

Paralyzing Storm Sweeps Eastward

Woman Found Dead in Swamp

Autopsy Shows Death Caused by Pneumonia

Police Seek Identity; Trace Coat to Store in Toledo

The death of a middle-aged woman, whose body was found in a frozen swamp near Pontiac Lake late yesterday, was due to natural causes, an autopsy revealed today.

Dr. John J. Marra, Pontiac General Hospital pathologist, said the unidentified woman died of pneumonia of both lungs. He said his examination revealed no signs of violence. He said she had been dead three days.

Police were unable to explain how the body was in the swamp.

The body, discovered by three Redford Township brothers who were hunting in the state-owned park area near Gale road in White Lake Township, bore no identity clues.

Sheriff's Detectives Leo Hansen and Elmer McQuinn said a label in the woman's full-length coat, bore the name "Matter," a Toledo clothing store. They said the store owner has been contacted but no clues have turned up.

The body, which bore no jewelry, was fully clothed in a blue coat, light blue, two piece suit and pink blouse. One of her low-heeled shoes was found about 10 feet from the body.

Her age, was placed between 40 and 45. She was about 5 feet six inches tall and weighed about 100 pounds. Marra said she had suffered from tuberculosis but the disease apparently was cured at the time of death. A small bruise was found on the abdomen.

Nothing was found in the stomach but Dr. Marra said samples of the woman's digestive organs and brain will be sent to the Michigan Health Dept. at Lansing for further tests.

Fingerprints are being sent to Washington, D.C., Michigan State Police Post and local law enforcement agencies in an effort to identify the woman.

The spot where the body was found is located about 50 yards south of Gale road in a summer (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Girl's Reason Obvious for Parking in Tunnel

ROSEVILLE, Calif. (U)—It was a drizzly morning. Highway Patrolman Kenneth Armbruster said, and a car was parked smack in the middle of a narrow two-lane tunnel on U.S. 40 near here.

A pretty girl was working on a windshield wiper that squeaked.

"Why stop in the tunnel and create such a dangerous traffic hazard?" the officer asked.

"That's obvious," the girl replied. "I can work on the wiper here without getting wet."

Target-Shooting Brothers Find Body



IN WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP — These three Redford Township brothers discovered the body of a woman near Gale Road, in White Lake Township, late Wednesday afternoon, while target shooting.

Motorists Urged to Use Caution Over Weekend

The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce Safety Committee today was joined by local police agencies in an appeal to motorists for a safe holiday weekend.

Clyde R. Hastill, committee chairman, said that an estimated 20 persons are expected to lose their lives on Michigan highways and 240 in the nation may not see the New Year in, as based on past statistics.

Meanwhile, State Police of the Pontiac Post, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. and Pontiac Police said they will carry on their strict enforcement by jailing all motorists driving under the influence of liquor.

Going along with the crack-down, judges here said they would make jail a mandatory sentence for drunk drivers.

Three persons, convicted of drunk driving after the Christmas weekend, received 30 days in the Oakland County Jail when they appeared before Municipal Judges Maurice E. Finnegan and Cecil McCallum.

To Halt Delivery of 'Junk Mail'

Summerfield Stopping City, Town Service on March 31, 1955

WASHINGTON (U)—Postmaster General Summerfield announced today that city and town deliveries of "junk mail" will be discontinued after March 31, 1955.

Such deliveries of what the Post Office Department calls "simplified address mail" were established on an experimental basis 15 months ago. The system allowed distribution on selected routes of advertising material addressed simply to "householder," "patron," or "boardholder," without specific street address.

The experiment, which had been tried previously by the Democratic administration, resulted in numerous protests that the result clogged the postal system.

Rep. Murray (D-Tenn.), who is slated to become chairman of the House Post Office Committee in the new Congress assembling next week, said recently he had told Summerfield that unless "junk mail" deliveries were stopped, his committee would take steps to outlaw it.

Sen. Carlson (R-Kan.), retiring chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee, only a few days ago issued a public statement calling for discontinuance.

The dropping of the simplified addressed mail, which is handled at a third-class rate of 1½ cents per piece, applies only to city and village delivery routes. Such mail will still be handled on rural routes and to boxholders at post offices where no city or village delivery service is available.

This type of patron has had the service since October 1954.

Can't Make Light of It

TAIPEH, Formosa (U)—Formosa's 10 million people can hardly make light of a bill passed by the Chinese Nationalist Parliament today. It raises light and power rates by 22 per cent.

Paris Assembly Vote Approves German Arms

Newsmen Say 286-268 Unofficial as They Get Result From Tellers

PARIS (U)—Unofficial tallies on the French National Assembly's vote on West German rearmament indicated the proposal had been adopted 286 to 268.

This 18-vote margin was on the basis of reports slipped out to newsmen in the assembly corridors from tellers handling the ballots. Once again the Premier called for a vote of confidence, requiring his government's resignation if the Assembly rejected the treaty. In the Assembly's previous week of wrangling over the treaty, Mendes-France survived two such votes.

The Assembly already has ratified the three other major sections of the London-Paris accords. Early today the weary deputies reaffirmed 387-356 France's acceptance of West Germany as a partner in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

On Monday the deputies approved the two separate articles of the NATO measure 289-251; today the margin was cut by seven votes.

The other agreements, ending the Allied occupation of West Germany and putting the displaced Saar Valley under international control, were ratified quickly last Friday after the Assembly first voted down the German rearmament pact.

Because he had not made the latter pact a confidence issue, Mendes-France was able to call again for its ratification in a new bill. A showdown had been expected in last night's Assembly session. Intricacies of French parliamentary procedure, manipulated by the Assembly's Communist bloc, forced the postponement.

In Augusta, Ga., President Eisenhower is keeping in close touch with the voting. The White House staff spent most of yesterday near telephones.

Town Policewomen Make Meters Pay

JACKSON (U)—Jackson motorists are learning that the three policewomen patrolling downtown streets with their eyes on parking meters really mean business to the tune of about \$2,500 a month.

That's the average monthly take from fines paid by overtime parking violators said the city hired three full-time policewomen to man the meter patrol.

The women went on duty Oct. 5 and from that day on the number of parking violation tickets issued started climbing fast.

In October they wrote out 3,988 tickets compared with 2,740 issued by regular patrolmen in October, 1953.

Last month the number shot up to 4,908 as compared with 1,150 issued in November of last year.

Kansas Digs Out of 26-Inch Snowfall



TRAFFIC CRAWLS — One lane traffic was the rule at Fort Scott, Kan., as the community started to dig out from a 26-inch snowfall which hit the area yesterday. Shown above is a line of trucks and automobiles slowly moving down one of the main streets after the street had been partially cleared. Some drifts were as high as parking meters.

Ike Expected to Request \$3 Billion for Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON (U)—The Eisenhower administration was said today to be nearly ready with a request to Congress for at least three billion dollars to continue economic and military aid to friendly nations abroad.

Such an amount would be slightly more than the \$2,780,000,000 Congress provided this year for grants, loans and arms shipments to more than 40 friendly governments.

President Eisenhower probably will unveil the new program in his budget message Jan. 17.

Informed officials reported government agencies have decided Congress should be asked to appropriate between 3 and 3½ billion dollars. The State, Treasury and Defense departments and the Foreign Operations Administration are expected to agree within the next week on a firm figure and also decide on where the money should be allocated by regions.

Any request for three billion dollars or more would certainly face critical scrutiny in Congress.

Foreign aid programs have been trimmed considerably in recent years, and several key Congress members have said they will oppose any new funds for strictly economic aid.

Officials helping to draft the new program said it would seek to channel most of the U.S. dollars to the Far East but that it does not contemplate any massive assistance similar to the postwar Marshall Plan for Western Europe.

Specialist Finds Pontiff Improved

VATICAN CITY (INS)—A specialist treating Pope Pius XII found the ailing pontiff today greatly improved since his last visit 10 days ago.

Dr. Antonio Gasbarrini, a specialist in gastro-intestinal medicine, called on the ailing Roman Catholic leader this morning with Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, the pontiff's personal physician.

Gasbarrini found that the hernia of the Pope's esophagus, which caused the gastritis and hiccoughing which marked his illness, was reduced. Consequently, no surgery was foreseen in the near future.

Dr. Paul Niehans, the Swiss specialist on gerontology (the medicine of old age), said he would return soon to Switzerland, but would revisit the Vatican occasionally.

In Today's Press

Birmingham	5
Boston	5
Butte	5
Chicago	5
Cleveland	5
Columbus	5
Dayton	5
Denver	5
Detroit	5
El Paso	5
Fort Worth	5
Galveston	5
Houston	5
Indianapolis	5
Jackson	5
Los Angeles	5
Memphis	5
Minneapolis	5
Muskegon	5
Nashville	5
New York	5
Omaha	5
Philadelphia	5
Pittsburgh	5
Rochester	5
St. Louis	5
San Francisco	5
Seattle	5
Spokane	5
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New Year's Movies and Square Dance to 3:30. Rate, 50c. Outing Lake Pavilion.

Two Motorists Are Killed on County's Icy Roads

Rescuers Free Thousands of Motorists Marooned by Snow in Southwest

Another cold wave whipped into Michigan today following snow and ice storms that left five dead in the state last night. Two persons were killed in Oakland County accidents.

Over two and a half inches of snow and sleet in the Pontiac area left roads dangerously slippery and caused several minor traffic accidents.

Joseph Marchand, 51, of Ypsilanti, was killed yesterday when a truck driven by John Panko, 60, 269 W. Wilson, hit his car at 10½ Mile and Telegraph Rds.

Police say according to witnesses the truck lost control on ice, crossed the road in the middle of the road and spun around. The rear of Panko's truck hit Marchand's car and skidded into a third vehicle. The driver of that car was unhurt.

In a similar accident on M24 near Bald Mountain road this morning, Robert Downer of Lake Orion was killed.

Oakland County Sheriff's Department received seven other accident reports in this area, but only one injury resulted. Another traffic accident was reported in Waterford, and the State Police listed three, the Pontiac Police receiving calls on three others.

Despite heavy snow, the Oakland County Road Commission reports that no state roads were impassable, and sanding was started on county roads this morning.

The State Highway Department said that by noon today all highways were in good driving condition.

City Forester William Aho said damage to city trees was negligible despite icing and high winds.

Only one tree on Pontiac's west side was reported damaged, although Aho says damage could have been much worse if high winds had continued.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co. also reported no major trouble due to ice on wires and cables. Service calls this morning ran only five per cent above normal and these calls were all scattered.

The only serious damage reported was to a telephone pole at M29 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

By UNITED PRESS
A furious winter storm which paralyzed parts of the Southwest roared into the nation's heavily populated Northeast today with blasts of snow and sleet.

The vast storm system laid down an advance barrage which penetrated as far east as New York, where driving rain and poor visibility caused at least eight traffic deaths.

Rescue crews had freed thousands of motorists who were marooned by 6-foot snowbanks in Texas and Oklahoma. But a numbing cold wave was moving into the west and Midwest in the storm's wake.

The winter's first and most vicious storm was already blamed for a total of 49 deaths. They included 24 persons killed in traffic, four who froze to death or died of exposure, seven who died of heart attacks or exhaustion, and five who perished in miscellaneous accidents.

In addition, the crash of an Air Force Flying Boxcar during an Alabama squall killed also men.

The storm was centered early today over southeast lower Michigan and forecasters said it would drive with unabated fury to southern Maine by tonight.

An ice slick covered most of Michigan and icy runways halted commercial flights at Willow Run Airport for more than six hours. Many Detroit streets were halted by ice on overhead wires.

Driving sleet and rain made roads hazardous in central and western Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. New Hampshire State Police asked motorists to leave their cars at home and Maine forecasters predicted 5 to 10 inches of snow by tonight.

The storm dealt its most paralyzing blow at the Southwest, where late yesterday rescue crews broke through 4-foot drifts to rescue thousands of shivering motorists in Texas and Oklahoma.

Army tanks, helicopters, railroad trains and bulldozers were used to free the marooned thousands.

At least 2,000 persons were rescued in the 100-mile area around Wichita Falls, Tex., alone. Between Vernon and Seymour, Tex., a helicopter picked up five persons in a stalled automobile.

In Oklahoma, where thousands more had been marooned, all major highways were reported clear. Many of the stranded motorists had been traveling on U.S. 66 to attend the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, Calif.

A railroad crewman who helped rescue 330 persons between Harold and Elberta, Tex., (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Counters Heed Birds' Advice and Stay Inside

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UP)—Inclement weather forced postponement until today of the annual Tippecanoe County winter bird census.

A sleet storm struck yesterday and the census takers decided it was no use to start the count then.

"Those birds have got more sense than to go out in this kind of weather," said Mrs. Irving W. Burr.

SALT LAKE CITY (U)—The Utah mountain village of Mammoth, population 150, is in trouble because it hasn't had enough snow. State Sanitary Engineer L. M. Thatcher said that due to lack of snow coverage the ground has frozen down past the 17-mile pipeline that supplies the village with water, also freezing the line.

BIG PINEY, Wyo. (U)—The 200 residents of Big Piney, one of the coldest spots in the nation, were left shivering without gas or lights last night when fire razed a power plant. The temperature was 20 below zero.

Happy New Year Group of Business formally to \$14.00 New \$4.00.

The Day in Birmingham

Weeber Family Heads List of Lighting Contest Winners

From Our Birmingham Bureau
BIRMINGHAM — Repeat performances were scored by three of the five winners in this year's Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas outdoor lighting contest, with prize-winning displays announced yesterday.

As was the case last year, the grand prize was awarded to the Arthur G. Weeber family, 219 Elm St. Four of the seven Weeber children took an active part in rebuilding, painting and garbing discarded mannequins to depict a lighted manger scene with carolers and a birthday card.

Other two-time winners were the Herbert J. Millers, 2134 Manchester Rd., and Mrs. Fred Stetler Jr., 1860 Humphrey Ave. The Stetlers have a full Christmas scene in their front yard, while at the Miller home, Santa is heading down the chimney. Angels and carolers complete the picture.

Newcomers on the prize list are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Skinner Jr., 932 Fairfax Ave., who added a Santa Claus to their lighting arrangement, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gobeles, 1966 Birmingham Blvd., who garbaged their garage door with a painted scene of carolers.

Claude Kidd, Jaycee president, said honorable mention went to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Suhart, 1736 Cole St., for their unique lighting, and the Roland G. Ohlin's, 1436 Stanley Blvd., who decorated their yard with Santa and his reindeer. Kidd said outside decorations had been used on an estimated 2,500 Birmingham homes this year.

Museums of Cranbrook Academy of Art and Institute of Science will be closed New Year's Day but will be open to the public as usual from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday and Sunday of the holiday weekend. Christ Church Cranbrook is open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except during services.

In the annual pre-holiday clash, Fitzgerald's all-veteran high school five will attempt to down the Birmingham team tonight, with the local reserve club and Fitzgerald's junior varsity starting activities at 6:45.

Frank Whitely, city recreation director, said comparative scores give the invaders their best chance of winning in the past two years.

It is expected that major action will be demonstrated by William Watson, Dick Sheldon, William Sawney, Edmund Peters, Robert Isbell and Bob Goldsmith for Birmingham.

Edwin F. Kirbert, YMCA secretary, shares a recent Christmas story that answered the prayers, literally, of a needy Birmingham family. Kirbert relates that the father, a former GI, is in poor health, as is the mother, who is under the care of a physician.

Boy Escapes Death in 2-Car Collision

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — A 5-year-old Ulica boy narrowly missed death last night when the car in which he was riding was struck by another auto at Square Lake and Franklin Rds. Donald Hudgens was thrown from a car driven by Mrs. Clara S. Norris, just before it rolled over twice. According to policeman Norman Deimle, the boy escaped being crushed by about two inches when the vehicle overturned.

Treated for injuries received in the collision was Mrs. Norris, 25, of 60 N. Tazmanina, Pontiac; the other driver, Carl Matheny, 22, of 2051 Voorheis, Pontiac; and Mrs. Norris' son, Adrian P. 7. Police said Mrs. Norris' car was struck as she was crossing Franklin and "didn't see what hit me." Matheny told police he didn't think Mrs. Norris was going to pull out.

The Weather

PONTIAC AND VICINITY — Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with a few scattered snow flurries. Low tonight 18 to 21, high tomorrow 25 to 30. West to northwest winds 10 to 20 miles per hour. Partly cloudy tomorrow night and continued cold, low 13 to 18.

Today in Pontiac
Lowest temperature preceding 8 a.m. 28.
At 8 a.m.: Wind velocity 30 m.p.h.
Direction Northwest.
Sun sets Thursday at 5:06 p.m.
Sun rises Friday at 8:01 a.m.
Moon sets Thursday at 11:01 p.m.
Moon rises Friday at 11:17 a.m.

Downcast Temperatures
8 a.m. 28 11 a.m. 27
1 p.m. 25 4 p.m. 23
6 p.m. 21 8 p.m. 19
10 p.m. 17

Wednesday in Pontiac
(As recorded downtown)
Highest temperature 32
Lowest temperature 20
Mean temperature 25
Weather—Cloudy, snow 21, 23, 25 and snow.

One Year Ago in Pontiac
Highest temperature 36
Lowest temperature 20
Mean temperature 28
Weather—Light snow.

Highest and Lowest Temperatures This Date in 100 Years
Date in 100 Years — 19 in 1899

Wednesday's Temperature Chart
Birmingham 41 42 Miami 38 39
Buffalo 35 36 Milwaukee 31 32
Cincinnati 33 34 Minneapolis 27 28
Chicago 30 31 Pittsburgh 40 41
Detroit 35 36 St. Louis 38 39
St. Paul 37 38 St. Francisco 45 46
San Diego 50 51 S. W. Marie 28 29
London 37 38 Seattle 44 45
New York 39 40 Tampa City 34 35
Kansas City 33 34 Washington 40 41

and city nurse. The dad's temporary job ends this week.

After a church was notified of the plight of the parents and seven children, a basket of food was delivered a few days before Christmas.

Impressed with their needs, the food deliverer checked further with the city nurse and YMCA, with the result that the Y's men's club purchased a ham, basket of fruit, shoes, boots, skirts and gym shoes for the family.

"A gift for the wife was made available and word was passed along that toys would be appreciated," Kirbert said. "Dec. 25 dawned and one family knew that their prayers had been answered and the spirit of the infant child born so many years ago still lives in the hearts and minds of men."

Soup Blamed for Murder Try

Police Say City Man Attempted to Shoot His Wife to Protest Menu

William Dennis, 31, of 629 Markie Ave. is being held on a charge of attempted murder today after an argument with his wife over what he was going to have for supper.

According to police, Dennis, an unemployed factory worker, came home last night and asked his wife, Louise, 42, what was on the menu.

When she replied "soup," Dennis got his shotgun from the bedroom and calmly told his wife he was going to kill her as he stood leading the weapon, police said.

Mrs. Dennis told police that when her plea of "please don't shoot" failed, she inched toward her husband and pushed the gun to one side as it discharged into the wall. When her husband stopped to reload, she said, she ran to a neighbor's house and called police. Police said Dennis admitted having a couple glasses of wine at a friend's home, but claimed that he was getting ready for a rabbit hunt and that his wife caused the gun to be discharged.

Paralyzing Storm Sweeps Toward East

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said "the looks on these people's faces showed how panic they were just sitting there awaiting their fate."

Many of the motorists skidded into drifts because they were unused to winter driving and then spent the night in their cars as the storm howled about them. Near Lawton, Okla., a baby was born in a snowbound automobile. Motorists had better luck in Kansas when the storm hit, but 25 inches of snow turned the city of Fort Scott into a ghost town.

The city's business came to a dead halt and National Guard troops were called out to clear the snow-clogged streets.

Farther west, a bone-chilling cold wave took the place of the storm and Wyoming temperatures weren't expected to get out of the zero to 10 above range today.

Another cold wave was expected to sweep into the Midwest, where the storm left up to 10 inches of snow in Iowa and clashed with warm air to produce a weird lightning and snow storm over Chicago and southern Wisconsin.

The storm's impact was already being felt in the East. At Toledo and Reno Beach, Ohio, strong northeast winds sent Lake Erie over the dikes at a dozen places, flooding streets and smashing a cottage.

Sleet and freezing rain slicked highways in much of New England, and in West Virginia steady rains and melted snow flooded a number of small streams.

The storm system also made its power felt deep in the South, where tornadoes in Alabama and Mississippi injured 22 persons and caused widespread property damage.

In addition, the bitter weather threatened to raise the toll of highway deaths during the New Year's holiday this weekend. A total of 240 highway deaths for the period starting at 6 p.m. tomorrow had been predicted before the storm struck.

Second Breakin Hits Birmingham Station

BIRMINGHAM — Just after a new pane of glass had been installed in a broken rear window following a Christmas Day breakin at Pinter's Service, 1595 N. Woodward, a second window next to it was found shattered. Police did not catch the thieves last night as they had before, and said \$2.50 had been taken from a soft drink machine, plus two sets of wrenches valued at \$19.

Another breakin, but with nothing stolen, was reported by the YMCA, 409 E. Lincoln.



WINNING SCENE—A Pontiac Press photographer snapped this picture of the winning religious scene in the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce "Our Brightest Christmas" lighting contest, hours before

one of the life-size carolers was stolen. Winner for the second year in a row was the Arthur G. Weeber family, 219 Elm St.

By Cranbrook Institute Harvard Scientist Honored by Mary Soper Pope Award

The Mary Soper Pope Medal for distinguished achievement in the field of plant sciences has been awarded to Prof. Irving W. Bailey, of Harvard University, by Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Presentation of the award is to be made this evening by Dr. Stanley A. Cain, former staff member of Cranbrook Institute, at the annual meeting of the Botanical Society of America in San Francisco.

Both forestry and agriculture are indebted to Prof. Bailey for his original studies of the cells of woody plants and how they develop. Experts are now able to predict growth rates of many trees and crops, and plan accordingly.

Early in his career he investigated primitive plants intensively to determine the probable origin and evolution of forms common in the world today. The theories he devised in this work are the basis of much current research.

The citation of Prof. Bailey reads, in part: "Cranbrook Institute of Science wishes to honor one of America's leading botanists, whose accomplishments and character are a beacon and inspiration to students and teachers alike, the world over."

Granted internationally to outstanding botanists, the Pope Medal has been awarded seven times since it was established in 1946 by the late Gustavus D. Pope, philanthropist and Detroit manufacturer, as a tribute to his deceased wife for her life-long devotion to botany.

World War II Bonus Deadline Is Today

LANSING — Today is the last day that Michigan World War II veterans can claim their state bonus.

Postal applications for the bonus, on an official form, must be postmarked before midnight, Dec. 30. The state adjutant general's office at Lansing, which handles the claims, anticipated a last minute rush and will stay open after the end of the 5 p.m. working day if veterans are still in line at that hour.

As of Dec. 24, when the last tabulation was made, 622,915 World War II veterans had applied for the bonus, 615,924 applications were approved and \$120,001,265 was paid out.

The state has been paying out the bonuses, which average \$358 a claim, since April of 1947. Two previous deadlines were announced but both times the deadline was extended.

The bonus has been financed by the state cigarette tax.

Pneumonia Blamed for Woman's Death

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picnic area on the north shore of Pontiac Lake.

Five tracks were found near the frozen water's edge after the body was found by Herman Luitink, 19, of 15893 Lenore, Redford, and his brothers, Johannes, 23, and Frederick, 16. They were target shooting in the area when Herman literally stumbled over the body as he crossed the ice.

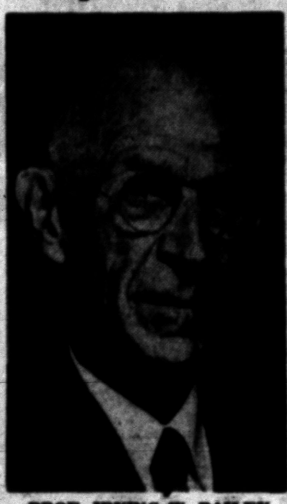
He said at first he thought it was a department store dummy. He phoned police from a Conservation Department office nearby.

Groves Heated 3 Nights

LOS ANGELES — Orchard heaters glowed for the third successive night as Southern California lemon and orange growers attempted to prevent freezing temperatures from damaging their multimillion-dollar crop. Warmer weather is expected for the week-end.

Drop Leaflets on China

TAIPEH, Formosa — Nationalist Chinese planes dropped several hundred thousand leaflets on the Red Chinese coast before dawn today, the Defense Ministry announced. All planes returned.



PROF. IRVING W. BAILEY

China Nationals Face Tense '55

Political Doom, Military Siege Both Threaten Uneasy Formosa

TAIPEH, Formosa — Dangers both political and military face Nationalist China in 1955.

Politically, the Soviet bloc is expected to fire its big guns in an effort to give the Chinese Reds the United Nations seat now held by the Nationalists.

Militarily, the Chinese Reds probably will keep the west-pogher war alive and may try to expand it, even at the risk of an all-out war with the United States.

Loss of its U. N. seat would be a severe blow to President Chiang Kai-shek's government, weakening seriously its international prestige.

Anything that enhances the Red regime is a blow to the Nationalists. That's the big reason for the dismay felt here over the impending mission to Peiping of Dag Hammarskjold, U. N. secretary general.

Hammarskjold's trip, an effort to secure the release of 11 American airmen convicted as spies, is depicted here as a shameful pilgrimage that will give Red China all-important face.

And the Nationalists don't like the increasing talk abroad of two Chinas. They want this government to be recognized as the legal government for all of China.

On the military side, there appear to be four possibilities:

1. The Reds will be content to continue sporadic fighting and occasional hit-and-run raids in and about the offshore islands.

2. Red invasion of the offshore islands, but hands off Formosa and the Pescadores, which are under U. S. protection.

3. Red hit-and-run air attacks on Formosa.

4. Red invasion of Formosa, even at the risk of an all-out shooting war with the United States.

No. 2 seems the likeliest.

The Reds aren't apt to try invading Formosa unless they have the full support of Russia, and unless both Moscow and Peiping are ready to risk World War III.

It's Not the Hurt, Judge, It's Just the Humiliation

PASADENA, Calif. (UP)—Mrs. Emma Kincaid, 45, won a divorce from her husband Vernon, 30, after telling the judge:

"He broke my nose, broke my collarbone, gave me 50 black eyes, broke my glasses 150 times, kicked a hole in my leg and knocked out one of my teeth."

"Did these acts make you nervous and upset?" asked Judge Kurtz Kauffman.

"Well," Mrs. Kincaid replied, "they certainly embarrassed me."

Friends of USSR End Activities—No Friends

UDINE, Italy — The local branch of the pro-Communist "Friends of the U.S.S.R." association closed last night. The reason: lack of members.

Suspect Admits Molesting Girl

But Continues Denial of Kidnap Attempt, as Probe Continues

A Waterford Township man yesterday admitted grabbing a girl Tuesday at Huron street and Genesee avenue, but denied attempting to abduct a baby in her care.

Henry A. Creech, 28, of 3300 Elizabeth Lake Rd., made the admission to Oakland County Prosecutor Frederick C. Ziem who said he would question the suspect further today.

Meanwhile, Pontiac police are seeking an unidentified woman who the girl, Roenehl Babcock, said witnessed the incident. They ask anyone with information to call Chief of Detectives Clark M. Wheaton at FE 2-2428.

The girl, who lives with the Max Voughts at 80 S. Genesee Ave., was wheeled to the hospital, Gerry Loop, 16 months, the told police a man grabbed her, then snatched the child when she pulled free.

A scream from the unidentified woman startled the attacker, Miss Babcock said, and she grabbed the baby back. The girl later identified Creech in a police showup.

State Will Widen Slaughter Hill in '57

State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler said today a six mile stretch of M24 near "slaughter hill" in Oakland County will be widened to four lanes in 1957.

A delegation from the area asked state officials Dec. 6 to "do something" about the stretch in which eight persons have been killed in the last six months—five in one accident Dec. 5.

Ziegler, in a letter to Rep. Fred Beardsley (R-Oakland), a leader of the delegation, asked the group to realize "I'm only human."

He said there will be no funds for construction in this section until 1957.

Ziegler admitted the section, located north of Lake Orion, was "hazardous" but suggested "engineers cannot design roads which will protect drivers who are careless with their own lives."

"The stretch of M24 where the accidents happened was built by an entirely different administration in 1934," Ziegler added.

LA Births Top Record
LOS ANGELES — City Health Officer George M. Uhl says the 1954 total of babies born in Los Angeles will be approximately 47,000, topping last year's record of 45,386.

84th Congress Leaders Russell's Senate Position Reflects Military Interests

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth of five articles introducing you to the men in line to assume chairmanship of the Senate committee on the new Democratic-controlled Congress which convenes Jan. 3.)

WASHINGTON (INS)—As a boy, Richard B. Russell used to charge up and down his Georgia farmyard waving a stick and refigiting the battles of his history books.

Now Sen. Russell is due to become chairman of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee in the new Congress. It means for him a return to the chair he occupied during the 82nd Congress.

As chairman when the Democrats were last in control of Congress, Russell conducted the sensational hearings on the ouster of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as Far East commander and won glowing praise for the way he handled the controversy.

All his life Russell has had a sharp interest in the military. He has been over every Civil War battlefield. The books he prefers are historical ones. When he first came to the Senate in 1933, he fought hard for—and won—assignment to the Naval Affairs Committee.

He insisted on the naval unit because a favorite uncle was a Navy captain who, incidentally, represented U. S. sea forces at the coronation of the last Russian czar.

The highly secret information Russell has obtained on the Naval Affairs and then the Armed Services Committees from Pentagon brass has been supplemented on a foot-soldier basis as his various nephews returned from hitches in the Army, Navy and Marines.

The youngest of 15 children, Russell is a bachelor with 30 aunts and nephews.

Like others in his family, he learned at an early age to accept responsibility. The family home had no central heating and on cold days there were many fires to build. Each child had his chores.

His early-learned sense of responsibility has remained with him in his Senate career. He works like a dog on committee assignments and has worried about military secrets leading to the Kremlin, particularly during the MacArthur hearings.

Russell was a leader of the southern fight against the Truman civil rights program, which many senators believe may be a dead



JOHN O. SPRINGER

Northside Kiwanians Elect New Officers

The northside Pontiac Kiwanis Club announced its 1955 officers, naming John O. Springer as president. He succeeds Marion E. Lindcome who became the club's first president after the group was presented with a charter last June.

Other officers are Horace Hatfield and Edwin Adler, both vice presidents, Al Benter Jr., secretary and Clayton Dennis, treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors are William Dumsteth, James Harrington, Clifford Huntoon, Glenn Rogers, Merritt Morrison, Charles Pailian and Harrison Miller.

Richard Minewasser, John McGrath and Edward A. Maslowski were installed as new members. Lindcome addressed the group on the subject, "Our Past Year" and toastmaster at the meeting was Harry Woodman of GMC Truck and Coach Div. Entertainment was supplied by David Norton, manager of radio station WPON, who is a professional magician. Installing officer was Lt. Governor Denton Hassell, past president of the Ferndale Kiwanis Club.

4 Breakins Reported in Waterford Area

A string of four break-ins along Dixie highway last night was reported by Waterford Township police today. Only a jeweled pin, valued at \$9.50, was reported missing.

Fleming's Gift Shop, 2536 Dixie Hwy., reported the missing pin. The shop had been entered through a window which had been kicked out.

A rock thrown through the window of Day's Sanitary Service, 2585 Dixie Hwy., opened the way for the culprits, but nothing was reported taken.

Windows were also smashed to gain entrance at the Silverhead Hardware, 2580 Dixie Hwy., and Tat's Barber Shop, 631 Dixie Hwy. The owners reported nothing missing.

A good-sized, good-natured senator, the 57-year-old Russell has been a leader of the farm bloc, active on agricultural appropriations and the successful champion of school lunches.

In 1952 Russell ran for the Democratic presidential nomination. He lost out but his colleagues say it would be an error to disregard the popular senator as a 1956 White House possibility.

(Tomorrow: Sen. Harry F. Byrd)

Hammarskjold Off to Peiping

U.N. Chief Embarks on 1st Leg of Trip to Seek Release of U.S. Airmen

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — Dag Hammarskjold leaves today for the toughest assignment ever handed a U. N. secretary general—seeking the release of 11 U. S. airmen and other U. N. personnel imprisoned by Communist China.

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief U. S. delegate to the U. N., planned to be on hand to bid the secretary general farewell at Idlewild Airport. It was Lodge who spearheaded passage of the Assembly resolution authorizing Hammarskjold to take "unremitting efforts" for the prisoners' release.

Hammarskjold will fly first to London, leaving there Saturday for New Delhi, where he will confer with Indian Prime Minister Nehru. He expects to arrive in Peiping Jan. 4 or 5 for his talks with Chinese Premier Chou En-lai.

Pontiac Deaths

Mrs. Cadie (Sadie) Burrell
Mrs. Cadie (Sadie) Burrell, 48, of 84 Gage St. died this morning at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after an illness of five months.

Born in Portsmouth, Ohio Oct. 7, 1906, she was the daughter of Elihu and Noline James Masie.

Mrs. Burrell was married in Portsmouth in 1927 and came to Pontiac from there 25 years ago. She was a member of Central Christian Church and had been working at Pontiac Motor Division.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three children, Mrs. Adelle S. Sotter of Galesburg, Ill., Cadie Jr. and Dale, both at home and two grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister, Mamie Stamper of Portsmouth; two brothers, Harry Masie of California and Cary Masie of Portsmouth.

The funeral will be held Monday at 3 p. m. from the Hudson Funeral Home. The Rev. Charles D. Race, pastor of her church, will officiate with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Network Denies Firing of Marlowe's Fiance

NEW YORK — The Columbia Broadcasting System denies that coproducer Larry Puck lost out on an Arthur Godfrey television show because he got engaged to singer Marion Marlowe, another member of the Godfrey radio and TV family.

Amid reports that Puck got "fired" or "demoted" because Godfrey previously has frowned on romances within the cast, CBS President Frank Stanton issued a statement last night quoting Godfrey as follows:

"I did not fire Larry Puck. He is a very valuable member of our setup and I regret his inability to continue all the responsibilities he has exercised for the past six years."

"I'm sorry I did not know about his engagement to Marion Marlowe. To both of them my blessings and best wishes."

Last night on his television show Godfrey and His Friends—the program for which Puck has acted as coproducer—Godfrey made two references to the romance.

As he introduced Miss Marlowe for her first song, he took her by the hand, admired her 6½-carat diamond engagement ring and said:

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Rochester Council Asks Incorporation, Annexation

Mary A. Rogers, Arthur J. Weaver Wed at Imlay City

IMLAY CITY—Mary Adelaide Rogers and Arthur J. Weaver were married Sunday in a double-ring ceremony at First Congregational Church here. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rogers of Imlay City and Arthur is the son of the Arthur Weavers, also of Imlay City.

The bride was dressed in a gown of lace and tulle, with pleated bouffant skirt. A half-shell corsage of Chantilly lace and seed pearls held her finger veil, and she carried a bouquet of white orchids and carnations.

The bride's sister, Jane Rogers, was maid of honor, and matron of honor was Mrs. Jack Barney.

Best man was Dean Weaver and attendant was Bill Weaver, both brothers of the bridegroom. Jack Weston, Jerry Donovan, Elmer Brinker and Bernard Weingartz served as ushers.

Following a reception at the American Legion Hall, the couple left for a two-week honeymoon in Florida. On their return, they will make their home at 330 Law St., Lapeer.

'Youth Night' to Resume Jan. 6 in Waterford

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP—The regular youth recreation night of the Waterford Township Recreation Department will not be held this evening, as scheduled, for this week only.

It will resume Jan. 6.

Favor Change to Eliminate Problems Created by Growth of Nearby Areas

ROCHESTER—A voluminous report recommending annexation of a portion of Avon Township and incorporation of the village of Rochester as a home rule city has been prepared and released by the Rochester village council.

In a move climaxing more than a year of discussion and study, the lawmakers are circulating petitions to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, asking that a date be set for the residents to vote on the idea.

The 36 page \$2,500 report, is approved and signed by the full council, and 500 copies are being prepared for interested citizens.

In explanation of the report and project, the council stated its occupation with problems of Rochester brought about in many cases by the growth of areas just outside the village, which have an effect on the village.

Included in such "fringe area" problems are storm and sanitary sewer systems, fire and police protection, zoning and building codes.

Employed to do research work for the report was the Chicago firm of J. L. Jacobs and Company.

Three possible moves are outlined at length, including annexation of the proposed territory without changing to a city, changing to a city without annexation of the territory, and changing to a city which will include the proposed additional territory.

The council expresses favor in the third alternative, which would lift Rochester from a 1.6 square mile village to a 5.8 square mile city.

As outlined, the proposed Avon township area to be annexed would include extending the village boundaries on the north to the first east and west quarter section line north of Tienken road.

To the west, the new limits would stretch to a line a half mile west of and parallel to Livermore Road; on the south, to a line three hundred feet south of and parallel to Avon Road, and on the east, between one quarter and one half miles east of the southern extension of Sheldon Rd.

Such annexation would include the wealthy taxbase of the National Twist Drill Co., the new shopping center-west of Rochester road, and the Detroit Branch Co. on the southern boundary.

"These boundaries were chosen because they include the entire area within which the Rochester community seems likely to grow in the foreseeable future, and they are regular and do not make an exception as to any areas which are logically within them," the report states.

"The wisdom of annexing the proposed territory will depend therefore on whether or not the proposal conforms to sound financing and well balanced, over-all development," it continues.

The annexation, if adopted, would be primarily for the purpose of providing a means of correcting present fringe area problems and preventing new ones, council members felt.

This solution would be possible if the new area were productive of enough income over and above the increase in general costs caused by the annexation to permit correction of existing problems without long delay and the improvement of the undeveloped area as the population grows.

As shown in the report, the council feels that the new area income over the increase in costs caused by the annexation will be more than enough to permit achievement of these goals.

The annexation would add approximately \$4,400,000 of assessed valuation to the village tax rolls. Figures compiled to show the increase in general costs to the village if the area is annexed, and the increase in income, show income leading additional cost, \$53,560 to \$41,540, for the first year. Four other years project show similar margins in favor of excess income.

It was the opinion of the council and the survey group that a full complement of municipal

services can be provided for the annexed area without long delay as the need therefore arises and the program would be within the financial ability of the village. The development need not take place at the expense of the area presently within the village limits, the report revealed.

Two disadvantages were listed for annexing the area and not incorporating as a city. One was that the annexation with incorporation would be costly to Avon Township, losing off about \$6,000 annual income, due to less population and therefore a smaller part of its share of the intangible tax and sales tax return.

The council also felt that the measure would have little chance of being adopted by the electorate. It would seem improbable that voters in the township outside the area to be annexed would favor the change.

The council disapproved incorporation of the present village without annexation, as placing additional burdens on the people of Rochester in that the new city, like the present village, would be unable to tax properties outside its boundaries which logically belong within them, the statement relates.

According to the report, these properties, representing an assessed valuation of approximately \$4,400,000, are at the present



DENNIS G. COOPER

Explorer to Show Michigan Film at Keego Harbor

KEEGO HARBOR—Dennis Glen Cooper, a nationally known explorer and travel lecturer, will make a public appearance here at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

He will show his own color motion picture and speak on "Touring Glorious Michigan" at the Roosevelt PTA gathering in the school auditorium.

Vocal solos will be presented by Harold Ross, and refreshments will be served by second and third grade room mothers.

Cooper is head of the Exact Science Department of the Sherrard Intermediate School of Detroit. Color photography and travel lectures are his hobby and avocation.

He makes regular appearances on World Adventure Series, Detroit; National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.; and the Explorers' Club, New York City.

Brace School Teacher to Wed Detroit Man

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Eastman of Westover announce the engagement of their daughter, Helene, to Edward Caska of Detroit. Helene is a sixth grade teacher at Brace school and Edward is a teacher in the special education department of Detroit schools.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Hoosier Jailed in Theft of Car From Waterford

INDIANAPOLIS (UP)—Raymond E. Thornton, 35, of Terre Haute, Ind., was sentenced in federal court yesterday to two and one-half years imprisonment after pleading guilty to a charge of driving a stolen car from Waterford, Mich., to Terre Haute, last Sept. 15.

Resourceful Policeman

RATZENBERG, Germany (UP)—A policeman clinging to the top of a speeding auto finally arrested fraud suspect Edward Renkowitz after forcing him to stop the car. The policeman slid down over the windshield, blocking the fleeing desperado's view.

time paying township taxes of approximately \$7,700.

"They are, therefore, not at the present time paying in full for all the direct and indirect benefits which the mere proximity of the municipality brings to them," the document says.

Several of the reasons for the council's recommending annexation and incorporation are:

1.—The new income brought into Rochester will be substantially in excess of that required to extend to the entire new area the same general expense services that the inhabitants of the present village enjoy.

2.—The excess of new income over the increased expense incident to the furnishing of such services will be sufficient to justify the immediate installation of a program of local improvements in the new area and the carrying forward of that program for a period of five years and more.

3.—The program of local improvements will ultimately eliminate Rochester's fringe area problems.

The report concluded with an outline of the procedure which must be following if residents wish to have the county Board of Supervisors set a date for a vote on incorporation and the election of a charter commission.

Avon Supervisor Protests Change

Suggested Annexation Meets Disapproval of Cyril E. Miller

AVON TOWNSHIP—"An attempt to rob the township of a major portion of its income, namely the National Twist Drill Co. and the Detroit Branch Co., was the description supervisor Cyril E. Miller gave for the incorporation and annexation plan recommended by the Rochester Village Council today.

He listed the National Twist Drill Co. alone as having an assessed valuation of approximately \$3,000,000.

"The township board has studied incorporation, too," he added, but said he knew of no petitions being circulated seeking incorporation of the township.

"We have major industries that are opposed to the change, and we will try to protect them," he concluded.

400 to Attend Confab on Saving Resources

LANSING (U)—Some 400 persons have registered for the first Michigan Natural Resources Conference, the Conservation Department said today.

The conference, to be held in Lansing Jan. 11 and 12, will cover conservation of land, water, minerals, wildlife and recreational areas.

The conference is sponsored by Michigan State College, the University of Michigan and the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. It is open to the public.

To Meet at Rochester

ROCHESTER—The Olivet Circle of the First Congregational Church will meet at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the church.

Romeo Clerk Since 1925 Won't Seek Re-Election

ROMEO—Conrad Turrell, who has served the village of Romeo as clerk for 30 years, announced today that he will not seek re-election this spring.

The veteran officeholder took over the job in 1925, and has served continuously since that time. He also revealed that he will continue to act as Bruce Township clerk after his term as village clerk has expired.

Petitions for the village clerk's post, and other village offices, must be filed by Monday at 4 p. m.

The primary election is slated for Feb. 21.

Candidates will file for three positions, open on the village council. The terms of Mrs. Frances Martz, Lynn Posey and Louis Freye will expire on March 14, the date of the annual spring election.

Freye was elected to fill the



RUTH ANN BARBIER

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Barbier of Rochester have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Ann, to William J. Imboden. He is the son of Mrs. Orpha Imboden of Pontiac and the late Mr. Imboden.

Registration Hours Listed at White Lake

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP—Electioners who wish to register for the primary election Feb. 21 may do so at the township hall, Bert McKeechie, township clerk, announced today. The hall will be open to accept registrations at the following times:

Friday, Dec. 31—3 p. m. to 5 p. m.
Monday, Jan. 3—2:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.
Saturday, Jan. 8—9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon.
Wednesday, Jan. 12—7:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.
Tuesday, Jan. 18—2:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.
Saturday, Jan. 22—9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.
Monday, Jan. 24—8:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.
January 24 is the last date to register for the primary election.

Calvary Baptist Pastor to Hold Open House

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP—Open house for friends and members of the Calvary Baptist Church will be held at the home of the pastor, Rev. A. E. Wrobel and his wife, 4631 Irwindale Dr., on New Year's Eve from 7:30 p. m. until midnight.

A light lunch will be served climaxing a Watch Night Service, for those who wish to remain.

Service Set at Keego

KEEGO HARBOR—A candle-light New Year's Eve service will be held in Trinity Methodist Church at 8 p. m. Friday according to the Rev. Frank Tully, pastor.

unexpired term of councilman Al Hildred, who resigned last March.

Mrs. Maria has announced that she, too, will not seek re-election. Village Assessor A. H. Robertson's resignation has been filed with the village council, but no action has been taken to date.

The other village offices for which candidates may file petitions include village president, treasurer, and two vacancies on the library board.

Hope of Federal Aid for Drainage Dims

ROYAL OAK—Army engineers in Washington today dissolved any hope of Federal financial aid for construction of the \$30 million Twelve-Town drain, under present law.

Brig. Gen. E. C. Itchner, assistant chief engineer for civil works for the Army Corps of Engineers told Congressman George A. Dondero (R-Royal Oak) that "there is no authority available under which we can participate in such a project."

The general further stated that "the problem is one of providing drainage and improved sewage facilities for an urban area, and is not of the nature of flood control problems considered by the Federal flood control program."

Congressman Dondero said he would ask the House Public Works Committee to consider Federal aid for the project next month. Petitions are now being circulated in South Oakland County communities asking for the area to be declared a "critical defense" area, but so far, backing has been meager.

County Deaths

CLARKSTON—Service for Ragnar Hellmuthus, 68, of 7306 Andersonville Rd., will be held Jan. 3 at the Morris Funeral Service, Windsor, Ont., with burial in Victoria Memorial Park. He died Wednesday.

Surviving are his widow, Dorothy, and eight brothers and sisters in Sweden. The body will be at the Sharpe Funeral Home, Clarkston, until Saturday morning.

Mrs. Mildred Ward Coleman OXFORD—Service for Mrs. Mildred Ward Coleman, of Detroit, a former resident of Oxford, will be held at 10 a. m. Friday in the Harris Funeral Home, 6224 Cass Ave., Detroit. Burial will be in Perry Mount Cemetery, Pontiac. She died Monday.

She is survived by her husband, Mrs. Gene Martin.

CASS CITY—Funeral service for Mrs. Gene Martin, 86, will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in the Methodist Church, with burial in Novesta Cemetery. She died Tuesday.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Goldie McLaughlin of Detroit, two brothers, four sisters, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Southfield High Gets Recommendation

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—A recommendation, that Southfield High School be given the highest accreditation offered by the University of Michigan has been submitted to the UM Bureau of School Services by Dr. Lester Anderson of the bureau's staff.

Dr. Anderson based his recommendation on six points: diversity in studies, teacher interest, student-teacher relations, student attitude, school atmosphere and administration.

A report on the school will be presented to the North Central Association for study and action.

FBI Nabs Youth Sought in Romeo

Seize Samuel Medford in Tennessee; Wanted on Forgery Charge

ROMEO—A youth sought here for forgery has been taken into custody by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Memphis, Tenn., according to a bulletin received by the Romeo State Police post yesterday.

Samuel Joseph Medford had been sought by law enforcement officers throughout the Middle West for allegedly using a personalized checkbook belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Buzzell in August. He had rented a room in the couple's home, where he stayed for a few days before leaving without notice.

Within a short time, forged checks began to appear, some in Richmond and some in Armada. Detective Ray McConnell of the state police post said no further details of the arrest were available at the present.

The boy, an itinerant farm worker, formerly lived in Coffeyville, Kan.

Imlay Rebekahs, Oddfellows Elect Officers for 1955

IMLAY CITY—Oddfellows have elected the following officers: noble grand, Douglas Buike; vice grand, Harry Dahm; recording secretary, George Noble; financial secretary, Ralph Tucker; and treasurer, Jay Coleman. Evans Parrott is the retiring noble grand.

Newly-elected Rebekah officers are: noble grand, Mrs. Kay Snyder; vice grand, Mrs. Eva Gordon; recording secretary, Mrs. John Sebelly; financial secretary, Mrs. Walter Kennel; treasurer, Mrs. Floyd Wille. Mrs. Carey E. Terry is the retiring noble grand. A joint installation will be held in January.

Election Petitions Being Circulated

IMLAY CITY—Petitions are being circulated this week for Imlay Township officers. Present officers are: Supervisor, Howard E. Lee; clerk, J. Leslie Payne; treasurer, J. I. Lancaster; highway commissioner, Lewis Fritz; trustees, E. C. Muxxy and Lester Smith; justices of peace, Neil Blank and Edward Bloemanna; constables, Harold Dewey and John Bush.

On the library board are: Martha Lengemann, R. A. Grettenberger, Mrs. Howard H. Churchill, Dr. L. M. Zimmerman and Mrs. Carey E. Terry. Six are to be elected to the library board. Petitions must be filed with the township clerk by Jan. 3.

County Calendar

The Valparaiso Guild will hold its annual Christmas card party at the home of Mrs. Fred Doster Thursday evening.

Church Party Planned
ARMADA—Members of the Church of Latter Day Saints will spend New Year's Eve at the home of their pastor and his wife, Elder and Mrs. John Moses of Richmond, where a family Watch Night party will be held. Honored guest will be Lionel Gale of Barbados, West Indies, a student preparing for the ministry.

Plan Service Series
NORTH BRANCH—A series of evangelistic services will be held in the Methodist Church by Rev. James Gison from Jan. 2-11.



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