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HE BEGAN adding to his "fun." He arranged busses to take all the kids to the Shrine circus, but friends discovered that he was going broke with the expense.
He had never asked for aid and never wanted his "fun" organized. But the police and the bus company and the Shriners pitched in and made the day glorious for the kids with their chum "Old Man Stone" sitting among them— with popcorn and pop.
Yes, the richest man in Detroit is dead.
He did not want to "take it with him" because all that he had remains imperishable in memories of thousands of little children.

Albert Elroy Briggs
Albert Elroy Briggs, the seventh child of Henrietta and Abel Briggs, was born February 13, 1864, in Kalamo Township, Eaton County. Two sisters and four brothers preceded him in death. A brother, Irvin, lives on the old farm in Kalamo Township.
In October, 1888, he was married to Grace Adelia Miles. They lived nearly all of their married life on a farm in the Cogsdill school neighborhood. The past few years were spent in Charlotte, at 318 W. Shaw St.
To them were born two children, Hazel, Mrs. Ralph Sebrell of Kalamo, Stanley of Carmel; three grandchildren, Mrs. Clare Slack of Coldwater, Michigan; Mrs. Robert Krentel of Lansing and Lloyd Sebrell of Charlotte. There are five great-grandchildren.
He passed from this life, at his home, March 29, 1953.
In his early life he was a member of the Masonic lodge in Vermontville. He was an honest, upright man, a good neighbor, husband and father.
He had an unusual ability for composing poetry. Also for giving recitations. One of his favorite recitations was the following:
There is a land of pure delight
Where saints immortal reign.
Infinite day exceeds the night
And pleasure banishes both
Aches and pains away.
There, everlasting Spring abounds
And never-withering flowers.
Death, like a narrow sea,
Divides that Heavenly Land, from
ours.
Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 1, 1953, at the Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Rev. Don Nagel officiating. Interment in Kalamo cemetery.

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