

7 Die as Fire Races Through Home for Aged

Blast Fires Royal Oak Plant

Plumbing Firm Loss \$350,000; 100 Fight Blaze

No Injuries Reported;
Homes Are Damaged
by Flying Debris

A flash fire touched off by a series of explosions swept through a Royal Oak wholesale plumbing store today, causing an estimated \$350,000 damage.

Over 100 firemen battled the flames for over two hours in an effort to bring them under control. No injuries were reported.

The Nelson Plumbing Co. plant at 332 E. Lincoln was empty when the fire broke out about 9:45 a.m. It is closed Saturdays.

Two houses flanking the brick and aluminum building were littered with bricks and other debris knocked down by the blasts.

About 1,500 phones in southeastern Royal Oak were silenced when the flames burned through power lines near the plant.

The 350,000-foot wholesale supply company building is about three-fourths a mile from the heart of Royal Oak.

Several persons saw the fire break out after a "huge explosion."

Mrs. Leslie Watch, 407 E. Lincoln, whose home is across the street from the building, said she was looking out the window when the blast occurred.

"The cop on top was burning," she said. "The two walls went out—they split apart at the corner. Then a series of eight or nine smaller explosions ripped the building."

Fire Marshal George Cook of Royal Oak estimated the damage at \$350,000 but said the figure might go higher.

He said he didn't know the cause of the explosions. But employees said the building housed chemicals, machinery, and at times gas used in plumbing.

The roof of a house at 404 E. Lincoln was caved in by falling bricks, but the upstairs occupants, the Raymond Maxwells, were not injured. Maxwell's car parked nearby was badly damaged.

Mrs. Howard Ison, downstairs resident, said she left the home with her two children when a 16-year-old boy warned her that the building was on fire. He was identified as T. A. Strader, of 413 E. Lincoln.

The house on the other side of the building also was damaged by debris.

Finland Outraces Russia; Captures Skiing Title

FALUN, Sweden (U)—Little Finland won the world's 40-kilometer Nordic ski relay championship today after Arvo Viitanen completely outraced Russia's Aleksei Kusnetsov in the third lap.

Finland's time was 2:16.47.

Democrats Mass to Back Latest Tax Cut Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats in Congress massed jubilantly today behind a new proposal to cut individual income taxes. Republicans, conscious of its political implications, approached the issue warily.

The fresh proposal to provide new tax relief by boosting personal exemptions was sprung unexpectedly yesterday by Sen. George (D-Ga.), ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee which handles tax bills.

George suggested that the personal exemption be raised from the present \$600 to \$800 this year and to \$1,000 next year. He said he viewed such action as a necessary anti-recession measure.

The George proposal goes much further than a like idea sponsored by Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee. These House Democrats suggested that the personal exemption be lifted to \$700—but they were beaten 15-10 by the Republican majority on the committee which now is busy overhauling the nation's tax structure.

A number of House Democrats have made it plain they will fight

Reigns as Syrup Queen



FOR SPRING FESTIVAL—Mrs. Rachel Weiler, 24, a Vermontville, Mich., housewife and the mother of two-year-old twins, was voted "Queen" over the Vermontville Syrup Festival to be held this spring. Nancy Robin and Nyle Robert, the twins, posed with their mom for this picture.

Bacardi Kidnaper Guarded Against Possible Lynching

SANTIAGO, Cuba (INS)—Cuban authorities today reinforced the guard around the alleged kidnaper of Facundo Bacardi Bravo—eight-year-old heir to a rum fortune—to prevent an escape attempt such as the one which brought death to a suspected accomplice.

Little Facundo, hungry but unharmed, was rescued Friday night by a Cuban Army officer. A short time later Guillermo Evaristo Rodriguez, the family chauffeur, was shot to death by soldiers when he jumped from a military car.

Manuel Echevarria, identified by police as the actual kidnaper, claimed that Rodriguez was associated with him in the plot to hold the boy for \$50,000. Echevarria was heavily guarded, not only to prevent an escape attempt but to guard him from angry mobs which demanded his life.

The chauffeur had been suspected of taking part in the kidnapping plot since he rushed into the family home Friday morning carrying a ransom note and relating a story of three men who had seized the boy.

Rodriguez claimed he was driving Facundo to school when a stranger stopped the car, climbed in and threatened to kill the boy with a knife unless the chauffeur obeyed his orders.

Rodriguez said he was forced to drive to a lonely place where two other men were waiting in a car. He said they took the child and handed him the ransom note.

Echevarria contradicted this story last night. He told authorities that Rodriguez was the only other person in the plot.

Police and army authorities had immediately launched an intensive search for the boy, who is 4.

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Windsor Plant Sucked Deeper by Huge Cave-in

2 Buildings Swallowed
as Land Drops 22 Feet
Near River Bank

WINDSOR, Ont. (AP)—Sections of a six million dollar chemical plant on banks of the Detroit River settled deeper today into a newly created lake resulting from underground cave-ins.

Part of the old marshland on which the Canadian Industries, Ltd., plant is built dropped at least 22 feet with little warning yesterday, swallowing two big buildings.

Today the earth still crumbled. Cracks appeared in a two-year-old office building of the adjacent Canadian Salt Co., an indication the foundation was settling. Workers cleared all records and furniture out of the brick-and-concrete structure.

The water-filled pit stretched 175 yards from east to west and 125 yards from north to south.

The water level appeared the same as that of the Detroit River nearby and it was believed river water was seeping into the pit through salt cracks in the limestone formation.

A huge hydrogen tank on one end of a concrete slab listed eight inches early today. Observers said that if the tank dropped, an ammonia plant on the other end of the slab would go down as well. Other nearby structures included a four-story salt warehouse and buildings for producing chlorine. Officials said the entire roadway

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leading to the west end structure could drop away.

Boxcars on a railway spur also were threatened.

Two buildings were ruined in the initial collapse. A large warehouse all but vanished in the muddy water and a pump building settled to its rooftop with more than \$10,000 worth of equipment.

H. L. Watts, an engineer at the adjacent property of the J. Clark Keith Steam Plant, said at the time:

"It's fantastic! why the buildings are actually sinking as you watch them. I never saw anything like it."

The area was closed to sight-seers.

The 30-acre plant lies less than a mile from a \$5 million dollar Ontario Hydro Commission steam-powered electric generating plant.

Minister Plans to Appeal Ouster

Dismissal of Charges
by Church Commission
Angers Williams

DETROIT (U)—The Rev. Claude Williams, wartime industrial chaplain of the Presbytery of Detroit, today said he would appeal his ouster as a minister of the Presbyterian Church.

Williams was notified Friday of his dismissal by a special Judicial Commission appointed by the Presbytery to try him for heresy and for teaching and preaching Communism.

Williams said he was angry about the notice which said the Church Commission "had dismissed" the charge against him of Communist teachings and leanings.

"I will appeal the whole thing to the highest courts of the church," he said, "in my appeal I will insist that it is the moral responsibility of the Presbytery to find me either innocent or guilty of their charge that I am a Communist or have followed the party line."

Williams' conviction as a heretic was the first such conviction handed down by a church court in more than a generation.

Victims Trapped by Midnight Blaze



CONVALESCENT HOME BURNS—Seven elderly patients were trapped and burned to death in the flaming Shimer convalescent home at Hartford, Mich., shortly before midnight Friday. Three other patients and two attendants escaped.

Women Report Flying Saucers in Pontiac Skies

Flying saucers sailed back in the news today when five local women reported seeing two of the mystery craft slowly circling in Pontiac skies Friday.

According to Mrs. Donald Darrow, of 17 E. Wilson, the "saucers" did not resemble airplanes. "They were up very high and each trailed a short stream of smoke," she said.

Her mother, Mrs. Arthur Ekstrand, and sister, Mrs. Wally Maki, of Clear Lake, first saw the "saucers" about noon while on their way to shop. They called Mrs. Darrow, Mrs. Donald Thurston and Mrs. Leo Smith, of Cass Lake, to see the craft.

Expert Sees Lot No Aid to City

Traffic Man Testifies
Distance Too Far for
Short-Term Parking

Lloyd Reid, traffic and parking consultant, yesterday testified in Pontiac's land condemnation suit that in his opinion present lots provide enough room for short-term parking and there is no need for the proposed city lot at 11-49 Park St.

Reid made a survey for the Jack Habel Chevrolet Co., owner of the land sought by the city for parking purposes.

He told an Oakland County Circuit Court jury that the land is at least a 1,575-foot walk from South Saginaw street, a distance he considers too far for short-term parking.

Reid said cars now parked there are left all day or over night.

Oscar Gunderson, Wayne County Road Commission traffic expert, testified previously for the city. Gunderson stated there is little space in the area which the lot would serve for short-term parking.

City Attorney William A. Ewart has said the lot would serve an area bounded by E. Huron, E. Pike S. Saginaw and Park St.

Reid said yesterday he based his conclusions on a study of three of the seven commercial parking lots near Habel's land. The lots were checked on six peak days, said Reid, and only once was one found to be full.

The lots have a total of 476 parking spaces, Reid stated, but the most cars found in them at one time was 332.

When a person is parking for only two hours, Reid said, "there's a limit to how far they will walk." The Habel land is too far from Saginaw street "as I define short-term parking," he said.

Reid said he had currently done traffic and parking consulting work for New York City and the J. L. Hudson Northland Shopping Center.

Asked by Ewart about downtown traffic, Reid said, "There's very, very serious traffic congestion."

But he said he thought congestion was due to limited street capacity rather than a lack of parking spaces.

There would be no noticeable

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Senate Committee OKs Earl Warren's Nomination

WASHINGTON (INS)—The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee today approved the nomination of Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States.

The subcommittee, by majority vote, reported the nomination favorably to the full committee, which will meet next Wednesday.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A furious row over a Senate subcommittee's publicizing of 10 unevaluated charges against Chief Justice Earl Warren boiled up today in a demand the same group immediately give Warren a favorable vote.

The Senate judiciary subcommittee considering Warren's nomination to the post he already occupies under an interim appointment meets again today.

Sen. Watkins (R-Utah), who protested the subcommittee's airing of the charges at an open session yesterday and denounced them as "a lot of tommyrot," said he would ask for a vote to send the nomination to the full Judiciary Committee for approval.

The nomination, submitted Jan. 11 by President Eisenhower, requires Senate approval. No senator has announced intention of voting against confirmation.

At the President's vacation headquarters in Palm Springs, Calif., yesterday, Press Secretary James C. Hingerty declined to discuss the developments.

At a meeting yesterday, called by Chairman Langer (R-ND), the subcommittee publicly spread on the record charges it said it had received. Among these were allegations that Warren had followed the Marxist line, had appointed dishonest judges to office, and had been under the control of "a notorious liquor lobbyist."

At Langer's direction, subcommittee counsel Wayne Smith read into the record a summary by the subcommittee staff of 10 charges made by persons who opposed Warren's nomination.

Smith said the staff had not (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

3 Patients Saved in Flash Blaze Near Hartford

Five of Victims Were
Bedridden; Police Hunt
in Ruins for Bodies

HARTFORD, Mich. (AP)—Seven patients—four women and three men—lost their lives in a fire that raced through a convalescent home for the aged late last night.

In 30 minutes, the fire destroyed the two-story frame building, three miles west of Hartford in southwestern Michigan.

Killed were E. Earl Babcock, 76, of Watervliet; Fred Sayles, 86, of Glenn; Mrs. Lucy Sparling, 91, of Coloma; Samuel Lutz, 93, of Covert; Mrs. Adeline Blakeslee, 79, and Miss Louise Bishop, 82, both of Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Mary Collins, 66, of Watervliet, dragged from her burning bed, was dead on arrival at Watervliet hospital.

Only three were rescued. Mrs. Jennie Schuster, 81, of Benton Harbor was listed in critical condition. Chris Binder, 79, and his wife Katherine, 82, are being treated for shock.

It was Binder's heroic action that saved him and his wife from possible death. He was an ambulatory patient on the second floor. When the fire broke out, Binder tottered down the stairs to the room where his wife was confined to a bed.

Half dragging, half carrying, Binder got her to an outside doorway. From there he staggered to safety himself. Mrs. Binder crawled the rest of the way.

The home had been operated the last two years by Mr. and Mrs. Clark Shimer.

Mrs. Bessie Costakis who was caring for bed-ridden patients on the first floor, gave this account of the fire:

"She heard Mrs. Collins scream. She ran to the second and found that a fire had broken out in a glassed-in front porch occupied by Mrs. Sparling."

Mrs. Costakis tried to rescue Mrs. Sparling but was cut off by a wall of flames.

She called Mrs. Shimer and ran outside for help.

When firemen arrived, the fire had nearly destroyed the building. Further efforts to rescue the patients were futile.

Prince Charles, Anne May Join Royal Tour

LONDON (U)—Prince Charles may get into the act of the touring royal family.

Buckingham Palace disclosed today plans are being considered for the young prince and his sister, Princess Anne, to join their parents at Tobruk, Libya, for the last leg of the royal tour.

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, now in Tasmania, are due to reach Tobruk May 1.

2 Die as Jets Crash

EPPING, England (U)—Two RAF jets locked wings in flight today, spun to the ground together with a terrific explosion and burst into flames. Both pilots were killed.

Picard Terms Commies 'Russian Goats' for Conspiracy Against United States

DETROIT (U)—Federal Judge Frank A. Picard's address to the court yesterday, in passing sentence on six Michigan Communists convicted of Smith Act violations has been termed one of the best handed down in a Smith Act case.

The white haired jurist, in a strong unflinching voice, lashed out at the six defendants as being "convicted of the greatest offense of which a citizen could be guilty... conspiracy for the overthrow of your government."

Picard termed the six defendants, Saul Wellman, Nat Ganley, Mrs. Helen Winter, Philip Schatz, Thomas D. Dennis, Jr., and William Allan "goats—and Russian goats at that."

"You really think you are martyrs. But you're not going to jail for your beliefs. You're going to jail because you wanted to force those beliefs on others. So you're not martyrs—you're goats—and Russian goats at that," he said. "Today you are in favor of the Russian interpretation of Tehran, of Yalta and the North American pact. You used to be on the side of Tito. Now you don't like him

anymore. Neither does Russia," he said.

"You are against everything the United States is trying to accomplish this very day in Berlin. So is Russia. In your minds, this country is right only when it believes as Russia believes."

"Your admiration of Russia is so great that there isn't any doubt in my mind and there wasn't any doubt in the jury's mind, that there is nothing you wouldn't do—lie, cheat or even worse to attain your objectives."

"That, you know, you are a part of an international conspiracy to rule the world by Communism."

"Now I tell you this. I have

the power to change my sentence I give you here today within 60 days and if any of you would like to go to Russia to live and I can arrange it, I'll be inclined to change your sentence to make that possible."

(In delivering the address, Judge Picard departed from his text to say "under federal law I can change this sentence anytime within the next 60 days and if any of you should decide to want to go to Russia, I would be glad to do so."

The crowded courtroom broke into applause when Picard added "and I can arrange it."

Judge Picard told the defendants he believed they were sincere in their beliefs.

"I am giving you the benefit of saying you believe in your cause but whether you do or not is immaterial for that cause has so engulfed your every move to the extent that five of you (all but Mrs. Winter) took the stand and lied about what you believe because you thought the end justified the means in your opinion," he said.

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State Office Extends Hours for Buying License Plates for '54 as Deadline Nears

From Our Birmingham Bureau
BIRMINGHAM—Extended hours for the local Secretary of State's branch office are stated as the last week for the use of 1953 license plates starts.

Deadline for purchasing 1954 yellow and blue tags and placing them on vehicles is next Saturday. The office at 350 E. Maple Ave. will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Saturday.

For the last minute rush, plates will also be on sale from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. Friday and Saturday. To avoid standing in line twice, be sure you bring your title, manager Charles Mortenson says.

For commercial and trailer licenses, a weight slip or last year's registration is also needed. Mortenson said sales were 10-15 per cent ahead of last year.

For the next two Sundays the Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Dewey, of the Congregational Church, will hold an open house for parishioners from 4 to 8 p. m. at the parsonage.

Members of Circles 3 and 4 under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. Phillip Bartlett and Mrs. Harry Hock Jr., will assist Mrs. Dewey at Sunday's gathering.

The city's new \$36,000 fire truck to be delivered about Aug. 1 is being tailored to meet the needs of Birmingham.

Tagged a "quintuple unit," it provides a 75-foot powered aerial ladder, a 750 gallon per minute pump, a complete set of hand ladders, a 200 gallon high pressure booster unit, and 1,000 feet of 2.5 inch hose.

It is scheduled to be housed in the proposed west side station at Maple and Chestfield.

This truck meets all the needs of equipment answering a first alarm, and being self contained, can be operated with less personnel than would be required to run the normal two or three units usually required to furnish all of these facilities, City Manager Donald C. Egbert said.

Birmingham's Girl Scout Troops 301 and 306 met for a waffle supper at their last joint meeting. Miss Ann Richardson, district consultant from the Royal Oak scouting office, talked on the local Asm. of Girl Guides and Scouts. The troops plan to entertain a visiting European troop.

The Rev. Harold C. DeWitt, of Kirk in the Hills, will lead a fire-side discussion on "The Way to Pray" at a 6:30 p. m. meeting of the Youth Fellowship Sunday. Bruce McCaul will lead the devotion.

Concluding a series of three performances, members of the dramatic group at Cranbrook

Auto Exhibition Gets Under Way

Dream, Regular Models Displayed Side-by-Side at Fairgrounds

DETROIT (UP)—The first automobile show held in the Motor City in 13 years opened today at the State Fairgrounds.

Manufacturers displayed their regular models alongside exotic "dream cars."

The show continues through Sunday, Feb. 28, with entertainment offered at the Coliseum twice daily at 3 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.

One of the main attractions was the Railton-Mobil Special which set a world land speed record of 394 m. p. h. It has twin 1,250 horsepower engines, one coupled to the front wheels and the other to the rear.

The show is sponsored by the Detroit Automobile Dealers Assn. It is the 41st show to be held here. The war and lack of space prevented shows from 1940 until now.

The Weather

PONTIAC AND VICINITY—Showers tonight and tomorrow with light to moderate rain. High 35, low 25. Windy with light to moderate rain. High 35, low 25. Windy with light to moderate rain. High 35, low 25.

Today in Pontiac
Lowest temperature preceding 8 a. m. 24.
At 8 a. m. Wind velocity 3 m.p.h.
Direction Southeast.
Sun sets Saturday at 6:11 p. m.
Sun rises Sunday at 7:26 a. m.
Moon sets Sunday at 8:33 a. m.
Moon rises Saturday at 9:33 p. m.

Downs Temperatures
8 a. m. 29 11 a. m. 40
2 p. m. 35 5 p. m. 42
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Friday in Pontiac
(as recorded downtown)
Highest temperature 54
Lowest temperature 28
Mean temperature 40
Weather—Fair

One Year Ago in Pontiac
Highest temperature 48
Lowest temperature 28
Mean temperature 38
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Highest and Lowest Temperatures
Date in 1950 — in 1954

Friday's Temperature Chart
Albany 68 72 Lansing 68 72
Brownsville 68 72 Los Angeles 68 72
Buffalo 68 72 Memphis 68 72
Chicago 68 72 Miami 68 72
Cleveland 68 72 Milwaukee 68 72
Denver 68 72 New Orleans 68 72
Detroit 68 72 New York 68 72
El Paso 68 72 Phoenix 68 72
Fl. West 68 72 St. Louis 68 72
Gd. Rapids 68 72 St. Paul 68 72
Houston 68 72 San Francisco 68 72
Kansas City 68 72 Traverse City 68 72

3 Warrants Die in Reuther Case

Ritchie, Jacobs Facing Prosecution Whenever They Enter U. S.

DETROIT (AP)—Warrants charging conspiracy and attempted murder will be dismissed against three of five men in the 6 year old Walter Reuther shooting case. Prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien said Friday.

The prosecutor announced he intends to dismiss warrants against Santo (Sam) Perrone, Carl Renda and Peter Lombardo.

But O'Brien said he intends to continue similar warrants against Donald Ritchie and Clarence Jacobs.

The prosecutor's "solution" of the 1946 shotgun assassination attempt on Reuther, CIO and United Auto Workers president, suffered an apparent crippling blow Thursday at Windsor, Both Ritchie, key witness and defendant on whose testimony the warrants were issued, and Jacobs, his uncle and alleged triggerman in the shooting, were freed by Canadian authorities.

They were released on a dismissal motion made at Ritchie's extradition hearing. Jacobs faced a similar hearing.

O'Brien said that warrants against the two Canadians would remain in effect to keep the shooting case alive beyond the statute of limitations deadline April 20. However, neither Ritchie nor Jacobs can be touched unless they enter the United States.

Perrone, 58, fled when the warrants were ordered. Renda, 29, Perrone's son-in-law, had been scheduled for a trial next month on a conspiracy charge. Lombardo, 50, is serving a sentence for counterfeiting at Leavenworth.

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Hiss Case Secret Witness Testifies Before McCarthy

From AP & INS Dispatches
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License Plate Clue to Arrest

Flint Man Involved in Fox and Hounds Theft Held for Investigation

A Flint motorist, stopped by two Pontiac patrolmen who noticed that his car had a stolen license plate, is being held today for investigation of armed robbery of the Fox and Hounds Inn last Nov. 30.

Patrolmen Robert C. Gaines, 22, and Roy Hudson, 25, checking a registration handed them by Johnny Graham, 37, of 3617 Michigan, recalled that the license plate on the registration was one reported for the auto used in the Bloomfield Hills holdup in which four bandits took \$5,200.

At the Oakland County Jail the patrolmen called Sgt. Walter Steiner of Bloomfield Hills Police who said that a Detroit man awaiting trial in the Fox and Hounds robbery, James T. Suttles, 39, of 1685 Kendall, had implicated Graham and two other men in the holdup.

Under questioning last night, Graham denied taking part in the holdup and said he could not explain the stolen plate on the car.

In the stick-up at Woodward and E. Long Lake Rd. last November, three bandits tied up Peter D. Larson, auditor, and two clerks in the inn office, took the money from an open safe, and sped off in a black car driven by a fourth man.

Nathaniel Moore, 29, of 356 Howard McNeill St., driver of the car at the time Graham was arrested, is being held for investigation of auto theft. A woman passenger was released.

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Pontiac Deaths

Mrs. Orren Loomis

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Orren (Janet) Loomis, 70, in Tucson, Ariz., Thursday evening.

Mrs. Loomis resided at 739 St. Clair Ave. and went to Tucson to visit her daughter two weeks ago. Mrs. Loomis died Jan. 28, 1951.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John Downing in Tucson; a brother Reuben Moore of Caro; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral and burial will be in Tucson.

Daniel B. Richey

Daniel B. Richey, 56, of 306 S. Marshall St., died at his residence today after an illness of seven months.

He was born in Stonefort, Ill., April 6, 1897. His parents were Lou and Elizabeth Miller Richey. He married Mable Slater in Marion, Ill., Nov. 8, 1918.

Mr. Richey saw service in the Army during World War I. He had been a resident of the city for 15 years, coming here from Illinois.

Surviving besides his widow are four daughters, Marie, Mrs. Lewis Jenkins, Mrs. Donald Pollock all of Pontiac, Mrs. Carl Rehm of San Antonio, Tex., and two grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister and two brothers, Mrs. Marion Croson and George Richey, both of Carrier Mills, Ill., and Grant of Herrin, Ill.

Funeral will be Sunday at 3 p. m. from Sparks-Griffin Chapel. Following the services Sunday the body will be taken to the Miller Funeral Home, Carrier Mills, Ill. for service and burial Tuesday. The Rev. Maynard G. Osterie of the Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church, Carrier Mills, will officiate.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The president of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science says there is a growing tendency "on the part of some people to believe that anyone who has brains is subversive."

Dr. Warren Weaver, Rockefeller Foundation director for natural sciences and agriculture, spoke last night at a meeting of the Washington University chapter of the American Assn. of University Professors.

"Anti-Intellectualism is spreading into all social levels," he said. "There are four freedoms and there should be a fifth—freedom from vague suspicion."

Other speakers will be Grand Chancellor Edward Unger and Mrs. Milton Miller, grand chief. Refreshments will be served.

Members of the Oakland County Optometric Society heard reports Thursday on the recent Educational Seminar in the Kellogg Center at Michigan State College.

The reports were given by Dr. James St. Louis, of Drayton Plains and Doctors George Harkless, F. Milton Hathaway and Lynn D. Allen Jr., all of Pontiac.

Plans for "Save Your Vision Week" were discussed and members were told about a March 14-15 workshop at MSC on rehabilitation of visually handicapped children.

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Vatican Informants Deny Rumors of Pope's Health

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Vatican informants last night denied rumors

that the condition of 77-year-old Pope Pius XII has worsened, but they indicated his recovery of strength has been very slight. Deep concern still is felt for his health, and a long convalescence will be necessary, the informants said.

After 200 Years, Town Decides to Name Streets

LENOX, Mass. (AP)—The postman is due for a break in this Berkshire town of 3,600.

For the first time in 200 years, streets will be named and houses numbered.

A 1,500 appropriation was voted last night at a town meeting for the name and number project.

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Dulles to Defend Action at Berlin

Will Try to Convince Nation We Won Victory in Setting Asia Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles has undertaken to convince his critics, Congress and the country that the United States scored a diplomatic victory in arranging for a conference to discuss peace in Asia.

Dulles returned last night from the Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Berlin, where he agreed to seating Russia and Red China at the conference opening April 26 at Geneva, Switzerland.

He obviously was disturbed by some fears expressed in Congress that "appeasement" might result. He told newsmen who met him at the airport that this country got "100 per cent" of what it wanted and that "the place and composition of the conference are precisely what we sought."

Dulles, fatigued after nearly a month of fencing with Russia's V. M. Molotov, faces three days of possibly still questioning by congressional leaders of both parties and by the House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations Committees. He also will report to the nation Wednesday night on radio and TV.

Dulles was understood to be preparing to stress that his agreement in no way cleanses Russia of guilt in promoting and supporting Chinese and North Korean aggression in Korea.

He also is said to be planning to emphasize that this country will continue to refuse recognition to Red China and will not permit her admission to the United Nations.

The Asian peace conference will search for ways to bring final peace in Korea and to end the seven-year-old Communist-led uprising in Indochina.

Dulles' planemaker remarks probably set the tone of his reply to congressional critics.

Rep. Richards (D-SC) said Dulles did "a good job", but he also commented that if former Secretary of State Dean Acheson had come home with such an agreement, it would have been called "a sellout to the Reds." Richards is senior Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Three members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee expressed misgivings about dealing with the Chinese Reds on a high diplomatic level. They were Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.), Sen. H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) and Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.).

Dulles also was reported concerned over a hot diplomatic protest lodged by South Korea's ambassador Yoo Chan Yang. Acting on instructions from his government, Yang called at the State Department a few hours before Dulles' arrival to protest bitterly that the Berlin conference represented "a diplomatic victory by the Soviets."

However, a State Department spokesman said Yang did not press his objections when he attended a meeting yesterday of representatives of United Nations allies in the Korean fighting.

Population of Mexico's Lower California has almost tripled between 1940 and 1950.



SINBAD'S SIXTH BIRTHDAY—Sinbad (that's the gorilla) isn't mad at anyone. He's just gagging it up, on the shoulders of keeper Ray Hoff because the day is Sinbad's sixth birthday, which explains the cake in Hoff's hand. Sinbad has taken over the Number One popularity spot at Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, where he succeeded the famed Bushman.

Considine Tells Students:

We'll Never Have Dictator If Newspaper Remain Free

SEATTLE (INS)—Importance of a free press to the preservation of democracy and "the defense against totalitarianism" was stressed here last night by reporter-columnist Bob Considine in an address to an audience of high school journalists.

The International News Service writer (whose columns appear in the Pontiac Press) was principal speaker at the banquet of the 1954 all-coast press clinic at the University of Washington.

Considine told the student journalists why he felt his quarter of century career had been worthwhile:

"In addition to the thrill of a by-line, the excitement of covering news events of all sorts, the adventures of travel, and the good pay, there is the deep-rooted satisfaction of belonging to the world's last great, free press. With the exception of the ministry, I doubt if there is any finer calling than that of journalism in this country."

"We are a free nation because our press is free. As long as it remains free, we will never have a dictator."

The author of the daily INS column "On The Line," stressing the increasing complexity of news coverage today, said he would make only one change if he had his life to live over.

"I'd prepare myself more carefully for newspaper work," he declared. "I'd pay more attention to what the journalism classes in the schools had to offer. And I'd read everything I could lift."

"For in later life a man finds

South Korea Undecided on Attending Peace Talks

SEOUL (AP)—South Korea's foreign minister said today his government has not decided whether to attend the Far East peace conference which opens April 26 at Geneva.

Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai and government spokesman Karl Hong Ki have condemned the conference arranged by the Big Four foreign ministers at Berlin.

American sources said the Seoul Koreans appeared to be taking a "reserved but receptive attitude" toward the conference.

Students Get Time Off for Arriving on Time

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Not one of Brentwood High School's 698 pupils was tardy yesterday.

Said Principal Thomas S. Stupe: "I thought I'd never live to see the day."

Then, for their good behavior, he dismissed the youngsters early.

Molotov Off for Home

BERLIN (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov left by plane for Moscow shortly after dawn today. He was accompanied by top aides who were on his staff at the Berlin Big Four conference.

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1st Power Fight Is Lost by Beck

Teamsters Allow Him Right Only to 'Study,' Not Control Funds

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Dave Beck apparently has lost an initial skirmish to gain more power in the giant AFL Teamsters Union.

Lesser leaders succeeded at a general executive board winter meeting which ended yesterday in thwarting Beck's efforts to gain more supervisory control over rich union welfare funds.

Beck, whose announced aim is to negotiate national contracts on a coast-to-coast basis in the trucking industry, apparently met staunch opposition from teamsters local and district council bosses jealous of retaining their power.

The board declined to give Beck the sweeping authority he sought to prevent "racketeering and overt acts" in local handling of union trust funds. Teamster contracts and trust funds are presently negotiated on a local basis.

Union administration of welfare funds has been under fire from congressional investigators, particularly in the 1,300,000-member Teamsters Union, and Beck has proclaimed that "racketeering must go."

Instead of the sweeping authority he wanted, the board authorized Beck to make only a "study of the entire field of health and welfare problems."

Beck said he was just going to assume he had full authority to act and intends to step in and take over any union sub-division where he suspects fraud. He conceded the affected official might take to the courts to stop him.

"If that happens and they tie my hands," Beck said, "I may call a special union convention and have a showdown on this." The next regular union convention won't come until 1957.

This all seems to mean Beck, installed as union president just over a year ago, is meeting strong opposition within his organization in getting the power he wants to run the union.

Youth Charged With Carrying Blackjack

A Battle Creek youth waived examination yesterday on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court for arraignment Thursday.

Paul Rutterbush, 17, is being held in Oakland County Jail. He was unable to furnish \$3,000 bond set by Waterford Township Justice Willis D. Lefurgy. Township Police Chief Frank Van Atta said Rutterbush was carrying a blackjack when arrested early Sunday.

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- *NO GUARANTEE! Merchandise obtained through unauthorized channels by "discount houses" is usually not covered by the regular factory guarantee.
- *NO SERVICE! Few "discount houses" maintain any kind of service departments.
- *NOT IN STOCK! Many items available through "discount houses" are not carried in stock.

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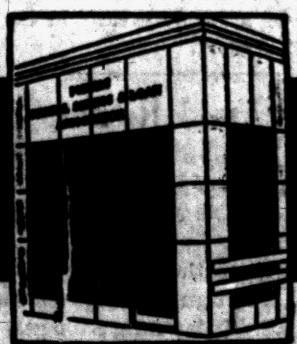
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Your Neighbor's House

Private Point Provides Ideal Home Site for Gil Every's Family at Maceday Lake

By HAZEL A. TRUMBLE

The Gil Every's had a private point jutting out into Maceday Lake, at 3551 Dorothy Lane, on which to locate their new contemporary beige brick home.

Designed by Leo Heenan, Pontiac architect, wide windows have been placed so the four seasons and their everchanging scenes can be part of the interior decor giving the Every home an indoor-outdoor atmosphere at all times.

By building into the lakeside hill, a long sloping lawn reaches down to a natural beach. Full-grown oak trees were retained to give plenty of summertime shade.

Coming up from the lake the flagstone patio leads into a large recreation room where the family has its ping-pong table and walls lined with bobby cabinets.

Green, not only the Every's outdoor favorite color, but their choice for inside, too, is used generously throughout the house.

From the roadside it appears to be one-story but from the lake the two-stories are visible.

In the living room one wall is of Tennessee ledgerrock with

the fireplace located here. At the other end are built-in birch bookcases. Windows are placed so that two sides of the room overlooking the lake are all glass.

Green walls and soft beige draperies are highlighted with a pair of bright red velvet chairs for additional color notes.

The same green runs into the dining room for wall coloring with a still lighter shade in metallic threaded mesh used for the draperies.

A short wall houses a built-in birch china cabinet. The partial separator lining the entrance hall area and the dining room is a planter. Maple furniture in warm honey tones has been selected by Mrs. Every for this room.

A gay papered soffit in the kitchen gives the color key for this room. Pale yellow walls, with green formica counter tops and a plaid papered ceiling are part of the kitchen decor.

Cafe curtains in pale yellow and brown prints frame the kitchen windows. Cupboards are white metal with a double stainless steel sink part of the kitchen equipment.

A small family office-den is also in green with an unusual closet arranged over the basement stairs giving storage space for bags and boxes.

Young daughter Libby's bedroom has built-in birch bunk beds.

"They certainly save floor space," commented Mrs. Every.

One wall of Libby's room is papered in a minute floral printed paper with yellow background. The chintz curtains are in the same print. A built-in window seat opens up to reveal storage facilities.

The family son, David who is now with the U. S. troops in Korea, has a bedroom with the same built-in features. His wallpaper has several different breeds of dog heads printed on cocoa background. Both of these bedroom floors feature pegged effect plank linoleum.

The master bedroom boasts of twin built-in closets with a chest recessed between the two. Rose floral print is used for the walls with a soft green drapery picking up the leaf color.

All marble sills are installed throughout the house.

Mr. Every served as his own contractor for the house.



EVERY HOME OVERLOOKS MACEDAY LAKE—Located on a point that juts out into Maceday Lake, the Gil Every's, at 3551 Dorothy Lane, have a contemporary home with a full lakeside view. Designed by Leo Heenan, Pontiac architect, the beige brick house features a two-story plan from the lake but from the roadside

appears to be a one-story. On the lower floor is a large recreation room. The first story includes a living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bath as well as a combination office-den. By placing the house on the ledge of the hill, they were able to save the full-grown oak trees which provide summertime shade.

Basement Space Needed in Home

Storage, Utility Rooms Necessary Someplace in All Houses

A house without a basement must have basement facilities nevertheless.

Although studies have shown that a basement adds only a modest sum to the cost of the average house, many families think in terms of space to be cleaned and so eliminate the below-stairs facilities entirely.

This is practical only if substitute space is arranged for laundry, year-round storage, informal entertaining, and removal of wet and muddy clothes before entering the living quarters.

Here are some ideas:

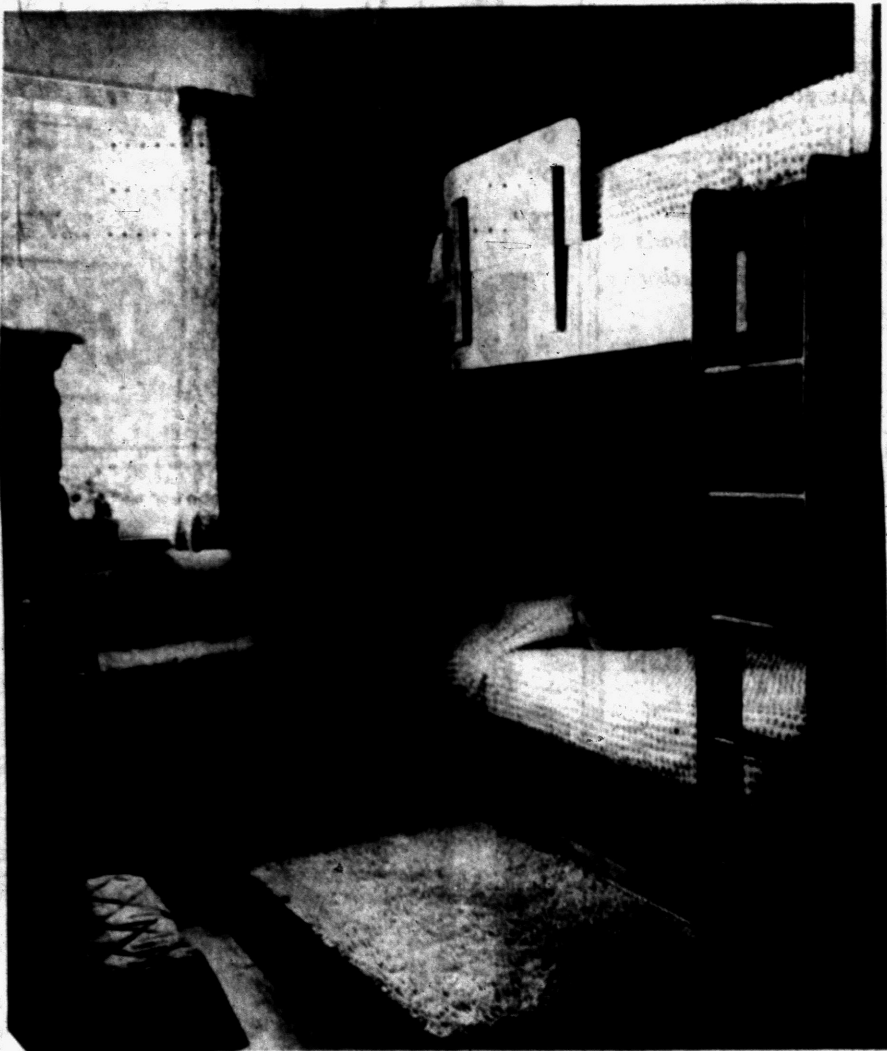
1. Situate the laundry equipment in the kitchen. A few extra feet of floor-space will accommodate washer, dryer and ironer. Be sure that the walls and floor are waterproofed with material like tile that also is easy to clean.

2. An attached garage-utility room combination is an excellent idea, because it provides 12-month storage for garden tools, snow removal equipment, out-of-season clothes and toys.

3. Entrance halls may be surfaced in waterproof tile so that nobody brings the weather indoors. A particularly good idea is a tiled "mudroom" at the rear of the house where children, pets, and husbands who work on the car can enter first to clean up.

4. The problem of recreation facilities in a basementless house often can be solved by means of a multipurpose extra room, which triples in brass as a guest room, recreation center, and sewing room.

Because these main floor facilities do have to be added to make a home livable and efficient, there still are plenty of advocates of the basement. However, they do not mean the dank and cheerless quarters so familiar in older houses.



BUILT-IN BUNK BEDS SAVE SPACE—

Birch, used throughout the house for woodwork and all doors, is employed in two bedrooms for built-in bunk beds. Daughter Libby selected aqua walls, with one wall in a tiny floral pattern, to match the printed chintz draperies at her win-

dows. Built-ins, claims the Every's, save much floor space. A window seat conceals storage space beneath. Although the floor covering is a linoleum, it has a pegged plank floor effect. A recessed bookcase and radio cupboard are at the bed heads.

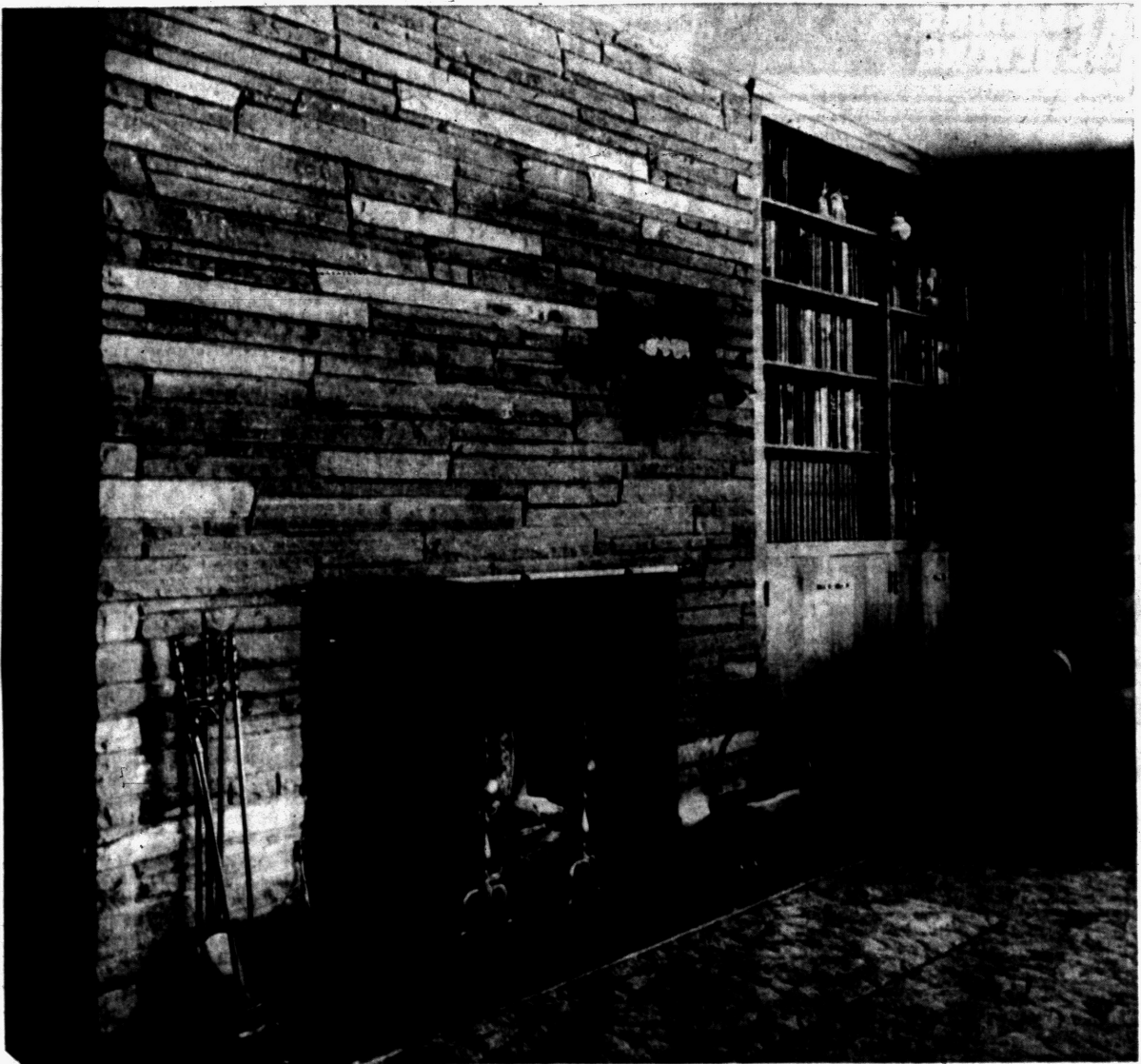


COLORFUL SOFFIT PROVIDES KITCHEN COLOR SCHEME

A gay country fair scene with predominant yellows, greens and reds gives the color key for the Every kitchen. Counter tops are in green formica; the floor covering is a spatter print linoleum in

all the colors with a yellow background and the walls are in soft yellow. A double stainless steel sink is beneath windows overlooking the lake. Marble sills are used in this house.

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LEDGERROCK FIREPLACE IN LIVING ROOM—One wall in the Every living room has a full wall of Tennessee ledgerrock with the fireplace housed in this unit. The far end contains built-in birch bookcases with cabinets beneath. Two walls of this living

room are windows overlooking Maceday Lake. Colors are taken from nature's own palette in shades of green, beige and bright red. Flagstone forms the fireplace hearth and brass andirons and fixtures are placed here. Carpeting is sculptured in tones of green.

Weather-Beaten Timbers Set Off Furniture Display

By ELIZABETH HILLIER

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The dining room window wall is hung with white textured fabric. The living room has a huge skylight. Three scattered snow white rugs by Stanislaw V'Soske are the only cover for the marble floors. Even small pillows are white.

Color other than gray and white and the wood, enters only in a few accessories. In fabrics, a pin-stripe in deep red-and-white for the dining chairs and a cherry print designed by Robsjohn-Gibbings in the bedroom from the inspiration of the cherry industry in Holland, Mich.

Both fabrics are linen. Tulip

engravings key a decorative theme in the living room and dining room inspired by the tulip festival in Holland.

The new bed is fitted with silver corners on the headboard and footboard and silver tips the edges of drawer pulls on night tables.

The sideboard style shown, which has a pedestal-like support rather than a base of legs, frames three doors in a slim projecting molding. The pedestal-like supports also appear on a service table and a lamp table.

The desk sketched is a marvel of grace and usefulness in small proportions. Side compartments open from the top and do not end with the apparent table top, but are deep enough to hold files.



RECESSED CHINA CABINET DINING ROOM FEATURE—Glass door upper shelves have a birch cabinet bottom for this built-in china cabinet in the Every dining room. Furniture is in the honey toned maple. Draperies for this

room are a soft shade of green mesh with metallic threads running through. The same green is picked up in the scenic wallpaper depicting a Williamsburg scene. The carpeting, in tones of green, is sculptured.

