

Rescuers Recover Bodies of 11 Coal Miners

Need Help on Lions TV?

One of 'em Sits Very Near You, Governor Told

State Rep. Farrell E. Roberts, West Bloomfield Township Republican, today urged Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams to "do something practical" to get the Detroit-Cleveland football game televised in Detroit and "stop the talk for publicity."

Roberts said in a telegram to the governor: "Suggest you stop wasting funds on telephoning Bert Bell telling him to televise the Lions-Browns game Sunday and do something practical to get the game on TV in the Detroit area."

"Lt. Gov. Phil Hart has an office on the same floor of the Capitol building as yours, he is a stockholder

Prenatal Stress Can Affect Baby

Psychologist Describes Results of Rat Tests at Scientific Parley

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—New tests indicate babies can be emotionally scarred by what happens to their mothers during pregnancy.

Pregnant rats made emotionally anxious in the tests produced offspring which were abnormal emotionally. The effects are relatively permanent.

In one surprise, mice born to normal mothers developed emotional changes when reared by foster mothers who had been subjected to emotional stress.

The experiments were described today to the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science by William R. Thompson, psychologist of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

He said some human studies indicate that emotional upsets suffered by a woman can seriously affect the unborn baby. The influence is possibly transmitted by changes in the mother's hormone system.

Thompson devised elaborate tests to measure the effect when pregnant rats were made highly anxious, or subjected to electrical shocks.

While results are not clear-cut, they appear to confirm earlier work Thompson did with smaller numbers of animals.

"They strongly suggest that stress . . . has definite effects on the emotional behavior of the offspring," he said.

New Regulations to Aid Traffic Flow on Dixie

Ban Left Turns at Williams Lake, Walton Intersections Soon

Left turns from Dixie Highway onto Williams Lake Rd., on the west, and onto Walton Blvd., to the east, will be prohibited within the next week, according to acting District Traffic Engineer Joseph Marlow of the Michigan State Highway department.

No Left Turn signs will be installed and will serve until two new cut-offs have been constructed at that intersection to better handle the heavy traffic flow, Marlow said.

The proposed roads have been planned for more than two years, and construction should begin about May 1, Marlow added.

Motorists approaching Pontiac from the north, who want to make a left turn from Dixie Highway to Walton Blvd., will turn right on the new cut-over to Walton Blvd., then cross Dixie Highway to Walton.

If the motorist is going north (towards Flint) and wishes to turn left on Williams Lake Rd., he will turn right on a new cut-over to Walton Blvd., then cross Dixie to Williams Lake road.

Another troublesome spot that is past the planning stage, is located at the point where Scott Lake road ends at Dixie Highway.

Right-of-way crews are now acquiring 80-feet on the east side of Dixie Highway. Eventually a motorist approaching Scott Lake Rd. from Pontiac, wishing to make a left turn onto Scott Lake Rd., will bear to the right, then loop back across Dixie Highway, Marlow explained.

A signal light will also be installed at that point.

Records show that Dixie Highway in the Waterford Township area, has an average traffic flow of 25,000 vehicles during a 24-hour period. In the summer months, the number is increased by some 10,000 motorists.

Tours Quake Region

TEHRAN (AP)—The Shah of Iran today flew to Kermanshah on a two-day tour of the Zagros Mountain area of west Iran, where 1,288 persons were killed in recent earthquakes. The Shah will supervise the start of erecting prefabricated wooden houses for nearly 30,000 homeless.

New York Thief Grabs Himself a Bag of Woe

NEW YORK (INS)—Somewhere in New York there is a snatch-and-grab thief whose first New Year's resolution ought to be to look before grabbing.

That way he would avoid a repetition of the nasty moment yesterday when he opened a package whisked out of the hands of Allen Barnett, 16, in a New York subway station. His loot: One four-foot box constrictor and 11 iguana-type lizards.

They were pets, the youth told police, and very gentle. So far both the thief and the reptiles, all non-poisonous, are missing.

Call for Claims on Antarctic

Two GOP Congressmen Want U. S. to Press for Pole Settlement

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two senior congressional Republicans today called on the U.S. government to stake out its claims to the antarctic.

One of them, Rep. Tollefson (R-Wash.), said he has been informed that the nation's top strategy-making group—the National Security Council—"approves the objectives" of Tollefson's antarctic claims bill now before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Rep. Judd (R-Minn.), a senior committee member, said, "Our government ought to press now for a settlement (of antarctic claims) that will be just and equitable."

Otherwise, Judd said, rival claimants are likely to get into years of hassling as the claims get firmer and new values are found for the vast subcontinent.

The legislators spoke in interviews on the heels of fresh reports of international interest in South Pole area. Moscow radio reported two heavily laden expeditions are heading for the magnetic pole and the geographic South Pole.

British and New Zealand groups also are on their way to the geographic center, where a U.S. scientific expedition is already encamped. The Soviets are hurrying an icebreaker to survey along the shore of an unclaimed area.

HAVE NO CLAIMS

Although American expeditions have explored far more of the frozen land than has any other nation, the United States has not laid claim to any territory there. It also refuses to recognize claims of other countries.

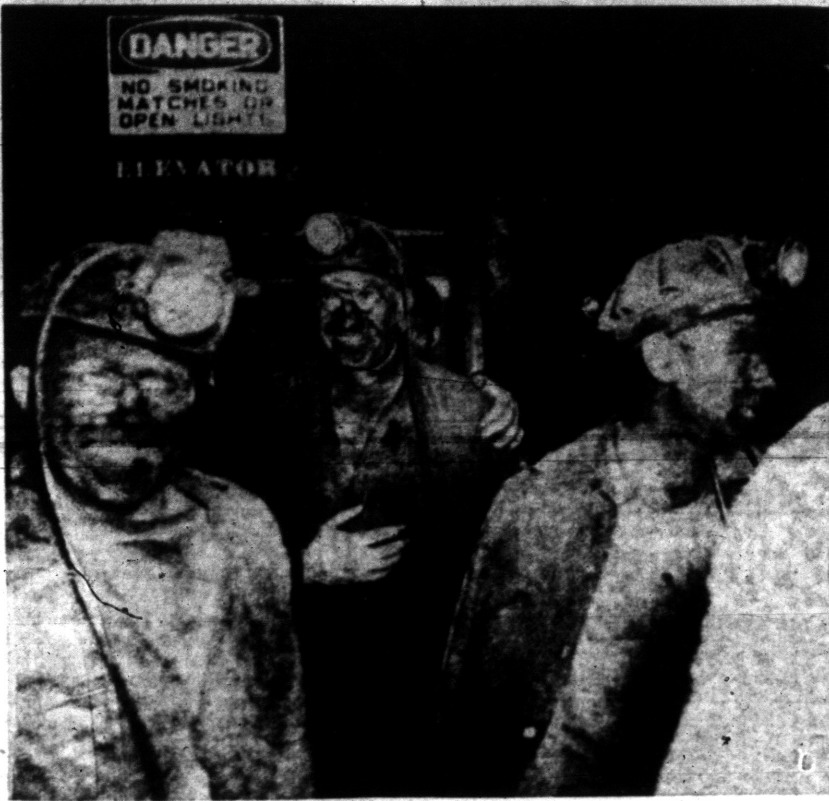
Yule Snow Is Tardy, to Stay a Few Days

Predawn snow arrived late for Christmas in the Pontiac area, and the weather Bureau predicts it will be with us for the next few days. Tonight will be cloudy and colder with a low around 20 degrees and tomorrow will be partly cloudy also.

The forecast for Monday is partly cloudy with snow flurries, and little change in temperatures.

The lowest recorded temperature in downtown Pontiac, preceding 8 a.m. was 34. The reading at 1 p.m. was 38.

Survivors of Coal Mine Blast



EMERGE THIS MORNING—Some of the survivors of the mine explosion at Amonate, Va., are shown as they emerged from the mine this morning. Fourteen men were rescued.

14 Other Men Survive Blast, Being Trapped

Gas Causes Tragedy at Colliery Underneath Virginia, West Virginia

AMONATE, Va. (AP)—Rescue workers today recovered the bodies of 11 miners killed late yesterday when a gas explosion trapped 25 men below ground in a mine straddling the Virginia-West Virginia border. Fourteen miners were brought out of the colliery uninjured shortly after midnight.

Canvas was draped over the victims, carried out of Mine No. 31 of the Pocahontas Fuel Co. on a coal car. About 100 persons looked on in the first gray light of an overcast day.

The miners were hemmed in 500 feet underground. Company officials said all the men originally trapped by the explosion were believed to be accounted for.

Amonate is in southwest Virginia, 20 miles west of Bluefield, Va.-W.Va.

Bodies of the dead were removed from the sprawling mine through a shaft located in West Virginia, nearly three miles from the main entry shaft where the survivors were brought out.

This was the second disastrous explosion in Pocahontas Fuel Co. mines in the border coalfields in 11 months. A February gas explosion at a mine near Bishop, Va., snuffed out 37 lives.

William Fullerton, special assistant to the president of Pocahontas Fuel Co., said the bodies of three men were reached about 4 a.m. The other eight were located about two hours later. Plans were made to remove all the bodies at one time.

The blast trapped men in two sections—a jay loading area (site of an automatic coal loading machine) and a continuous mining area (also the site of automatic coal loading equipment). The survivors were found by rescue workers at the site of the jay loading section some 1,000 feet from where the 11 other men met death.

The rescue work was painstaking as rescuers were forced to inch their way along slate-clogged passages filled with smoke and deadly gases. They carried oxygen tanks strapped to their backs.

Officials said the mine was known as a "gaseous" mine. "It was indicated that equipment used to disburse the gas, present in varied quantities in all coal mines, had failed to function properly and the accumulation had been touched off by a spark of unknown origin."

Fullerton said the families of the trapped miners had kept a vigil at a station two miles from the disaster scene through most of the night but had been urged to return to their homes early this morning to await developments.

Although only eight men had been listed as working in the continuous loading area, company officials later discovered 11 men were there.

Ironically, some of the 11 might have been due for a layoff today because of a 70 per cent cut in personnel. Officials of the Pocahontas Fuel Co. said 334 of the 775 men employed at the operation-Mine No. 31—were due to be cut off because of a decrease in coal orders.

Winter Driving



GET FEEL OF THE ROAD—Test road conditions right away. As soon as you start out (but away from other cars or hazards) try your brakes to find out how slippery the road surface is.

Rescue at Mine Must Go Slowly

Crew Has to Protect Trapped Workers and Itself, Too

AMONATE, Va. (AP)—A mine rescue operation is an inch-by-inch process that must seem like an eternity to loved ones waiting above and those trapped below the ground—if they're aware of anything.

But it's a process that's delicately inch by inch—for the safety of those trapped and those seeking to rescue them.

Such an operation was carried on early today as three crews of six men each battled their way forward toward 11 men trapped and killed 500 feet under the earth by a gas-produced explosion in Mine No. 31 of the Pocahontas Fuel Co.

Fourteen men were rescued after five hours of painstaking labor. It took that long—and longer—to negotiate another 1,000 feet to the 11 others, found dead.

"The mine was in very good shape, all things considered," reported Arnold Bostic, a member of one of the rescue teams. "The roof is in very good shape and there were no heavy slate falls."

Bostic reported "lots of smoke as a result of the blast, but there was no fire. Tracks were ripped up from the ground. Some timbers and supports were knocked down and they had to be replaced before we could go forward."

Complicating the operation is 38-pound, two-hour oxygen tank each man must carry on his back as he slowly inches his way along.

'Mostly We Just Prayed'

Explosion at Mine Rocks Men Beneath the Ground

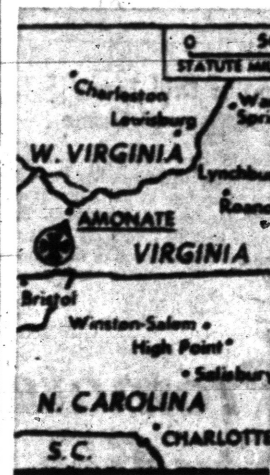
AMONATE, Va. (AP)—A few men were working, several were eating, one was cleaning up when a gas-produced explosion trapped 25 men below the earth in the Pocahontas Fuel Co.'s Mine No. 31 late yesterday.

Fourteen were brought to safety early today—all nervous, all shaken but all uninjured. The other 11 were found dead.

"The explosion at 6:30 p.m. didn't have any sound, but the concussion was heavy," said Mitchell Harris, 28, Cedar Bluff, a 10-year veteran at the mine.

"I know—I knocked the sandwich out of my hand and knocked me over. It busted my ears when it hit."

Harris said he "knew what happened, although it was my (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)



EXPLOSION SITE

Youth, 15, Gets Life for Slaying of Child

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—A 15-year-old reform school escapee, described as "vicious, treacherous and cold-blooded," Friday was judged guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment for killing a two-year-old girl.

The youth, John Lawrence Miller, had pleaded guilty to slaying Laura Helen Wetzel Nov. 11 on the Palos Verdes Peninsula while overdue from a weekend pass from a reform school.

Arrested four days later in Reno, Nev., he told police he smothered the child under blankets "because I felt like killing somebody."

Dep. Dist. Atty. Ted Sten said the only reason the State didn't ask the death penalty for John (Larry) Miller was because the law forbids execution of one so young.

Miller will serve his sentence at a state prison for adults.

Countries Sign A-Pact

ROME, (INS)—Britain and Italy signed an agreement today for peaceful nuclear collaboration. The document is similar to the one Italy signed with the U. S. in July.

U. of M. Economist Calls for Cities to Rely on Other Levies

Seeks to Replace Property Taxes

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (AP)—Sales taxes, income taxes and service charges should gradually replace property taxes as the major source of big city revenue, a University of Michigan economist declared today.

Associate Prof. Harvey E. Brazier said in a speech prepared for the American Economics Assn. that reliance on property taxes should be "diminished substantially over time."

Property taxes, he said, now account for 60 per cent of the total tax revenues in the top 17 cities in the United States, excluding Washington, D.C.

Substantial property will be removed from the tax rolls, Brazier said, with the continued shift of manufacturing activity to the suburbs and the development of city roads. At the same time, he pre-

dicted, the per capita financial needs of central cities will grow.

"Wide taxing powers that permit a broadly diversified tax system to provide the needed revenues with comparatively low tax rates are likely to produce fewer harmful effects than would one or two taxes imposed at higher rates," Brazier declared.

In arguing the need of major metropolitan cities for broad tax powers to handle their growing financial crises, Brazier said "state aid distributed on the basis of population will increasingly fail to reflect the relative needs and obligations of the central cities of major metropolitan areas."

"Wide taxing powers extended to the major metropolitan centers would not involve the confusion and compliance difficulties associ-

ated with sales or income taxes imposed by clusters of small municipalities," Brazier said.

Discussing municipal spending, Brazier said a major change is needed in financial support given public transit systems.

"Continued failure of the federal and state governments and the cities themselves to recognize this can only lead to ever-increasing

economic waste and the increasingly ludicrous spectacle of higher and higher transit fares, accompanied by deteriorating service, driving more and more people to the private automobile," he said.

If cities are to avoid "economic strangulation through traffic congestion," Brazier said, all levels of government should cooperate in reversing current trends. "Aid should be forthcoming for transportation—not solely or specifically for highways," he declared.

"Even the less densely populated major metropolitan centers can succeed in providing fast, comfortable, cheap mass transportation if construction and maintenance money is diverted from arterial streets, moving from the center to the peripheries, to mass transit facilities, coupled with construction and improvement of streets that provide access to public transit," Brazier said.

Elvis Gets 60-Day Draft Delay



TO FINISH PICTURE—In Memphis, Elvis Presley appears nonchalant when advised that he has been granted a 60-day draft delay. The delay was requested by his studio so Elvis could complete a movie. The attractive houseguests

of the Rock 'n' Roll singer are pointing to March 20, the new induction date. They are Kathy Gabriel (left) the current Miss Ohio, of Cleveland, and Hanneli Melcher, Miss Austria in this year's Miss Universe contest.

Soviet Cheered by Afro-Asians

Delegates to Red-Hued Parley Praise Russian Economic Aid Offer

CAIRO (AP) — The African-Asian People's Conference plowed ahead in anti-Western fields today as the spotlight centered on Russia's sweeping economic aid offer.

Subgroups of the conference's main Political Committee plunged into a discussion of such controversial East-West topics as imperialism, disarmament, racial discrimination, Algeria and Palestine.

The Soviet "big brother" offer of economic aid to all Asians and Africans was well received yesterday by the delegates from 42 nations and colonies at the non-governmental conference, which is stacked with supporters of Communist policies.

Many of those voicing loud praise for the offer are exiles or fugitives from areas that receive U. S. economic aid. Some of the leftists here are frowned on by home governments that try to stay officially disconnected from Communist propaganda lines.

The offer, obviously designed to drive Western enterprise out of the East, was accompanied by broad hints that African and Asian countries should nationalize Western-operated businesses and exploit their profits as Egypt has sought to do with the Suez Canal.

This apparently appealed to many elements who shouted their assent when Soviet delegate Apushavan A. Agafonov lauded Indonesia's takeover of some 1 1/2 billion dollars in Dutch investments.

The Soviet offer recalled Western predictions that the Kremlin would launch a drive in 1958 to win more friends in Africa and Asia with a view towards driving the West from these sources of oil and other natural resources.

Mexican Beauty Denies Romance With Aga Khan

KITZBUHEL, Austria (AP) — A dark-haired Mexican beauty denied today there is a romance between her and the Aga Khan, who abruptly left a resort where she is staying.

The 21-year-old Aga early this morning broke off a holiday skiing vacation at Kitzbuehel in the Austrian Alps and drove toward Switzerland. There were reports he had quarreled with his mother because she refused to permit his engagement to the beauty, Sylvia Casablanca, 17, daughter of a wealthy Mexican.

The Aga's mother and brother remained behind. So did Sylvia and her parents who are staying at the same hotel.



By E. H. SIMS

Recent tornadoes in the middle section of the United States surprised many and caught people unprepared. Are these storms "out of season" in mid-winter?

Yes, to a certain extent, tornadoes are "out of season" in mid-winter. They are not extremely rare, however, for they can occur at any time during the year.

Tornadoes occur most frequently in turbulent and changing air masses, when heavier air possibly moist becomes inverted—suspended above lighter air.

Eventually the heavier air (above) is certain to break through and this may produce the awful power of these small funnel storms.

The Weather

Full U. S. Weather Bureau Report PONTIAC AND VICINITY — Tonight cloudy and colder with a low around 28. Tomorrow partly cloudy. Fresh southerly winds shifting westerly this afternoon.

Lowest temperature preceding 8 a. m. at 8 a. m. Wind velocity 13 m. p. h. Direction: Southwest.

Sun sets Saturday at 5:07 p. m. Sun rises Sunday at 8 a. m. Moon sets Sunday at 12:45 a. m. Moon rises Sunday at 11:52 a. m.

Downtown Temperatures (as recorded downtown): 4 a. m. 24 11 a. m. 32 2 p. m. 34 5 p. m. 34 8 p. m. 32 11 p. m. 30

Friday in Pontiac (as recorded downtown): Highest temperature 36 Lowest temperature 25 Mean temperature 30.5 Weather: Clear

One Year Ago in Pontiac: Highest temperature 29 Lowest temperature 20 Mean temperature 24.5 Weather: Snow flurries

Highest and Lowest Temperatures This Date in 55 Years: 57 in 1946 4 in 1924

FRIDAY'S TEMPERATURE CHART:

Albany	33	32	Marquette	38	28
Allamore	48	46	Memphis	49	29
Baltimore	29	6	Miami	76	71
Birmingham	76	61	Midwaukee	43	38
Boston	38	28	Minneapolis	28	12
Buffalo	38	28	Mobile	68	56
Charlotte	50	39	New Orleans	68	56
Chicago	44	33	New York	44	34
Cincinnati	42	32	Oakland	67	57
Cleveland	42	32	Pasadena	58	31
Denver	42	32	Pittsburgh	38	33
Des Moines	32	22	St. Louis	44	34
Duluth	32	22	St. Paul	44	34
Fort Worth	61	50	San Francisco	44	34
G. Rapids	40	30	St. Mary's	34	24
Houston	72	57	Traverse C.	41	31
Indianapolis	42	32	Washington	41	31
Jacksonville	52	37	Seattle	48	45
Kansas City	32	22	Tampa	76	61
Laurens	52	37			
Los Angeles	68	49			



WINS HIGH MASONIC HONOR — Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker (left) receives in Detroit the York Rite Cross, highest honor of this branch of Masonry, from Richard W. Lewis, founder and governor general of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Brucker is wearing the uniform of Right Eminent Grand Captain-General of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templars of the United States, a recent appointment.

Violence Flares in Battle Creek and New York

Youths Go on Killing Spree

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Youth on a rampage of violence made news today in New York and in Michigan.

From Battle Creek, police report a 17-year-old high school student fatally wounded himself last night in the deadly game of Russian roulette.

Declaring "I have nothing to lose," Robert Eugene Keller put a shell in the cylinder of a .32 caliber revolver, spun the cylinder, put the weapon to his head and pulled the trigger. The gun fired.

MOTHER ON DUTY

Keeler died two hours later at a hospital where his mother, Mrs. Theodore Keeler, was on duty as a desk clerk.

Police said the youth had been target shooting with two companions in the basement of his home. His father was in a hospital recovering from a recent operation.

In New York City, another

17-year-old youth walked into a Brooklyn police station last night and told of shooting his mother to death with a rifle because she nagged him about using the telephone.

"Honest, I'm not kidding," blond John Jessup told a police officer. "I put two bullets in the back of her head and dragged her body from the hall into the bathtub."

"I was there half an hour trying to clean up the blood. Honest, I'm not kidding. Go there and see."

HE WASN'T KIDDING

Police went to the ground-floor apartment about a block away and found the body of Mrs. Gladys Jessup, 35, an attractive blonde divorcee, just where her son said it would be.

Jessup, booked on a homicide charge, said in a statement released by police: "I lost my temper. I have a very quick temper."

In Bath, N. Y., still a third 17-year-old, described as a mild-mannered boy who uses neither alcohol, tobacco nor coffee told police last night he had slain two men who gave him lifts while hitchhiking.

One victim was the father of 10 children, on his way to a hospital to visit his wife and newborn baby.

Authorities said Fred Sommer Jr. of Camerons Mills, near this south-central New York community, admitted in written statements that he shot Cecil Stratton, 42, Dec. 13, and Leo W. Brown, 38, Thursday night.

WANTED THEIR CARS

He said he killed both men for their automobiles. He used the same pistol to put bullets through both of his victims' heads.

Pontiac Drill Team to Appear at Game

Jackie Rae Voorhees and her Ravenettes drill team has been invited to appear at the Lions game in Briggs Stadium tomorrow. The popular Pontiac drill team will perform between halves of the game.

Aid Program Reported

U.S. to Promote Science Studies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration reportedly will propose to Congress a program of matching grants to states to encourage improved teaching of science and mathematics in the high schools.

The plan calls for the federal government to provide more than 100 million dollars to help the states supplement salaries of science and math teachers, employ additional teachers, purchase equipment and strengthen state education departments.

Other proposals also are being prepared to help meet the clamor for more emphasis on scientific and technical training in the nation's schools and colleges. The demand has been growing since Russia's launching of two earth satellites emphasized an increasing Russian technical capability.

The program, to be administered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, would be patterned after the present federal aid vocational education program.

school pupils, and promote the teaching of foreign languages.

College scholarships, to cost eight to 10 million dollars the first year, would be provided for talented high school students who could not otherwise go to college. Fellowships also would be provided in graduate schools.

In a related effort, more than 50 million dollars a year would be provided to the National Science Foundation for expansion of its present effort to expand teaching of science and math at all levels.

Most of that money would go for updating science textbooks, providing more fellowships and conducting more seminars and institutes for teachers in those fields. While plans went forward for a boost in the specialized training, the Office of Education reported a record enrollment in colleges and universities this fall.

The office reported a preliminary total of 3,068,000 students enrolled in 1,890 institutions, a gain of 4.1 per cent over the 2,947,000 listed in the fall of 1956. The total by the end of this school year is expected to reach 3,460,000, the report said.

Sommer, a tall, thin youth with curly blond hair, told police he wanted his victims' cars for hold-ups he pulled to get some money to pay a former employer for some allegedly stolen items. He said Stratton tried to fight him off and cried, "There's no sense shooting me. I've got a wife and 10 kids."

Justice caught up with four other New York youths convicted of the slaying of a 61-year-old shop owner.

The quartet range in age from 17 to 22. Two of them, Thomas Frye and William Wynn, 17, were unarmed and took no direct part in the killing of William Boser, a delicatessen owner.

But since they stood guard when Ralph Dawkins and Jackson Turner committed the murder, in order to rob the store, they also were found guilty of first degree murder.

A jury of 11 men and one woman brought in a guilty verdict on the defendants on Dec. 11 and did not recommend mercy. This made yesterday's death sentence mandatory. The execution was set for February.

Explosion Traps Men Far Beneath Surface

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first time—and I hope it's my last."

W. C. Carrico of Amonate, a mechanic, was repairing a shuttle car and was lying on the ground at the time of the blast.

"I was rolled over against the wall by the force of the blast," said Carrico. "My first thought was that the car had dropped. After I got up and saw all the smoke and dust, I knew what had happened and started calling the men together."

A LITTLE SCARED

Harris admitted being "a little scared and I wanted to get out. But I settled down and joined the others. Everyone in the group was a little scared, but all the men were well."

He said Woodrow Evans, a foreman, was "specially nice. He called us together and said, 'I am no longer your boss. We have to put our heads together and get out of here.'"

The men started out twice, Harris said, "but were forced back each time by smoke. After the second time, we moved out to a protected spot and braced ourselves in. Then we built another barricade (canvas barricade) inside the first one. Then we wrapped up and sat and waited."

"A few times we called out to each other just checking up," Harris said, "but mostly we just sat, thought and prayed."

Harris paused a moment, then didn't pray, they should have. When rescue teams finally reached the section in which the 14 men had taken shelter, Harris said, "You can bet I was sure glad to hear those voices after five hours."

Saves His Sled Too

CHICAGO (AP) — Alfred Jackson, 12, was saved from drowning in the icy waters of a pond by the police chief of suburban Robbins yesterday. After rescuing the boy, Chief Ernest H. Hunt plunged into the water again and recovered the boy's sled—a Christmas present.

U. S. Aide's Gems Taken

ROME (AP) — Italian police reported today that an estimated \$30,000 in jewels had been stolen from the home of U. S. Ambassador James D. Zellerbach.

Graham Giving Truculent Ram to Church Camp

MONTREAT, N. C. (AP) — A religious camp in New York state is getting a present from evangelist Billy Graham — a truculent ram that bitted him down a hill at his farm several weeks ago, putting him in bed with injuries for several days.

Graham said yesterday the ram, originally a present to his four children, will be shipped before the year's end to "The Word of Life" religious camp at Schraun Lake, N. Y.

"I'm mighty anxious to be rid of him," commented the evangelist.

Billy said the ram showed temper again Christmas Day when the evangelist was feeding him a dinner of oats, hay, lettuce, celery and a carrot. Graham said that when he was slow in handing over the carrot, the ram lowered his head to charge.

"But I was on the right side of the fence this time," commented Graham.

Pair Witnesses Slaying of Mom

Horror Couple Sees Woman Shot to Death, Son Abducted

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — A young mother was shot to death in front of her home last night while two people watched in helpless horror.

Mrs. Margie Bell Kirby, about 30, was clutching the hand of her son David, 4, when she was gunned down.

Her assailant grabbed the little boy's hand and fled, but the boy turned-up two hours later at the home of an uncle.

Police were seeking the woman's husband Carroll Lane Kirby, about 39.

Bob Jeffries and his wife Gale, both 19, witnessed the shooting. Jeffries, a newspaper carrier, salesman, was collecting at the time.

"Gale had gone to the Kirby house and I was next door," he said. "I thought they were playing. Then there was this noise like a firecracker and she fell."

Wagner, Wood Marry in Phoenix Today

PHOENIX, Ariz. (INS) — Screen players Robert Wagner, 19, and Natalie Wood, 19, were married today in the Methodist Church in Scottsdale, a Phoenix suburb.

The guest list had been restricted to members of the immediate family and a few close friends.

The couple will honeymoon in Florida.

The 14 survivors were pronounced in good physical condition and were sent home. The car came out of the mine about 12:05 a. m., some 5 1/2 hours after the blast.

Death Stills Prolific Pen of James W. Clapp

"Mr. Letter Writer," Pontiac's James W. Clapp, was laid to rest today in Oak Hill Cemetery.

His death Wednesday at Pontiac General Hospital stilled the pen of a man known to letter box editors of newspapers throughout southeastern Michigan as their most prolific correspondent.

Mr. Clapp was 82 when he died. No one has an accurate count of the number of letters he wrote to newspapers from the time he retired at the age of 55 after a successful career in animal breeding in the East.

His letters to The Pontiac Press alone are believed to number in the thousands and his last letter received Dec. 13 is still to be published.

When he settled in Pontiac, Mr. Clapp lived with his wife and a son, Donald, at 25 Matthews St. Later he moved to 154 S. Johnson Ave. His wife died four years ago. He was widely appreciated by editors and their readers for his wide span of knowledge, lively style and interest in politics and history.

A conservative Republican, Mr. Clapp not only defended his party in print, but was a regular attendant at Oakland County and state conventions.

A familiar figure around the court house, Mr. Clapp spent a great deal of time in research, writing and visiting his friends. Mr. Clapp was an adopted child and was raised in Milford. His family moved to a farm near Witom and it was here that he

President Rests at Farm Home

Will Do Some Work on State of Union Talk Over Weekend

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A quiet weekend, broken only by some thought of future planning lay ahead today for President Eisenhower.

No weekend business appointments were scheduled at the Eisenhower farm here. But White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said the President would do some work on his State of the Union message, in which he will outline to Congress Jan. 9 his program for the coming year.

Eisenhower's pet dog was among the passengers in the five-car motorcade which brought the presidential party to Gettysburg yesterday. The dog, Heidi, is a mole-colored Weimaraner, an exclusive German hunting breed.

Hagerty told newsmen Heidi normally stays at the farm, but had been at the White House for Christmas. On the trip here, she had free run of the back seat of one of the official limousines, which carried also a chauffeur, Eisenhower's valet, John Mooney.

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower, three of their four grandchildren and Dr. Walter Tschach, one of Eisenhower's physicians, made the two-hour journey in bright sunshine. They were followed later by Eisenhower's daughter-in-law Mrs. John Eisenhower and granddaughter Barbara Anne.

Maj. John Eisenhower planned to arrive today to complete the family circle.

Eisenhower has arranged for conferences here next week with some government officials. He plans to remain at least through the New Year holiday, but is expected to return to Washington next week.

4 Hurt in Accident on South Boulevard

Four persons, two of them from Pontiac and another from Avon Township, were injured in a collision on E. South boulevard at Plainfield Avenue last night, according to Pontiac Police.

Agnes Price, 48, of 3172 York St., Avon Township, was admitted to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with multiple cuts and bruises and is reported in fair condition today.

Police said she struck the rear of an auto driven by Charles R. Davis, 30, of 88 Bloomfield Terrace, who was stopped to make a turn. Davis and his wife, Ruth, 29, were treated and released.

Florence Smith, 46, of Milford, Ohio, a passenger in the Price car, was also treated for minor injuries and released, said the hospital.

The Day in Birmingham

Churches Invite Students to New Year Services

BIRMINGHAM — Area churches will begin welcoming in the New Year tomorrow with special services and programs. Many churches also have announced the plans for their traditional New Year's Eve observance.

At 4 p. m. tomorrow, Redeemer Lutheran Church will honor college students and their parents, with the Rev. Theodore Wiggazer speaking on "What Is Your Life." A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow.

Another service will be held at 8 o'clock New Year's Eve with high school students conducting the program.

College students will be honored at both the 9:30 and 11:25 a. m. services tomorrow at the First Methodist Church.

At St. James Episcopal Church college students will be welcomed at an open house from 4 to 6 p. m. at the Rectory.

First Baptist Church has scheduled a watch-night prayer service for 8 to 9 p. m. New Year's Eve. The following day, Dr. and Mrs. Emil Kontz will host friends and members at a 3 to 7 p. m. open house at the parsonage. Dr. Kontz is the pastor.

While area youngsters with as yet unused skis, sleds and toboggans grew hopeful as snow whitened the ground this morning, police departments of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township issued an appeal for extreme highway caution as the New Year holiday approaches.

Streets and highways were slippery early this morning until salt and sand was scattered. With the probability of more snow and freezing rain, police pointed out that side roads and city streets may become hazardous.

With the thousands of college students, military personnel and others on the highways, police advised that extra care in driving can help assure that happy New Year.

A Clarkston youth, David Chatfield, waived examination Friday and was bound over to circuit court. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Detective Sgt. Robert Schanly said Chatfield was arrested by State Police in Lenawee County Tuesday. They said he admitted stealing a customer's car from the Harold Turner Co. here.

Police said he told them he had

taken the car to drive to Ohio where he intended to seek work.

James E. Tweedie

Service for James Ernest Tweedie, 56, of 3145 Southfield Rd., Birmingham, will be held at 1 p. m. Tuesday at the Manley Bailey Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. Glen W. Harris of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will be in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Mr. Tweedie died early this morning at home after a short illness.

A native of Greenfield, New Brunswick, Conn., he had been a resident of this area for 30 years. He had been with General Motors Corp. for 33 years and at the time of his death was office supervisor for the Ternstedt Division, Detroit.

He was a member of City Straits Lodge 243, Knights of Pythias, and El Cairo Temple 56, Dramatic Order of Knights Khorassan.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Mrs. Allan O. McCrae of Birmingham; two sons, Donald D. of Birmingham and a brother, Guy E., both of Florenceville, New Brunswick.

Four Youths Held in Armed Robbery

Pontiac Police are holding four youths, one a juvenile, for investigation of armed robbery.

Andrew Ferick of 286 E. Kennett Rd. told police he was attacked by two men while walking south on Ivy street, between East Kennett and Lowell street, at 11:25 last night.

He said one of the men knocked him down and took his wallet containing \$15.

Under arrest are Phillip G. Asbell, 19, of 102 S. Saginaw St.; Richard P. Denihan, 20, of 29 S. Paddock St. and Robert E. Valard, 18, of 2185 Pompey St.

Ferick was treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for cuts and bruises.

Here's One for the Road

Tot Decides to Drive

WASHINGTON, England (AP) — Motorists blinked as a small truck weaved through the traffic here, apparently without a driver.

They watched as the truck scraped against the wall of the police station and shuddered to a halt. Then the driver got out.

The driver was Jim Brennan, just 7 years old and four feet high.

He had driven the truck, which belonged to his uncle, 1 1/2 miles along busy streets, around five sharp corners, across a railroad crossing and up and down three steep hills.

He couldn't see over the driving wheel. He had great difficulty reaching the pedals. And he had no idea how to stop.

It all happened because Jim went to his uncle's house on an errand and missed the bus home. His uncle was out. He saw the truck standing there in climbed in.

After the truck hit the police station, an officer drove Jim home in a police car.

Under British law no one under 8 can be prosecuted. Jim's father, however, was under no such restrictions. He spanked the boy and canceled a present of a new bicycle.

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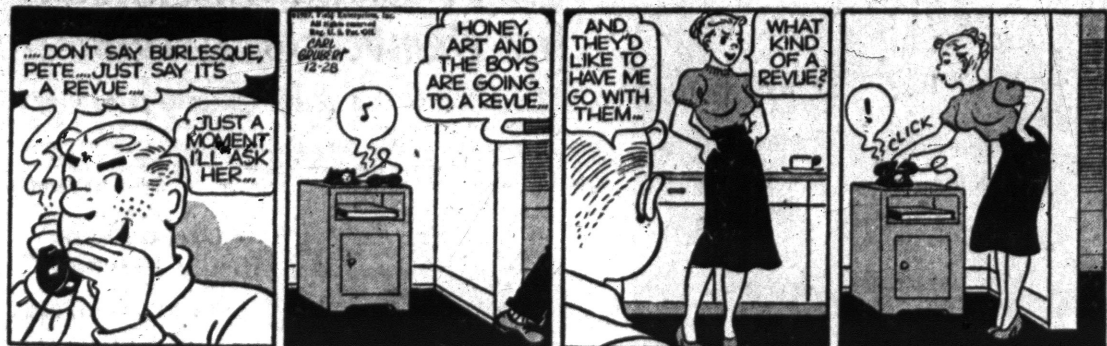
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Miriani Will Retain Piggins, DPW Chief

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Police Commissioner Edward S. Piggins and Department of Public Works Commissioner Glenn C. Richards say they will remain in their jobs as long as Mayor Louis Miriani requires their services.

There had been speculation the two top city jobs might be up for grabs after Miriani starts his full four-year term Jan. 7.

But Miriani said the two officials will be retained indefinitely. Both Piggins and Richards receive \$19,289 a year.

Miriani took over as mayor after the death last September of Albert Cobo. Miriani was then elected to a full term.

Piggins, 51, has been police commissioner since 1954. Richards, 58, has headed the DPW since 1944.

Fred Bailey With WMU

KALAMAZOO (AP) — Fred Bailey has been appointed Western Michigan University's coordinator of field service for the greater Muskegon area. Bailey presently is associated with the Portage school system.

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By Carl Gruber

Deaths in Pontiac and Nearby Areas

WILMORE F. CHANEY

Wilmore Ford Chaney, 51, of 285 E. Pike St. who died from a fall in his home Wednesday, was taken to White Chapel Memorial Cemetery for cremation by the Voorhees-Siple Funeral Home. He had been employed at General Motors Truck & Coach Div. Surviving are his parents, E.B. and Jessamine Rutherford Chaney of Cleveland, Ohio; a daughter, Kathy of Cleveland; three brothers and four sisters.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the McKinney Funeral Home in Grant with burial there.

WOODROW HUGHES

Service for Woodrow Russell, 43, of 262 Hughes St. will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the William F. Davis Funeral Home. The Rev. Luther Lewis of St. James Missionary Baptist Church will officiate with burial following in Oak Hill Cemetery. His body will be at the funeral home at noon Sunday.

An employee of Pontiac Motor Div., he leaves his wife, Mae Louise Russell; four children, Thomas, Woodrow Jr., Rena Mae and J. C. Russell, all of Hillsborough, S.C.; and seven brothers, Rochell, Thomas and Paul Russell, all of Pontiac, Wiley of Detroit, Boyd of Hillsborough, Hal and Boyce Russell, both of Greenville, S.C.

ROBERT W. BENNETT

Word has been received of the death of Robert William Bennett, 50, of Kent City, a former Pontiac resident. He died Thursday in Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids after an illness of several weeks. A former employee of Fisher Body Div., he leaves his wife, Gladys, a daughter, Mrs. Carl Bartlett of Pontiac, and a brother, Walter Bennett of Pontiac.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday from the McKinney Funeral Home in Grant with burial there.

JAMES Y. CLARK

ORION TOWNSHIP — Service for James Y. Clark, 92, of 100 E. Scripps Rd., who died early today at the Bliss Convalescent Home.

Oxford, will take place at 2 p.m. Monday at Allen's Funeral Home, Lake Orion. Officiating will be the Rev. Albert B. Johns.

Masonic graveside service will be conducted by Orion Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

A former Orion Township supervisor, he attended Michigan Agricultural College, now MSU.

He was a life member of Orion Lodge 46, F. & A. M., and a charter member of Orion Chapter 340, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are a son, Homer J. of Lake Orion; a daughter, Katharine Mary of Pontiac and a sister, Mrs. Jenny Howarth of Lake Orion.

JAMES K. COOLEY

AVON TOWNSHIP—Service for James K. Cooley, 91, of 3344 Bathurst St., who died Friday at Avon Center-Hospital, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Dudley H. Moore Funeral Home. The Rev. D. A. Hoenshell will officiate. Grave-side service will be conducted at Novesta Cemetery, Cass City, at 2 p.m. Monday.

A retired farmer, he had been a resident of the county for 10 years. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Lillian) Zeuner of East Detroit and Mrs. Dugald (Orpha) Walker of Avon Township; and two sisters, Mrs. Mirmie Fredericks of Titusville, La., and Mrs. Carrie O'Neil of Flint.

JOHN L. ELLIOTT

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP—John L. Elliott, 85, of 3216 Union Lake Rd., died at his home Friday. He lived in the county for 34 years and was a member of Brighton Lodge 247, F&AM.

Surviving are his wife, Martha, and five daughters, Mrs. Jean Forsyth, Mrs. Christina Bryan, both of Pontiac, Mrs. Elsie Cline of Drayton Plains, Mrs. Mary McGinley of Marquette, and Mrs. Gloria La Plante of Houston, Tex. Service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Coats Funeral Home with burial at Drayton Plains Cemetery. The Rev. Lyal Howison will officiate.

CHARLES C. LEAMING

HOLLY—Service for Charles C. Leaming, 69, who died Thursday at New Grace Hospital, Detroit, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Bendie Funeral Home. Officiating will be the Rev. William Lankton of the First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly.

Mr. Leaming had made his home with his brother, Charles Fushour, near Holly.

Surviving are his wife, Lacy; one son, John of East Lansing, and two brothers, Hugh Leaming of New York City and Mr. Fushour.

MRS. RUTH PARKER

LAPEER—Service for Mrs. Ruth Parker, 67, of 6003 Bowers Rd., who died Thursday at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Muir Brothers Funeral Home. Officiating will be the Rev. Frank S. Hemingway of the Liberty Street Gospel Church. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Lapeer.

A lifelong resident of Lapeer County, she spent the last 20 years in Lapeer.

Surviving are one son, Daryl of Lapeer, and two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Grenzier of Grosse Ile and Mrs. Doris Seeley of Birmingham.

EDGAR W. POUNDS

ORCHARD LAKE — Edgar W. Pounds, 58, died early this morning of a heart attack at his home, 6890 Greenlake Rd.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

ing at the C. J. Godhardt Funeral Home, Keego Harbor.

A grocer, he came here from Detroit seven years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Cora G.; two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Spade of Dearborn and Mrs. Jo Anne Karause of Mt. Clemens; two sons, Ralph E. of Waterford and Donald W. at home. Two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams of White Lake Township and Mrs. Clarice Stahl of Royal Oak also survive.

GORDON R. ROGERSON

ROCHESTER — Gordon R. Rogerson, 72, of 1597 Adams Rd., died unexpectedly yesterday.

Surviving are his wife, Velma; his son, Fred of Farmington and a daughter, Evelyn Bensmiller of Detroit. One sister, Clara Glass of Roseville, also survives.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Pixley Funeral Home, with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkely. The Rev. Gordon Lindsay will officiate.

Deaths Elsewhere

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER (AP) — Edward T. Wilson, 88, president of the Continental Oil Co. from 1912 until his retirement in 1932, died yesterday. He was born in Ballston Spa, N.Y.

MARION, Ind. (AP) — Edward W. Camp, 65, vice president and general manager of the Chronicle Publishing Co., died yesterday. The company publishes the afternoon, Marion Chronicle and the morning Marion Leader-Tribune. Camp, who was born in East St. Louis, Ill., had been with the company since 1928.

SAN JUAN, P.R. (AP) — Louis Hasselmann, 79, who was a conductor of New York's Metropolitan Opera orchestra from 1924-26, died yesterday. He was born in Paris.

Mexico Attempting to Deport Two Men

LAREDO, Tex. (AP) — Two men, the Mexican government is trying to deport turned up again yesterday, registered at a hotel in Nuevo Laredo just across the border. They had dropped out of sight earlier this week, but Mexican officials said they were in custody.

Max Shladrock Lederman and Samuel Novick are waiting for the Justice Department to decide if they actually are naturalized citizens of the United States as they claim. Mexico tried to expel them on charges of violating immigration laws, but U. S. immigration authorities refused them entry. Mexican officials also accuse them of being part of a group financing Communist activity in Mexico.



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Some 1957 Crime News Read Like the Comics

By EARL WILSON

NEW YORK—Fifty-seven was a boom year for jokes, and the one about Sputnik trailing a sign saying "Washington Slipped Here" (or "Slept Here," as you wished)—which I first heard from a bartender at Bleeck's—may have historic value in the year 2,000, if there is a year 2,000.



WILSON

The TV comedians weren't working—so they made up gags about the TV cowboys and singers, who were. Adult westerns were called that "because the plots were all over 21 years old." Perry Como was so relaxed on TV—Jack Carter said—that one night he accidentally fell asleep. The Como show was also nicknamed, "Have Stool. Will Sing." Como, somebody said, sleeps a half hour before the show, and 20 minutes during.

"Hollywood macabre humor"—mostly unprintable—spread through the land.

Bing Crosby's son Gary supposedly sang, "I want a Girl Just Like the Girl Who Married Dear Old Dad." Comedienne Sue Carson said, "Jayne Mansfield will go far—she's halfway there already."

After Carmen Basilio couldn't dethrone Sugar Ray Robinson, Hal Block said Carmen had gone on a diet and found Sugar "non-flattening." Henny Youngman took note of "18,000 chums" who had to buy their champagne at Madison Sq. Garden by saying, "I don't have to do this for a living—I was a waiter at Mike Todd's party."

"A certain governor's got Little Rocks in his head," said Elmer Reilly, and Lee Segall asked, "You hear about the Texan who went to Europe tourist class? He only did it to save money." Elsa Martinelli, the Italian countess and picture star, who learned all about baseball during the World Series, defined a home run: "When the ball goes where de people sit, den dat's good."



VAN DOREN

A sign in Detroit said: "Volkswagens, go home!" Mrs. Macdonald Carey, mother of six, telling how she almost became an actress, said, "Just imagine—then I would have had six husbands instead of six children."

Comedian Larry Nixon, down in Miami, spoke an appropriate line for the holiday time when he said, "I'm getting to the age, when I pull my stomach in, somebody says, 'Why don't you pull your stomach in?'"

After the Albert Anastasia slaughter came the barber-shop gags such as "Shave and a Haircut, Bang, Bang!" A girl singer came along with a new gimmick: she had a voice . . . Time Magazine said "Nobody's brow furrows like

Edward R. Murrow's" . . . Mamie Van Doren said kids get to be 16 now before they know "damn" and "commercial" are two words.

TODAY'S BEST LAUGH: Actor Fred Clark, now on B-way in "Romanoff and Juliet," says, "I've been appearing on so many TV panel shows I don't recognize myself when I'm standing up."

Jack Carson rejected a Las Vegas cafe booking, in which he would have followed Joe E. Lewis. "It's tough enough playing after a great act in the cafe," said Carson, "but who can follow him at the crap tables!" That's earl, brother. (Copyright, 1957)

Tells of Red Plans for Flight to Mars

OTTAWA (AP)—A Soviet writer says Russian scientists are now plotting trajectories for a flight to Mars.

Soviet launchings of two earth satellites "open up a new era in the history of human culture," V. Dobronravov said in the monthly U.S.S.R. Illustrated News, published recently by the Soviet Embassy here.

"A flight to the moon, for instance, will be a direct sequel to the measures connected with launching artificial satellites of the earth," the article said.

"At present Soviet scientists are also engaged in calculating trajectories for the flight to Mars."

U. S. scientists who have done some theoretical work on the subject have pointed out that such a flight would curve through space to take advantage of gravity. Dobronravov also predicted flights around the earth of powered satellites, with human pilots.

Paris has more night clubs than any city in the world. New York is second.

Jack Handle, Lots of Nerve Save Receipts

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A 60-year-old service station attendant used a jack handle and a lot of nerve to save his receipts from a shotgun-toting bandit last night.

Albert L. Skaggs had \$96 in his hand when the masked gunman entered and pointed the sawed-off shotgun "right at my stomach," Skaggs said.

But Skaggs "just backed up to the stockroom and grabbed this jackhandle."

The bandit fled empty handed. "I guess I bluffed him," Skaggs said.

Jones, Shoe Heiress Wed After His Divorce

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Singer Allan Jones and shoe fortune heiress Mary Florsheim Picking were married yesterday at the First Baptist Church, a few hours after former actress Irene Hervey divorced Jones for the second time. Jones gave his age as 50. His bride said she is 37.

Teamsters Seek 42-Cent Boost

Hoffa Heading Talks With Mid-Southwest Trucking Operators

CHICAGO (AP)—An increase in wages and other benefits totaling 42 cents an hour over the next three years is the goal of James R. Hoffa and other Teamsters Union officials in current talks covering trucking employees in 22 states.

Hoffa, president-elect of the Teamsters, is heading negotiations with trucking operators from the Midwest, Southeast and Southwest. He said the negotiations directly affect about 96,000 union members, but would set a pattern for about 500,000 others.

Talking with reporters between sessions yesterday, Hoffa was optimistic about an early settlement. He said the package proposal calls for a 15-cent hourly hike beginning Feb. 1, and additional 10-cent increases in each of the two succeeding years. The union also is seeking increased health, welfare and pension benefits totaling 7 cents an hour, Hoffa said.

The current talks are covered in a contract negotiated in 1955. Hoffa said, and which terminates in 1961. The contract provides for reopening of negotiations on wages, health, welfare and pensions, with new terms to become effective Feb. 1. The reopening clauses cover over-the-road drivers, dock workers and other employees in the three areas.

A union official said drivers now average about \$2.27 an hour, although some are paid according to time and mileage formulas.

Japanese Try to Ease Foreigner Prints Law

TOKYO (AP)—The Justice Ministry said today that a bill easing fingerprinting requirements for foreigners will be sent to the Diet (Parliament) early next year. Passage is expected.

The bill would require foreigners who stay in Japan for more than a year to be fingerprinted. The present foreign registration law has the effect of requiring fingerprinting within 60 days after a foreigner arrives.

Jaycees Seeking Nominees for Waterford Honor

Church groups, service clubs and PTA's have been asked to help the Waterford Township Junior Chamber of Commerce select the area's Man of the Year, according to chairman Byron Merritt.

Deadline for the honor of the most outstanding young man in the township, has been set for Saturday, Jan. 4 and the winner will be announced at the Bocs' night dinner, Jan. 14.

Candidates must be between the ages of 21 and 35, and have made outstanding contributions to the community, his job, church and family.

"There are plenty of young men in Waterford Township who have these attributes," Merritt said. "In inviting the various organizations to help the Jaycees this year, we hope to have more entries than ever before," he added.

Any individual living in the township is qualified to nominate a candidate and may do so by sending a letter to any Jaycee or to Merritt at 335 Ascot St.

Radio City Music Hall Marks 25th Birthday

NEW YORK (AP)—Rockefeller Center's Radio City Music Hall, which opened its doors amid depression predictions that it was doomed to failure, celebrated its 25th anniversary yesterday.

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Collision Near Flint Takes Three Lives

FLINT (AP)—A two-car collision on a Genesee County road five miles south of Flint killed three persons last night.

Sheriff's deputies identified the dead as Wallace R. Olin, 46, and his wife, Lilia, 33, of Grand Blanc, and Kenneth B. Myers, 16, of Williamston.

Police said a car driven by Olin apparently had just completed passing another vehicle when it collided head-on with the car driven by Myers.

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By JOHN O.E. WALLACE

Artfully designed, this seven-room ranch house can save you a saddle bag of gold dust in the cost of a lot! Why? Almost square in shape, it takes full advantage of its depth to give you added living space on a plot normally intended for a much smaller residence.

A one-story house this size would have larger side-to-side dimensions and would require a minimum lot 90 ft. by 100 ft. This house, however, because of its quadrilateral design, could fit a lot 75 ft. by 85 ft.

With land prices as they are today, this point can be a matter of great consequence to a home buyer. It was a major point certainly in the objective of the renowned architect who created this HW-84 design for the House of the Week Series. It is the work of Rudolph A. Matern.

Beyond this point, Matern says of HW-84, "another design feature was to provide a more than modest sized family room-kitchen arrangement with easy access from all parts of the house and outdoors and yet keep its location removed from the living and sleeping areas."

"To add a final touch of interest, the chimney core was located in the center of the house so that back-to-back fireplaces could serve both family room and living room."

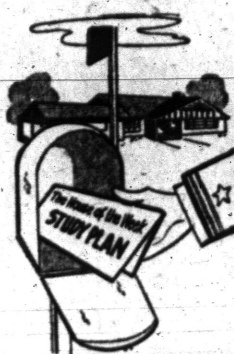
The result of this, of course, is that you have fireplaces in both rooms. Although back-to-back, each fireplace has its own distinctive character.

In the living room, which incidentally is sunken one step below the level of the rest of the house, the log-burning fireplace has a raised seat and a planter

the dining room, and six-foot-wide sliding glass doors open from the dining room onto a screened-in dining porch.

Similarly in the family room, sliding glass doors open onto a family room terrace. The correlated arrangement here is worthy of note—a dining porch for the dining room, and a family room terrace for the family room. A touch of Puerto Rico again, Señor Matern?

A STRIKING EXTERIOR
For the man of the house, there is a long bank of storage cabinets and shelves along the entire left wall of the garage.



Exterior details are equally striking: There is a copper-roofed cupola on the front gable.

A picket fence encloses a front garden area just outside the vast, low bow window in the living room.

An octagonal bay window in the master bedroom accentuates the clean, vertical board and batten siding.

Brick veneer frames the living room window. The rear dining porch is screened from floor to ceiling; its floor is flagstone.

The floor of the family room terrace is scored concrete, the chimney is brick—and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

Hot Water Heat Keeps Up With Times

Hot water heat today provides many advantages hardly possible a generation ago—and even then it was rightly regarded as a standard of luxurious comfort. This evolution touches both the heat production and heat distribution aspects, and in the former the gas-fired boiler plays an outstanding role.

Trim, compact, often squarish in shape and brightly finished, these boilers are a far cry indeed from their counterparts of years back. The trend has been toward reducing the amount of hot water needed in a system, thus improving flexibility and responsiveness to automatic controls. A small expansion tank is usually tucked away under the ceiling.

Boiler sections have been designed to squeeze the last possible bit of heat from the burner flames below. Water heated in them is circulated by an electric pump to room areas to be heated.

If Tree Sheds, It's Hard

Don't be confused by the designations "hardwood" and "softwood." In nearly all cases, woods obtained from trees that shed their leaves every year are hardwoods, while woods from trees which have all-year-round needles are softwoods.

Statistics

The square footage of HW-84 is 1,685, excluding porch and garage. Add 157 sq. ft. for porch and 241 sq. ft. for one-car garage. Overall house dimensions are 42 ft. 8 inches by 43 ft. 7 inches, nearly square. One-car garage increases the 43 ft. 7 inch length to 55 ft. 3 inches; two-car garage increases length to 63 ft. 7 inches. Even with maximum length, house will fit a lot 75 ft. by 85 ft.

The living room fireplace has a brick face, which can be utilized as a striking background for any number of interesting art or sculpture arrangements.

The fireplace in the family room also is raised, but its design has been changed to better fit the atmosphere of a family room.

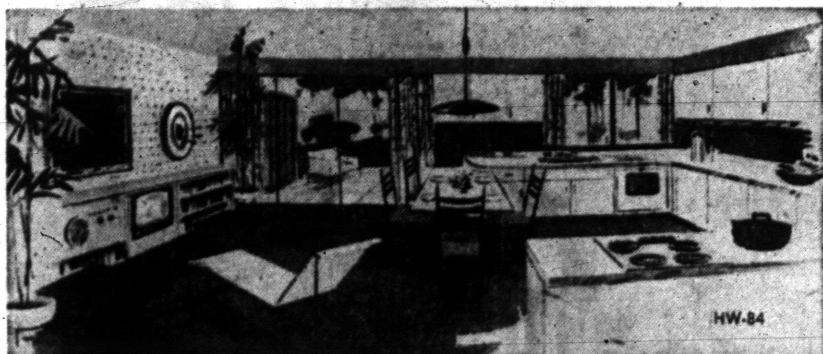
LIGHT THROUGH IN CEILING
This fireplace is flanked by wood-faced cabinets—an exceptional and original treatment. An additional feature of this fireplace is a light trough, built into the ceiling above.

The three bedrooms, including the 12 ft. by 15 ft. master bedroom, are set in a private wing. Here, again, an unusual note—the bedroom hall bath has a double lavatory vanity with a planter at one end and a vertical window strip above.

Wrought iron rail dividers separate the sunken living room and



ENCLOSED GARDEN—A short picket fence encloses the front garden area just outside the bow window in the living room. Other exterior features of this ranch home are a copper-roofed cupola and an octagonal bay window in the master bedroom. The exterior is vertical board and batten siding.



WIDE VIEWS—This interior view takes in portions of the family room and the kitchen, looking out toward the family room terrace. One wall of the family room has low, built-in cabinets with a peg board finish overhead.

10-Month Survey Shows Bldg. Down

DETROIT—October contracts for future construction in Michigan amounted to \$101,002,000, or one per cent below October 1956, Marvin J. Brokaw, F. W. Dodge Corporation district manager, reported today.

Contracts by the major construction categories in October compared to the like month last year showed non-residential at \$39,588,

up 36 per cent; residential at \$32,212,000, down six per cent, and heavy engineering at \$9,202,000, down 47 per cent.

Construction contracts for the first 10 months of 1957 compared to the year-earlier period showed non-residential at \$452,646,000, up one per cent; residential at \$507,611,000, down 17 per cent; heavy engineering at \$207,423,000, up six per cent, and total construction at \$1,167,689,000, down seven per cent.

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Simple Wood Walls Are More Popular

Wall decoration is no longer an intricate matter, according to leading home decorators.

Superficial ornamentation on walls is being discarded and handsome woods in different grains and paneling patterns now form the primary decorative element of a home.

Wood paneling has long been used in the great ancestral homes of America and Europe, but in this day and age you needn't be the owner of a manor house to have such distinctive woods as west coast hemlock grace your walls.

Hemlock, long prized for its rich graining and lovely, champagne coloring, is within the price range of most young homemakers, as are western red cedar and Douglas fir, two other fine woods.

Reflecting the rise in job homeownership, the nation's savings and loan associations are now serving 6,700,000 home loan customers, an increase of more than 5 million since the end of 1945, according to the United States Savings and Loan League.

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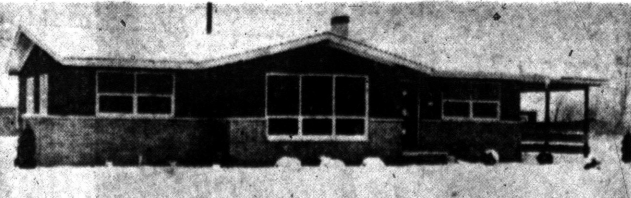


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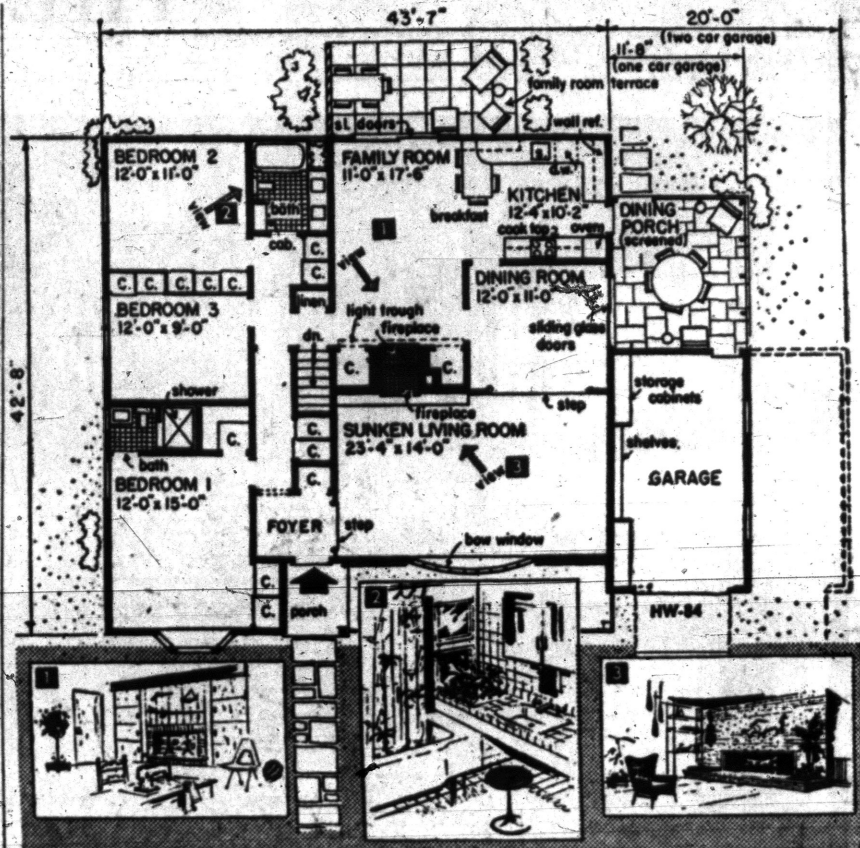
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SQUARED PLAN—Uniquely arranged, this floor plan includes a porch off the dining room and a terrace off the family room. Interior features include a double lavatory vanity with a planter at one end, and fireplaces in both the sunken living room and the family room. Insets give the views indicated by arrows.

Tile Cement Stainproof

A new boost for tile kitchen countertops has just come out of the laboratory. It's a new type cement, called a countertop grout, for sealing the joints between tiles. The material, developed by researchers of the Tile Council of America, is proof against all stains from foodstuffs and other typical household items.

Kitchen counters of real tile have been popular for some time, especially in the West. In other areas, countertop grout that stained easily or turned gray with age was held to be an obstacle against

tile's use. Ceramic tile itself is stainproof, of course.

"The problem of staining grout won't exist any more," says Dr. J. Vincent Fitzgerald, research director for the tile trade group of 26 manufacturers who produce 90 per cent of the domestic wall and floor ceramic tile.

"The industry now has a permanently white, sanitary, stainproof grout that's ideal for kitchens. It's hard and durable, too, and just can't crumble out."

"However, if white is not preferred," he explains, "it's possible to have other colors. They'll be just as permanent."

The new countertop grout, just recently licensed for manufacture, will open large additional markets for ceramic tile, Dr. Fitzgerald says. This new improvement in

tile's more than 200 different colors, its wide variety of shapes, sizes and textures will go a long way toward increasing tile's kitchen popularity.

Pantry Behind Cabinets Delights Homemakers

One of the greatest kitchen blessings—after miles of ceramic tile counters—is an "end pantry." This homemaker's delight is one of the most ingenious methods of utilizing wasted space at the narrow end of an oblong kitchen.

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