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MAN NEAR DEATH, GIRL OVERCOME IN "FIREBUG" BLAZE

Loss of Blood From Cuts Almost Fatal To Dallas Harger

Dallas Harger, 25, nearly bled to death, and Barbara Jean Empson, 19, telephone operator, was several times overcome by smoke in a fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, which started in the Farmington State Savings Bank building, early Sunday morning.

No movie "thriller" ever produced more exciting episode than that which followed the discovery of the fire. For three-quarters of an hour Miss Empson, locked out of the telephone office when wind blew the self-locking door shut, battled in smoke, before she was able to force open two windows, jump an airway and finally fell to the floor inside the telephone office, where she gave the alarm, fainting as a rescuer reached her from a ladder outside a few minutes later.

Harger, first at the fire, had both arms cut so severely, that despite tourniquet bandages three men were forced to take turns holding his arms aloft while the sedan in which he was taken, sped to Providence Hospital, more than fifteen miles, in eighteen minutes. He was on the operating table for two hours while two surgeons and six nurses worked over him.

Little Damage
The fire itself was out within a few minutes and before Harger was injured. Damage from the fire was slight, although three inches of water covered the upper floor of the building.

The fact that many leaves were torn from the Detroit telephone book, and that the hardwood floor would hardly catch fire from a match or cigarette stub points to the setting of the blaze by a "firebug."

Miss Empson stated that she (Continued from Page 1)

OFFICERS CAPTURE TWO WHO CONFESS DOUBLE MURDER

Deputy Seizes Gun Pointed At Him And Arrests Follow

Deputy Sheriffs W. E. Coe and Jern Harek narrowly escaped death on Grand River road, a mile west of Novi at 12:30 a. m. Saturday morning.

The officers noticed the car drive a side road a short distance their turn around and come back toward the pavement. They detected a large pile in the back seat. When the other car was parked they removed their caps and walked over to the other car.

As officer Marik opened the door of the car on his side the occupant poked a large revolver at him. Marik grabbed the gun and at the same time Officer Coe grappled with the driver, taking a German automatic Luger pistol from him. On the floor in front of the men was an open box of shells.

Heroine of Fire



BARBARA JEAN EMPSON

EXCHANGE CLUB IS HOST AT ANNUAL 'LADIES NIGHT'

Members And Wives Enjoy Fine Program And Dinner; Rev. McGehee Speaks

Members of the Farmington Exchange Club and their wives on Tuesday evening celebrated the club's big social event of the year, the annual "Ladies' Night."

From the time Toastmaster "Archie" Leonard fined F. De Vere Fleming 25 cents "for nothing at all," until the singing of "America" at the close, the affair was one of keen enjoyment.

The dining room of the Methodist Community Hall was beautifully decorated in Halloween colors. Caps and favors were distributed to all at the dinner served by the Methodist ladies.

Rev. James McGehee of Flint was the speaker of the evening and delivered an impressive address, on the subject, "Is Life Worth Living?" Rev. McGehee told his hearers that while life may seem to many hardly worth living, each may make life well worth while by having a worthy guiding purpose.

The mixed quartet of the First Baptist Church of Pontiac rendered several selections, and Rev. E. F. Dunlavy offered a reading that was much enjoyed and heartily endorsed.

Boys of the Hi-Y club gave impressionistic portrayals of the Dempsey-Tunney fight, and also presented their own version of the first appearance of the new Ford car. They were heartily applauded.

MERCHANT HAULS IN STEPS OF HIS STORE; CAUTION IS REWARDED

Farmington is hardly in the class of towns that "pull in the sidewalks at night," but something close to that happened Monday night on Grand River avenue.

Anticipating Halloween, Fred Pauline, proprietor of the E. C. Grace store, hauled inside the movable-wooden steps leading in front of his place of business.

His caution was justified. Just to show what they could do, the town's young men hoisted an ancient buggy resembling the one's shag atop Schroeder and Hamlin's meat market, with the shafts hanging over the sidewalk.

METHODIST BISHOP TO SPEAK IN FARMINGTON ON SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. E. F. Dunlavy has arranged to have Bishop Frederick D. Leete to speak at the evening service of the Farmington Methodist Church next Sunday evening.

Bishop Leete was elected Bishop while he was pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Detroit, and there may be those in this community who have heard him and will be pleased to have an opportunity of hearing him again.

STATE COMMITTEE APPROVES GRAND RIVER WIDENING

Final Action By State Administrative Board Expected Next Week

The much-sought widening of Grand River avenue to Farmington moved a step nearer realization early this week when the highway committee of the State Administrative Board approved the widening of the road to Farmington, as well as the extension of the Michigan avenue widening to Ypsilanti.

Advices from Lansing are to the effect that the State Administrative Board is expected next Monday to add its approval to that of the highway committee and thus take the final step to accomplish Wider Grand River to Farmington.

The action of the highway committee followed by a few days visit to Lansing by the publisher of the Farmington Enterprise and the publication in last week's issue of this newspaper, of statements by Governor Fred Green to the effect that widening Grand River to Farmington was among the first on the state highway program.

Grand River First
While it is expected that both the Grand River and Michigan avenue widening programs will be approved Monday, Grand River is believed to rank prior to the Michigan avenue widening, although it is likely that both improvements would be undertaken at once.

Approval of Wider Grand River to Farmington by the State Administrative Board Monday would bear out the belief expressed by Governor Green that the work could be completed next summer.

DEPUTIES FOLLOW SUSPICIOUS AUTO BY TIRE TREADS

Pursue Suspicious-Looking Car Without Lights For Miles; Fire Four Shots

Passing a car parked without lights on Grand River road on a recent evening Officers Coe and Marek saw what looked like bags in the back of the car. They drove down the road and returned back toward the car. When they got back the car was gone.

They found the tracks and followed for a few several miles.

The car ahead kept them behind and just before reaching South Lyon turned on a side road. The officers continued to follow. They used their siren and as this did not stop the car fired four shots. The other driver stopped and the officers found that he was accompanied by a young lady. After taking his name they allowed him to go. The back curtain being down had prevented the officers from discovering the driver was not alone.

On Tuesday evening the same officers stopped a car occupied by Archie Johnson and Beecher Brown between New Hudson and Wikom. The boys are said to have confessed they were headed for the Hopkins farm to steal pears and apples.

A gun was found on the person of Archie Johnson and he was held on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. His hearing will be held October 26.

WEALTHY FLORIDA MAN ON TOUR, EXPIRES AT FARMINGTON RESIDENCE

After having been unconscious for a number of days at the home of Clarence Bell, Farmington L. P. Tucker, 49, wealthy St. Petersburg, Fla. laundry owner, who had stopped at the Bell home for a night with his wife and chauffeur died of illness brought on by high blood-pressure.

The deceased had retired from business and for the past two months had been touring. The body was shipped back to St. Petersburg for burial.

ANCIENT OILSTOVES JOIN THE TIN CANS IN THEIR "LAST JOURNEY"

Not the pranks of youngsters on Halloween, but the solemn orders of sedate city officials lined the curbstones of Farmington with rubbish on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Old oilstoves led the procession with tin cans not far behind in the fall Cleanup Days parade. Those who missed the chance to clean out the garage, the basement and the attic, will have to wait until spring before the city will again carry away the cast-off articles free of charge.

TWO ROBBERIES IN FARMINGTON BUSINESS SECTION

Thieves Get Over \$60 At Farmington Mills; \$6 Loot At Lee Hardware Co.

Two robberies of business places in Farmington early this week, following the fire of suspected incendiary origin early Sunday morning, created a stir among citizens and business-men of the city.

The robberies took place on Sunday and Tuesday nights. The Lee Hardware Company store was entered Sunday night by breaking in case of glass from the rear door and opening the latch. About \$60 in change was taken from the cash register.

On Tuesday night, the Farmington Mills office was entered by opening the front door with a key. Between \$60 and \$70, which had been taken from the cash register by Leo Gildemeister, the proprietor, and placed in a waste basket, was found by the thieves.

The intruders were apparently interested in cash only; no attempt was made to carry off anything but money.

It is believed that the Farmington Mills robbery was perpetrated by persons familiar with the place.

FARMINGTON WINS FROM PLYMOUTH IN A THRILLING GAME

City Is Again Hero With Sixty-Five-Yard Run In Last Home Game

Farmington defeated Plymouth at the home-field last Thursday, 13 to 7, the home team showing a fighting spirit and a drive that has not been seen before this year.

The first score was made by Farmington when Otis intercepted a pass on his own 35-yard line and raced away from the whole Plymouth team for a touchdown. Catherman failed to drop-kick for the extra point. During the rest of the first half neither team gained much headway.

In the third quarter Plymouth opened a drive that took the ball to the Farmington 20-yard line, and on a play around right end Plymouth scored a touchdown and made the extra point.

Farmington received an end took the ball to the Plymouth 40-yard line. Middlewood caught a pass, evading the Plymouth safety man, made a touchdown. Catherman drop-kicked, and the ball hit the cross-bar and fell over on the other side.

This ended the scoring. The lineup: Farmington Plymouth
B. Rozenboom, LE.....Carney
Hullm.....LT.....Scekow
Etarky.....LG.....Hanchett
Harger.....C.....Lyon
McCully.....RG.....Konson
Button.....RT.....Tillotson
Middlewood.....RE.....Partridge
Catherman.....C.....Crumm
G. Rozenboom.....LH.....Beagle
Measell.....RH.....Ford
Otis.....F.....C. Foster

Miss M. Andrews attended the Homecoming at the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.

The City of Farmington repair men are repairing leaks in the main leading to the Children's Hospital. The expense is being paid by the Home.

CAR SERVICE TO FARMINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE FORESEEN BY SMITH



DEL A. SMITH

MAPLE ROAD TO BE SUPERHIGHWAY, CROSS 3 COUNTIES

Paving To Walled Lake Only Part Of Plan For Great Thoroughfare

The Maple road is very soon to be paved through to Walled Lake and is to be a superhighway running from Lake St. Clair to its west end. This "development," which will undoubtedly prove a tremendous boon to land-owners and this entire section of the county, became known this week.

This great highway, which will afford a through cross-route to those travelling between the eastern and western sections of lower Michigan, avoiding the heavy traffic of Detroit, is expected to be completed in a short time.

Reports are to the effect that the super-highway will not terminate at Walled Lake, but is to be extended soon through to Grand River, which would be of still greater benefit to this section.

Counties Co-operate
Macomb County is reported to have agreed to co-operate with Oakland County in completing the great road project. Oakland County has only one mile to be paved to the Macomb County line, the latter county to lay concrete from that point to Lake St. Clair. Oakland County's mile of paving will be done next summer.

The Maple super-highway will cross Woodward avenue, John R. road, Rochester road, Schoenherr road, Gratiot, Mack, Harper and Jefferson avenues.

HUGE HORNETS' NEST FOUND IN GARDEN BACK OF FARMINGTON HOME

There might have been a real "hot time" in Farmington this summer, if Francis Knight had investigated in his garden a little more closely, before the leaves fell.

When the foliage was gone from one of his bushes the other day, Mr. Knight saw a curious object of unusual size. He went out and found there a hornets' nest that was 19 inches long and 2 1/2 inches in circumference.

The nest was eagerly taken by collectors for the Children's Museum in Detroit.

FARMINGTON O. E. S. HOLDS A SPECIAL ELECTION

Members of Farmington Chapter, O. E. S., No. 239, held a special election of officers Friday evening, October 28. The following were elected and installed: Mrs. Viola Gildemeister, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Ina Storms, Associate Matron; Conduffress, Mrs. Ethel Middlewood; Associate Conduffress, Mrs. Kate Banfield.

JEAN McLEOD
Jean McLeod, year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McLeod, Switzer and Grand River avenue, died at Harper Hospital Tuesday evening of meningitis. Burial took place at Clarenceville Cemetery.

Manager Of Detroit Railways Says Electric Trolley Service Is Near

Express Service For Grand River

A renewal of street car service to Farmington very soon, by the Detroit Department of Street Railways, was predicted by Del A. Smith, general manager of the D. S. R., in a speech Wednesday noon to 80 business and professional men of this section. Addressing members of the Farmington Exchange Club and their guests, Mr. Smith said he believed that "you may look for the improved service you have long anticipated to be furnished in the near future."

Mr. Smith's message was heartily acclaimed by all those present. The Detroit official said that he expected to receive this week complete data on this section which he had requested from Detroit United Railway and other sources. He said that this would be gone over immediately in detail, and that he had no doubt the better transportation service would follow.

Plan Express Service
Mr. Smith stated also that Grand River would undoubtedly be the next thoroughfare on which the new D. S. R. express service would be instituted, with consequent benefit to the entire section.

While Mr. Smith could not fix a date when the expected trolley service might be established, his words were taken by some to mean that before the end of the winter, and perhaps before the first of the next cars will be running to Farmington.

Questioned after the meeting as to the frequency of the service probable with the trolley cars, Mr. Smith said that the cars would run at least as often and probably more frequently than the buses have been operating.

Believes In Grand River
Mr. Smith further delighted his hearers with the statement that he believed that of all sections in and around Detroit, the Grand River communities have the finest opportunity for development with the growth of Detroit.

Mr. Smith reviewed the remarkable record of the municipally-owned railway, paying a tribute to those in charge of the system by saying that "the success of the city-owned street railroads of Detroit is due largely to Mayor Smith, whose three year as chief executive are semititling with achievement and business acumen, and to our three street railway commissioners, Messrs. Ellis, Barlum and Gorman."

Mr. Smith expressed his belief in the electric railway as the ultimate solution of many traffic problems.

WALLED LAKE SCHOOL IS CLOSED BECAUSE OF SCARLET FEVER CASES

Due to the presence of several cases of scarlet fever in the community, the Walled Lake Consolidated School has been closed for this week. School did not re-open after the meeting of the Michigan Teachers Association on Monday and Tuesday.

Several cases have also been reported among school children in Novi.

SHORT MEN ARE LUCKY, TALL ONES EXPENSIVE AT POVERTY SOCIAL

The Wixom School is making plans for a Poverty Social to be held in the schoolhouse on November 11. Prizes will be given for the most effective costumes. Games amusements, and a program will fill the evening. Admission will be paid for "by the inch." Every person who enters will be measured and the fee charged accordingly.