

Area Deaths And Funerals

WILLIS A. SIGNS — Services for Mr. Signs, 58, of Taylor, were held in the Hays Funeral Home with the Rev. Frank A. Varrault officiating. Burial was in Oakview Cemetery. Mr. Signs died July 9 after an eight-year illness. He was a former Redford Township resident and a member of Ashford Lodge No. 555 (F&AM) which held a memorial service the evening before the funeral. He was a retired tool maker and a former employee of the Henry J. Will Funeral Home.

Survivors are his wife, Helen; a son, Kenneth, of Taylor; a daughter, Mary, of Redford; (Phyllis) Honey of Taylor; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ADELE C. BUSSETT — Services for Mrs. Bussett, 75, of 1005 Maplewood, Detroit, were held in the Henry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. William Smith of the Holy Sepulchre Church officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery. Mrs. Bussett died July 8. She was a retired employee of Eastman Kodak Company who worked 27 years and was secretary to Ernestine. She had lived in the Detroit area 50 years and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Women's Club.

Survivors are her husband, Herman J., her sister and brother, Mrs. Eugene (Mae) Basher of Redford Township, and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret (Maggie) Tinsford of Los Angeles and Raymond Tinsford of Los Angeles.

BARBARA M. FORESTER — Services for Mrs. Forester, 62, of Midway, N.J., were held in the Henry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. William Smith of the Holy Sepulchre Church officiating. Burial was in Acadia Park Cemetery. Mrs. Forester died July 8 in New Jersey. Her husband, Albert C., died in 1967. Mrs. Forester, who moved to New Jersey three years ago, was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Pennsylvania.

Survivors are two sons, Albert of Redford Township and Robert of Midway, N.J.; a daughter, Mrs. William (May) Warren of Midway, N.J.; a brother, George Tinsford of Philadelphia, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller of Uhly, Pa., and Mrs. Marie Suckow of Riverside, Pa.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

DENNIS HORN — Services for Mr. Horn, 20, of 11275 Winton, Redford Township, were held in St. Luke Catholic Church following a scripture service and prayers in the Henry J. Will Funeral Home. The Rev. Fr. Macchia officiated. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. Horn, a Redford resident, was killed suddenly July 8 in an auto-motorcycle accident. He was employed as a gas station attendant.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Horn of Redford; his brothers, Michael, John, Joseph, Christopher and Thomas all of Redford; and two sisters, Elaine Horn of Redford and Mrs. David (Catherine) Curtis of Taylor.

EDWIN H. ALDRICH — Services for Mr. Aldrich, 58, of 12244 Redford, Detroit, were held in Thayer Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Everett of Southland Community Church officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. Aldrich, a native of Farmington, died suddenly July 6. He was a member of Redford Masonic Lodge 32.

Survivors are his wife, Alice; a daughter, Alice Marie Parks of South Lyon; two brothers, Roy of Croydon and Harold of Farmington; two sons, Dennis of Farmington and Thomas of Farmington; and four grandchildren.

OSCAR PETERSEN — Services for Mr. Petersen, 72, of 2385 Mayfield, Farmington, were held in the Henry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. William Smith of the Holy Sepulchre Church officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery. Mr. Petersen died July 8. He was a retired sales engineer for Alfa Romeo of a Panhandle of Alaska. He had lived in Farmington 14 years. Mr. Petersen is survived by his wife, Viola.

LOIS N. HUNTER — Services for Mrs. Hunter, 49, of 2221 Columbia, Redford Township, were held in the Henry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. William Whitehead of St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Livonia officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery. Mrs. Hunter died July 8. She was a counselor for Crestwood School District, Dearborn Heights, and a member of the National Association of Social Workers and St. Paul Church. She died after a long illness.

Survivors are her husband, Glenn; two sons, Robert and William; a daughter, Mrs. William (Suzanne) Sagan; and two brothers, Ward Williams of Gladwin and James Williams of Gladwin.

JESSIE E. TIFANY — Services for Mrs. Tiffany, 75, of 1799 Sheldon, Plymouth, were held in the Henry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. William Smith of the Holy Sepulchre Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery. Mrs. Tiffany died July 7. She was a retired housewife, sister for Cleveland Miner Co. and had lived in Redford 30 years.

There are no immediate survivors. She was the friend of Mrs. Margaret Powell with whom she had lived the past year.

CLARA LEPPING — Services for Mrs. Lepping, 75, of 1799 Sheldon, Plymouth, were held in the Henry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. William Smith of the Holy Sepulchre Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery. Mrs. Lepping died July 9.

A homemaker, she was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish.

Survivors are sons, Robert of Livonia, Paul of St. Louis Catholic Church, three great-grandchildren.

LILLIAN SLE — Services for Mrs. Sle, 37, of 3753 Myra, Livonia, were held in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mrs. Sle, who was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, was killed suddenly July 8 in an auto-motorcycle accident. He was employed as a gas station attendant.

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New Postal Service Is Called Not Good, Not Bad, But 'Fair'

By KATHY MORAN

Testifying during a congressional hearing on postal service, two Observers officials gave a "fair" rating to the operation which used to brag that "neither rain, nor snow, nor black of night" delayed the mails.

Weather conditions still don't delay the mail, but Westland Mayor Eugene McKinney and Canton Township Supervisor Philip Dingley noted that lack of post offices in their areas and a rule prohibiting door-to-door delivery for lots over 50 feet do delay it.

Both officials testified Friday at a hearing conducted before the congressional subcommittee on postal service in the City County Building, U.S. Rep. James Hanley (D-New York), chairman of the subcommittee, conducted the hearing with U.S. Rep. William D. Ford (D-Taylor), a committee member.

He asked McKinney and Dingley to rate postal service as they think their residents perceive it. Both responded "fair."

"I would say in Westland

it's fair to poor," McKinney said.

"I don't want to say it's poor," Dingley said. "I guess I would say it's fair."

In addressing the committee, McKinney traced the city's attempts to get a post office to serve its 100,000 residents.

"Westland's efforts to obtain its own post office date back to 1967, one year after city incorporation," he said. "Since that date there has been a continuous stream of 'yes,' 'no' and 'maybe' coming from Washington in spite of Congressman William Ford, who has led our battles diligently."

He said a site was obtained for the post office but construction has been delayed. "As suburbs crowd into one another out from the central city, as one city fades into another, individual community identity becomes of major importance," McKinney said. "Unless citizens have a hometown feeling about their city, community improvement projects of every nature become difficult to implement."

"Thus, the impact of a postal facility not only relates to improved services, but to the concept of individuality of communities and bringing government closer to home, impacts that are in-

creasingly more important in an age where many citizens are beginning to wonder if government is listening or indeed cares."

McKinney noted that Westland is the fourth largest city in Wayne County. Currently the Wayne post office serves the 100,000 residents. Neighboring cities of Garden City, Wayne, Inkster, Romulus, Taylor and Dearborn Heights have their own facilities despite the fact that they have smaller populations than Westland, he said.

"It should go without saying that local postal facilities should be based on need and should not be gifts from on high."

He said that most of the frustration related to getting a post office is finding a person who is in a decision-making position in the postal system.

Dingley noted that Can-

ton is one of the "fastest growing areas in the state" and anticipates needing its own post office by 1975.

"The fact that the township is now served from four different post offices, Plymouth, Belleville, Wayne and Ypsilanti, is confusing, especially to the new residents," he said.

"The citizens complain of slow delivery and are confused as to the community they live in."

"The fact that there is no delivery to any homes on over 50-foot lots means new homes in new subdivisions, will not receive door to door delivery."

Ford noted that an area

known as New Boston, which is in Huron Township, has its own post office and the postmaster despite the fact that it isn't a city and "doesn't exist as a political entity."

Hanley said this points up one of the "fundamental problems, which is the need to continue with the postal facility building program."

John Canfield, mayor of Dearborn Heights, and R. Bert Marshall, supervisor of Sumpter Township, also complained about slow and undependable postal service.

Canfield said he sends important pieces of mail by personal courier rather than risk their loss or late delivery.

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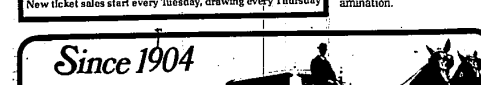
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