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EXECUTIVE

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January 23, 1976

Dear Mrs. ^xRobinson: *MARGUERITE*

Mrs. Ford and I would like to extend to you our deepest sympathies and condolences on the death of Ken.

Your husband and I were always good friends even though, as I am sure you knew, we did have some differences from time to time. I always respected Ken for his judgment and observations, and I very much appreciated his friendship.

If there is anything that we can do to help you during this time, please let us know.

Warmest personal regards,

JERRY FORD

Mrs. Kenneth W. ^xRobinson
1115 Keneberry Way, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

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Ex-UAW Regional Director



Kenneth W. Robinson

Kenneth W. Robinson, 54, retired director of United Auto Workers Region 1-D, died Monday evening of a heart attack in his winter home at Naples, Fla.

Mr. Robinson, of 1115 Keneberry Way SE, replaced Leonard Woodcock, now the UAW president, as regional director of 62 Michigan counties in 1955.

He retired after undergoing open heart surgery twice in 1974.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mr. Robinson graduated from Central High School and joined the UAW while employed at the former Hayes Manufacturing Co. he was appointed to Woodcock to the Union's staff in 1944.

A former member of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, Mr. Robinson had been active in local and national United Fund drives, the NAACP and the Grand Rapids Urban League.

Appointed to the first Grand Valley State Colleges Board of Control in 1960, he served on that board until 1965, when he was replaced by Irving Bluestone, another UAW official.

Robinson was reappointed to the Board in 1968.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite; three sons, James K. of Detroit, Phillip T. of San Diego, Calif., and Richard of Omaha, and three daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Pamela) Clark of Kentwood, Patti of East Lansing and Susan of Denver, Colo.

Funeral arrangements are

when he established the Davis Chapel Church of God In Christ, 1225 S. Division Ave. He was pastor there until his death.

Rev. Mr. Davis was a life member of the NAACP.

He is survived by his wife; Minnie; three sons, Malcolm and Fred of Detroit and George of Pontiac; seven daughters, Mrs. Delores Blackburn, Mrs. Quettia Morgan and Lola M. Davis, all of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ada Woods and Mrs. Mary O'Neal of Pontiac, Mrs. Hazel Jackson of Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Audrey Lewis of Detroit; a sister, Mrs. Martha Reece of Grand Rapids; 36 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Brown Mortuary.

Retired Teacher

Funeral services for Gertrude Roberts, 105 and a Grand Rapids resident 31 years, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Van Strien-Alman Funeral Chapel with burial in Fairplains Cemetery.

Mrs. Roberts died Monday at Kent Community Hospital.

She was born in Chicago and attended grade school there. She worked as a clerk in the office of the Illinois Central Railway Co. from 1889 until 1905. In 1905 she began teaching physical education first in Butte, Mont., then in Boise, Idaho, and last in Edmonton, Alta. She retired and moved to Grand Rapids in 1945.

Mrs. Roberts was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. L. Austin (Janet) Munson of Grand Rapids; a sister, Florence Sawin of San Francisco, Calif., and two grandchildren.

Antrim Sheriff

PETOSKEY — Antrim County Sheriff Brice W. Petrie died Monday at Little Traverse Hospital of a blood clot in the lung.

Petrie, 50, had been suffering from a number of heart and kidney complications over the last year. He had been the county's top law enforcement officer since 1972.

Prosecutor James Young, County Clerk Laura Dunson and an unspecified Circuit Court judge are scheduled to meet within the week and begin the search for a successor to Petrie. In the meantime, law enforcement matters will be handled by Undersheriff Fred Backstrom.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Diton-Ebert Funeral Home in Central Lake. Burial will be in Densmore Cemetery in Echo Township, Antrim County.

Obituary

McDonald of Wyoming, Mrs. Geraldine Verbert of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Blair reposes at the Sullivan Funeral Home where her service will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Paster Paul E. Penno officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Visiting hours at the funeral home will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM.

BIRD — Larry Campbell Bird, aged 34, of 2428 Clyde Park Ave. SW, passed away very suddenly early Sunday morning, Jan. 18, 1976 at St. Mary's Hospital. He is survived by one daughter, Melanie, three sons, Randy, Tony and Kevin all of Holland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. (Merrie) Bird of Grand Rapids; one sister, Miss Melissa Bird of Phoenix, Ariz.; three brothers, Patrick, Mark and Burke all of Grand Rapids. Services will be held at 3:00 Wednesday afternoon at the funeral chapel. Rev. Marvin R. Rosa of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Committal services will follow at 4:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the chapel of Rosedale Memorial Park, 0-50 Lake Michigan Dr. NW. Members of his family will be at the funeral chapel from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 on Tuesday. Larry reposes at the Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel, 2815 Fuller NE. at Three Mile Rd.

BOSMAN — Mrs. Lavina Bosman aged 73 passed away unexpectedly Monday at her home. Surviving are her sister Mrs. Anna DeVries, her nieces and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beikema, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wierenga all of Evergreen Park, Ill. and John DeVries of S.Holland, Ill. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1 PM in the Metcalf & Jonkhoff Chapel, 933 Cherry SE, Rev. Carl Schroeder of Central Reformed Church officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. The family will be at the funeral home, Tuesday 7 to 9 and Wednesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM.

BRONSINK — Mr. Allen D. Bronsink, aged 52 of 2196 100th St., Byron Center, went to be with his Lord early Sunday morning, January 18, 1976 at St. Mary's Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Janet Bronsink; four daughters, Mrs. Robert (Linda) Danforth of Wyoming, Mrs. Larry (Judy) Yugovich of Dorr, Mrs. John (Joan) Broch of Caledonia

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Tennessee minister, who med to have prophesied a multimillion-dollar factory fire, a Pennsylvania man accused of helping him burn down building were convicted Monday of arson-related charges in U.S. District Court.

A 12-member jury returned verdicts against the Rev. Sid N. Bubar of Memphis and his C. Tiche of Boyers, Pa., about 12 hours of deliberation spanning four court days.

The man has been acquitted in trial. The jury recessed for night without returning verdict against six remaining defendants, including Charles D. Miller of Criddersville, Ohio.

Joeller owned the Sponge Rubber Products Co. factory destroyed by the blaze last year and is accused of arranging destruction of the Shelton, Conn., plant for insurance benefits.

The FBI has described the case as the most expensive arson incident in its files.

Both Bubar, 47, and Tiche, 29, were convicted of all four charges against them: transporting explosives across state lines for arson, possessing unregistered explosives, interstate travel to commit arson and conspiring to do the same.

Maximum penalty for conviction of the four counts is 30 years in prison and \$40,000 fine. No sentencing date was set. Bubar and Tiche also face the arson and related charges in the case.

Explosives detonated inside a 24-block-long factory late on March 1, 1975, destroyed the building. The company closed and 900 employees were left without jobs.

Kennedy's Portrait

Will Stay

WRLINGTON, Iowa (AP) — Efforts to remove John Kennedy's portrait from a library because of remarks about extramarital affairs late President, the Burdette Catholic School Board