

REV. J. BOLLENS IS DEAD AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Farmington Pastor Succumbs Following Removal To Chicago Hospital

Profound grief was widespread through this community early this week when news was received of the death in Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, of Rev. John Bollens, of the Salem Evangelical Church, Farmington. Rev. Bollens, who spent many years in Farmington, was one of the most popular and respected ministers in this section.

The building of the Farmington Evangelical church and its growth into a strong congregation was largely the work of Rev. Bollens. His was the unusual record of having returned after 20 years to his first and best-loved church, to spend the remainder of his life among many friends. Rev. Bollens had been ill for a long time, and the members of the Evangelical Church, eager for his recovery, gave him a leave of absence until he might recover. Weakness caused by an operation, however, prevented another operation which his condition demanded. Death came about 11:00 o'clock Saturday night, with his family at his bedside.

Funeral services were held Wednesday after the body had lain in state in the church, following arrival from Chicago on Tuesday. Interment was in a vault in Oakwood Cemetery.

Born in Germany Rev. Bollens was born in Germany, and came to the United States at the age of 18, settling in Missouri. Later he attended Elmhurst College in Illinois, and became a teacher at St. Mark's Church, Detroit. Pursuing his studies, he took up a theological course, and was assigned to Farmington, his first pastorate, in 1901.

Rev. Bollens faced a worthy task in upbuilding the church, but took up his work with such energy that not only was new interest created in the church, but the brick church building was constructed within a short time after his arrival. In May of this year, the church celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone.

After several years in Farmington, Rev. Bollens was called to Wantah, Ind., where he remained six years, until he received a call to become superintendent of the Deaconess Hospital in Chicago. There he remained several years, and was called to a large church in Chicago, remaining there about nine years.

Suffered Illness About this time, Rev. Bollens became very ill, and underwent a major operation. Upon recovery, he felt he lacked the strength necessary to carry on the work of the large Chicago church, and upon urging of many friends here, returned to Farmington in 1921.

Rev. Bollens had frequently been ill and never recovered fully from the effects of his operation. For several years he had been under the care of physicians, and recently it was discovered that he was suffering from an inward goiter. He was rushed to Chicago, but gradually lost strength.

Family At Bedside At his bedside when Rev. Bollens died were Mrs. Bollens, who had been with him throughout his illness, and other members of the family. Besides the widow, Mrs. Marie Steinmann Bollens, Rev. Bollens is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ella Plumberhoff, Detroit, Mrs. Bertha Stoyoff, Gary, Ind., and Louise and Margaret Bollens of Farmington; three sons, Walter of Chicago, John Jr. of Detroit, and Fred of Detroit; one sister, Mrs. F. Post, Detroit. John Bollens, Jr. had been preaching in the Farmington church during his father's illness.

Community Mourns Death



REV. J. BOLLENS

By N. H. Power In the death of the Rev. John Bollens, our city has lost one whom it could ill afford to spare, for to him life was but an opportunity for service which he freely gave whenever and wherever it was needed. The writer of this article was a neighbor of his and came to know him intimately and well.

Always kind, always cheerful he exemplified the principles of the great teacher and was his devoted and loyal disciple through all the years.

He was an untiring worker ever ready to visit the sick, comfort the dying and help anyone that was in trouble. To his tire-

less energy and undaunted zeal can be credited the erection of the pretty, commodious church in which he so faithfully preached the great truths, taught by the Master.

This church building will be his monument as long as it shall stand, and the citizens of Farmington irrespective of creed will not soon forget the kindly Christian minister who more than any other man was responsible for its inception and construction. He was a workman that need not be ashamed and of him it can be said as was said of one of old: "The law of truth is in his mouth and inequity was not found in his lips."

EXCHANGE CLUB HONORS MEMORY OF REV. BOLLENS

Memorial Program Is Held At Weekly Luncheon Meeting Wednesday

Members of the Farmington Exchange Club paid their respects to the first member of the club to be taken by death, the late Rev. J. Bollens, by holding a memorial service at the weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday.

Leo Gildemeister, Rev. Edward Dunlay, and Rev. Elmer Palmer contributed to the services remembrances and impressions of Rev. Bollens. By motion of the club a request was made that all places of business be closed during the funeral services Wednesday afternoon. All Farmington business men joined in the tribute to Rev. Bollens' memory.

Leo Gildemeister, for many years a member of Rev. Bollens' church, the Salem Evangelical, spoke of the close association with Rev. Bollens, of the kindness and understanding of the deceased minister, and of his helpfulness at all times. Rev. Dunlay recalled the universal esteem in which Rev. Bollens was held by the community for him, and at the close of his address, read a poem which is printed in another column of this issue.

Rev. Palmer described his most outstanding impression of Rev. Bollens' character as one of "thoroughness," in all that he had undertaken and spoke of the deep impression which Rev. Bollens had made upon him as a minister, as well as the stamp of character which he had left upon the community through his work.

Rev. Wulfmann, president of the Michigan district of the Evangelical Synod, officiated at the funeral services, at which Rev. F. Mayer, a former pastor in Farmington, and an intimate friend of Rev. Bollens, of Detroit, spoke. The funeral was one of the largest in this section in years and was attended by many from all over this part of the county and Detroit. Rev. Bollens had always shown particular affection for Farmington, and his devotion was reflected in the gathering of friends to pay their last respects.

MESSRS. ASCHENBRENNER AND WOOD ARRIVE TO SHARE COMMUNITY LIFE

Too late for publication in last week's issue came the announcement of the arrival of two new residents. They are Zae R. Aschenbrenner, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Z. R. Aschenbrenner and Philip Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wood.

Both young men are reported to be healthy youngsters with an eagerness to take part in the affairs of the community.

JUBILEE DAY AT WEST POINT PARK IS BIG SUCCESS

Large Crowds Attend Celebration At Farmington and Seven-Mile Roads

With large crowds in attendance throughout the day and evening, West Point Park on Saturday celebrated its first Jubilee Day. The event proved highly successful, and probably will be made an annual event.

Interest was divided between the athletic events in the morning, two ball games in the afternoon, and dancing and the giving away of a radio set in the evening. The greatest pig race held immediately following the last ball game proved one of the popular features of the day. The crowd scurried hither and thither as the oiled porker fled from its pursuers. M. L. Flynn, center-fielder of the Clyde baseball team, finally captured the pig, and immediately afterward accepted an offer of \$10 made for it by Clyde Seeley, Farmington Township road commissioner.

Boy Stars Interest was keen in the athletic events. Harold Gullen, 16 years old, proved himself an athlete of exceptional ability, winning three first places and a third place, for a total of \$13.50 in prize money. He won first place in the 100-yard dash for boys and third in the same event for men, outrunning a number of older men.

Following the ball games and greased-pig race, a splendid dinner was served in the Community hall. The celebration was closed with dancing in the evening and the drawing for the radio set, which was won by Fred Campbell of West Point Park.

Names of winners of athletic events will be printed in next week's issue of the Enterprise.

AROUND THE TOWN

Mrs. Tillman spent Friday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten and family spent Sunday in Ortenville with Mr. and Mrs. James Auten.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fife arrived home last Friday from Les Cheneaux Island, where they have been spending the last six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall entertained relatives from Vancouver, last week.

Mrs. Warren Sutton is spending some time in Denver and Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Harold Holmes is visiting friends in Grand Rapids for a few days.

On Friday last Mr. and Mrs. James F. Cain entertained Detroit friends at dinner and bridge.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Stevenson of Midland spent Sunday and Monday at the home of F. L. Cook and family.

Mrs. Ada Button is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harger of Grosse Pointe Farms visited Mrs. Harger's mother, Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pierce and daughter and Miss Catherine Sprague visited at the Wilber cottage at Orchard Lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chamberlain and Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Steele spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilber at Orchard Lake.

STATE TO EXTEND GRAND RIVER WIDENING; CAR SERVICE SOUGHT

RECORD TIME IS MADE BY FARMINGTON MEN ON TRIP TO WINDY CITY

What is believed to be a record for auto touring was made last week by five Farmington men attending the Dempsey-Tunney fight at Chicago. The five left Farmington at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday morning in Earl Gullen's new Hudson brougham.

The party went seven miles out of their way in the "loop" district, and stopped to ask directions several times, yet arrived at their hotel at 5:30 in the afternoon. The men changed places at the wheel every 100 miles during the trip.

PLANE AT FIELD NEAR FARMINGTON FALLS; TWO DEAD

Two Burned To Death On Aircraft Debarred By Many Unsafe

Disaster which was feared by many in this section on Tuesday overtook one of the four airplanes stationed in a field just east of Farmington Junction. The plane fell near Switzer and 11-Mile roads, resulting in the death of the pilot, Shirley Burk, 19, 4008 Elmhurst street, Detroit, and a passenger. The passenger, Elmer Bortzke, 23, 2937 Putnam avenue, Detroit, was burned to death in the plane, and Burk died Wednesday morning in Detroit from his burns.

Burk was one of the group of young men who brought planes to the field on Grand River avenue this summer. He came but a few weeks ago, being one of the last of the quartet. All of the planes are said to have been "Jennys" condemned by the army, and sold for about \$600. The young men were all flying enthusiasts. There has been a steady hum of airplane motors over his section all summer.

Was Learning On Tuesday evening, Burk took Bortzke up to instruct him in flying. While about 600 feet up, the motor stalled, and Burk tried to land in a garden patch. He made a landing but had to turn sharply to avoid hitting a barn.

The plane swerved and overturned, and gasoline ignited, the tank having been broken. Bortzke was strapped to his seat and was unable to move. Burk managed to free himself from the plane, but not until his clothing had caught fire. He died in Providence Hospital, where he was taken early Wednesday morning.

The tragedy seems to have put a damper on the flying at the field, and two planes have apparently been taken away. Many observers declared the planes in their opinion to be unsafe, and expressed fear that tragedy would result from their use.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS HEAR THE BIG FIGHT IN CABIN VIA RADIO

Members of Groves-Walker post, American Legion, enjoyed the Dempsey-Tunney fight by radio last Thursday night in their headquarters at the log cabin. It was the first meeting since the newly elected officers were chosen. Legionnaire Howard Eisenlord brought a radio set to the cabin for the broadcasting of the fight.

THOS. JAMES OF DETROIT TO OPEN NEW STORE HERE ON MONDAY

A new business will be opened in Farmington on Monday, when Thomas James, of Detroit, will open a new shoe repair and hat cleaning shop on Grand River avenue, next door to the A. & P. store. Mr. James has rented the store from Emory Hatten, who purchased the building some time ago.

The new store will be known as the Boston Shoe Repair Shop and will do first class work.

Pavement To Be Widened Nearly To Fourth Gate Road; Working Fast

Exchange Acts for Trolley Service

Hopes for the early realization of better transportation and increased traffic facilities on Grand River avenue were received this week when it was announced that the State will extend its Grand River widening project 3,000 feet beyond the car line crossing at Hemlock Stop, and that the Detroit Department of Street Railways will inaugurate express trolley service on Grand River soon.

The widening decision to extend the Grand River pavement widening will bring the wider road nearly to Fourth Gate Road, and gives citizens of this section hope that the improvement all the way to Farmington and perians beyond, may be not far off. The widening work beyond the car crossing has proceeded with such great rapidity that the extension is expected to be completed some time next month. Laying of the pavement as far as Hemlock stop has been practically finished.

The report of the authorization of the pavement extension by the State Board was accompanied by the announcement of express car service on Grand River to Mill Road, by the Detroit Department of Street Railways. These reports stirred to action members of the Exchange Club at the meeting Wednesday noon.

Against Track Removal Reports that Frank F. Rogers, State Highway Commissioner favored using the right-of-way occupied by the D. U. R. tracks for a new roadbed, led members to express the opinion that removal of the car-tracks would be a great detriment to the interests of this entire section, and that efforts should be made at once to get trolley service through to Farmington.

Howard Warner was selected to investigate the possibility of getting D. S. R. car service through to Farmington, and has written to Del Smith, manager of the D. S. R., regarding the proposition.

MRS. M. TRUSCOTT DIES SUDDENLY; FUNERAL FRIDAY

Farmington Woman Passes Away Six Weeks After Sister's Death

For the second time within six weeks, death visited the McGee family of Farmington; shocking residents throughout the community, when Mrs. Margaret McGee Truscott, 72, passed away suddenly Wednesday evening. Mrs. Truscott had been in poor health for a year, but had been in serious condition only a few days.

Mrs. Truscott's death came six weeks to a day after the death of her sister, Mrs. Matilda McGee Harding, who died on August 17, after an illness of but a few minutes.

Mrs. Truscott was born in Canada, on February 21, 1855. She came to Farmington when about a year old, and remained here until 1887, when she was married to Dr. John Truscott. They moved to Cass City, and remained there until Dr. Truscott's death about 14 years ago.

Mrs. Truscott returned to Farmington to live, and has lived with her mother, Mrs. Abigail McGee.

Funeral Tomorrow Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Friday morning at the home of Mrs. McGee. Rev. E. F. Dunlay of the Methodist Church will conduct the services. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Truscott is survived by her mother, Mrs. Abigail McGee, and four brothers, Rev. Clyde McGee of Chicago, Thomas McGee, Farmington postmaster, James McGee of Flint, and Clinton McGee of Pontiac.