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Yule Decorations

Ted Fredley (with hammer) and Don Otero of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce put the finishing touches on the Christmas decorations at LaBelle's on Maple. Volunteer workers from the Jaycees spent the last two weekends decorating nearly 160 stores in the area for the holidays.

Findings

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raised on the financial implications of the recommendations the majority of its committee members felt their major responsibility was to present the recommendations without attempting to assess them in terms of available or possibly available dollars.

The latter responsibility rests primarily with the board of education," Lyman said. "It is no accident that the first general recommendation carries the highest price tag."

"The order of listing of these recommendations indicated the steering committee's feeling about priorities," he said.

IN SUGGESTING the smaller class sizes, the committee said the financial implications were obvious to them but so were the educational implications.

The committee felt strongly that smaller classes would give teachers more time for individual instruction, both for the gifted and less-gifted child, for better planning and for more counseling and guidance.

In achieving the average figure of 25 to 1, the committee felt the primary grades should contain fewer students than the 4th, 5th and 6th grades but an effort should be made to avoid any class size much above 25.

DURING ITS study the committee found many Birmingham teachers readily admitted the inadequacy of their own training in academic disciplines.

The committee felt that the most effective method of forcing schools of education and state boards of education to move toward an academic direction was to show a strong preference for teachers with a liberal arts training.

In recommending release time for teachers, the committee recommends closing the schools periodically to allow the teachers time for planning and an exchange of ideas.

Because a teacher is with her students all morning and afternoon, the committee felt the lunchroom duty and playground duty should be taken from the teacher.

It was suggested the board might look into the possibility of paying mothers to take over these duties.

BIRMINGHAM'S school day, it was found, is shorter by one-half hour than most of the nearby school districts. The extra time, it was felt, was needed to implement certain specific recommendations by the committee.

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"I cannot find words to express my wonderment and appreciation at the energy, enthusiasm and dedication shown by those who participated in this study," he said.

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who wants to purchase 83.5 acres in Avon Township. The prepayment will cover the time from Jan. 1, 1964, to June 30, 1964.

A BID FROM Motorola for \$564.50 for a new radio base station was accepted. Conclinen Chester Guilmet and Edward F. Dolan voted no on the motion, as they felt the subject had not been looked into enough.

An error in the cost estimate for caring for the north side of 13 Mile Road for the City of Southfield was corrected to \$405.45, instead of \$990.90. Only half of the road is involved and the estimate was for the whole road.

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Obituary Notices

Joseph F. Richardson

Joseph F. Richardson, 60, of Troy, died Nov. 27 in University Hospital, Ann Arbor, where he had been for 10 days. A machine repairman for Oakland Industries, Fraser, Mr. Richardson had lived in Troy for 30 years.

The Rev. E. K. Stroth of Bible Baptist Church, Troy, conducted funeral services Saturday in the Gramer Funeral Home, Clawson. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Susie; 11 children; 14 grandchildren; two brothers and a sister.

Dr. John D. Monroe

Dr. John D. Monroe, 71, Oakland County's health director since 1926, died unexpectedly Monday after a brief illness. He was also medical examiner for the county and health director for the City of Pontiac. He was president of the Michigan Public Health Association and also served as president of the Oakland County Medical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Hackett of Waterford Township; a son, Army Sp-5 Jack Turner of Washington, D. C.; a sister and four grandchildren.

Services took place Wednesday in the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac, with burial following in White Chapel Cemetery.

Arthur Wingerden

Former Birmingham resident and employee of The Birmingham Eccentric, Arthur Wingerden, died Nov. 27 in Largo, Fla., where he was making his home. He was a member of the Lions Club of Birmingham.

Survivors include his wife, Peg, and two sons, Jack and James.

Wallace A. Borts

Wallace A. Borts, 69, of Royal Oak died Monday in William Beaumont Hospital following a three-month illness.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; a daughter, Mrs. David Lewis of Birmingham; two sons, Wallace A., Jr., of Lathrup Village and Ralph of Caro; two brothers, a sister and three grandchildren.

Services took place Wednesday in the Kinsey Funeral Home, Royal Oak, with burial following in White Chapel Cemetery.

Harry Woolley

Services for Harry Woolley, 75, of W. Bloomfield Township took place Saturday in the Sparks-Giffen Funeral Home, Pontiac. Burial followed in White Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Woolley, a sales engineer, died Nov. 28 following a brief illness. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and Masonic Lodge in Youngstown, O.

Survivors include two sons, Harry I. of Orchard Lake and John R. of Simi, Calif.; a daughter, Marjorie of Simi, and two sisters.

Mrs. Agnes Arthur

Services for Mrs. Agnes Arthur of 31820 Bellvue Trail, Beverly Hills, will take place this morning at 11 a.m. in Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. Mrs. Arthur died Tuesday in William Beaumont Hospital.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Albert H. Gatward, with whom she made her home; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Price, and three grandchildren.

Harold W. Holmes

Harold Wheeler Holmes, 79, of 512 Madison, Birmingham, died Sunday following a prolonged illness. Born in Detroit, Mr. Holmes was prominent in business and industry in that area for many years. He was a 1906 graduate of the University of Michigan.

Survivors include his wife, Susie Starke; a son, William E., of Birmingham and two sisters, Mrs. Helen Spinning and Mrs. Ruth Gordon, also of Birmingham.

Funeral services, arranged by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., took place Tuesday in Christ Church Cranbrook, with burial following in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

The family asks that contributions be made to Christ Church Cranbrook.

Mrs. John R. Foster

Mrs. John R. (Ruth Juanita) Foster, 44, of W. Bloomfield, died suddenly Nov. 26 in her home. In addition to her husband, Dr. Foster, who practices dentistry in Birmingham, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Russell Reich; seven grandchildren; her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Sheldon of Tucson, Ariz., and a sister, Mrs. Esther Rausch of Phoenix, Ariz. She was a member of Orchard Lake Community Church.

Funeral services took place Friday in the Godhardt Funeral Home, Keego Harbor, with burial in White Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Ida Shiffman

Mrs. Ida Shiffman, 82, of Detroit died Monday. She was the mother of Ansel Shiffman and Mrs. Harold Soble, both of Southfield, and Dr. Bernard Seyburn of Royal Oak. She leaves one other daughter; 15 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren and one brother.

Services were held Wednesday in the Ira Kinsey Chapel, with interment following in Turnover-Pare in Cemetery.

Mrs. Robert E. Mills

Mrs. Robert E. (Ila) Mills, 39, of Southfield died of a heart attack Tuesday in Henry Ford Hospital. Funeral services will be held Friday in the Dagette Funeral Home, Barrington, with burial in the North Brinton Cemetery there.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Mills is survived by a son, Danny L.; her mother, Mrs. Flossie M. Scott; three brothers and a sister.

Mrs. Truman W. (Marion Wood) Eustis

Mrs. Truman W. (Marion Wood) Eustis, 67, of 871 Linden, Birmingham, died Monday in Harper Hospital. A Birmingham resident for 31 years, Mrs. Eustis was a graduate of Smith College and a member of the Association of American University Women; PEO; Village Woman's Club and Christ Church Cranbrook.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, John N.; Richard W. and Truman W. III; two sisters and two grandchildren.

Funeral services, arranged by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., took place Wednesday in Christ Church Cranbrook, followed by burial in Hinsdale, Ill.

Richard Wagner

Richard Wagner, 62, of 660 Abbey, Birmingham, died Nov. 28 in William Beaumont Hospital. Services, arranged by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., took place Saturday in Christ Church Cranbrook. Survivors include his wife, Virginia, and two sons, Richard and Hampton.

Mr. Wagner was secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Tag Co. of Grand Rapids. He was a son of one of the founders of the Wagner Baking Co., Detroit, which since has become the Continental Baking Co.

A native of Detroit, he was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, the Detroit Golf Club and the Reccas Club.

Hospital

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Fitzgerald pointed out that this wing will contain services such as the emergency room, x-ray and physical therapy facilities, and will be ready for occupancy the summer of 1964.

EQUIPMENT AND facilities in the new top five floors will include some of the most newly-innovated concepts in hospital construction, said Fitzgerald.

Sub-acute patients, or those who can take care of some of their own needs, will be able to choose meals from a cafeteria-styled luncheon room instead of eating in their own rooms. "This has a tremendous therapeutic effect," said Fitzgerald.

The intensive care section on the top floor will be designed into eight wedge-shaped rooms that form a circle around a nursing center. In this way, one nurse can watch all eight rooms by merely revolving 360 degrees in her center cubicle, simulating private duty nursing.

Santa to Visit Hospitals, Homes

As many people in the Birmingham area have already observed, Santa Claus has been riding around in a 1964 red Rambler convertible.

Santa has made a special trip to the Birmingham area in order to visit children in hospitals and orphanages, and children who are shut-in at home with illness.

Village Rambler president Bill Farrar who is responsible for Santa's special visits, stated that any parent or guardian who wishes can arrange a visit from Santa Claus. They need simply stop in 46 Village Rammers, 696 S. Woodward Avenue, and see Farrar, or call him at MI 6-9900.

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