

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Mrs. Alice Burlingame, author of the popular "Down to Earth" column in The Eccentric, was quite pleased this week over a comment about the Detroit Home and Flower Show in Cobo Hall. "Our show is a thousand times better than the one last year," she quoted Robert King, representative of the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, as saying.

MRS. ROBERT VANDERPYL, 30651 Bristol Lane, Birmingham, was chosen this week as one of three winners to compete for a trip to Europe. She was a winner in the daily flower arrangement contest conducted by the Detroit Home and Flower Show. The show will continue until Sunday night.

Merchants Complain About Bad Checks

Birmingham police have received numerous complaints from local merchants in the last month concerning bad checks being passed by a man with a Wisconsin driver's license.

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'Photographer of the Year'

James Israel, 2605 Ayreshire, Bloomfield Hills, displays his "work of art" which recently brought him top award, "Michigan Photographer of the Year," at the 20th annual convention of the Professional Photographers of Michigan in Detroit. He also won the Best of Show Trophy in the direct color class. Israel formerly operated his own studio for over 14 years in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and recently joined General Motors Photographic Department.

Obituary Notices

John J. Faber

After a long illness, John J. Faber, 32425 Sheridan, Birmingham, died Feb. 22 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born March 10, 1874 in Detroit and lived in Birmingham for five years. Surviving is a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Faber of Birmingham.

Prayers were said at the William Vasu Funeral Home with requiem mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Mildred Bennett

Mrs. Mildred Bennett, Executive Director of the Oakland County chapter of the American Red Cross, and who for years was active in children's services, died of a heart attack in her car on Woodward last Wednesday. A resident of Pontiac, Mrs. Bennett was appointed to the county Red Cross post in 1948. She was a graduate of Michigan State University and received a master's degree from Wayne University. Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Everingham of Flint; a son, J. Benjamin and a daughter, Mrs. Helmut C. Heuser of Birmingham and two grandchildren. Memorial services were Saturday at the American Red Cross.

Mrs. F. H. Westcott

Mrs. Frances Howard Westcott, 1051 Riverside, Birmingham, died Feb. 22 at the Arnold Home in Detroit following a long illness. She was born in Mason, Mich., Oct. 12, 1882. She married Fred G. Westcott Sept. 1, 1904 in Albion. Mrs. Westcott attended Albion College. She was a member of PEO Chapter I and a charter member of Fort Panchartrain D.A.R. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Priscilla Anderson of Birmingham and Mrs. William E. Johnson of Washington, D. C.; a sister, Miss Bertha Howard of Mason, Mich., and three grandchildren. Services were Friday from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home with burial in Campbell Cemetery in Parma, Mich.

Ross John Kittle

A former resident of Birmingham, Ross John Kittle, 46, died Monday at his home in Lansing. He was manager of the Portland Works of Thomson Ramo Wooldridge Co. Mr. Kittle attended Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. He was president of the Portland Kiwanis club, past member of the board of directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Birmingham Lodge 44 F & A M, Capital Chapter 9 RAM and an active member of the S.A.E. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Mrs. K. B. Bills and Joan Kittle; mother, Mrs. Florence I. Chappel; two grandchildren and a brother, Kenneth W. of Birmingham. Services will be 11:30 a. m. today from the Estes-Leadley Funeral Home in Lansing. Graveyard Masonic services will be given 8 p. m. today by Birmingham Lodge 44 at Acacia Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Glen Davis

Mrs. Glen M. (Alice) Davis, 947 Madison, Birmingham, died Feb. 21 at Harper Hospital in Detroit after a long illness. She was born in Toledo, Ohio, June 10, 1906. She lived in Birmingham for 23 years. She attended Sneed School for Girls in Toledo, Lake Erie College and Wellesley College. Mrs. Davis was a member of Detroit and Birmingham Wellesley Club, Junior Goodwill Industries, Village Woman's Club, Birmingham AAUW, Birmingham Music Guild and Christ Church Cranbrook. Surviving are her husband, a daughter, Dorothy Davis Pruden of Hokokus, N. J.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles J. Cole of Toledo and Mrs. Mabel Patterson of Weston, Mass.; also her mother, Mrs. Wal-

ter G. Kirkbride of Toledo and three grandchildren. Services were Friday from Christ Church Cranbrook with burial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the funeral home of the William R. Hamilton Co.

Harry W. Huetter

Harry W. Huetter, 7155 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, died Sunday in Highland Park General Hospital following a long illness. He was born March 23, 1911 in Illinois.

Mr. Huetter was owner of the Franklin Hardware store and a member of Franklin Volunteer Fire Department. He has been a resident of that area for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Emma, a son, Glen Allan; his mother, Mrs. E. Huetter; four sisters and a brother. Services were Wednesday from the William Vasu Funeral Home with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Dr. N. G. Deffenbaugh

Dr. N. G. Deffenbaugh of Detroit, mother of George S. Deffenbaugh of Beechwood Road, Birmingham, died Feb. 21 at Women's Hospital. She was born July 14, 1877 in Newton, Iowa. Besides her son, she is survived by a brother, Dr. J. Myron Carr of California and a sister, Mrs. Cora Hill of Lincoln, Neb. Services were Saturday from the William R. Hamilton Co. with burial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. F. B. Krause

After a long illness, Mrs. Florence Bishop Krause, 711 Bird Street, Birmingham, died Tuesday at Oakland County Medical Facilities in Pontiac. She was 80. She was a member of United Brethren Church in Birmingham. Surviving are a brother, Albert Bishop of Florida and several nieces and nephews. Services will be 1 p. m. Friday from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Mrs. John Moloney

Mrs. John (Dorothy) Moloney, 1791 Holland, Birmingham, died Wednesday after a long illness. She was 79. Surviving are her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Howard Kohrt of Birmingham; a son, James E. Moloney of Muskegon; and nine grandchildren. Funeral services will be 2 p. m. Friday from the William Vasu Funeral Home, 4515 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery.

B'ham Supports Bill to Eliminate Car Excise Taxes

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night decided to support a position taken by the city of Flint relative to abolishing the Federal Excise Tax on motor vehicles. They acted on a letter from Mayor Charles A. Mobley of Flint. "Since the Korean War," said Mobley, "there has been imposed upon the automotive industry a 10 per cent Federal Excise Tax levied against motor vehicles manufactured in this country. "AT THE present session of Congress a bill (H.R. 3647) has been introduced which would abolish this tax. "It is the opinion of the legislative body of this city that the bill should be passed by the House. Mobley felt that elimination of the tax would stimulate the national economy. Birmingham commissioners expressed hope that local residents would write their congressmen, asking for support of the bill.

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Curriculum Study In Final Stages K. A. Meade Says

The study of the Birmingham secondary school curriculum is entering its final stages, according to Kenneth A. Meade, chairman of the steering committee of the PTA Council Citizens' Committee for the Study of Curriculum. According to Meade, a total of over 40 persons, organized into 16

sub-groups, have been exploring all areas of the junior and senior high curriculums for the past three years. Reports of the groups studying English, mathematics, science, social studies and foreign languages are currently being reviewed by the steering committee. A combined report on the academic areas of the curriculum will be forwarded to the PTA Council this month. A report of the non-academic subjects will be made to the Council in May. Both reports will then be made available to the Board of Education by the Council as a guide for future planning. Major industries which will bargain in 1961 include automobile, rubber, trucking, meatpacking, machinery and maritime, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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