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## STOLEN CAR IS FOUND THROUGH OFFICER'S "HUNCH"

### Two Youths Arrested When Policeman Becomes Suspicious Of Car Out Of Gasoline

Running out of gasoline proved a serious mishap Tuesday evening for two Detroit boys who found themselves stalled with the Ford roadster they were driving on Grand River avenue in Farmington.

Through the alertness and astuteness of Officer Herman Kreager, one of the boys was arrested on suspicion of having stolen the car, and is said to have confessed.

Officer Kreager saw the boys tinkering around the car, and became suspicious. He approached and questioned one of the boys, who gave his name as Maurice McCarthy, 24 Grandale avenue east, Detroit. He had no owner's license, and is said to have admitted the car did not belong to him or his companion, whose name he gave as George Stuart, 467 Grandale avenue east, Detroit.

Stuart escaped, but was later caught in Detroit, while McCarthy was turned over to the Detroit police, Wednesday. Police say the car has been identified as the property of L. O. Ravugh, 234 Pilgrim avenue, Detroit.

## DALLAS HARGER IS MARRIED TO ROCKFORD GIRL

### Son Of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harger Of Oakland Road On Honey-moon Auto Tour

On Thursday afternoon, June 30th, Miss Myrna Giles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Giles of Rockford, became the bride of Dallas Harger, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harger of Oakland Road, Farmington. Four rooms of the bride's college days stretched white ribbons to form the aisle for the bridal party.

The ceremony was performed before an altar of myrtle and daisies. The groom and best man, Mr. Vaughn Smith of Plymouth entered first followed by Mr. Harger's little sister, Carol, attired in crepe de chine carrying a white rose. The bride's only attendant, Miss Evelyn Stacey, was gowned in orchid taffeta and carried roses preceded the bride who came in on the arm of her father.

The bride's gown was white tulle with lace embroidered tulle veil and was held in place by strands of orange blossoms. The bride carried a shower of white roses and orange blossoms.

Rev. Worme of the M. E. church, a fraternity brother of the groom, read the Episcopal service and a vocal selection. "Because" was rendered by a girl friend of the bride.

The young couple left for a trip to Washington, D. C. by motor.

Many out of town guests arrived for the ceremony: Mrs. Emma C. Bent of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Willford D. Bent of Buckburnette, Texas; Mr. Geo. B. Bent of Chicago, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hintze and daughters of Wheaton, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith and Mr. Vaughn Smith of Plymouth, Mrs. Dumming and Miss Margaret Dummin' also of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Harger will make their home in Rockford for the summer.

## FARMINGTON WOMAN HURT WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

Mrs. Weinberg of Farmington stepped from the bus on Grand River and Maple avenue Monday and was struck by an automobile driven by John R. Clayton of Farmington.

Mrs. Weinberg was taken to Dr. Holcomb for treatment and then to the Pontiac hospital. She is suffering from a broken leg and cuts about the head.

## NEW BOOTH AFFORDS BETTER PROTECTION FOR POLICE AND CITIZENS

Members of the sheriff's force stationed in Farmington need no longer endure the sun's hot rays in summer or snow and cold in winter. Nor will they be dependent any longer on the hospitality of others.

The new police booth on Grand River Avenue is practically completed and ready for occupancy after much delay in getting started. Deputies Clayton Stokes and Lee Doyle will be in charge of the new headquarters.

## TRAFFIC ON GRAND RIVER IS GREATEST IN ALL HISTORY

### Avenue Jammed With Motor Cars Throughout Triple Holiday; Pavement Is Breaking

Grand River avenue has seen many Sundays and holidays of great congestion, but all records are believed to have been broken during the three-day holiday last Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The seemingly unending flow of vehicles Detroit-bound Monday evening exceeded anything ever witnessed by residents and officials in this section.

From late Monday afternoon until nearly midnight, the avenue from Farmington to Redford was jammed with a solid line of crawling motor cars. Some estimated two to three hours as necessary to travel the distance of less than five miles.

At times the congestion was felt for a considerable distance west of Farmington, slowing up cars as far out as Novi.

Officials were unable to make any estimate as to the number of cars which used the highway during the rush-hours Monday.

The avenue, particularly in Farmington, is breaking visibly under the heavy traffic each week end. Sides and center alike are broken in great holes.

## OIL STATION IS RAIDED BY POLICE ON LIQUOR CHARGE

### Large Quantity Of Liquor Said To Have Been Found By Officers With Search Warrants

Police renewed their activities in prohibition enforcement in this section last Saturday night, when they raided an oil station on Grand River avenue near the western limits of Farmington. Stephen Callas and his wife, who conduct the station, were arrested and taken to Pontiac.

A large quantity of liquor was said by police to have been found in and around the station.

Callas and his wife demanded an examination and were arraigned Tuesday in court at Pontiac. They were each held in \$600 bail for trial later.

Deputy Sheriffs Lee Doyle and Clayton Stokes participated in the raid.

## FARMINGTON WAR VETERAN OLDEST AT OHIO MEETING

### H. D. Reed Attends Reunion Of Seventeenth U. S. Infantry; Society Formed

H. D. Reed of Farmington, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Jack Alcott, with whom he lives attended the First Annual Reunion Society of the Seventeenth United States Infantry at Canton, Ohio, June 30 to July 3. Mr. Reed, who is 78 years old, was the oldest member in attendance. He was enlisted in this division of the U. S. Army during the period of 1870-1875 and saw actual service in Indian battles in Montana and Idaho.

The society was organized at the recent reunion and the present members feel there are many eligible for membership who are not acquainted with the organization and the Women's Auxiliary. If any reader seeing this has some member of their family who served at any time in this infantry, please communicate with Mrs. Jack Alcott, Farmington.

A want ad in the Enterprise will bring results.

## Legislator Writes Of Attempts To Keep Statute Books Clear



PHILEMON J. MILLER

## NEW CHEVROLET BUILDING IS TO BE READY SOON

### Modern Home For Farmington Motor Sales Is Rapidly Nearing Completion

One of the finest buildings erected in recent years in Farmington will be open for business soon, when the new structure housing the Farmington Motor Sales is thrown open to the public. The date of opening is expected to be announced shortly.

Since the formation of the concern for the sales and service of Chevrolet cars early in the spring R. E. Beckley and R. J. Nicholson have carried on their business in a small wooden structure beside the site of their new business home. The completion of their large new building is being eagerly awaited by the Chevrolet dealers, though newcomers to Farmington, have already made many friends in this section.

The new building, located on Grand River avenue near Grove street, will be an excellent example of modern garage construction. A spacious and beautifully decorated showroom will extend across the front of the building. In the rear of the showroom will be the service and storage partition, built large enough to care for the needs of years to come.

Modern Throughout Employing the most modern construction, the new garage will be exceptionally spacious and well-lighted. Service equipment will be of the finest. Both Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Beckley have had extensive automobile equipment experience.

The new building is being completed for the Chevrolet dealers by Amos Otis, who is understood to have leased the ground and building for a considerable period. Mr. Otis has been in personal charge of the construction of the building, which will form a notable addition to Farmington's business structures.

## Report Good Business

Messrs. Beckley and Nicholson report, although handicapped by lack of garage facilities, they have enjoyed a good business in Chevrolet cars since their beginning in Farmington. Their faith in this community is attested by the scale on which they plan to operate their Chevrolet sales and service.

## RELATIVES FROM AS FAR AS TEXAS GATHER AT UNION LAFK

On July 4th the sons and daughters of Mrs. E. C. Bent were guests at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hintze at Union Lake. Those attending were George Bent of Chicago, A. M. Bent of Farmington, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harger and family, also of Farmington, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hintze and family of Wheaton, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Willford Dayton Bent of Birchburnette, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. S. Lester Harger and daughter Marilyn of Port Huron. It was the first time in eight years so many had assembled, all children being present but one daughter, Mrs. James B. Sutherland of Calgary, Alta., Canada.

(Editor's Note)—One of the most discussed topics of the day in regard to government is that of excess laws, or at least, the excess of bills proposed to be enacted as law. Another absorbing legislative question is the repeal of obsolete statutes.

In order that our readers might be informed as to what the Michigan legislature is doing to prevent the passage of needless laws and to reform obsolete statutes from the books, the Editor requested Philemon J. Miller, member of the State Legislature from this section to write a brief review of the work being done at Lansing.

Rep. Miller was a member of the commission appointed to bring about the repeal of obsolete laws, and this article is therefore of unusual significance and authority in this regard.)

In compliance with your request for an article relative to the work of the legislature; would say that during the last regular session of the 1927 legislature, there were 499 bills and 15 joint resolutions introduced in the House and 400 bills and 6 joint resolutions introduced in the Senate, making a total of 899 bills and 21 resolutions introduced in both Houses.

Of this number 259 House Bills and 211 Senate Bills were passed by both Houses making a total of 470 bills passed by both Houses; which shows that there were 429 bills introduced which failed to pass.

Out of the 470 bills passed by the Legislature the Governor vetoed 33 House bills and 17 Senate bills or a total of 50 bills vetoed, which I am told establishes a record.

## Majority Failed

So we find that out of the 839 bills introduced only 420 of them became laws. Inasmuch as several of these laws might be of interest to some of your subscribers, I am sending some to you with the suggestion that you might from time to time print some of them which you think will be of interest to the people of this community; or if any of your subscribers are especially interested in any act, and will advise you I will try and secure same for you to print in your paper if you so desire.

The Legislature of 1925 appointed a commission consisting of two Senators and three Representatives, one of whom was the writer, to investigate and report to the 1927 Legislature, on the advisability of specifically repealing obsolete statutes.

The first meeting of the Commission was held at Lansing on January 15, 1926, regular meetings were held in Lansing; and other meetings were held as often as the work required.

## Advice Sought

The Commission, desiring to exercise particular care in its work, determined to secure the counsel and advice of all persons competent to be of assistance. Accordingly, letters were addressed to the Justices of the Supreme Court, the members of the Legislature, all state officers, circuit judges, probate judges, prosecuting attorneys, the three law schools the state and county bar associations and various others interested in the administration of state laws, appraising them of the work to be accomplished by the Commission and securing their advice and counsel in this work. Each act to be proposed for repeal was thoroughly considered by the Commission after which the laws so considered were forwarded to those on the mailing list in the form of reports with the request that the Commission be notified of any objections.

## Many Repealed

This Commission drafted a bill and presented it to the 1927 Legislature recommending the repeal of 140 acts or parts of acts constituting 715 sections. This bill was passed by both Houses of the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

It is evident that the time of the Legislature is not given entirely to the enactment of new laws. (Continued on Page Eight)

## FAREWELL PARTY WILL SPEED DUNLAVY'S ON COMING EUROPEAN TRIP

One of the largest gatherings in many months at the Farmington Methodist church is expected next Monday night, July 11, when a farewell party will be given for Rev. Edward F. and Mrs. Dunlavy.

The pastor and Mrs. Dunlavy will sail soon for a six weeks trip to Europe, visiting the principal countries of the continent.

## LOCAL LANGUAGE TEACHER WINNER OF SCHOLARSHIP

### Miss Helen Boorman To Have A Year's Study As Reward For Excellent Work

The scholarship was given Miss Boorman in recognition of the high standard of her work in French while a student at the University of Michigan.

Miss Helen Boorman, the popular young language teacher at the high school, is attending summer school at Ann Arbor, doing preparation work for a year's study abroad.

Miss Boorman is the recipient of a scholarship granted by the International Scholarship Exchange and will sail the 15th of October for a year's intensive study at the University of Bordeaux, France. This scholarship was granted in recognition of the high standard of the work done by Miss Boorman in the study of the French language at the University of Michigan. This is the first time in the history of our school that such an honor has been bestowed on one of its teachers.

## MRS. WEST DIES ON ANNIVERSARY OF HUSBAND'S DEATH

### Farmington Woman Buried Sunday In East Farmington Cemetery

Thirteen years to the day after her husband, John R. West, had passed away, Mrs. Electa Sickney West died last Thursday, June 30, at her home in Farmington. John R. West died June 30, 1914.

Mrs. West, who was 73, was buried Sunday in East Farmington Cemetery, Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy officiating at the services. Because of the tremendous volume of traffic on Grand River avenue Sunday, police offered their assistance in escorting the funeral cars to the cemetery. The escort was directed by Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes.

Mrs. West had lived in Farmington township for 12 years. She is survived by two sons, Harold and Henry West of Farmington and a daughter, Mrs. Leon F. Moore of Pontiac.

## IMMENSE CROWD AT OPENING OF EDGEWATER AMUSEMENT PARK MONDAY

An immense crowd that far exceeded the expectations of the management packed the new Edgewater Amusement Park on Seven Mile road and near Grand River avenue during the triple holiday. It was estimated that 10,000 machines were parked at and near the park on Monday afternoon. Although it was anticipated that crowds would be large for the opening, the influx, apparently from all sections of lower Michigan, proved a genuine surprise.

Officials of the amusement concern received many compliments on the beauty of the park and the completeness and variety of its attractions. The park covers 140 acres devoted to clean amusement.

Mrs. Ralph Hogle of Redford was hostess last Wednesday at a bridge luncheon at the Maple Ridge Country Club. The occasion was a friendly competition between eight Farmington and eight Redford ladies. Those in attendance from Farmington were Mrs. Harrison Johnson, Mrs. Arthur Lamb, Mrs. Carl Hogle, Mrs. E. A. Fink, Mrs. W. R. Banks, Mrs. Clarence Sicking, Mrs. Frank Weaver. The high honor of Redford and second to Mrs. E. A. Fink.

## NEW TELEPHONES INDICATE GROWTH OF FARMINGTON

### Remarkable Increase In Last Two Years Reported By Local Manager

Continued growth of Farmington as a community, is indicated in the increase in stations connected to the Farmington Exchange says Mr. Crowe local manager. At the end of May 1924 there were available to the Farmington subscribers 405 telephones. During the years ending May 30, 1926 fifty stations were added and from this date to May 30, 1927, one hundred eight stations were added bringing the total on June 1st this year up to five hundred sixty-three. The later increase was due in part to the extending of the Farmington lines into the Oakland subdivision north of the city.

To care for the growth south of the city the Telephone Company is at present constructing a cable line from Farmington to the Seven Mile Road and from this point lines will be constructed to Coventry Gardens all of which will make the territory served a part of Farmington, an expenditure of \$11,562 is necessary to provide for the anticipated development in this locality.

Basing their belief on the present outlook and the past history of Farmington, telephone company officials anticipate the necessity for 1000 additional telephones here in the next ten years.

Telephone development statistics for the entire state show an increase of 19,951 telephones during the last five months with a grand total of 567,801.

## DETROIT YOUTHS ARE DROWNED IN LAKE TRAGEDIES

### Boys Rock Boat At Walled Lake—One Drowns; Swimmer Dies At Middle Straits Lake

Two Detroit youths were drowned, one at Walled Lake and the other at Middle Straits Lake, during the triple holiday. A companion of the Walled-Lake victim was saved.

On Saturday Ellsworth Naggar and Elliott White of Detroit rented a boat on the south shore of Walled Lake. Rowing out they began rocking the boat, which overturned, throwing both lads in the water.

A nearby swimmer came to their aid and succeeded in saving the White boy, but the other boy sank. The accident occurred about 11 o'clock, but it was 7 o'clock before the sheriff's department succeeded in recovering the body, which was in about 8 feet of water.

John Argey of Detroit attempted to swim Middle Straits Lake with his brother on the Fourth of July. After swimming out from shore about 200 feet he turned around and started back but was attacked by cramps and sank in about 8 foot of water. He was in the water about 30 minutes. Dr. Martindale was called with the pump, but to no avail.

## TWO HURT WHEN DRIVER DOZES AT WHEEL OF COUPE

### Detroit: And Wife Injured In Collision With Truck; Babe Escapes Unhurt

Falling asleep at the wheel of his coupe early Wednesday morning on Grand River avenue in Farmington, Joseph McFalda of Detroit crashed head on into a truck near Maple street.

McFalda and his wife were injured, but their baby, asleep in Mrs. McFalda's arms, escaped being hurt. The car was wrecked, but McFalda and his wife were taken to the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner for treatment. McFalda having suffered severe bruises on his chest when he was thrown against the steering wheel. Mrs. McFalda was treated for cuts, bruises, and shock. The car was towed to the garage of Olin Russell.