

B'ham Youth Dies After Auto Crash

John E. Perry, age 19, of 31110 Churchhill, Birmingham, died Sunday in William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak of injuries he received Saturday in an auto crash. At 1 a.m., on Southfield at 10 Mile, Southfield, Perry's car crashed into a vehicle driven by David Cooper, 42, of 25665 Catalina Southfield.

Perry's car then bounced off and struck a car driven by Dr. Fred C. Dickman, 19654 Rainbow, Lathrup Village. Cooper's and Dickman's cars were side by side in north-bound lanes of Southfield.

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HART, A NATIVE OF New York who came to Michigan in 1959, headed the advance program in Romney's 1962 campaign. He resides at 4820 N. Adams, Birmingham.

Hart was graduated from Yale University in 1948 with a degree in history and taught at Milton Academy in Massachusetts and St. Johns School in Houston, Tex., before joining Tove Manufacturing Corp. in Minneapolis in 1954 as director of its international division.

He came to Michigan in 1959 as director of new business promotion for Harley Earl Associates in Warren and in 1961 joined the public relations department of Michigan Bell.

In 1951-53, he served in the Army counter intelligence corps in Germany.

He is married to the former Patricia Sweney, and they have three children: Mary, 4, Richard, 3, and Rebecca, born on June 2.

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Resident Asks For Tax Break In Old Homes

Should the owners of older homes that have been remodeled get special consideration on their property taxes?

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night received a letter from Burke Bartlett suggesting the idea.

Bartlett, who owns a home at 535 Merrill, believes the owners of old homes should be allowed to submit to the city each year their invoices for capital maintenance and improvement expenditures and get a percentage consideration on city taxes.

"The houses eligible under the plan would be identified as historical homes by a plaque affixed to them," Bartlett said.

The effect he said would be threefold:

1. Owners would be encouraged to maintain these homes.
2. Owners would be able to secure better quality tenants for them, which would tend to stabilize the nature of the older section of the city.
3. The city would acquire an asset in the form of a more permanent tax base.

Bartlett said it appeared his motives were selfish but assured commissioners that "this was not entirely so."

Citing his own home as an example, Bartlett suggested some of the improvements that might be made.

"We had it insulated, installed new duct work, forced air gas furnace, plastered walls, dropped the basement floor, overhauled plumbing and decorated inside and out.

"We now have the very highest type of tenants in the house," he said.

The older homes, he said, require more than most houses for upkeep and the tax break would encourage better maintenance.

"We invite you (the commission) to inspect 535 Merrill and see what can be done with a historically-important house that was fast falling apart and had become an eyesore," he said.

"Birmingham might earn national attention with a program such as this," he said.

Commissioners took the letter under advisement.

Allen

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In 1955 Allen was elected to the Birmingham City Commission and in 1956 was elected mayor of the city. He was named city attorney of Southfield in 1958.

ALLEN WAS RAISED in Birmingham and graduated from Baldwin High School in 1936. The University of Michigan awarded him his AB degree in 1940 and his law degree in 1943.

Allen is the fourth generation of a long line of civic-minded men. His father, Harry Allen, served as president of the village of Birmingham and was its first mayor when it became a city in 1938. Allen's grandfather had also been village president, and his great-grandfather was a village trustee.

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A Troy policeman climbs into the cabin of the plane in an effort to free Fire Chief George Scott from wreckage. Scott and George Berz were trapped in the plane. The third victim, Charles Farnum, was thrown from the craft.

Crash

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plane, either, because he was usually kept busy gassing up planes for take-off.

Dr. Robert A. Rooney, 2720 Pine Hill, told police he was sitting in his living room when he looked out and saw the plane go down.

The doctor raced to the scene, but apparently all three men had been killed instantly.

SCOTT WAS slumped over the wheel. His watch had stopped at 8:52 a.m. The plane had left the airport at 8:35 a.m.

Farnum, 49, was thrown out of the plane and lay in the tangled wreckage, near the right wing.

The fuselage of the craft, which came to rest on its belly, had broken in several places. The wings were still intact.

This was the second fatal crash involving planes from Berz in the last four months.

In February Mrs. Charles D. Marsh, 49, of 381 Cranbrook Bloomfield Hills, was killed when a plane piloted by her husband crashed into an industrial subdivision just south of the airport.

ALL THREE of the current victims were experienced pilots. Farnum had been flying for 22 years and was a full-time instructor at Berz Airport.

Berz, who had recently become a father for the first time, had had a pilot's license since he was a teenager.

Chief Scott saw action as a flyer in both World War II and the Korean War and had served as naval flight instructor. He had been giving flying lessons on weekends for about five years.

The 46-year-old Scott had been fire chief since February, 1963. He had joined the department on June 18, 1956, as a firefighter.

A NATIVE of Birmingham, he left the department in 1940 to join the Navy. He rose to the rank of lieutenant in the Naval Air Force.

He returned to Birmingham in 1945 and was appointed the city's



GEORGE BERZ

first fire marshal in July, 1946, a position he held until he was named chief.

In 1950 Scott took a leave from the department and re-entered the service. He returned to Birmingham in September, 1952.

The chief was a father of three and his wife Eileen is expecting another child in September. Surviving are a daughter, Jane S.; two sons, George W. and Rodney; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Scott of Dryden; two brothers, Leonard and Clarence, and three sisters Mrs. Florence Groudin, Mrs. Ida Haimbaugh and Mrs. Patricia Klugh, all of Leonard.

The Scott home is at 787 Hazelwood.

BIRMINGHAM Mayor Charles W. Renfrew called Scott's death "tragic."

"I am sure the public shares in the sense of loss in the death of Chief George Scott. He was an outstanding public servant and citizen," Renfrew said.

"We of the city grieve with the family at his loss."

Active in community affairs, Scott was a member of the Birmingham Exchange Club, Metropolitan Club and the Southern Michigan Fire Chief's Association.

Funeral services for the chief were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Name Church.

Six Birmingham firemen in dress uniform served as pallbearers. The other members of the department formed an honor guard for the casket.

A delegation from the Fire Chief's Association attended the burial services.

BIRMINGHAM'S Adams and Chesterfield fire stations were manned by members of the Royal Oak and Ferndale departments so the local firefighters could attend the funeral.

Acting Fire Chief Stanley Pepperell said offers of stand-by assistance had been received from almost every department in southern Oakland County.

Chief Scott was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the William R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple.

Services for Berz were held from the same chapel Wednesday afternoon. Farnum was also buried Wednesday afternoon.

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