

Obituaries

W. M. Packer, Civic Leader, Auto Dealer

William M. Packer, 75, founder and president of the Packer Pontiac Co., an automobile dealership, and president and chief promoter of the Hundred Club of Detroit, died Wednesday at Henry Ford Hospital after a brief illness.

The Hundred Club, founded in 1952, presently has 500 members. It provides cash gifts to widows and children of policemen and firemen killed in the line of duty in 124 communities in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

SINCE ITS inception, the Hundred Club has paid out \$600,000 in benefits. Mr. Packer has been the club's only president.

He initiated a policy of paying off mortgages on homes and all outstanding debts of officers and firemen killed in action. Under his leadership the club became nationally recognized for its civic responsibility.

Mr. Packer was instrumental in organizing 39 similar clubs in other major U.S. cities, including New York, Chicago and Miami.

At the time of his death, Mr. Packer also was president of the Detroit Streets and Traffic Commission.

Always interested in civic affairs, he served as a director of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau for 20 years. He was a former member of the Detroit Aviation Commission, which now runs Detroit City Airport, and was an outspoken advocate of a metropolitan airport authority during his tenure.

MR. PACKER learned to fly in 1928 and had logged 12,700 flying hours. He held private, commercial and instructor pilot licenses and had served as president of the Aero Club of Michigan and the Sportsman Pilots Association.

Mr. Packer began his business career as a salesman, and at 32 became Chevrolet Division's Southern California zone manager. At 40, he resigned from General Motors Corp. to become vice-president of distribution for Packard Motor Car Co.

During World War II Mr. Packer donated his private plane to the U.S. Air Force and took charge of Packard-Rolls Royce aircraft engine production.

After the war, he resigned to become a General Motors car dealer. Packer Corp. has auto dealerships in Detroit, Flint and Miami and an auto leasing firm in Detroit.



William M. Packer

Mr. Packer was a member of the Detroit Club, Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit Golf Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Recess and the Old Club.

His body will lie in state at Vasu-Lynch Funeral Home, 4375 North Woodward, Royal Oak until 9:30 p.m. Friday. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ Church, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. Burial will be at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy.

Surviving Mr. Packer are his wife, Suzanne; a son, William M. Packer, Jr.; daughter, Mrs. John Nevin Bauman of Cleveland, and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boys Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit.

Harry P. Doud, Electrical Engineer

Services for Harry P. Doud, 80, a retired electrical engineer for General Electric Co. in Detroit, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Kraer Funeral Home, Pampono Beach, Fla. Mr. Doud died Thursday.

Mr. Doud graduated from Purdue University in 1911 and lived in the Detroit area before moving to Florida 13 years ago. He was a member of the Burt Lake Christian Church and the Carnac Lodge F&AM in Indian River.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, two daughters, Mrs. Betty Cole and Mrs. G. W. Robinson, and a brother, Alva Doud, of Detroit.

Morris Howard, Retired Contractor

Services for Morris Howard, 78, a retired plumbing and heating contractor, will be at 1 p.m.

Friday in the Ira Kaufman Chapel, 18325 W. Nine Mile, Southfield.

Mr. Howard, of 25350 Greenfield, Oak Park, died Wednesday in Henry Ford Hospital.

He was past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a member of several plumbing associations in New York and New Jersey.

Survivors include his wife, Ida; two sons, Alvin and Arthur; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Gurwin; seven grandchildren; a brother and a sister.

Burial will be in Clover Hill Park Cemetery.

Garnet Sweezey, Telephone Co. Aide

Services for Garnet A. Sweezey, 76, retired co-ordinator of military and civilian defense needs for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday



at the First Baptist Church of Royal Oak. He will be buried in Acacia Park Cemetery.

Mr. Sweezey, who died Thursday, lived at 56 Maplefield, Pleasant Ridge.

Mr. Sweezey He was a past district governor of Lions International, past director of the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, a member of the Pleasant Ridge Masonic Club, Detroit Commandery No. 1 and the Moslem Shrine.

Friends may call at the Vasu-Lynch Funeral Home, 4375 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, from 6 p.m. Saturday until 9:30 p.m. Monday.

Surviving Mr. Sweezey are his wife, Sophie, two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Yake and Mrs. Leonard Stevens, a son, Garnet Jr., seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Youth Drowns In Green Lake

A Royal Oak teen-ager who friends said couldn't swim, drowned Thursday while he was paddling around in 12 feet of water off a dock in Green Lake, Oakland County.

He was identified as Keith Cannell of 1307 Edgewood.