneys from holding justice of the peace posts.

"It will be a sad day for the people if they ever abandon the justice court system," he said. "Lawyers tend to stick together."

Just then a traffic violator stepped in—a man who had made an illegal turn at THAT corner—and we watched the justice in action.

"DID THE policeman use you all right?—that's the main thing," he said. "That's a $10 fine."

And that was that. The man wrote out a check.

Using positive psychology, the justice said, "You learned your lesson just as much as if we had fined you $25, didn't you? I don't think you will do it again."

With that the punished citizen offered his hand.

Said the tactful justice after the man left, "They all want to shake your hand."

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Next week, Your Court Report will go to Bloomfield township for a story of its two justices.

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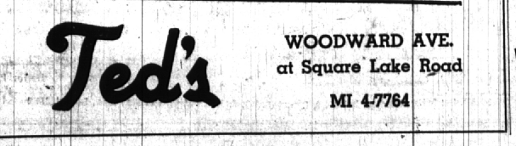

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Robert M. Boltwood, 28401 Red Leaf lane, Southfield, will moderate a symposium Saturday afternoon at the "Communications in Industry" seminar at Wayne State university. The seven-member panel will define the ideal educational background of the technical writer.

Boltwood is head of the Reports and Editing Department of Chrysler Corporation Missile division, and is also an instructor of business writing at the Materials Management center, W. S. U.

The seminar will begin Friday morning, and will close Saturday afternoon, in the McGregor Memorial Conference center at Wayne state.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale—Houses" column in this issue of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Follow in Footsteps Of World War II GI

BAUMHOLDER, GERMANY — Army PFC George M. Dila, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dila, 2788 Windemere, Birmingham, is a member of the 8th Infantry Division Artillery's Headquarters battery which is sponsoring a children's orphange near Stuttgart, Germany.

Dila, a public-information specialist in the battery, entered the Army in October 1958 and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before arriving overseas the following July.

He is a 1956 graduate of Birmingham high school and a former student at the University of Michigan.

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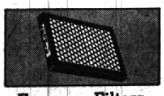

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