

Fire Tragedy Mars Wedding Anniversary



Summer Hobby

Spending a summer afternoon at the Bloomfield Open Hunt is Mrs. Robert C. Fisher of E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

100 YEARS AGO

McClellan Victorious In Western Virginia.

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Special Writer

It was raining hard. Union Gen. W. S. Rosecrank and 1500 troops hacked their way through the underbrush and tangled vines up the side of Rich Mountain in western Virginia.

At their head was a farm boy named Hart who was leading a battalion of Gen. George B. McClellan's army to his father's mountain-top farm.

There, McClellan believed, a vital blow could be delivered to the Confederate army arrayed in front of him.

It was July 11, 100 years ago this week, and the beginning of the battle of Rich Mountain, which was to catapult McClellan into leadership of the Union army and close the first campaign of the war.

McClellan, himself, was moving with the bulk of his army that morning from nearby Buckhannon toward the base of Rich Mountain. For there was his first target, Confederate Col. John Pegram with about 700 men.

HARDLY HAD Rosecrank and his men reached the top when they ran into action. They, awaiting them, were 500 Confederates concealed behind log breastworks.

Rosecrank charged. The Southerners gave fierce resistance but finally were forced to flee into the thicket behind them. Pursuing, the Northerners took 21 prisoners and returned to find 20 other Confederates lying wounded on the field.

Down below, McClellan waited to make a frontal attack on Pegram. Although he heard the fighting from the mountaintop, he held back on the assault until nightfall, and during the night Pegram and the remainder of his men slipped out of their encampment and began a tortuous march along the pathless mountainside.

TEN MILES to the north, Confederate Gen. Robert S. Garnett commanding an army of 3,300 at Laurel Hill, learned of Pegram's fate and began retreating south toward Beverly and Staunton.

Getting a report (false at the time) that McClellan had captured Beverly, Garnett about faced and fled northward. McClellan, meanwhile, crossed Rich Mountain and indeed, captured Beverly, and his men set out in pursuit of Garnett.

The Yankees caught up with Garnett and his men July 13, and a running skirmish continued between the two forces for several miles. A lively encounter was had at Carlick's Ford, and a few miles farther, Garnett, while directing his

A weekend celebration of a 40th wedding anniversary ended in tragedy for two former Birmingham residents and their three Birmingham area guests July 2.

The Spring Lake home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Haasberger, who moved from Lincoln Road in Birmingham last September, was totally destroyed by fire early Monday morning.

Haasberger, his brother, Dr. Jack Haasberger, a Birmingham pediatrician, and close friends of the Haasbergers, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carlisle, 3880 Oak Hill in Bloomfield Township, were awakened by Mrs. Haasberger's cry for help.

Mrs. HAASBERGER was awakened about 8 a.m. by a crackling noise which she thought was caused by a repeat of the previous day's hail storm. She opened the bedroom door to a hallway of smoke and alerted the others.

"We were darn lucky to get out," said Dr. Haasberger, who stated that the house completely burned within 15 minutes.

"We all ran out," said Carlisle, "and within a couple minutes you couldn't get back into the house to save anything."

SEVERAL HEIRLOOMS of silver, china and linen which had been brought over from Scotland were lost in the blaze.

The occupants escaped in their pajamas and drove to town after salvaging their automobiles which were parked at the side of the house.

Fortunately, Carlisle had time to put on his trousers in the pocket of which were his car keys. Haasberger's car keys were left in the house and the men were forced to manually push his car out of the driveway.

ALTHOUGH THE Spring Lake and Grand Haven Volunteer Fire Departments did a fine job, said Carlisle, the house was beyond salvation by the time firemen arrived.

The fire is believed to have been caused by defective wiring.

The group returned to Birmingham Monday afternoon. The Haasbergers are staying with the Carlisles until they can relocate.

Sea Cadet Squadron Formed in the Area

The formation of a Navy League Sea Cadet Squadron will serve boys between the ages of 14 and 17 living in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area was announced this week by Commander James C. Eason, USN, 244 Yamacraw, Birmingham, squadron executive officer.

More than 30 cadets have been attending organizational meetings at the Pontiac Naval Training Center on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. since July 10.

SPONSORED BY the recently formed Southeastern Michigan Council of the Navy League, this is the first sea cadet squadron to be formed in Michigan.

This year, three cadets from this area have been selected to make a Mediterranean cruise. Robert W. Siring, 16, of 5122 Bushhorn, Orchard Lake, will board the USNS ROSE on July 12. Joseph E. Dumas, 15, and Timothy J. Daily, 14, both of Pontiac, will be guests on the USNS UPSHUR beginning Aug. 13 for a three week cruise.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT C. FLEMING, Deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 22nd day of June, A. D. 1961.

Present: Honorable Arthur R. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing claims.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing the claims against the estate shall be the 5th day of September, 1961, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House of the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file with the clerk of said court, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown on the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded, addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ATTEST: R. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

17-18-19

Notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at Bradley Moore & Storage Company, 1435 Astell Road, Birmingham, Michigan, on August 11, 1961, at 10:00 A.M. the following lots of Household goods for storage and other charges due and left by persons listed below:

James Hoffman, 25 Church St., Michigan, Mich.—\$152.24.

Jerry Powers, 215 Holcomb, Des Moines, Iowa—\$40.45.

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Off to Europe

Mrs. R. W. Smith and daughter Sue and son Skip of Birmingham are aboard the Holland-America Liner Rotterdam, just before sailing from New York for an indefinite stay in Europe.