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SUSPECT IN TROY AX MURDER
William G. Gravin awaits trial for September slayings.

B'field Family Escapes Death In Plane Crash

A Bloomfield Township family of five had a close brush with death Sunday when their airplane crashed into a back yard just north of Pontiac Municipal Airport.

Robert C. Hollenback, 35, of 3070 Betsy Ross; his wife, Joan, 34, and their children, James, 14, Catherine, 12, and Robert, Jr., 10, walked away from the wreckage.

Hollenback, who suffered internal injuries, was later admitted to St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac.

The single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza clipped a power line and uprooted a tree before landing in the yard of a Waterford Township home.

HOLLENBACK told police that the plane's aileron, a control flap on the wing, failed to function after he had made a 90-degree left turn.

He said he was taking the family on a pleasure flight when the malfunction occurred. Hollenback has had 130 hours of flying experience.

Winners Announced In Yule Decoration Contest in Franklin

FRANKLIN—Residents who remembered to turn on their outdoor holiday decorations Monday night were considered contestants in the judging held by the Franklin Community Association.

Cruising up and down every gaily-lighted road in the village were Edward Crane, AID owner of Design Interiors; Cecil Frey, owner of Pencilpushers; and Len Madge, artist and former association president.

The three judges awarded first place, with a prize of tickets to the annual President's Ball in February, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Scharges, 30921 Roberts Drive.

Second PLACE, a year's paid membership to the association, went to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barnes, 30652 N. Greenbriar Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Peters, 30538 Hickory Lane, won third prize.

Winners of the five honorable mentions were Dr. and Mrs. John Burger, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Di Giovanni, Mr. and Mrs. George Rumball, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holderness and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Nauseda.

Marine Promoted While in Japan

Marine Sgt. John H. Walker, son of Mrs. Cecil B. Walker of 195 Catalpa Drive, Birmingham, and husband of the former Miss Sharon K. Bowley of Clawson was promoted to his present rank Dec. 1 while serving with Marine Air Control Squadron Eight at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, Japan.

His promotion was based on time in service and rank, military appearance and his knowledge of selected military subjects.

THE SQUADRON provides close air support for the sea assault forces of the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Far East, and the Third Marine Division based on Okinawa.

Before entering the service in October 1960, Walker was employed with Eton Shell Service, Birmingham. He was graduated from Birmingham High School.

Major News

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two-story proponent listed on the ballot, was elected to a two-year term.

TWO DEATHS and three serious accidents in one week prompted Bloomfield Township officials in June to demand that the state highway department remove a concrete median strip in the center of Telegraph Road.

The mishaps were the result of motorists hitting the median, losing control of their vehicles and hurtling across the strip into oncoming traffic.

The highway department promised to install 1,000 feet of steel guard rail north of the Maple-Telegraph intersection, widen the intersection, install no-left-turn signs and paint each side of the median with yellow lines.

Thus far, only the signs and the painted lines have been delivered.

Just a few weeks ago the township board drafted a resolution asking the newly-created state highway commission to take steps in an effort to make Telegraph Road a safer place to travel.

SCHOOLS MADE news in 1964

Based on a survey by Michigan State University experts in January, the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education asked for and received a voter approval of a \$7 million bond issue for construction of new facilities to meet the district's needs over the next four years.

The favorable vote on June 8 will make it possible to build a second high school, a third junior high, two elementary schools and additions at the present to two high schools and four elementary schools.

Planning for the high school has been delayed since August when a group of property owners filed suit in circuit court in an effort to halt construction of the building on a site at Labser and Hickory Grove.

IN MARCH, Franklin voters passed two charter amendments, a "single issue" proposition and elected Richard H. Oberschulte the new village president.

An amendment allowed the village to issue general obligation bonds to finance the improvement of village streets and the companion bonding question set the sum at \$200,000. Approval of the two made it possible for all of Franklin's gravel roads to be hard-surfaced.

The second amendment permitted the village to acquire by gift, purchase or lease personal property valued up to \$5,000.

EARLY IN the year Birmingham and Oakland County announced they would cooperate in the cutting through of 14 Mile Road from Southfield to Evergreen.

But this was before Beverly Hills had its say on the proposal.

The village, which has jurisdiction over part of the road, turned thumbs down on the proposal, which many residents feel would be detrimental to the community.

"They fear the additional traffic that would use 14 Mile if it were a through street and often ask the question, 'why should we have to solve Birmingham's traffic problems?'"

Beverly's approval is necessary before the project can be accomplished.

The question of whether Beverly Hills and Oakland County should

undertake the widening of Southfield Road from two to five lanes between 13 and 14 Mile Roads has been discussed several times this year, but no definite decision has been made.

AN INTRUDER, whom police believe was the notorious Grosse Pointe "cat burglar," crept into two homes in the Birmingham area in July and made off with more than \$6,000 in jewels.

The burglar gained entry to a Bloomfield Township home by resisting the knob off a back door. Although Birmingham and township police cooperated on the case, the burglaries remain unsolved.

In August, the Bloomfield Township Board allocated \$280,000 for a new master fire station and additions to the township jail.

The new station, to be located on a 10-acre parcel just south of the township offices, will cost about \$200,000. Cost of the structure will be paid from a fire department building fund established in 1956.

Renovation of the hall, now under way, includes enlarging of offices upstairs and improving police department facilities downstairs.

DURING 1964 the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education worked out an incentive salary schedule which will be presented to voters on Feb. 8. The board will ask that an increase of 3.3 mills in operating millage be approved to improve teachers' pay.

In the Nov. 3 general election, President Johnson picked up a significant number of Republican votes in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area en route to a landslide victory nationally.

Gov. George Romney of Bloomfield Hills surprised political experts in being re-elected to a second term by almost 400,000 votes while the Johnson-Humphrey ticket was winning the state over Goldwater-Miller by more than 1,000,000.

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