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OBITUARIES
CHARLES J. PACKINGHAM
Charles J. Packingham, a resident of Bradenton, Florida for the past 10 years, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, January 15, following an extended illness. Mr. Packingham was born February 24, 1888 in Grandville, Illinois. On September 22, 1906 he was united in marriage to Lillian Hayward. He was a veteran of World War I and was a Post Master and Life Member of the St. Louis, Michigan Lodge F. & A. M. 188.
Funeral services took place on Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of the Imayer Funeral Home with Rev. William D. Mercer of Nardin Park Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery with Farmington Lodge F. & A. M. 151 in charge of the graveside service. Surviving besides his wife Lillian are two daughters, Mrs. Iltans Kindler of Farmington and Mrs. Clare Saltz of Bethesda, Maryland. He also leaves six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



RUBBING THE GENIE'S lamp, and some imaginative work by some of the Farmington Players, produced a festive background right out of Arabian Nights for the Annual

New Year's Eve Party held at the Players Barn Dec. 31. The setting attracted considerable comment from the Players and their guests at the annual celebration.

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**Players Barn Undergoes
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On Friday evening, December 31, a mirage appeared on Twelve Mile Road. The Farmington Players, under the able guidance of Jim Allison, Ted Budgen and the Arts Committee, rubbed the magic lamp and produced a scene right out of the Arabian Nights.
The occasion was the Players Annual New Year's Eve party and over 70 Players and their guests, attired in costumes or formal dress, mingled among the palm trees and enjoyed a fascinating and unusual evening. The entrance was a dimly lit cave that suggested an "Open Sesame" would immediately produce the desired result. Each step revealed surprise after surprise such as Aladdin's Feast Table, Persian Market rugs, Souvenir Pictures at the "Casbah", Omar's Tent, an Arabian Temple complete with reflecting pool and a filmy desert "sky" liberally sprinkled with hanging stars and moons. Even the weatherman cooperated and one could almost feel a desert breeze.
MINARETS AND parapets spanned the center and the tag line centerpieces were colorful "One Thousand and One Nights" sand. A benign camel presided over all.
The show and dancing girls arrived early and stayed late. They ate, drank and were certainly merry watching the entertainment emceed by Omar the tentmaker, Don Craig, and dancing to the wildest "Arabian" music ever heard. The last guest was seen leaving at 5 a.m. remarking to all who would listen that "we have never been to such a fabulous party."
One of the Players was heard muttering a little wistfully "best yet we've ever had—down here in the lobby—ought to do the next show down here."
The "genie" who was a Chairman of this delightful event was Bessie Hannan, who deserves many rounds of applause for handling the myriad details in her dependably capable style. The Players who assisted Bessie and the Arts Committee are too numerous to list separately. The cooperation was wonderful, as always, and our thanks go out to all who helped to make this a very special one. "One Thousand and One Nights".

Local News Happenings

MARIE LONG
GR. 4-3114
Lieutenant David Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner of Albion Street, is in the Naval Air Corps, flying from the United States Ranger, participating in Viet Nam. Lt. Turner is a graduate of Farmington High School and is married to the former Judy Thurow, who is presently living in Sanford, Florida, near the base.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gullen of Farmington are spending the winter in Phoenix, Arizona. At this writing, Mrs. Gullen is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ramsey have just returned from visiting them in Phoenix.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wagner of Moore Drive in Alta Loma Subdivision flew down to Texas and Mexico on a two-week trip.
Mrs. Katherine Peplinski of Wildwood is currently hospitalized with serious back trouble.
at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital. At present, she is in traction, but it doesn't help, she will have to undergo surgery.
Frederick Burrage Willis of West Eleven Mile Road is ill, according to his niece, according to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. Mr. Willis is a member of the Pioneer Golden Age Club.
Get well wishes also go to a new resident and Pioneer Club member, Mrs. Vina Smith of Lila Street, who has been ill for the past week.
Also, a wish for a speedy recovery goes to another Pioneer Club member, Mrs. Alice Cameron, the life of the club parties, who is ill with a very bad cold. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hill, on Greening Street.
Editor's note: Mrs. Long would appreciate having news telephoned to her during the week at GR. 4-3114.

OBITUARIES

PAULINE E. SHORT
Mrs. Pauline Emily Short of 20331 Purlingbrook in Livonia passed away on January 8 at the age of 58.
Mrs. Short was born on December 23, 1907, in Ecorse, Michigan, the daughter of Ivan J. and Grace Phillips Kelly. She was married to Joseph E. Short who preceded her in death.
Services were held Wednesday, January 12, with Prayers at 8:30 a.m. from the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home to Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 9 a.m. Rosary will be Wednesday evening, 8 p.m. Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.
Surviving Mrs. Short are her brother and sisters, Mr. James Kelly, Mrs. Marion Porter and Evelyn Davey.
Mark Thomas was 20 years of age. He was born on April 18, 1945, in Brighton, Michigan, the son of Leo C. and Betty Dor LaPorte Devine. He lived in the Farmington area 11 years and attended Our Lady of Sorrows Grade School and Farmington High School for one year. In October, 1962, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at the U.S. Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia with the rank of Fireman, 1st Class.
Services will be held Thursday, January 20, with Prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home to Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 10 a.m. Rosary will be Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. and interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Brighton, Michigan.
Mr. Devine is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Devine; brothers and sisters, James L., John E., Arthur C., Michael W., Robert A., Mary E. and Adelaide M. of Farmington and Mrs. Catherine C. Anderson of Detroit. His grandmother, Mrs. Glen Baker of Detroit, Michigan also survives.

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