

Woman Dies; Husband, Daughter Hurt in Fire

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Mrs. Lois Richardson, 43, died last week in a fire that seriously injured her husband and six-year-old daughter.

Harry Richardson, 49, is in poor condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. His daughter, Lynn, is in fair condition at the same hospital.

Another daughter, Kay, 16, was treated for smoke inhalation and shock at the hospital and released. Damage to the home and contents was estimated by firemen at about \$38,000. The cause of the Jan. 17 fire has not yet been determined. The house is located at 3570 Franklin Road.

Richardson, who discovered the fire which started in her bedroom, returned to the home in the belief that a family member was still inside. The daughter, Kay, ran to a neighbor's home about 3:30 a.m. to summon the fire department after being awakened by her mother.

Richardson carried his younger daughter outside.

The township fire department used all their equipment and every available man, including 18 volunteers, to fight the blaze. Although the fire was under control in about 45 minutes, it took nearly two hours to extinguish the flames.

One other daughter was away at college at the time of the fire.

MRS. RICHARDSON'S body was found on the living room floor of the \$46,000 home by firemen. Richardson, a director of Bulldog Electric Products division's Ohio operation and his two daughters were found in front of the burning home in near-zero temperatures. They were immediately taken to the hospital.

Richardson suffered extensive burns over much of his body. Lynn, who had second-degree burns on both hands also suffered smoke inhalation.

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other term. She has served one three-year term on the board.

James E. Tabin, 756 S. Glenhurst, a member of the library board since 1957, said that he would again seek re-election.

Mrs. Doris Mosher, 351 McInerney, has announced that she would be a candidate for the library board vacancy.

Both Municipal Judges John C. and Edward B. Emery have announced that they would seek re-election.

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Sign of the Times

Representatives of six groups that might oppose the Birmingham Masonic Temple Association's proposed new temple gathered at Woodward and Chesterfield, Saturday to erect the site sign. From left front row: W. Lyle Bones, president of the Masonic Temple Association; Charles Loudermilk, High Priest Royal Arch Masons; and Mrs. Alex McVean, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star. Back row: Frank B. Hardy, president of the Birmingham High Twelve Club; John R. Willingham and Robert N. Lund of the Bloomfield Hills High Twelve; and A. Jack Lawrie, Worshipful Master of Birmingham Lodge No. 44 F & A M.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Everyone Should Read Business District Plan

To the Editor:

Ever since I first read about the Central Business District Plan two years ago in The Birmingham Eccentric I have been waiting patiently for some sort of an explanation about the peripheral route.

As I visualize it, it cuts for the flow of traffic around the edges of the business district, while the business area would be kept relatively free of this nuisance.

Traffic would be routed along Chester Street, past Baldwin School, where 509 children attend, already a badly congested area. Chester Street would be widened, and the trees cut down, in order to accommodate this flood of cars.

Traffic would be diverted at Brown Street, which is presently one of the areas of greatest concern to the parents of Baldwin School children and where the Safety Patrol boys already find great difficulty in crossing the children safely.

is the idea to make conditions so intolerable that the school board will be forced to close Baldwin School and trade its valuable "city property" to the City for its plan development?

When questioned last year, the school board denied that it had any intention of closing Baldwin School.

THE THING that upsets me the most about the Central Business District Plan is the order in which it is to be carried out.

FIRST, you route traffic down into the adjoining areas then some years later you close off some of the streets to protect the residents. FIRST, you route traffic past the schools—then some years later the plan shows that the school has miraculously "disappeared" and a civic auditorium or parking lot stands in its place.

What happens in the interim to protect the lives of the children and the values of the surrounding property?

EVEN THE new committee, which is made up of representative civic groups of the town, and is to meet Feb. 14 to discuss the Central Business District Plan, does not include anyone from a residents' group in the affected areas or a member of the PTA from the schools involved.

I think everyone who lives in Birmingham should get a copy of the plan from the plan board in the municipal building, and study it carefully. The child you endanger might be your own.

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School

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city recommended to support their instructional program.

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is the new junior high, as yet unnamed, become a two-year school housing grades 7 and 8 and that Groves serve as a four-year school housing grades 9 through 12. No change was required in grade levels served at Derby, Barnum and Seaholm Nesbitt said.

The administration used the present elementary attendance areas as a basis for establishing the new secondary boundaries, Nesbitt said.

ANOTHER FACTOR in setting up the new boundaries was consideration of the designed capacities of the schools involved.

"We also tried to minimize the number of students that would have to be transferred," Nesbitt said. "We believe that if a student starts at a certain school he should be allowed to finish at that school."

THE NEW BOUNDARIES for the secondary schools are:

Barnum, housing grades 7, 8 and 9 with students from Baldwin, Midvale, Pierce and Quanton schools.

Derby will house students in grades 7, 8 and 9 with students from Adams, Bloomfield, Pembroke, Torry and Westchester.

The new junior high will house students in grades 7 and 8 from Beverly, Frasin, Greenfield, Harlan, Meadow Lake, Valley Woods and Walnut Lake schools. Ninth grade students from these school areas will attend Groves High School.

GROVES WILL HOUSE grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 with students from the areas of Beverly, Frasin, Greenfield, Harlan, Meadow Lake, Walnut Lake and Valley Woods schools. Former Harlan and Valley Woods students who are now attending Seaholm will not be transferred.

Seaholm will house grades 10, 11 and 12 with students from Adams, Baldwin, Bloomfield, Midvale, Pembroke, Pierce, Quanton, Torry and Westchester school areas.

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Seven Injured As Cars Crash In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—Seven persons were injured in a two-car crash Friday afternoon at 13 Mile and Lather roads.

In satisfactory condition at William Beaumont Hospital is Herman Fiebig, Jr., 32, of Pontiac, who suffered broken ribs and internal injuries. He was the driver of one of the cars.

Also in satisfactory condition are Herman Fiebig, Sr., 62, who suffered head injuries and bruises and his wife, 63, who suffered a broken nose, ribs, right wrist and hand. Mr. and Mrs. Fiebig, Sr., live at 30454 Greenbriar, Franklin.

Benich, 18, of Dearborn, was listed by police as injured but was not treated at Beaumont, hospital authorities said.

Witnesses said the younger Fiebig ran a red light, according to police. He was traveling east on 13 Mile Road. Riddle was driving south on Lather when the accident occurred.



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