

Explosion Starts \$1,700 B'ham Fire

An explosion which caused about \$1,700 damage to a Birmingham home last Thursday was the result of poor housekeeping, according to Fire Marshal George Scott.

The blast occurred at 11 p.m. in the home of Thomas W. Gossett, 1255 Ruffner.

Scott said that a motorcycle and outdoor motor both filled with gas were stored in the basement of the home. The tank of the cycle de-

veloped a leak and flames from the hot water heater may have caused the gas to ignite and start the explosion.

ELECTRICAL switches were improperly fused, according to Scott, and this also may have had a bearing on the explosion.

Fire was confined to the basement but there is smoke damage throughout the house.

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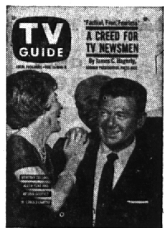


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Horsing Around

After a lot of "horsing around" California Joe maneuvered his sidekick, Hollywood Pinto, up two flights of stairs and onto the Pierce School auditorium stage for three different performances. The trick horse and its handler were featured entertainment at

the Pierce School Fair Friday. The only obstacle, getting the "other end of the act" onto the stage, was easily overcome by the adventurous horse. The Pierce Parent-Teacher Association sponsored the annual event.

Obituary Notices

Vice President Of Bank Dies

W. Arthur Taylor, a senior vice president at Community National Bank, died last Wednesday of a heart attack while hunting near Metamora. He was 60.

Mr. Taylor of 1210 Henrietta Street, Birmingham, came to Pontiac 35 years ago from Sault Ste. Marie as an employee of the former First National Bank & Trust Co. For several years he was in charge of the Perry-Glenwood branch office.

Following the bank holiday and organization of Community National Bank in 1933, Mr. Taylor became auditor of the institution. Through the years he advanced from assistant cashier to cashier, to vice president cashier and to vice president.

A member of the Methodist Church at Sault Ste. Marie, he was also a member of Rotary Club and Pontiac City Club and served on many civic committees.

He leaves his wife Helen; a son, William at home; a sister, Sarah Taylor and five brothers, Herman, Austin, Cecil, Armour and Clayton.

Services were Friday from the Sparks-Griffith Chapel. Burial was in Sault Ste. Marie.

Theodore Meyer

Theodore F. W. Meyer, 671 N. Elton Road, Birmingham, died Monday at his residence. He was born in New York City, Aug. 25, 1890, and was married to Mary Butterfield in Goshen, Ind., on Oct. 21, 1914.

He was a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, class of 1911. He was a retired consultant and marine engineer, formerly associated with Scripps Motor Co. of Detroit and Federal Mogul, marine division.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two sons, Eric M. of Delray Beach, Fla., and W. Weston of Birmingham; three sisters, Anna, Helen and Florence, all of Yonkers, N. Y., and a brother, Ernst of Glen Falls, N. Y. He is also survived by a grandson.

Services will be 3 p.m. today from Christ Church Cranbrook with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Manley Bailey Funeral Home.

Alice D. Macmillan

A former resident of Birmingham, Alice Duncan Macmillan, died Sunday following a long illness. She was born Feb. 6, 1872 in Bridgen, Ont.

She was a former bank employee in Oak Park, Ill., a life member of Presbyterian Missionary Society and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Oak Park.

She is survived by a niece, Mrs. George Souter of Metamora, Road, Oxford.

Cremation was at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by the Manley Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Adeline Smith

Mrs. Adeline G. Smith, 166 Maywood, Birmingham, died Monday at her home following a long illness. She was born May 7, 1913 in Wells, Minn.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce A.; twin daughters, Robin and Bonnie; her mother, Mrs. Albert E. Lemke of Springfield, Ill.; and two sisters, Irene Lemke and Mrs. Alice Yeom, both of Springfield.

Services were Wednesday from the First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Manley Bailey Funeral Home.

Charles J. Dormal

Secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Gear and Engineering Co., Charles J. Dormal of 31988 Carl Elder Road, Beverly Hills, died Monday in William Beaumont Hospital. He was 67.

Mr. Dormal was born in Duluth, Minn., and was graduated from St. Thomas College, St. Paul. He is survived by his wife, Clara; a son, Lawrence, a daughter, Mrs. Marvin Knott; two brothers, four sisters and nine grandchildren.

Services will be 8:45 a.m. today in the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, 14230 W. McNichols, to the Rev. Queen of Martyr's Church, Birmingham, at 9:45 a.m. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Frederick Purdy

After a short illness, Frederick J. Purdy of Ferndale died Sunday at Elizabeth Convalescent Home. He was 81. Mr. Purdy was a retired plant foreman for Hudson Motor Co. He retired in 1950.

Surviving are two sons, Frederick B. of Lathrup Village and Robert; also a brother, Norman. Services were Wednesday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Charles A. Werner

Services for Charles A. Werner, 19-year old son of Calvin J. Werner, GMC Truck & Coach Division general manager and a General Motors Corp. vice president were held at the Whittier Brothers Funeral Home in Dayton, Ohio. The youth is survived by his parents of 2533 Edndale Drive, Bloomfield township; a twin brother, Robert and a sister, Nancy, both of whom are students at Otterbein College.

Charles died Feb. 14 in an automobile accident near Mount Vernon, Ohio. Ohio Highway Patrol officers said he was crushed against a guard-rail after his car went out of control rounding a curve. He was alone at the time.

Charles was a sophomore at Otterbein College at Westerville, Ohio.

2 Public Hearings Set for March 13

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night set March 13 as the date for two public hearings.

One will be to rezone to public property the land comprising the 141-space island parking lot behind the field building at the North end of Woodward.

The other will be to confirm the sale for the S. Woodward alley improvement special assessment district. The east side alley will be paved from Ruffner to Sheffield.

School Board Adopts Goals for System

A set of goals for the Birmingham School System, authorization of preliminary plans for conducting a survey of community opinions about the schools and appointment of William S. Corliss as Director of Elementary Curriculum were approved at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Kathryn E. Loomis, president, said the board hoped the statement of goals "is, approximately, a crystallization of what a great many parents and interested citizens of the district want their schools to do, and that we can all work together to accomplish these aims."

FIRST on the list of basic goals is to provide each student with as complete an intellectual offering as he can absorb in the language arts, basic sciences, mathematics, social studies and fine arts.

The goals also seek to establish a climate in which each child can excel in his areas of interest, and provide training in basic vocational skills in addition to an academic core.

Other aims are to encourage development and use of creative thought and ability to reason; to develop knowledge and appreciation of our cultural heritage and to emphasize the personal satisfaction obtainable from intellectual pursuits.

The community survey is aimed at providing a tool to help in program planning. Superintendent Otis M. Dickey will make preliminary plans for conducting the survey.

IN OTHER ACTION, the board approved final payment of \$121,574.30 to Pulte-Strang, Inc., general contractor on the Groves School. The payment was made on the recommendation of the architect.

Gas Up, Prices Down

A reduction of 7/10¢ per gallon was announced for Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washington, St. Clair and Livingston Counties.

"We are meeting local competitive prices," said Milo Hector, regional manager for Standard in Detroit. "This is the second reduction this month which now totals 3¢ in less than 30 days."

Standard Oil Division of the American Oil Company recently announced a reduction of 1 1/4¢ a gallon in the price of gasoline to Company Dealers located in Wayne County.

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Serving in Hawaii

Marine Pfc. John E. Akerley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Akerley of 1851 Benaville, Birmingham, is serving as an ordnanceman with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron at the Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Before enlisting in September 1959, Akerley was graduated from Seasholm High School at Birmingham.

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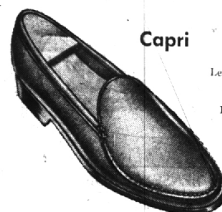
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