

Residents Flee Spreading Fire in West

'Torpedo' Never Produced

Burial Is Slated for Car Inventor

YPSILANTI (INS) — Funeral service for Preston Thomas Tucker, who tossed millions of dollars around like marbles but never got his "dream car" into production, will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday in Ypsilanti.

Burial will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. The 53-year-old would-be automobile manufacturer died late yesterday in Beyer Memorial Hospital, Ypsilanti. Suffering from lung cancer, Tucker entered the hospital three weeks ago and contracted pneumonia shortly before his death.

Tucker was best known for his revolutionary post-war rear-engine "Torpedo," which turned out to be a \$28 million flop.

The Securities Exchange Commission called the car an "engineering monstrosity" and some states prohibited trading in the company's stock, which dipped from \$5 a share to 40 cents before the firm went bankrupt.

In 1946, Tucker leased from the government the war surplus Chrysler-Dodge airplane engine plant in Chicago and obtained an option to buy it for \$30 million.

He gathered about him some of the top minds in the auto industry and announced plans to employ 35,000 workers and produce 1,500 cars a day.

TIN GOOSE COLLAPSED

The following year, the "Tucker Torpedo" was denounced as a "Tin Goose" that collapsed to the floor before it was run off the assembly line.

In 1949, Tucker and seven associates were brought to trial for mail fraud, but were finally acquitted. They lost the plant the same year and by 1955, the company was bankrupt. Tucker blamed big Detroit interests for keeping his car off the market.

Born in Capac, Tucker joined the Lincoln Park Police Department in 1923 and served as a motorcycle cop for several years before entering the automotive industry.

He operated the Tucker Corporation in Chicago and the Ypsilanti Machine and Tool Company.

One of Tucker's sons said his father never gave up. When he was stricken with his final illness he was negotiating with Brazilian financiers to put a small car on the South American market. He had made annual trips to Brazil for three years.

Just Forget the Tree—Return Tie by Jan. 3

If you can't stand that new Christmas tie, or that sweater in two sizes too small, and you would rather have cash instead of that square egg fryer, you have until Jan. 3 in Pontiac to make these exchanges.

The Retail Merchants Assn. of the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday exchanges of Christmas gift merchandise should be made no later than Thursday, Jan. 3.

This date is also applicable to all stores in the Tel-Huron Shopping center, according to Fred J. Nielsen, president of the Tel-Huron Merchants Assn.



PRESTON TUCKER

Award Prizes for Yule Display

Jaycees Name Winners in Citywide Competition for Best Lighting

Grand prize in the 1956 Pontiac Junior Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest went to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cox of 963 Kenilworth Ave.

Winner on the east side of Pontiac was Paul Leith at 42 N. Ardmore Ave. West side winner was William J. Roach of 1005 Canterbury Dr.

The judging of the 25 entries in this year's contest was held last night. Judges were Pontiac General Hospital Director Miss Lauretta Paul, Leslie H. Hudson, Pontiac's State Representative, Wayne H. Gabert, local appliance dealer, and Curtis E. Patton, local insurance agent.

Robert Elert, chairman of the event, called the contest "very successful and very close." "I only hope we get more entries for next year," he said.

The Cox display will be photographed and submitted as the city's entry in the \$5,000 General Electric nationwide lighting contest. The Cox's received a steam iron and electric frying pan as grand prize.

The east and west side winners will receive engraved plaques. The Cox display centered around a large three-section picture window in their home. Mrs. Cox painted the Nativity Scene, Three Wise Men, and Shepherds in the three panels. Outside were decorated trees and a victrola playing Christmas carols.

Hoffa Proposes to Halt Trucks for 36 Hours

Says Tieup Starting Saturday Planned as Protest to Legal Ban

DETROIT (AP)—Plans for a threatened 36-hour halt to much of Michigan's trucking operations will be taken up today by the Teamsters Union.

The proposal by teamster boss James R. Hoffa goes before stewards of the union tonight at 8 o'clock.

Hoffa revealed yesterday that he would order almost all truck operations in the state suspended between 9 a.m. Saturday and 9 p.m. Sunday. The stoppage would dramatize the union's opposition to a proposed state law which would ban most trucking on Michigan highways on weekends and holidays.

Hoffa said he would pull some 4,000 truck drivers off the road. But he said the stoppage would not affect delivery of milk, bread and other foodstuffs.

While he did not spell out the scope of the threatened shutdown, a source close to the trucking industry said it probably would not halt such regularly scheduled deliveries as newspapers.

WOULD HALT HAULWAYS

It would primarily halt the movement of haulways, moving vans, gasoline tankers and auto parts trucks, the source said.

The association called on Detroit Mayor Albert E. Cobo for help in persuading Hoffa against carrying out his threat. Trucking officials also appealed to the office of Gov. Williams for aid in blocking the stoppage.

William W. Johnston, managing director of the association, said his group joins the teamsters union in opposing the proposed bill banning weekend truck operations.

But he said to suspend operations until 9 p.m. Sunday and then release a flood of trucks on Michigan highways in the midst of the New Year's holiday travel might prove "disastrous" to public safety.

A bill to curtail trucking on Michigan highways on weekends and holidays came up in the last legislative session but was defeated. But an identical measure is scheduled to be introduced at the lawmaking session beginning next month.

Sponsors of the plan say that restricting truck travel to week days would leave the highways free for motorists on weekends and cut down traffic accidents. Similar laws have been passed in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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Mountain of Fire Threatens House



ROARING FLAMES—Uncontrolled fire roars around this home in the Santa Monica Mountains of California as a firefighter stands by. Water sprinklers on the roof helped spare it. Officials said the brush fire has so far charred more than 15,500 acres of land north of the film colony at Malibu.

Bus Franchise Lost in Florida

By INS
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Police today arrested the manager and nine drivers of the Cities Transit Company for running a bus company without a franchise.

The arrests came as a result of a meeting of the city commission late last night in which the members voted to revoke the company's franchise "because it was not enforcing a city ordinance requiring segregation on city buses."

In Birmingham, Ala., Negroes were riding the buses this morning, in a segregated seating arrangement. Police reported no arrests or complaints.

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movement on the buses, until the cases of the 21 Negroes arrested yesterday come up for court action.

However, the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, a Negro leader in Birmingham, read a telegram from the Rev. Martin L. King, a Negro integration leader in Montgomery, asking Negroes to continue riding the buses.

In Montgomery, Ala., violence erupted last night when rifle and shotgun fire riddled two city buses. No one was hurt, but the shootings marked the most serious action in Montgomery since the Supreme Court order became effective and whites and Negroes began riding the buses on an equal basis.

Tallahassee bus operation returned to normal about an hour after bus company manager Charles Carter and the nine drivers, including two Negroes, were released on \$100 cash bond each.

Tallahassee Police Chief Frank Stoutamire told the company that "if they didn't maintain segregation now, possibly more drastic action would be taken later today."

K. E. Tote, vice president of the National City Bus Lines which owns the companies in Montgomery, Mobile, and Tallahassee, was expected in Mobile today, where the bus company decided to abolish separate seating yesterday, in the belief that the Montgomery court order applies to all Alabama cities.

CAIRO (AP)—Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler announced today the Egyptian government has agreed the U.N. salvage fleet can begin clearing the southern end of the Suez Canal immediately.

Cairo newspapers said Egyptian technicians already had started clearing channels at Ismailia, the canal midpoint, and Suez, its southern terminus, "preparatory to conducting research about sunken ships."

But this obviously referred only to the clearing of mines from the channel, begun by the Egyptians earlier this week.

A British ship and two French vessels are continuing salvage operations in the Port Said harbor, the canal's northern entrance. This work was begun by the British occupation force, which also cleared a channel through the northern third of the canal to El Cap.

Wheeler's statement did not make clear what salvage ships would be used in the operation around Suez.

A spokesman for the Egyptian Canal Authority said the U. N. announcement had not yet been confirmed by Mahmoud Yanes, canal authority director.

Get on Muffler; Don't Be Snuffler; You'll Be Puff-ler

Pontiac area residents will find those Christmas mufflers, mittens, comforters and electric blankets very handy items tonight as the U. S. Weatherman forecasts cloudy and colder with snow flurries to-morrow.

The predicted low for tonight is a frosty 30-34.

Tomorrow a high of 34-38 is expected.

Preceding 8 a.m. the lowest temperature recorded in downtown Pontiac was 30 degrees.

At 1 p.m. the mercury registered 37.

Chamber Elects New Directors

5 Members to Serve 2 Year Terms; Choose Officers Next Week

Five new members of the Board of Directors of the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce were elected yesterday by members of the Chamber. They will serve 1957-58 terms.

Elected were: Rev. Edward D. Auchard, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; Edward P. Barrett, member of the Patterson & Patterson and Barrett law firms; Frederick J. Poole, owner of the F. J. Poole Co.; Stuart E. Whitfield, vice president of Pontiac State Bank; and Dana F. Whitmer, superintendent of Pontiac public schools.

Chamber Manager John W. Hirlinger said 608 ballots were cast for the new officers.

Leaving the Board of Directors with terms expiring Dec. 31 are: John P. Niggeman, William H. Knudsen, Homer C. Jackson, D. B. Eames, Floyd H. Baker, and Ralph T. Norvell, who served as ex-officio member as retiring past president.

The five new officers will serve on the 15-member board with Bernard W. Crandell, Frank S. Lyndall, George E. Wynn, Edward A. Maler, Dr. George N. Petroff (terms expire 1958); B. Ralph Eastridge, Henry E. Goham, Reginald T. Nicholas, Curtis E. Patton, and John A. Riley (terms expire next year).

The 1957 president and officers of the Chamber will be named next week, Hirlinger said.

Plane With 8 Aboard Crashes in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—The Alaskan Air Command reported today that a four-engine tanker plane carrying eight men had crashed northwest of Willow, 50 miles north of Anchorage.

It was not known whether there were any survivors. A ground party was enroute to the crash scene.

PARIS (AP)—The upper house of the French Parliament last night approved 208-65 the French-German treaty returning the Saar Valley to West Germany. The National Assembly ratified it Dec. 12.

Harold Murphy, 51-year-old Southfield Township father of five who refuses to pay a debt as a matter of principal, may end his 24-day stay in Oakland County Jail tomorrow because of a legal technicality.

The loophole was disclosed yesterday at a hearing before Circuit Judge H. Russell Holland on a motion by Murphy's attorney to dismiss the writ which landed the tool and die man in jail. Murphy was jailed because he claims he was innocent in an assault case three years ago and won't pay the judgment decided against him.

A 1952 jury found Murphy guilty and handed down a \$1,250 judgment in favor of a Ferndale shoe store owner who claimed Murphy struck him twice in a fight over a pair of shoes.

Murphy's attorney, William John Beer, yesterday showed by an examination of county records that the judgment had never been officially entered, which means, he suggested, that all subsequent action against Murphy has been of doubtful legality.

The latest action was by a Pontiac man, John McCabe, who owns the Finance System of Pontiac, a company which purchased the judgment after Murphy had made only \$100 in payments on the debt.

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Murphy today said he doesn't mind in the least staying another day at what he calls Sheriff Frank W. Irons' "hotel." He is allowed to roam the jail at will and eats the same meals as the sheriff.

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Blaze Destroys 115 Buildings, Kills 1 in Auto

Firefighters Can't Stop Flames Fed by Brush in California

MALIBU BEACH, Calif. (INS) — The disastrous Malibu fire, which has destroyed the modest residences of Los Angeles suburbanites and the luxurious homes of TV personalities with indiscriminate appetite, continued today to lick and laugh in the faces of firefighters.

After the first day of the holocaust, the toll stands at one man dead, some 10,000 persons fleeing from the path of the flames, 115 buildings burned to the ground, including anywhere from 30 to 65 luxury mansions, and some 50 persons burned or injured.

In addition, 18,000 acres of Santa Monica mountain brush—more than 25 square miles—have been blackened and much livestock and wild life destroyed.

Nine hundred men with dozens of pieces of equipment are wetting down and bulldozing up the crackling-dry brush in an effort to halt the wind-blown flames.

Scores of homes are still in the path of the fire, and firemen have been powerless to halt the sometimes creeping, sometimes leaping flames.

Among the mansions destroyed was the \$70,000 Trancas Beach home of Ralph Edwards, master of ceremonies star of the "This is Your Life" television program.

The home of actor Hugh O'Brien, TV's "Wyatt Earp," was also reported destroyed.

Edwards' home and others at exclusive Trancas Beach were leveled when the fire swept down out of the hills in back of them and jumped the Pacific Coast highway, which should have proved a sufficient barrier except for the fury of the flames.

In the same burst of destruction the curiously-fashioned "lighthouse" and "beachhouse" residences, which stood side-by-side on Broad Beach road, went up in flames. The "lighthouse" was built by actress Pauline Frederick in the 1920s. Later actor Lew Oddy lived there.

The fire is burning on an eight-mile front in a section that has had less than an inch of rain since May. The brush is so tinder-dry that it explodes into flame and dives hundreds of feet, driven by swirling, gusty winds.

The one dead in the fire was Frank L. Dickover, 33, a Hughes Aircraft electronics research engineer. He ran off the road with his car and was burned to death while fleeing from his home in the hills.

The fire started yesterday morning and spread so quickly that residents of the area had little chance to save anything other than their lives.

Assistant County Fire Chief Roland W. Percy said the fire has been averaging 1,000 acres an hour "and there is no way of estimating when it will end."

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Supersonic Bomber Screams Into 'Blue Yonder'



TAKES TO AIR—The U. S. Air Force's first supersonic bomber, the B58 Hustler, pokes its nose into the air as it moves down a Ft. Worth, Tex., runway prior to a recent flight test. The delta-winged plane carries a crew of three and is powered with four jet engines. The photograph above is the first one of the Hustler officially released by the Air Force.

AP Wirephoto

MAKE OVER PALE WATERFORD

Residents Voice Protests Again

Third Site Selected Meets Fate of Others; Plan Further Study

At the regular weekly meeting of the Waterford Township board held at 7 p.m. yesterday, 12 residents were present to protest the latest proposed dump site on Hospital Road.

This is the third time that a group of taxpayers have appeared before the township board protesting a dump site selected by board members.

The two other tracts of land chosen for disposal purposes were at the corner of Crescent Lake road and M-30, and at Pontiac Lake road just west of Hospital Road.

The latest land was owned by J. D. Whitehead on Hospital Road just north of Cooley Lake Road.

"This is getting to be a problem," Supervisor Lloyd Anderson said. "Waterford Township people need, and want a community dump, but where to locate is what's bothering us."

Board members chose the Whitehead property because it was low and swampy, and the owner promised to cover the debris periodically in order to fill in the low land.

Home-owners protested the site selection because of sanitary and odor nuisances that they said would result from the dumping.

The residents also contended that they are paying to have Hospital Road black-topped, and the traffic of heavy dump trucks would ruin the road.

The township board tabled the dump-site issue until further study into the matter could be obtained.

The board authorized Police Chief Frank Van Atta to purchase two new sirens for the recently purchased scout cars.

A new automatic water softener will be installed in the Waterford Township hall, as authorized by board members.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held next Wednesday at 7 p.m., due to the holiday season.

Suspect Sniper in Girl's Assault

Royal Oak Girl Beaten; Police Seek Gunman Who Shot at 2 Others

The sniper who wounded a 14-year-old Royal Oak girl Friday night and narrowly missed a housewife, is thought to have added a 15-year-old girl to his list of victims, according to State Police.

The girl was severely beaten and attacked by the unknown assailant last Friday as she and her 17-year-old escort sat in a parked car in Southfield Township.

Detective Russel Leemgraven of the Redford Post said the time of the attack and the description tied in with the other two unsolved cases.

The young couple were en route from their homes in Royal Oak to a church party when the man attacked them. He locked the boy in the trunk of the car and then attacked the girl, police said. The boy escaped by loosening the hinge bolts in the trunk. The man then fled into a field.

The same man is believed to have wounded Cindy Estes of Royal Oak and fired upon the other woman waiting at a bus stop.

Southfield Township Police reported the third attack after reading newspaper accounts of the others, Leemgraven said.

The Weather

Full U.S. Weather Bureau Report

PONTIAC AND VICINITY — Mostly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. Turning colder with snow flurries late tomorrow. High today 36-40, low tonight 28-32. High tomorrow 34-38, low Wednesday 26-30. Wind today 10-15 miles per hour becoming westerly tonight.

Today in Pontiac

Lowest temperature preceding 8 a.m. 30.

At 8 a.m.: Wind velocity 10 m.p.h.

Direction: Southeast.

Sun sets Thursday at 5:06 p.m.

Sun rises Friday at 8 a.m.

Moon sets Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

Moon rises Friday at 4:31 a.m.

Downtown Temperatures

6 a.m.	35	31 a.m.	35
7 a.m.	35	12 m.	35
8 a.m.	35	1 p.m.	37
9 a.m.	34		
10 a.m.	33		

Wednesday in Pontiac (As recorded downtown)

Highest temperature 37

Lowest temperature 28

Mean temperature 32.8

Weather—Partly Cloudy

One Year Ago in Pontiac

Highest temperature 37

Lowest temperature 28

Mean temperature 32.8

Weather—Partly Cloudy

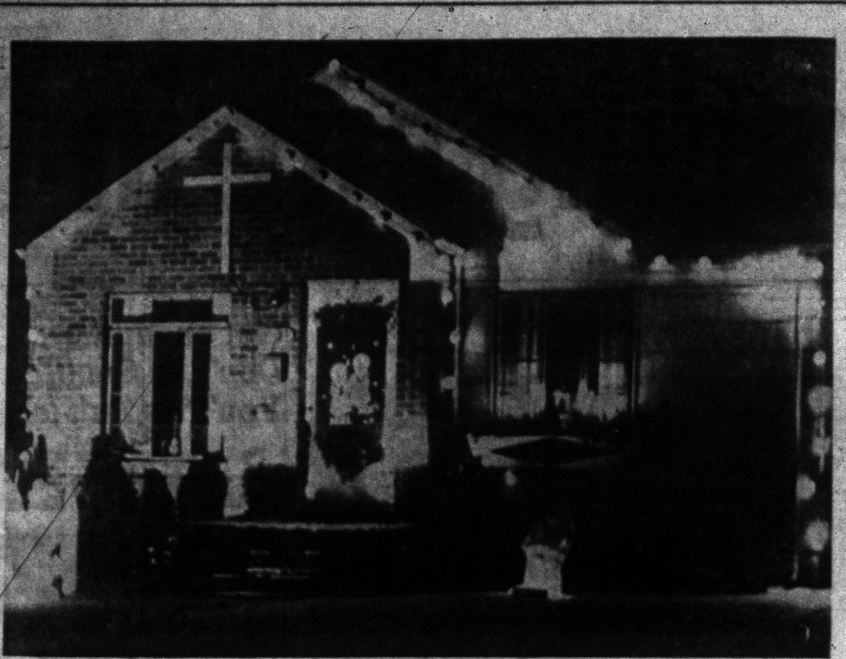
Highest and Lowest Temperatures This Date in 94 Years

36 in 1894	-4 in 1925
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Wednesday's Temperature Chart

Albany	31	28	Miami	40	44
Baltimore	40	31	Minneapolis	41	35
Boston	40	31	New Orleans	65	41
Brownsville	69	47	Omaha	34	20
Chicago	38	32	Phoenix	71	36
Cleveland	33	21	Pittsburgh	31	29
Duluth	28	28	St. Louis	40	29
El Paso	63	39	St. Paul	31	29
Fort Worth	33	28	San Francisco	52	34
Houston	72	52	St. Mary	39	29
Kansas City	34	28	Trav. City	39	29
Los Angeles	61	41	Washington	41	31
Marquette	27	24	Seattle	47	23

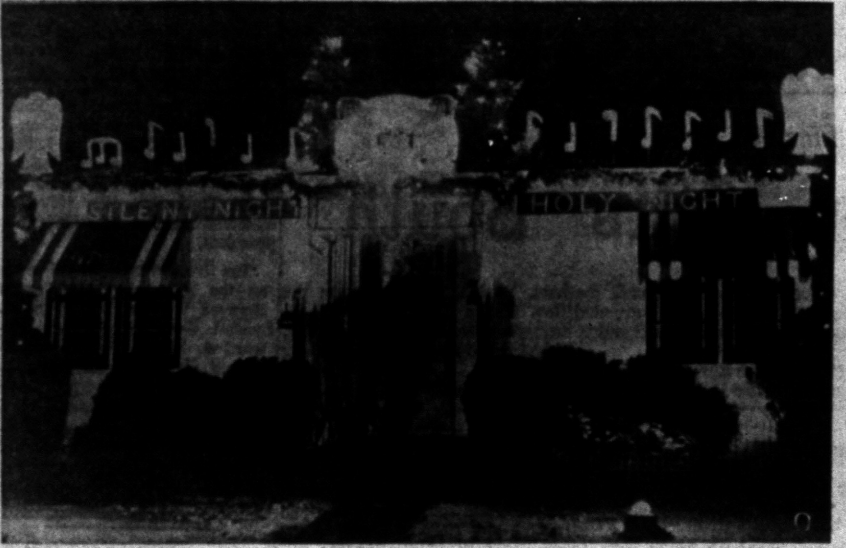
Waterford Township Dump Plans Halted



WEST SIDE WINNER—Handiwork of William J. Roach of 1005 Canterbury Dr. walked away with top honors in the west side division of the Pontiac Junior Chamber of Commerce 1956 Christmas lighting contest, judged last night.



GRAND PRIZE WINNER—This display of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle F. Cox of 368 Kenilworth Ave. captured grand prize in the contest.



EAST SIDE WINNER—Taking honors on the east side of Pontiac in the Jaycee contest was this display of Paul Lehtih of 42 N. Ardmore Ave. There were 25 entries.

Commission Agenda Brief; Informal Session to Follow

A holiday abbreviated agenda containing only five items will be a prelude to a longer and more important informal session of business when the Pontiac City Commission convenes at 8 tonight.

Commissioners last Tuesday moved their weekly session to tonight because of Christmas falling on Tuesday, their regular meeting night. The same action is expected to be taken this evening to move next week's to Thursday also.

As requested by Commissioner John E. Carry (District 6) last week, the reasoning to Commercial 2 of two lots in the Home-

City Pair Admit \$2,700 Breakin

Police Hunt Third Man Believed to Have Fled With Dixie Store Loot

Two men have confessed, Pontiac police said, to the \$2,700 burglary of the Dixie Discount Store, 109 N. Saginaw St. last Friday, but a third thief, they fear, has escaped with most of the loot.

They suspect Charles Madrigal, 29, of 1206 Locke St., who his alleged partners claim, left Pontiac with \$2,400 taken with a metal box from the store office, Det. James Bale said.

Tot Gets 'Angel's Halo'

CHICAGO (INS) — Little Bonnie Majewski of Chicago had her "angel's halo" but she was far from being one.

The 13-month-old girl somehow got her head through an angel food cake pan and had to be rescued by her uncle who used a pair of tin snippers to free her.

Woman Driver Charged With Leaving Accident

Charged with leaving the scene of an auto accident in which two drivers were injured, Mrs. Fern S. Eason, 30, of 156 Putnam Ave. yesterday was freed under \$100 bond by Pontiac Municipal Judge Maurice E. Finnegan.

Mrs. Eason waived examination and was bound over for arraignment Wednesday in Circuit Court on the charge she rammed two cars with locked bumpers on Baldwin avenue Dec. 23 and left the scene without identifying herself.

The other drivers both were given treatment for minor injuries.

Pontiac Deaths

Fred Dunham

Fred Dunham, 86, of 16 Chippewa Rd. died yesterday after an illness of several years.

Born in Petersburg Sept. 14, 1870, he was the son of Nelson C. and Deal Ellis Dunham. In 1890 in Petersburg he married the former Grace B. Gearhart.

Mr. Dunham was a city resident for 46 years, coming here from Carleton. He was a retired iron worker for General Motors and a member of the Maconnes.

Surviving besides his widow are four daughters, Mrs. Richard Murry of Pontiac, Mrs. S. G. Tilden of Glen Cove, N.Y., Mrs. L. D. Heywood of New York City, and Mrs. J. Musselman of Galesburg, Mass. In addition, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Lisle Shanahan of Los Angeles, Calif., survive.

Service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday from the DeWitt C. Davis Funeral Home, with burial in Perry Mt. Park Cemetery. Dr. H. H. Savage of the First Baptist Church will officiate.

Mrs. George Jackson

Mrs. George (Eliza) Jackson, 47, of 1249 Lafayette St., Detroit, and former resident of Pontiac, died in Detroit last Tuesday of injuries suffered in an auto accident.

Born in St. Charles, she was the daughter of Samuel and Rose Chatfield. Mrs. Jackson attended school in Saginaw.

Surviving besides her husband, George Jackson, are three children, Rosalee, Helen, and Donald Jackson, all of Pontiac. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Wapi-new, of Mt. Pleasant.

Service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, at Farmer-Snover Funeral Home.

George Riley Logan

George Riley Logan, 73, of 397 N. Perry St. died yesterday in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He had been in ill health nine years.

Born in New Haven, Ill. on Aug. 3, 1877, he was the son of John and Mary Meed Logan.

A retired watchman of Wilson Foundry Corp., he had been a resident of Pontiac 13 years, coming here from Bernie, Mo.

Mr. Logan leaves his wife, the former Addie Riddle whom he married on Aug. 13, 1902 in Dexter, Mo.; four daughters, Mrs. Elaine Lordo of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Gertrude Crews of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Alberta Smith and Mrs. Grace Webb, both of Pontiac.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, William Logan of Perryton, Tex. and a sister, Mrs. Belle Williams of Hood River, Ore.

Service will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday from the First General Baptist Church of which he was a member. The Rev. Robert Garner, his pastor, will officiate with burial in Perry Mount Park Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Pursey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Arthur E. Smith

Mrs. Arthur E. (Jenny May) Smith, 70, of 792 Corwin St. was dead on arrival Tuesday at Pontiac General Hospital.

A resident of Pontiac for 16 years, she was born on Jan. 4, 1886, in Payne, Ohio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Foltz.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Smith is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Eva Watkins of Flint, Mrs. Thelma Bartels of Mishawaka, Ind., and Mrs. Maxine Kulzer of South Bend, Ind. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Govednick of Milwaukee, Wisc., and Mrs. Martha Holford of Alanson.

Service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday from the Farmer-Snover Funeral Home, with burial in the Alanson Cemetery.

Jesse W. White

Jesse W. White of 97 Cottage St. died Tuesday afternoon in Pontiac General Hospital. He was 71.

Born in Russellville, Ky. on Feb. 22, 1929, he was the son of James and Hattie M. Miller White.

A press operator at Pontiac Motor Division, he came here from Russellville three years ago. Mr. White was a veteran of the Korean War.

Besides his mother and father, he is survived by a brother, Charles J. White of Pontiac; and three sisters, Mrs. Mabel Shelton of Cincinnati, Ohio; Pauline F. and June E. White, both of Russellville.

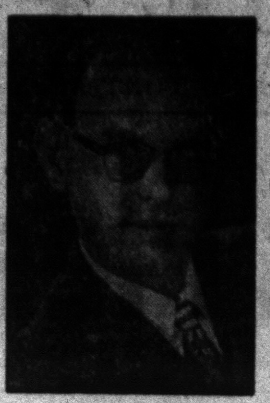
Mr. White's body was taken from the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home last night to Russellville for service and burial.

Bloomfield Township

Offices Closed Dec. 31

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Arno L. Hulet, Bloomfield Township supervisor, said township offices will be closed Monday.

He added that persons wishing to file petitions of nomination for township office will have until 4 p.m. Monday to do so. Fire or policemen on duty will accept petitions.



ROBERT DAVIS

Adventurer to Show Color Travel Film

The fourth of a series of six travel and adventure programs will appear at 8 p.m., Jan. 8 at the Isaac E. Cray Junior high school.

Robert Davis will return to Waterford Township for his second appearance and will show his new adventure film, "The Canary Islands." Tickets will be on sale at the door, according to Tom Belton, Waterford Township recreation director.

Davis' twenty years of experience in motion pictures have brought fourth adventure-packed travelogs, short subjects for television and educational use, and the production of commercial films.

"The Canary Islands" is in color with hi-fidelity musical background.

Boys' Fireworks Scare Residents in Commerce

Commerce Township residents felt relieved last night after Oakland County Sheriff's deputies investigated a complaint of wild shooting near 1410 Oakley Park Rd.

Instead of a gunman, which neighbors feared, deputies found two 13-year-old boys playing with firecrackers.

They were sent home after a good talking to, deputies said.

Struck by Automobile, Eight-Year-Old Injured

Eight-year-old James Jones, of 519 Montana St., suffered only cuts and bruises when he was struck by a car near his home Thursday.

He was treated and released at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

R. D. Winfield, 22, of 545 Montana St., told Pontiac police the boy ran in front of his car after he had slowed down and honked his horn.

Celebrates 105 Years; Ike Greet's Susan Keck

A rare milestone was reached yesterday by one of the patients at the Oakland County Infirmary on North Telegraph road.

Mrs. Susan Keck celebrated her 105th birthday, making her reportedly the second oldest resident in the county. Surpassing Mrs. Keck's years is Mrs. Eliza Beaumont Taylor of Highland, now 107.

One of her favorite stories, Mrs. Keck said, was the one about the Rebel uncle who hid from the Union Army in the cornfield.

Mrs. Keck always loved flowers. Mrs. Hoyt said, and raised them until she was well over 90. Until several years ago she also knitted quite a bit.

Mrs. Keck moved to Oakland County in 1947 from her home in Missouri. Four of her six children are still living. Their ages range from 60 to 75.

President Eisenhower in his telegram to Mrs. Keck said, "Through the Honorable Arthur E. Summerfield I have learned of your birthday celebration today and of the splendid life it represents. Mrs. Eisenhower and I are pleased to add our greetings and congratulations. We know this occasion will be a memorable one in the company of many friends and pleasant memories. Best wishes, Dwight D. Eisenhower."

remembrance. Mrs. Keck's husband, who died 25 years ago, fought with the Union Army during the war. His brothers joined the Confederate Army.

At the birthday party celebrated in her room, where Mrs. Keck is bedridden, were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hoyt of Lake Orion; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Estes, manager of the Infirmary, and several nurses and fellow patients.

BLIND, BUT CHEERFUL

Although blind and nearly deaf, Mrs. Keck is still very cheerful, one of her nurses, Mrs. Ruby Stoddard, reports. She still has an excellent appetite and loves bread and butter.

Mrs. Hoyt recounted some of the stories that were told by her mother years ago.

The Civil War is one vivid

The Day in Birmingham

Secretary of State Branch Orders Use of Two Plates

BIRMINGHAM—"Only one new license plate on a car or truck is the same as no plate at all in the eyes of the law," Delbert Ayles, manager of the Birmingham Branch of Secretary of State said today that a few persons had been seen using the single plate.

"The past few years," Ayles said, "have seen cars manufactured with no provision for mounting a front plate. Some people are noticing this for the first time and are mounting the rear tag only as a temporary measure. It won't do! Put them both on or use the old plate until a front bracket can be obtained."

Ayles said license sales are slow this year. There was a spurt of buying at Christmas and several purchasers indicated the plates were to be Christmas presents.

Commercial sales are exceptionally slow, partly due to the fact that all the vehicles must be reweighed this year, he said.

Forestry and recreation officials dashed hopes for immediate skiing and sliding by saying that last night's snowfall is melting too rapidly. They said the snow must be deeper and the temperatures lower before anything could be done.

Fire marshal George Scott today asked residents to keep the holidays merry and happy by using extreme caution around indoor Christmas trees. "Keep them moist, keep them away from fire and excessive heat or throw them out," he advised. Above all make no attempt to burn discarded trees or other greens, in your fireplace."

Cairo Is Center of Moslem Faith

Two Million People Give Egyptian Capital Cosmopolitan Air

WASHINGTON — Cairo, Egypt's capital and Africa's largest city, is the historic metropolis of the Arab lands that stretch on either side of it from Libya to Iraq.

With more than 250 mosques, the city is a major center of the Moslem faith. Its famous university for Islamic students, in old El Azhar Mosque, has been in existence for nearly a thousand years.

This seminary long has specialized in the Arabic language and Moslem law and doctrine. Lately it has added natural sciences, literature, and other general subjects taught in Western universities.

BORN OF CONQUEST

As the home of more than two million people of many nationalities and races, modern Cairo is strikingly cosmopolitan, the National Geographic Society says. It is the gateway to the mysteries and marvels of ancient Egypt. Yet Cairo was born late in Egyptian history, and then only as the result of Arab conquest when Mohammed's religion was on the march.

The present city grew out of the fourth of a succession of Moslem capitals that were set up on or near the same site at the head of the Nile Delta.

The first was founded about 640 A.D. by General Amr, who, in behalf of Caliph Omar, captured a Roman town and fortress there, and established close by the "City of the Tent," El Fostat.

Two other seats of Islamic dynasties came, into being and declined before the Fatimid capital took root in 969. Its founder called his settlement El Qahira — "The Victorious"—from which the name Cairo is derived.

The Victorious lived up to its name in 1176 by resisting Crusader assault. Fortified by the encircling walls and Citadel built by Sultan Saladin, it became for several centuries a leading cultural and trade center of the Moslem Empire.

But Cairo's location on Near East traffic lanes was too strategic to escape world power struggles. In 1517, the Ottoman Turks took over the city. Napoleon seized it in 1798. His men, quartered in the fortress gates of Saladin's old walls, lightened their boredom by carving in stone names that can still be seen as mementoes of their stay.

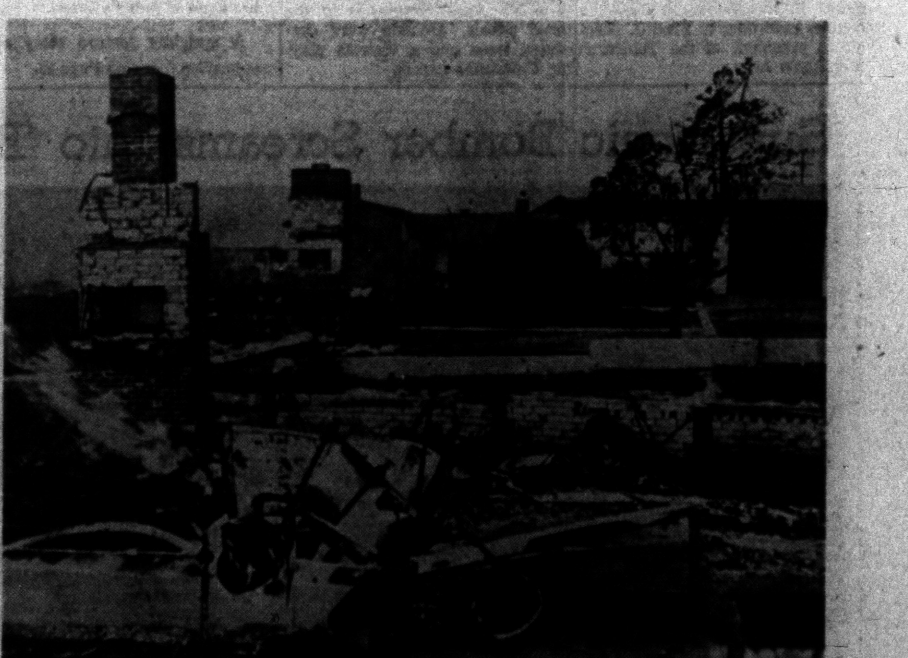
East-West Ties

The slay was short. Turkish and British troops in 1801 combined to retake Cairo and return it to nominal Turkish rule that dragged on until the British mandate of 1914.

Meantime, in 1869, the Suez Canal was completed, and the stage was set for Cairo, as Egypt's capital, to play its part in the almost continuous drama of changing East-West relations.

Cairo itself is a colorful city where East and West meet but seldom merge.

Today, visitors from all over the world look back with nostalgia on prewar Cairo—a gay, strident city of cafes, luxury hotels, and museums, separated by the Nile from the Pyramids and their reticent neighbor, the Sphinx.



CONSUMED IN BLAZE—Smoking ruins remain where once stood the summer home of television star Ralph Edwards. The huge dwelling stood in the path of a furious brush fire which raged through residential areas several miles north of the Malibu movie colony in California. (See Story on Page One)



From the Press Box

BY BRUNO L. KEARNS
Sports Editor, Pontiac Press

Stemming from President Eisenhower's expressed concern, the interest in the physical fitness of America's youth has rapidly gained impetus from national right down to local levels.

In order to improve what many authorities called the "shockingly poor physical fitness programs of our schools," the President set up a council composed of five cabinet officials and headed by Dr. Shane McCarthy as its Executive Director.

Just recently at a national conference in Washington, Dr. McCarthy pointed out that "the erosion of the physical assets of this nation compares to that of soil deterioration."

He blamed national attitudes toward children, without consideration of their needs, as one of the reasons for our physical downfall.

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In attendance at the conference were the physical education and athletic directors of Oakland County's two largest communities, Tom Dodson of Pontiac and Jim Manilla of Royal Oak.

Dodson played a key role in the conference by presenting a summation of a national survey he had taken from cities having populations between 50,000 and 100,000.

Thirty cities of this size responded to the survey, and even though it appeared that some gains were being made in the recreation programs of our education systems, the final analysis tended to show the inadequacy of fitness programs from the elementary through the high school levels.

The fact that 26 of the 30 cities indicated some recreation or intramural program, from the elementary through the high school level, does not denote success in the program.

As shown by proportionate figures, failures are evident for numerous reasons. Less than half of the cities have programs sponsored by schools alone. The majority are conducted municipally or jointly by school and city.

Failures also lie in the lack of special personnel and facilities or the lack of additional pay to those of the school system engaged in the program.

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In only one-third of the cities, it indicated that the schools have the responsibility of providing recreation as part of the overall educational program, with just 40 per cent having recreational budgets and only 20 per cent operating summer recreation programs.

A total of 48 different activities were mentioned among the various recreation programs of the cities surveyed, but it is interesting to note again that only 10 of the activities prevailed in better than 50 per cent of the schools.

An example, basketball, the largest and most common activity in the intramural or recreational programs of the schools, is offered in only 70 per cent.

It's no wonder even the President is concerned, when the most common activity is 30 per cent away from being our best.

Lions Extend Parker's Contract for Two Years

DETROIT (AP)—Detroit Lions football coach Raymond (Buddy) Parker looked like a Texas oil man who had just capped a gusher. Parker's well will bring in \$30,000 a year for the next two years in the form of a new contract with the National Football League club.

It was capped yesterday when the Lions' 15-man board of directors finally decided to offer a two-year pact to the 45-year-old Texan instead of sticking to the one-year contract Parker turned down last week. "I think my coaching record

with the Lions deserves more than a one-year contract," Parker said, and he meant it. "My 1956 contract runs out Saturday and that's how I'm operating," he said. But when the turmoil ended following a 2½-hour meeting by

directors and a 30-minute huddle with Lions' President Edwin J. Anderson, Parker said: "Now I'm going to work on our next draft meeting in Philadelphia. I haven't made up my mind what we want yet, but we've got to get on it quick."

Parker hedged some of his staff of assistants, however, saying, "I expect to go with the same coaching staff, but football is always a changing game and you never know just how things will turn out."

Some notable changes had just

been made. As Anderson put it, "I recommended to the board last week that Buddy be given a two-year contract. That's what Buddy wanted and we want to give him what he wants."

The brewery owner said the reason Parker had not been offered a two-year agreement last week was a "misunderstanding between Buddy and myself."

"Three years ago we (the board) decided to give only one-year contracts and at that time Buddy told me he was happy with that. He said, 'Anytime you don't want me I don't want you,' but now he has changed his mind on the tenure," said Anderson.

Parker had two reasons for not worrying about his job. In his six years at Detroit he won western division titles in 1952, 1953 and 1954, world titles in 1952 and 1953 and had finished second in the division twice, including this year. His worst season was last year when he had a 3-9 last-place record.

The second reason was that Pittsburgh and Baltimore had been nibbling for him. Nothing concrete ever materialized from this, however, because the NFL has a \$5,000 fine for tampering with another club's coaching personnel.

Parker's two-year pact apparently met with some conflict, however, because the board found it hard to forget the case of Parker's predecessor, Alvin (B) McMillin. McMillin's five-year contract was bought up in 1956 after three seasons for \$69,400, a blow even the solvent Lions never forgot.

But Parker's popularity with Detroit fans never was in question and the 9-3 comeback this year brought him more favor than ever.



HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE—Raymond (Buddy) Parker (right) gets a congratulatory hand shake from Detroit Lions' president Edwin J. Anderson after Parker signed a two-year contract for a

reported \$30,000 a year. Parker's signing followed a 2½ hour meeting by the club's 15-man board of directors.

AP Wirephoto

Fromhart Gets Support Amidst Alumni Charges

DETROIT (INS)—University of shown by true sportsmen have dis-Detroit football coach Wally Fromhart has been given a vote of confidence for 1957 it was revealed yesterday.

The disclosure came swiftly on the heels of an alumni charge of "appalling low morale" among the Titans.

The school's faculty committee on athletics met last weekend and agreed to extend Fromhart's one-year contract, which expires next April.

Detroit had the most disastrous season in the school's 61 years on the gridiron this year as the Titans won only two games and lost eight.

Frank R. Gerbig Jr., president of the U. of D. alumni, rapped the Titan football situation and proposed an inquiry. He said that "the will to win and the gallant fight as

He said, "college men took the field to play in a manner which was discredited to proud Titan tradition."

Three other alumni, Tom Moore, Ed Webster and Dr. Raymond Delaney were included on the committee, calling for an inquiry.

The Titans ripped with injuries this season, were predominately a sophomore-junior team. A highly touted freshman team is expected to bolster the 1957 picture.

Underdog UCLA Rout Billikins in Upset

ST. LOUIS (INS)—An underdog Bruin basketball team from UCLA routed mighty St. Louis University last night, 72-66, in one of the big cage upsets of the 1956 season.



AP Wirephoto

BIG BEAR—The big gun of Chicago Bears who will be the man the Giants will have to stop Sunday in the NFL championship game, is Rick Casares. Casares gained 1126 yards in 234 attempts to lead the league this year.

Aussies Clinch It Easily

U.S. Davis Cup Netters Fall

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)—Stunned and staggered at the outset, Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad pulled themselves together to win the Davis Cup for Australia today by defeating a U.S. "pick-up" team of Vic Seixas and Sam Giammalva, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-4.

The doubles victory gave the Aussies a 3-0 lead in the best-of-

five competition and assures the coveted cup—symbol of world tennis supremacy—staying Down Under another year. Tomorrow's two final single matches will be nothing more than exhibitions.

Giammalva will meet Rosewall in the first match with Seixas meeting Hoad in the second. Bill Talbert, U.S. team captain, substituted Giammalva for Herbie Flam of Beverly Hills, Calif. in view of his good play in the doubles.

The capacity crowd of 18,000 at the War Memorial Stadium sat in shocked horror as the first set unfolded. They could hardly believe that they were watching Rosewall, and Hoad, who between them hold every major singles title in the world, and together are the Wimbledon, United States and Australian doubles champions.

Seixas, the handsome 33-year-old Philadelphia, and Giammalva, an emotional 22-year-old University of Texas student from Houston, who never had played in a challenge round before, ran the Aussies all over the court in the first set. Seixas won his first

service at love and that set the tenor of the set.

Only Hoad was able to salvage a service for the Aussies, that in the second game. But in the fourth Seixas and Giammalva smashed through Rosewall's service and in the sixth they took care of Hoad's.

This was the American team that was picked by Talbert as an afterthought. He had considered using Flam, who had more international experience than Giammalva, but a few hours before the match decided that the Texan, with his big game, would give the Aussies more trouble. He was right.

Both Giammalva and Seixas rushes the net behind their services and banged home kill after kill, while Rosewall and Hoad stood flummoxed.

The Americans promptly broke through Rosewall again to start the second set and the Aussies' situation became alarming. But with the suddenness of an unexpected thunderstorm, Rosewall and Hoad moved to the offensive.

They broke Giammalva in the second game, Seixas in the fourth and Giammalva again in the sixth. It was that fast. After winning the first game, the Americans were blocked.

Three other games are on tap tomorrow night to round out the slim area card during the holidays.

Defending EML champion Port Huron plays host to Toledo Scott, Marlette goes to Marysville and Class D Dryden's varsity visits Port Huron for a contest with the Big Red sophomores.

Pettit's Surge Puts Hawks Star at NBA's Top

NEW YORK (AP)—Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks has taken over the National Basketball Assn.'s individual scoring lead on the strength of last week's performance in which he produced 35 points in three games.

Pettit's surge from third place boosted his season's point total to 672, averaging 25.8 a game.

Paul Arizin of Philadelphia dropped to second place with 646 points while Clyde Lovellette of Minneapolis advanced to third with 639.

Lane and Spieser Given High Ratings

NEW YORK (AP)—Two Michigan professionals are listed among the leading contenders in their division in the new boxing ratings announced yesterday by Ring Magazine.

Kenny Lane of Muskegon is ranked the No. 2 contender behind Italy's Delfo Lal for the world lightweight championship held by Joe Brown of New Orleans.

Chuck Spieser of Detroit is ranked third behind Gerhardt Hecht and Hans Stretz, both of Germany, for the light heavyweight title held by Archie Moore of San Diego.

Hawks, Favored, But Evvy Sees Close Bowl Battle

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—The Iowa Hawkeyes today remain the solid favorite to whip Oregon State and it almost requires a search warrant to locate anyone brave enough to pick the Pacific Coast Conference contender.

All of which adds up to one possibility: Coach Tommy Prothro and his Oregon Staters may well command a psychological edge over the Hawks.

Coaches seldom admit any regard or concern over odds and points. Prothro and his opposite number with Iowa, Forest Evashevski, are no exception.

Both predict a close game, as close as the 14-13 decision Iowa scored over Oregon State during the regular season.

Iowa won although its star quarterback, Ken Flen, was injured in the first quarter and sat out the other three.

This makes good reading to the Iowa backers. But it could contribute to complacency on the part of the Iowa players, provided they are given to such mental lapses.

Just what, if any, form of head stretching or brainwashing Prothro is employing on his team is his trade secret. But Mr. Prothro is a very alert young coach, a true intellectual whether it be football or the finer arts.

Oregon State has never been accused of lack of spirit. This Rose Bowl game is a crusade, just as it should surely be for Iowa in its first appearance in the Rose Bowl.

If Iowa should for any reason let down, say from its superb last of the season wins over Minnesota, Ohio State and Notre Dame, Oregon State could very well upset all the pre-game calculations.

Iowa rates as the favorite. It played a tougher schedule, losing only to Michigan by three points. But Oregon State, despite losses to Southern California and Iowa and a tie by Oregon, may not appreciate all these facts. Some are history, not facts.

Yesterday Dick Klein, 250-pound starting Iowa right tackle, was knocked cold on one play. His replacement, co-captain Dick Desey, went out soon after with a knee injury, which does not appear serious.

Arcaro, Porterhouse Win at Santa Anita

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—Santa Anita was off and running today, given a rousing inaugural that attracted 33,500 fans who opened the 55-day meeting with a betting handle of \$1,960,493.

Langellon Farm's color bearer Porterhouse, with Eddie Arcaro up, celebrated the event yesterday with a sparkling win in the \$200,000-added Palos Verdes Handicap.

'Stilt' Chilled

K-State Nearly Nips KU

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Iowa State put the chill on Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain last night and came within six seconds of a tremendous upset of Kansas, the nation's No. 1 basketball team, in a first-

round game of the Big Seven's holiday tournament.

Gene Elston leaped high in a corner and saved the game for Kansas, 58-57, with a last-breath shot.

Oklahoma upset Kansas State 67-64 in another first-round game. A jam-packed crowd of 10,500 cheered the underdog Iowa Staters as they enveloped Chamberlain, the sensational 7-foot Kansas sophomore. Three men took turns guarding him, two at a time, one in front, one behind. John Crawford and Don Medsker were the main shadow men.

The Stilt went into the game with a 35.5 average. He had racked up 52 points in one early season game.

Iowa State froze him to only three field goals. He converted only six of his 13 foul shots. Total—12 points. He missed five straight free throws in the second half, got only two points after the intermission.

Both Kansas and Iowa State had 6-0 records before their encounter. Iowa State climbed to 14th in this week's Associated Press basketball poll. Kansas has been No. 1 in the balloting all season.

Trucks Denies He Will Not Sign Contract

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP)—Veteran pitcher Virgil Trucks has denied a report that he would not sign with the Kansas City A's if the club cut salary.

The former Detroit and Chicago hurler said he had heard from the A's but did not engage in contract discussions with his new owners.

Trucks was traded by Detroit to Kansas City in a six-player deal.

North 11 Wins, 17-7

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The North defeated the South 17-7 in the Shrine's annual college all-star football game last night, but you can't convince die-hard Rebels that the South didn't really come out on top.

Tommy McDonald, the All-America halfback from Oklahoma, and his teammate, quarterback Jimmy Harris, were big guns in a North attack that gave the Yankees only their second win in the nine-year-old series.

The North was allowed to make this raid below the Mason-Dixon Line in the hope that players from national champion Oklahoma would strengthen the Yankees and balance the competition in a series which has been dominated in the past by the rebels.

The move was successful, but you can bet that next year the South will be clamoring to reclaim Oklahoma.

McDonald's running and passing highlighted a game in which the slick Sooner maintained his record of never having played on a losing college team. He was a star of three straight unbeaten Oklahoma clubs.

Harris, a signal-caller by trade who was shifted to fullback in the all-star contest, and Len Dawson of Purdue, the Big Ten passing champion, were other standouts in the North attack.

Harris threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Indiana's Bob Fee and Dawson got the other North touchdown with a 19-yard heave to Michigan State's Jim Hinesley.

But it was McDonald who captured the imagination of the 39,181 Orange Bowl fans.

The magnificent Sooner led all ground gainers with an average of 5.7 yards in 12 carries and completed two of three passes for 59 yards. One of his throws, a 39-yard beauty to Dennis Mendyk of Michigan State, set up the second North score.

McDonald was the unanimous choice of the press box as the North's most valuable player. Bill Barnes, Wake Forest fullback, was picked as the best of the South squad.

Both North touchdowns were

scored in the second period after fumble recoveries. Michigan's Mike Torunno claimed the first fumble by Vanderbilt's Don Orr and Wisconsin's Dave Howard covered the other fumble by Barnes.

Stymied through the first half by a savage North defense, the South finally managed to score in

the third period after Florida's Jackie Simpson had intercepted one of Dawson's passes to set the Rebels up 22 yards from the goal. Sonny Jurgensen of Duke passed four yards to Mississippi's Ed Crawford for the score.

But the South never threatened again.

Ortonville Wins 1st Test in Flint Dye Tournament

Ortonville won its 1st basketball game of the 1956-57 season Wednesday afternoon and the Blackhaws picked a good time to do it. Sparked by shooting ace Bob Hutchings, who collected 26 points, the Blackhaws ripped Mt. Morris 69-39 in the opening game of the

Flint Dye Christmas Invitational Tournament at Flint.

Nine Ortonville cagers saw action and all of them scored as the South Central Conference club gained its 1st triumph in five starts.

The Hawks led all the way. Their halftime edge was 25-18 and in the 4th quarter they settled the dispute once and for all with a 30-point spurge.

In other 1st round games yesterday, Flint Utley defeated Flint Bentley 67-41, Flint Atherton downed Frankemuth 44-33, and Flint Dye massacred Swartz Creek 74-34.

Ortonville tangles with Utley and Atherton meets the host Dye quintet Friday night in the 2nd round. The finals are scheduled Saturday evening.

The Blackhawk reserves face Frankemuth today in the Junior Varsity section of the tourney. Dye defeated Mt. Morris 97-36 in yesterday's only JV contest.

Favored Detroit Catholic Central bested Center Line 66-58 and Warren bowed to River Rouge 58-52 in Wednesday's opening round of the Center Line Invitational Tournament.

'Hurricane' in Action

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, the No. 1 heavyweight challenger who fights all the time from all directions, engages Cuba's Julio Mederos in a scheduled 10-rounder at the Milwaukee Arena tonight.



AP Wirephoto

BEST MITT FORWARD—Gene Fuller, middleweight challenger from West Jordan, Utah, throws a left as he works out in a New York health club for the scheduled Jan. 2 championship bout with Sugar Ray Robinson in Madison Square Garden.

Begin \$6,500,000 High School in Oak Park

Expected to Start Building Soon

Bulletin to Taxpayers Explains All Planning of Proposed Structure

OAK PARK — Huge pumps are being used to pump water out of the 34-acre site on Pinecrest and Maple in preparation for the start of the building of a new \$6,500,000 high school.

Construction is expected to start February with the completion set for Sept. 1958.

A bulletin sent to all taxpayers of the school district by Oak Park and Ferndale Board of Education explains the extensive planning and shows pictures of the proposed modern structure. The school will be square-shaped, built around a plaza. The sections are to be one, two and three stories high. There will be a gymnasium, auditorium, separate boys' and girls' pools.

Among other features there will be double duty cafeterias which will become study halls before the lunch hours.

A bond issue for \$6,500,000 approved by voters here in November 1955 to cover construction of the new high school.

The bulletin gives the following information on how the money will be allocated:

— Surveys and borings, \$290,000; extra site conditioning, \$200,000; the building itself, \$1,700,000; site and site development, including athletic field, \$1,000,000 and equipment and furnishings, \$563,000.

Born Yesterday' Postponed by Union Players

ROCHESTER — Presentation of production "Born Yesterday" is given by the Avon Players, amateur acting group, has been delayed by casting difficulties until third week of February.

A factor causing the postponement is the large number of play-acting troupes.

Director, Dick McGowan, has a hard time trying to decide which of four contenders shall be the female lead of the role of Betty Davis, girl friend of a Harry Brock.

However, McGowan hopes to make some decision after more auditions during the coming week.

A rehearsal will begin as soon as the tedious task of casting is completed.

Sections already made assure Rochester public of a great evening's entertainment.

Arrested Driver Charged With Two Charges

CENTER LINE — Garland

Baron, 34, of 10325 Kerchival, will be arraigned in Macomb County Court this morning on charges of felonious driving and

of a pedestrian. Center Line said this morning.

Michael Baron, 32, of 8449 Cedar was struck by a car driven by Orion Campbell, 36, of 25209 Northport, while crossing Van

der, Campbell left his car to the left of the road. Both men were then struck by Booth's car.

Campbell, treated and released from the hospital, was held by police with Booth, but later released.

City Council Gets Petition From Property Owners

NORTH BRANCH — At a recent meeting of the North Branch Village Council, a delegation presented a petition, signed by seventy property owners, requesting an ordinance to enforce control of dust, soot and foreign mat-

ter was voted to write Michigan Municipal League for copies of ordinances.

Confirm in Dryden

DYDEN — The Rt. Rev. Bishop Rick, of the Diocese of Michigan, conferred the rites of Confirmation at St. John's Episcopal Church here Sunday morning.

After receiving the rites were Mel Groves, Phillip Blair, My Crimm and Mrs. Mar-

Maples.

City Recount Tonight

WATFORD — Tonight at 8 is the time set for the meeting of the charter commission here, acting as the election commission.

A group is expected to certify a recount of the Dec. 3 charter election, which lost by 43 votes. The city hall is the meeting spot.



KING SIZE — Two-year-old Anne Thurner of Chicago, lost in the expense of a giant chair, looks much like a doll seated in an ordinary-size piece of furniture. The 200-pound chair, imported from Sweden, was on display in a Chicago furniture store.

United Press Photo

State Farmers to Get Funds

Government to Aid Up to \$10,400,000 in Soil Bank Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michigan farmers who take part in the Federal Soil Bank Program stand to receive up to \$10,400,000 from the government.

That sum was allotted to Michigan yesterday as the state's share of \$750,685,000 set aside nationally by Secretary of Agriculture Benson for farmers who retire land from production next year.

Michigan farmers can receive up to \$6,016,000 under the corn program and \$4,384,000 under the wheat program.

The deadline for signing agreements for corn is March 5. Winter wheat agreements have already been made.

The program is designed to reduce agricultural surpluses by encouraging farmers to cut production of wheat, cotton, corn, rice and tobacco.

The \$5 million dollars allotted to Michigan for participation in the Soil Bank was the highest among the states.



MARILYN GLOWACKE

This year's DAR Pilgrim at Walled Lake is petite Marilyn Glowacke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Glowacke of 7853 Eldora. Scholarships, Marilyn rates in the upper five per cent of her class and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has played in the band since her Junior High days and has been a majorette two years, heading the high steps this year. She writes for the Echo, school newspaper, and belongs to the Spanish Club, Future Nurses, and is a member of both Student Council and Viking staff.

WSCS Meets Today

NEW HUDSON — The WSCS of the New Hudson Methodist Church meets this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Oral Stubbs for their regular meeting. Mrs. Claude Swift will be in charge of the program.

Myra Wentworth Married in Double Ring Service

DRYDEN — Christmas greens and candles decorated the altar of the Dryden Methodist Church, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22 for the marriage of Myra Wentworth and Gilbert D. Henderson.

About 150 guests were present at the two o'clock, double ring service which was read by the Rev.

Stephen Chapko, assisted by the Rev. Cannon Charles Bralwood.

Myra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Wentworth and Gilbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Henderson of Lapeer.

For her marriage, Myra wore a gown of white tulle with a Sabrina neckline of lace, topped the bodice. The full skirt flowed gracefully into a chapel train. The fingertip veil fell from a cap of tulle and lace.

She carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations set off by Christmas greens.

Marion Ellsworth was the maid of honor. Mrs. Gilbert Dorner of Utica and Patricia Bryant of Saginaw were the bridesmaids. The three attendants' dresses were identical of ruby velvet, styled with a fitted bodice with a long, long length sleeves. The full circular skirts were ballerina length. They carried Christmas wreaths of green and white carnations.

Richard Henderson, brother of the groom, served as best man, and Clare Wentworth, brother of the bride, assisted. Seating the guests were Jerry Depong, Jerry Tittsworth and Harold Harbar.

A reception was held in the church social rooms after the ceremony.

For her going away the bride changed to a rust dress with black velvet trim and black accessories. The young couple will live at Mason.

Add Two Police Cars for Waterford Police

Two new police cars were delivered to the Waterford Township police station this week, and a third is expected momentarily, according to Chief Frank Van Atta.

The new scout cars will replace older cars, and brings the total fleet to six, for the 15-man police force.

A radar unit, which was presented to the police department by the Waterford Township Business Men's Assn. will be installed on one of the older cars, Van Atta said.

B-Bs Break Windows in Rochester Plant

ROCHESTER — Superintendent of the Rochester Sewage Disposal Plant, Jim Saylor, said this morning that he found eight windows in the plant peppered with B-B gun shots.

Reporting the incident to police here, Saylor said he believed the culprits may have been kids who received guns for Christmas.

Police are looking for the gun owners.

Worst on Record

WASHINGTON (INS) — The Agriculture Department reported today that drought and poor moisture conditions in the Great Plains states are the worst on record.

The Department said that as of Dec. 1, nearly two million acres have been damaged by wind erosion. About one-third of this damage was in Kansas. In addition, nearly 250,000 acres of growing wheat were "seriously damaged" by wind. About 80 per cent of this damage was in Kansas and Colorado.

For 4-County Improvement

State MFC Okays Bonds

The State Municipal Commission today approved millions of dollars in bond issues, including funds to finance school building in the Huron Valley District and Lapeer County and bonds for street improvement in Genesee County.

Approved by the Commission was a \$1,200,000 bond issue to finance new schools in the Huron Valley School District in Oakland and Livingston counties.

Other bond issues authorized by the commission:

Lapeer county—Inlay City community schools, district number six, \$1,000,000 for a new high school building and to convert the present high school into an elementary school.

Genesee county—Village of

Rochester Gets Gift of Buildings

C. B. Chapman Donates Structures to Village; Ready Petitions

ROCHESTER — Village Council, meeting here last night received a gift of two buildings from C. B. Chapman for the village and ordered immediate preparation of petitions for a South street sewer and lift station.

The small office building, located at Woodward and Main, will be moved to the Civic Skating Rink where it will be used as a concessions building. A special lighting system contained in this building will also be used at the rink.

The smaller building, also at Woodward and Main, will be moved to the Sanitary Land Fill Site at East Third street, where it will serve as an office.

Village Council last night instructed Village Manager Robert Slone and Clerk Lillian Easterle to prepare suitable petitions for a sanitary sewer and lift station for South street.

A portion of the project will be assessed against property owners.

If petitions are filed soon, Slone said, the engineering for the project would be completed this winter and the project itself would be begun in early summer.

Flint Marine Held in Florida Slaying

FLINT (AP) — A Flint Marine corporal was in jail here today, charged in the paring knife slaying of a Miami, Fla., bartender last Friday.

Cpl. Walter P. Coggins, 20, was arrested by state police last night at the home of his sister. He is held on a Miami warrant charging him in the slaying of Raymond Devonshire, 52.

Troopers Dalton Bennett and Peter Lacroix quoted Coggins as saying he had been AWOL from the Marine air station at Miami since Dec. 17 and had been staying at Devonshire's house.

The state policemen said Coggins told them he had quarreled with Devonshire, and had left Miami in the bartender's automobile Friday night. The automobile was recovered.

Young Mothers Meet

NORTH BRANCH — The initial meeting of the "Young Mothers Club" was held this week at the home of Mrs. Beverly Sohn. Mrs. Mary Jane Diegel was elected president and Mrs. Eileen Kreiner, secretary-treasurer.

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Name Group in Lake Orion

New Committee's Job to Determine Needs and Interests

LAKE ORION — A new committee was recently named by the Orion Community Center, Inc. to determine the needs of groups and individuals that would make them interested in promoting the new group. Hugh Brady, newly appointed director was named chairman. Charles Starrs and Mrs. Gilbert Woodcock, committeemen.

A goal of \$15,000 was presented by James Sheldon, chairman of the finance committee after they and the membership committee had jointly given it consideration.

This goal is for July 10 of 1957. Currently Robert Smith, architect from Rochester is studying the various sites that are available, and will present his findings to the Board of Directors meeting, which is open to the membership and public, at 8 p.m. Jan. 10, at the Lake Orion Village Hall.

Try Selling Issue to Complete Schools

HURON VALLEY — The Board of Education here is to make one more effort to market the bond issue needed to complete construction of a new high school and two elementary schools.

At previous meetings, the board found no buyers at 4.5 per cent interest and a five year call period. However, at present the board has decided to offer the bonds at five per cent interest and with no bonds callable for ten years.

The new proposal will be advertised as soon as it is approved.

To Celebrate 60th Anniversary Sunday in Orion

LAKE ORION — Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Burnett of 249 Lapeer St. are celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary with open house for all their friends and relatives between 3 and 5 p.m. Sun. Dec. 30.

They were married in Spencer, Ind. at the home of the bride on Dec. 30, 1896.

Their children are Mrs. Beatrice Hanson of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Ethel Bothell of Greeley, Colo., Forrest of Sacramento, Calif., Marion of Lake Orion; and Mrs. Vera Martin of Lombard, Ill. They have 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

OES Changes Date

Due to a special meeting of Grand Chapter, Commerce Chapter No. 301 OES will have its first regular meeting on Jan. 8 with a potluck at 6:30 and the meeting at 8 p.m. Initiation will be held on Jan. 22 starting at 8 p.m. Refreshments to be served after the meeting.

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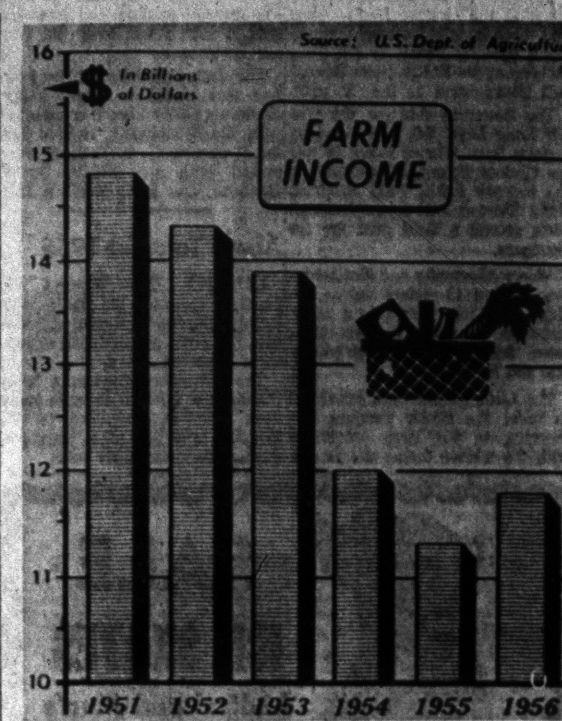
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FARM INCOME UP — The year 1956 saw farmers get a larger share of the national income than in 1955. U. S. Agriculture Department says farmers' net income rose four per cent during the year, forecasts greater improvement for '57.

DeMolay to Hold Dinner

ROMEO — Members of the local chapter, Order of DeMolay, will entertain their dates at a 6:30 dinner tonight in the Romeo High School auditorium.

The chapter mothers club will serve. The public is invited to the ball which will follow at 9 p.m.

General Chairman of the affair is James Holmes. Committee members include Sherman Parker Jr., John Miller and Mike Dofaldson. Chapter adviser E. C. Ojala has charge of decorations.

Dryden Herd Tester Reaches New High

LAPEER — Joe Verhaeghe, Dryden DHA tester, now does the testing of more than 1,000 cows each month for the Dairy Herd Improvement Assn.

This is the first time any association in Lapeer County has reached this figure, and it may be a record number for the state.

Verhaeghe tests 35 herds monthly. He averages better than one herd a day, as it is possible to double up on some of the smaller herds. Book work is done by Mrs. Verhaeghe.

School Board Proposes Issue of \$4 Million

FARMINGTON — The Farmington School Board will give immediate consideration to a \$4 million school bond issue. The subject will be presented to the people for a vote in early 1957.

With the rapidly expanding needs of the area it is felt that this amount would be a minimum to provide adequate school facilities by 1958.

The Board will outline in detail anticipated needs and establish estimated costs.

Already tentative plans are being made to discuss the proposed program.

Rivals Brawl for Favor of Movie Actress Crain

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — A misdemeanor assault and battery complaint has been issued against the former husband of actress Jeanne Crain following a brawl Christmas Day between rivals for her affections.

The altercation involved manufacturer Paul Brinkman, 37, and millionaire Homer H. Rhoads, 45. The actress recently divorced Brinkman, father of her four children. Rhoads says he plans to marry Miss Crain. She says she won't.

RAM Elects Officers

NORTH BRANCH — At a recent meeting of North Branch Chapter No. 138, RAM, the following officers were elected: Clare Keeler, High Priest; Albert O'Neill, King; Edgar Schank, Senior Warden; John Sari, treasurer; Ralph Pitcher, secretary; Raymond Ball, Captain of Host; Harry Knox, P.S.; Henry Welde, Royal Arch Captain; Warren Crawford, Master 3rd Vell; Glenn Spencer, Master 2nd Vell; William Baird, Master 1st Vell; Charles Knox, sentinel.

Germans in Long Shot

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A photographic team from the North German radio and television station at Hamburg was the first to take a sound film on one of the Air Force weather squadron's flights over the North Pole. They were gathering material for a series of programs on western defense.

1,200 Enjoy Party

MARLETTE — About twelve hundred employees and friends enjoyed the Guerdon Industries Holiday party, held at Frankemuth, Dinner, dancing, and entertainment highlighted the evening.

Sumatra Heads Rebuff Premier

Other Islands Join Demand for Reform, More Autonomy

JAKARTA, Indonesia (U) — Rebellious army factions on Sumatra have rebuffed attempts by the central Indonesian government to negotiate. The rebels want Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo and his cabinet to quit.

Rejection of a government peace mission came as other groups in the island chain voiced sympathy for the rebel movement and joined in demanding more independence from Jakarta rule. The government usually is dominated by men from the central island of Java, most populous and politically advanced of the thousands of Indonesian islands.

A government delegation sent to central Sumatra to confer with the military junta in control there returned last night reporting failure.

DEAL ONLY WITH SUKARNO
A spokesman for the group, criminal investigation chief Sulaiman, said the mission failed because it represented Sastroamidjojo's government, not President Sukarno. Sulaiman said the rebels would deal only with the President.

The military groups in north and central Sumatra, Indonesia's second largest and richest island, took over the civilian provincial administrations late last week in bloodless coups. In nightly radio broadcasts since the uprising, they have reiterated that they want Sastroamidjojo to arrange the reunion of Sukarno and former Vice President Mohammed Hatta, the latter a Sumatran.

They also have declared they do not want to split from the republic, but seek government reforms and more autonomy for the provinces.

To Use Industrial Waste in Causeway to Island

DETROIT (U) — River Rouge has agreed to let a private engineering company collect its garbage and industrial wastes for use as fill material for a proposed causeway across Lake St. Clair to connect St. Clair Shores and Harsen's Island.

River Rouge will save part of the fees now paid Ecorse for use of its incinerator. The waste material will be stored under the river front docks until filling operations begin on Harsen's Island in the spring.

Deplore Malay Pinups

IPOH, Malaya (INS) — A conference of Malayan Moslem missionaries has passed a resolution condemning pinups. Pictures of Malayan misses in scanty dress, the resolution said, are "demoralizing to Moslem youth."

Mayflower II to Take Original Route of Namesake

LIVERPOOL, Eng. (INS) — The next time the Pilgrims set sail from England for America they're going to have a radio aboard the Mayflower.

The Mayflower II, however, won't have any women aboard for its crossing of the North Atlantic next spring—because "this is a serious venture," according to its skipper Alan Villiers.

The modern reconstruction of the famous Mayflower, which landed the first permanent settlers in New England, is now being fitted out for its trip to the U.S. along virtually the same route followed by the

Pilgrims in 1620.

Villiers, a famed author and sailing master, will try to recreate the 17th Century voyage of the Pilgrims in a ship that is as much a copy as possible of the original Mayflower. But there will be some notable exceptions:

The radio is one, but it will be aboard because it's required by law.

There will be at least one young American in the crew when the ship sets sail from England next March or early April.

He'll be selected in a nationwide

contest sponsored by the Boys' Clubs of America, and serve with a British youth as one of two cabin boys.

The number of passengers aboard will be far fewer than the 102 persons who crossed to America in the fall of 1620.

Also, Villiers explains: "The new Mayflower will be a better ship. It will be better constructed, and, I think, more seaworthy."

The sailing master—a relatively young man for such a title because he's under 60—reminds that the

old girl's main beam buckled and she had to be shored up by a printing press. She must have been bad in a sea."

Villiers, a native of Australia now living in Oxford, Eng., came to the United States to lay the groundwork for the coming voyage of Mayflower II and for its presentation to the residents of Plymouth, Mass., as a gift of the people of England.

His trip included inspection of docking and harbor facilities at Plymouth, Mass., scene of the Pilgrims landing, consultations

about the crew and some time out for personal appearances.

Since the project was initiated to sail the ship to America and anchor it at the "Plymouth Plantation" as a historical exhibit—and especially since the ship was launched last September—Villiers has received hundreds of letters from men, women and children in this country who want to sail on the Mayflower II.

They've been turned down. "This is a serious business," observed the famed sailing man and writer. "We can't afford to have inexperienced persons possibly

handicapping the safety of the venture."

Villiers, who went to sea as a youth and is a veteran of round-the-world trips and grain races under sail, is personally picking the crew of between 21 and 24 men. The British sponsors of the project will name the passengers.

It's expected that about 40 persons will make up the passenger and crew list.

They'll eat better than the first Pilgrims, even though they will dress just like them for the crossing.

And the tiny ship—80 feet on deck with a 34 foot beam amidship—should clip across the Atlantic in considerably fewer days than the 66 it took the signers of the Mayflower Compact.

EXPECT 21 DAYS

Villiers estimates that if he gets good prevailing breezes, the Mayflower II should make it to America in 21 days. If the winds and weather aren't good, he hopes the crossing won't take more than 40 days.

"We will take the nearest route possible to that taken by the Pilgrims," the sailing man said. "There is little information on the journey."

"If there was a log we don't know where it is... we intend to take the northerly route—the one believed taken by the Pilgrims and stick to it as close as possible until we reach Plymouth."

The skipper said he and the crew and passengers will "relive the trials and tribulations that brave band" of Pilgrims underwent.

Plans for the Mayflower II were drawn after lengthy study by William Baker of Hingham, Mass., naval architect at the Fore River shipyard of Bethlehem Steel Co. in Quincy, Mass.

Villiers pointed out that baker "had to go by hearsay and what he could find out about ships of that day, and as far as we know we are close to the original. But no one can be sure."

The radio will be the most modern gadget aboard. The sails will be of flax, and all the line of hemp. And there won't be any winches or modern gadgets to aid in trimming sails.

Villiers, who offered his experience under the mast when he heard the people of England sincerely wanted to give America a gift of a new Mayflower, said the new ship will definitely lack something the first had—leaks.

"She was terrible," Villiers laughed.

Broadway's for Tourists

Today's Best Theater Fare Found Off the Main Stem



JO SULLIVAN

By DICK KLEINER
NEW YORK (NEA) — "Broadway?" That's for tourists.

Thus one veteran New York theatrical director dismisses the big theaters with the big stars. Like many students of things the-plan, he prefers the artistry of the flock of off-Broadway houses, currently enjoying their biggest boom since the '20s.

It's both an artistic and a financial boom. Almost every week some new company begins productions in an old theater or converted loft or dusty basement.

And a good percentage of these plays and players get critical acclaim from the same tough New York critics who have been leaning into the majority of the on-Broadway offerings.

At the moment, off-Broadway boasts some excellent theater, ranging from Shakespeare to a new play dealing with Puerto Rican immigrants, from opera to an old-fashioned song-and-dance review, from Chekhov's "The Sea Gull" to Van Druten's "I Am a Camera."

Among the biggest hits off-Broadway is "The Three Penny Opera," now in its second year at Greenwich Village's Theater de Lys. This has already broken the record for number of performances of an off-Broadway production. And it has already run through several casts, as the originals and even the replacements get tapped by Broadway and TV.

Jo Sullivan, the first star, is now the leading lady of "The Most Happy Fella," for example.

Another off-Broadway smash is Eugene O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh." This was only a moderate success when first presented on Broadway, but the current off-Broadway production, at the theater-in-the-round-type Circle-in-the-Square, has already played more times than the original did.

But probably the most successful operation in the low-rent districts of Manhattan is the Phoenix Theater, which has been piling success upon success in its three years of operation.

Its co-producers, Norris Houghton and T. Edward Hambleton, are good spokesmen for the whole off-Broadway movement.

"This is not an artistic revolution," says Houghton. "It's an economic revolution."

As he and his partner explain it, the current boom in off-Broadway productions isn't due to Broadway's lack of creative daring, but it's strictly a dollars-and-cents proposition.

Off-Broadway thrives because Broadway's costs are phenomenally high. A producer without much capital has little hope of seeing his production open on Broadway. The average cost to bring in a Broadway play is at least \$60,000, with musicals running up to \$400,000 or so.

At the Phoenix, a play will cost no more than \$20,000. And the Phoenix is elaborate, as off-Broadway goes.

In their three years, they've done few plays, revivals, musicals. They're lured top stars, as in the just concluded "St. Joan," which starred the great Irish actress, Siobhan McKenna. She, like the other big names, worked for the union scale, hundreds of dollars under what she could command on Broadway.

But the top actors like to come to the Phoenix, where they can try something new, something they've always wanted for limited engagement. For six weeks, they can afford to earn \$100 a week in return for artistic satisfaction. On Broadway, they have to do something with definite commercial possibilities.

The current off-Broadway boom is now about five years old. Already, it has made a big contribution to the theater as a whole—actors like Geraldine Page, discovered in an off-Broadway production of "Summer and Smoke," Ben Gazzara, in "End as a Man," Kaye Ballard, singing "Lazy Afternoon" in "The Golden Apple," have used off-Broadway as a springboard. And there have been playwrights and directors and producers, too.

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Freight Is Profitable

NEW YORK—Freight movement exceeded 1,000,000 tons on each of 86 inland waterways in the United States in 1955. There were only 64 channels in the million-ton category in 1954.

Walt Disney's True Life Adventures

WHITE TIDE

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Traffic Deaths to Soar Again

Expect All-Time High in Highway Fatalities Over Coming Weekend

CHICAGO (U) — Traffic deaths, which soared to an all-time high for any holiday during the Christmas period, may also hit a record toll during the long New Year weekend.

Deaths on the nation's highways from 6 p.m. (local time) Friday to midnight Tuesday, the National Safety Council estimates, may total 490. That would be 83 more than the record of 407 deaths for a New Year period, established during a four-day span in 1952-53.

The 490 traffic toll was termed possible by the council "unless there is a sharp improvement in the driving habits that shocked the nation over Christmas." It said the toll for a similar nonholiday period at this time of year would be 420.

In the four-day Christmas period, traffic fatalities totaled 706, the first time during any holiday period in U. S. history they climbed above 700. The council's pre-Christmas estimate was 660.

During the 1955 Christmas and 1956 New Year holidays, the combined traffic death toll hit a record of 973. The New Year period total was 364. Each holiday period for counting purposes, was three days.

The final tabulation of all accidental deaths for this Christmas period of 102 hours showed a total of 894, a new all-time high for any holiday. The previous record was 805, during the Fourth of July celebration in 1955.

In addition to the 706 traffic deaths, 54 persons perished in fires and 124 others lost their lives in falls and other accidents.

Gobbledygook's Out

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (U) — Government "Gobbledygook" is getting a working over in Atomic Energy Commission offices in Albuquerque. More than 800 employees are taking hour-a-day instruction in writing "plain letters."

"Gobbledygook," the man says, "is for tourists. Go off-Broadway if you want to see some good theater."

Hollywood Headlines

2 Fine Schools Develop Tony Franciosa's Acting

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (U) — No wonder Anthony Franciosa is destined for stardom. He went to two of the best schools for an actor: hard knocks and the Actor's Studio.

That he will be a star, there can be no doubt. He hit the Broadway lights with Shelley Winters in "A Hatful of Rain," and that started the Hollywood offers. Hal Wallis, who brought Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas and others from the stage to screen, signed Tony for a picture a year.

MGM wanted him to star in "The Vintage." But he passed up the coin and a European trip to work for Elia Kazan in "A Face in the Crowd" for less money and a smaller role. Tony realized the value of working for Kazan.

Now he's appearing with Jean Simmons and Paul Douglas in "This Could Be the Night." Twentieth Century-Fox wants him to repeat his role in "A Hatful of Rain" and both studios are seeking multipicture deals with him.

Not bad for a guy who was working in a cafeteria here five years ago.

Tony had decided at 18 he wanted to be an actor and he took private coaching for a year and a half in his native New York City. But he had no luck getting roles and bounced around for years as a waiter, dishwasher, awning installer, welder, printer's helper, etc.

Three years ago, he enrolled at the Actor's Studio, and his career began to take off. Watch this boy.

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