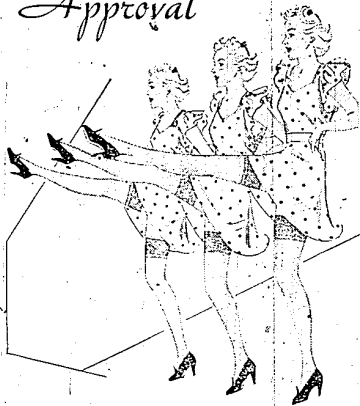


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Gold Medal for Operator Who Gave Her Life So That Others Might Live



When a fire broke out in the Hotel Plaza in Jersey City, N. J., on December 23, 1937, Miss Helen Sullivan, the hotel's telephone operator, stayed at her switchboard to warn guests until she received burns from which she later died. A Theodore N. Vail Medal in gold, the two faces of which are shown above, and \$500 have been presented to her mother. The National Committee of Vail Medal Awards has also announced special plaques and citations to four groups of telephone employees for notable acts of public service during the Ohio River flood of 1937.

The supreme sacrifice of a telephone operator who gave her life so that others might live has been commemorated by the posthumous award of a Theodore N. Vail Medal in gold to Miss Helen R. Sullivan, private branch exchange operator at the Plaza Hotel in Jersey City, N. J., who stayed at her switchboard to warn guests of a fire in the hotel, and suffered burns from which she later died. The medal, and the accompanying cash award of \$500, have been presented to Miss Sullivan's mother.

Miss Sullivan was a former operator of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company in a Jersey City central office, and since March, 1933, has been a private branch exchange operator in charge of the Plaza Hotel's switchboard. The citation accompanying the Vail Medal award tells of the devotion to duty that led to her tragic death, and reads as follows:

Supreme Courage, Loyalty, Devotion
"For supreme courage, loyalty and devotion to duty during a serious fire.

"On December 23, 1937, at about 10:50 A.M., a fire occurred in the lobby of the Hotel Plaza in Jersey City. There were 100 guests of one hundred people in the hotel at the time. Four of them lost their lives while others were injured or overcome by the dense smoke which, with the fire, endangered the lives of many more.

"Despite the evident danger from the approaching fire, Miss Sullivan remained at her switchboard in the lobby of the hotel, spreading the alarm and advising guests in the hotel rooms to effect their escape. The swiftly-spreading flames reached the switchboard and set fire to her clothing before she ceased her efforts to aid others. Groping through the blazing lobby, she reached the street, her clothing and hair aflame. She was taken to a hospital, where she died a few weeks later."

The cherished switchboard at which Miss Sullivan had performed her

act of heroic service gave silent testimony to her devotion to duty. An inspection made after the fire had been extinguished showed that there were still nine telephone connections plugged up to the extensions in rooms whose occupants she had been trying to warn when finally forced to leave her post. There is no evidence of the number of people she had succeeded in reaching, but she had succeeded in reaching many others that many of those who were rescued from the burning building owed their lives in part to the prompt warning which she had given, at the cost of her own life.

The National Committee of Award, which reviews the regional bronze medal awards by operating companies of the Bell Telephone System of Vail Medals for "Noteworthy Public Service," has also awarded special citations to large groups of telephone employees because of their outstanding work in restoring and maintaining telephone communication during the disastrous Ohio River flood of 1937.

Heroic Work During Flood

The National Committee's group citations, which are accompanied by special bronze plaques, include all the employees of the Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone Company and of its subsidiary, the Citizens Telephone Company; the employees of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company along the Ohio River valley; and the employees of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company along the Ohio River valley in Kentucky.

While the specific acts for which these groups of telephone men and women have been thus recognized varied widely, there was a marked similarity in the conditions they faced and in the spirit with which these conditions were met. So outstanding were the performances of all telephone employees in the area covered by the flood that, according to the report of the Committee of Award, it was impossible to single out particular individuals for special recognition. Group awards have accordingly been made.

HARTLAND TO PLAY MERCHANTS' TEAM SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Hartland's baseball team will furnish the attraction for the Farmington Merchants' team game Sunday, to be played on the local field, beginning at 2:30.

The local nine won two ball games over the week end, defeating the Commodores of Detroit, Saturday, 10 to 5, and the Hartland aggregation Sunday by a 6 to 5 count.

Saturday's victory in a game played on the local diamond, was due in large measure to the fine hurling of Gus Rosenboom. Although touched for eleven hits during the fray Gus held the Detroit team in check with men on bases. He struck out eight Commodores. Gwen Lancaster garnered three safe hits.

DAVID E. UTLEY, Attorney, 2033 First National Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Mich.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND IN CHANCERY
HARRY FRACTER, Plaintiff, No. D-5524
ESTELLE FRACTER, Defendant.

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Pontiac, on the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1938.

Present: Honorable George B. Hartrick, Circuit Judge.
It appearing from the Affidavit on file that Estelle Fracter is not well, but that her last known address is Hotel Woodward, corner Broadway and 55th Streets, New York City.
IT IS ORDERED that the said Estelle Fracter appear and answer the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause within three (3) months from the date of this Order or said Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered thereon.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be sent by registered mail to said Defendant, in New York, New York, with return receipt requested, at least twenty (20) days before the time above set for her appearance and that this Order be published as required by law.

G. F. Hartrick, Circuit Judge.
A TRUE COPY
Lynn D. Allen, County Clerk.
By Mary Cobb, Deputy.
June 2-7-1938

GIRLS TO WEAVE, MAKE STUFFED ANIMALS AT CAMP

Girls who attend the third in a series of weekly meetings at Camp High Oaks this coming Tuesday will find an interesting program awaiting them.

The group will continue the weaving they started this week, and will make stuffed animals from old felt hats. To aid them in this latter project, however, the group is in need of the "raw materials." Consequently the Director, Mrs. Robert Cale, is making a request asking local residents who have old felt hats which they no longer need, to get in touch with Mrs. Gilbert Miles, at 33410 Shawwassee avenue, or phone her at 114. She stresses that men's gray felt hats are particularly desirable.

Mrs. Cale is also looking for assistants to aid the girls each Tuesday. Any woman interested is asked to contact Mrs. Miles.

Nature Study

Camp High Oaks received the second visit from the girls Tuesday. The morning was devoted to nature study. Two of the four groups of girls believe they are more familiar now than formerly with the habitats and ways of rabbits, which they studied. To the other groups of girls the oak tree, glorified in prose and poetry, has a deeper significance, since they observed the trees at close range.

In the afternoon the groups made their own weaving looms, and then proceeded to manufacture hot pads on them. They wound thread back and forth on the frame, tied them where they crossed, and cut the ends to form fringes. White, red, and blue threads were used.

Enrolled at this meeting were two new girls, Margaret Miles and Kathleen Roberts.

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper.

MOTORISTS FINED FOR PASSING CARS OVER YELLOW LINE

Motorists who are breaking the traffic law which prohibits passing on a grade over the yellow line are receiving tickets from officers and paying fines in their hearings before Judge John J. Schulte in Farmington.

Four Detroit autists pleaded guilty the past week to charges of that traffic violation. Fines of \$5 each were paid by Salesman Roy Henderson, 45 years old, 2230 Helen avenue; Carl Bard, 40, also a salesman, who resides at 2615 Nebraska avenue; and Gordon Richards, 29, a truck driver, who gave his address as 5058 Chatham avenue. The arrests were made on Grand River Road.

Walter Burdock, 32, of 709 W. Hancock street, also pleaded guilty to the same charges following his arrest on Grand River Road July 3 at 6:50 p. m. He paid costs amounting to \$3 in the Farmington Municipal Court Wednesday.

Pleading guilty to charges of running through a red light three motorists paid fines. Judge Schulte imposed \$5 fines on Russell Lynch, 48, a car dealer, of 930 Bethune avenue, and Fred Hill, 51, who resides at 2737 Hooper avenue. Both are residents of Detroit. Hill was arrested at Nine Mile Road and James Couzens Highway and Lynch at U. S. 24 and Long Lake Road.

William Rahn, 21, of Novi, was arrested on the same charges at Grand River and Novi Roads. He paid costs amounting to \$3.50.

Two other motorists paid fines and a third heard his sentence suspended.

Clayton Stumpf, 24, of 20805 Lincoln avenue, Detroit, a bricklayer, was ordered to pay \$3 in costs Friday by Judge Schulte when he pleaded guilty to charges of failing to stop for a through

highway at Grand River and Ten Mile Roads. He was arrested July 3 at 4:45 p. m. According to the arresting officer Stumpf had no operator's license with him. He produced his license during his appearance Friday.

William Oppley, 37, of 7004 Rowan avenue, Detroit, paid a \$5 fine after pleading guilty to charges of driving against traffic on the Farmington Cut-Off.

A suspended sentence was given William Williamson, 21, of 6353 Diversey Place, Detroit, who pleaded guilty to charges of improper overtaking and passing on a hill on Grand River Road and Harper Highway.

Fantasia, Musical Composition
A fantasia is a musical composition which is not restricted to any formal design or theme, but is freely constructed according to the composer's fancy. Examples of fantasia are found in the works of Bach, Brahms, Schumann and other composers. The term is also applied to medleys of popular airs.

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