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MRS. SMITH ASKS A DIVORCE FROM WEALTHY GROCER

Wants Settlement Of Property; Assents Building Of Second Home On Estate

Mrs. Catherine Smith, wife of the millionaire proprietor of the C. F. Smith chain grocery stores, who lives on a magnificent estate just west of Farmington, has filed suit against her wealthy husband for divorce and property settlement.

Bill of complaint was filed in Chancery Court at Pontiac Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Smith charges that her husband has not only ignored her in recent years; but asserts the building on the same estate of another home, in which she declared he installed another woman.

Mrs. Smith also declares that it was through her idea and largely through her work that Smith came to be "Worth between five million and six million."

Despite this she charges, Smith has been penurious and left her in 1924.

4 O'clock Breakfast

The romance that began for the Smiths in 1886 before a minister in Marine City, came to dead ends, or approached it, some time after 1920. It doesn't say so in the bill. The death of it is dismissed with a couple of paragraphs, prepared by the 60-year-old woman's lawyers.

For years, she says, she used to get up at 3 o'clock every morning and in cold weather she would fire the furnace and get Smith his breakfast in order that he might leave home about 4 o'clock.

"One morning," reads the bill, "she was feeling very ill in 1920, but she arose as usual and while trying to prepare his breakfast, she fainted."

"When she recovered, she went on with his breakfast. When he came to the table, she told him she had been sick and had fainted. He didn't speak a word to her.

"After an attack of influenza, she renewed the practice of getting up to prepare breakfast. He refused to eat it. She asked why and he said he did not want to eat it. She then said: 'Won't you eat breakfast if I get it for you?' He said he wouldn't eat it, and in nearly 30 years, ceased to arise and get his 4 o'clock breakfast."

Says Idea Was Hers

The Smiths occupy a hilly estate of several hundred acres beyond Farmington. Frank Smith, his wife estimates, is worth \$6.

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NOVI ASSOCIATION TO PRESENT HOME TALENT PROGRAM

Farce Comedy, Playlet, Movie And Music To Be Offered Next Tuesday Evening

On Tuesday evening, July 19, a home talent entertainment will be given at the Baptist Church by the Greater Novi Improvement Association under the auspices of the social committee.

One of the chief features of the program will be a playlet entitled "A Satisfactory Arrangement," in which Lou Hicks, Minnie Martin, Susie Harris and Anna Taylor will be the players. Another number will be a one-reel movie, the identity of the screen stars being withheld until the show.

"An Ebony Pearl" is the title of a scheduled farce, the talkative colored maid to be played by Linnie Cook, and her society-loving mistress by Blanch Frankling.

Throughout the program music will be furnished by the Novi orchestra and other local talent. A group of southern melodies will be rendered by Linnie Cook and Grace Temperer in blackface.

The program will open at 8:00 o'clock; the price of admission is 40 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday evening, July 12, Mrs. Elmer Dohany entertained a number of family friends in honor of the birthday anniversary of her father, Simon Johnson, who on that day rounded out his 87th year.

The guests present, all old friends of Mr. Johnson, were Mr. Soper of Southfield, now in 100th year, Daniel Eckler, in his 90th year, Vincent Stucky, Blake Northrop, Mr. Lossing, Volney Gunning and C. C. Lockwood of the 80th year, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Fitzpatrick of Detroit.

GIRLS RESCUED FROM ATTEMPTED ATTACK IN AUTO

Residents Of Nine-Mile Road Go To Aid Of Girls; Young Men Flee In Auto

At 11:00 o'clock one night last week cries of distress broke the usual quiet of the Nine Mile road a mile west of Farmington. The call for help was heard by Mrs. Joseph Graham and son and daughter, Morris and Mildred who had not yet retired.

Going in the direction of the car Mrs. Graham and her children found two young girls at the side of the roadway, their clothing torn and disarranged. They gave their names as Elva and Nell Faith, aged 19 and 20, of Detroit.

The story they told was the old, old one of auto riding on the invitation of strangers, and which might have had a tragic ending, but for the arrival of help.

They stated that early in the evening they were invited by two young men to go to Walled Lake. As one of the men was known by sight as an employe in a factory where one of the girls worked, the invitation was accepted. Although considerable time was spent in driving over the roads, no apprehension was felt by the girls until Farmington was passed going west, when the car was turned south of Grand River road onto a dark cross road. The girls knew that Walled Lake was not in that direction and became alarmed. They asked to be taken home but no attention was paid to their appeal. One of the men produced a piece of paper and offered to sign a check. Being suspicious of the action they refused to touch it. They were then seized and an attempt made to force them to eat a portion of the melon. In the struggle they were roughly handled and despite attempts on the part of their assailants to prevent them from making an outcry one of them succeeded in letting out a lusty call for help that was opportunely answered.

When the ruffians realized that the cry had attracted attention they threw the girls from the auto and made their escape.

The two thoroughly frightened girls were taken by Mrs. Graham to her home where they were given a motherly talk and the girls and danger of auto riding with strangers and then taken in the family car to their home in Detroit.

"Never again," were the parting words of the girls as they thanked Mrs. Graham.

MEMBERS OF ARCHERY CLUB BUY PRACTICE GROUNDS

Fred D. Hess of Farmington, lately of Hardy Alcona county, Charles R. Hayes, Paul H. Miller, Carl Peterson, Barney Lemieux of Detroit and Ray Mudge of Highland Park and others are responsible for the flurry in archery in our community. These six members of the Sleepy Hollow Archery Club have formed a partnership and so that the club might have a shooting park they purchased about three acres of creek frontage at Fourth and Eleventh and Ninth Mile road.

F. D. Hess and his associates invite any organization of sports or individuals interested in archery to visit the grounds any Saturday or Sunday taking care to be secured either on the grounds or at Mr. Hess' home on the Eighth and Michigan Blvd. road. In addition to the club members are three sisters, three brothers and two grandchildren.

"Camel" Cooling System Reported To Be Feature Of New Ford Car

New Car Said To Require Water But Once A Year; Will Have Heavier Axles

Perhaps few events of the year have caused as much speculation as the coming of the new Ford car. And there has probably been more misinformation furnished distributed concerning the new model than regarding any other automobile or other invention in history.

Although both the Ford company and its advertising agents N. W. Ayer and Son of Philadelphia, have maintained the strictest secrecy, this newspaper is able to inform its readers of some of the characteristics of the new Ford model, now considered as a definitely determined upon by the company.

The information upon which this article is based is derived from a source close to one of the Ford company's highest officials, and is therefore authentic, so far as the specifications have been finally decided upon by the company engineers.

One of the remarkable features of the new Ford, it is said, will be its cooling system. It is asserted that the new car will have a cooling system that requires water only once a year—that overheating, leaking, and other common annoyances of ordinary cooling systems have been eliminated. The car is declared to be a veritable "camel" in its ability

to travel for thousands of miles without the addition of water or attention to the cooling system. The radiator will resemble that used on Lincoln cars.

The new car is said to show an average gasoline mileage of 33 miles per gallon, on concrete, asphalt, and gravel roads common to this section.

Longer Wheelbase

The new car will have a wheelbase of 108 inches, eight inches longer than the present car. The transmission will be of the sliding-gear type, with three speeds forward and one reverse. Heavier axles than the Ford company have ever built for passenger cars will be utilized for the new car. Four-wheel brakes are said to be certain of inclusion as standard equipment.

Some details as to the supposed specifications have appeared in some daily newspapers. As a result, the N. W. Ayer Company has telegraphed newspapers all over America to the effect that the dispatches were based upon preliminary plans stolen from one of their offices, and that the information was not authentic.

The details appearing in this article, however, have been obtained from a totally different source, close to the Ford officials.

Many of the new Ford cars are being tried out daily on the test ground at Dearborn, it is said, and photographers are reported to be taking pictures of the new cars from outside the track.

SCHOOL MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. 5 WELL ATTENDED

Arthur Lamb, Frank Macomber Elected To Places On The School Board

Considerable more interest was shown in the annual school meeting of Farmington School District No. 5, held last Monday evening at the school building than has been manifested by school patrons and taxpayers in the past decade. Haratofore but ten or fifteen persons have elected trustees, transacted the routine business of the meetings and voted appropriations. Monday evening over eighty taxpayers turned out and took a hand in electing school officers.

The meeting was presided over by Fred L. Cook, president of the board.

There were no matters of unusual importance before the meeting, the interest centering in the election of two trustees for the period of three years each.

There were 9 votes cast of which Frank Macomber and Arthur Lamb received a majority and were declared elected. The members of the board whose terms expire at a later date are Fred L. Cook, Floyd H. Nichols and N. H. Powers.

MRS. HENRY SALOW GOES DIES SUDDENLY AFTER ILLNESS OF ONE YEAR

Mrs. Henry Salow goes, 58, well known throughout this section, died at her home in Novi last Friday morning. Although Mrs. Goers had been in poor health for about a year, her condition had given no alarm, and her death came as a great shock to her relatives and many friends.

Mrs. Goers was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church in Farmington, and until her illness, was an active worker in church circles.

Mrs. Reka Salow Goers was born February 13, 1869, in Mecklenburg, Germany. When two and a half years old she came to this country, her parents settling in Farmington.

VISITS FRIENDS IN FARMINGTON AFTER 35 YEARS

W. W. Seeley, Who Helped Build Northwestern Railway, Now Resident Of California

The calendar turned back 35 years last week for a number of old residents of Farmington and vicinity. Reminiscences of events long forgotten were exchanged with friendly greetings, as the residents welcomed W. W. Seeley of San Francisco, who lived in Farmington 35 years ago.

Mr. Seeley is making a stay of two months in Farmington before going back to his home in California. He has been busy looking up all his old friends who are still living. Among those he was first to greet was Charles Pettibone.

Mr. Seeley found much that is changed in Farmington, but still a number of things that remain quite the same as when he lived here years ago. He was one of the men who helped build the Northwestern railway, from Detroit to Farmington.

NORTH FARMINGTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO LIQUOR VIOLATION

C. E. Peel, merchant at North Farmington on Orchard Lake road, pleaded guilty in the circuit court Monday to a charge of selling intoxicating liquor at his place of business and was returned to jail to await sentence next Monday, but Wednesday Peel requested the judge for an immediate sentence and was given four months in jail.

Two weeks ago the Peel store was raided by officers who trailed a truck load of Canadian beer and whiskey from Birmingham to the store.

"ANGLING ROAD" SCHOOL REUNION SCHEDULED SATURDAY, JULY 16th

The third annual reunion of the "Angling Road" School will be held this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wixom, Farmington, on Saturday, July 16.

The dinner, which will be served at 12:30 p. m., will be a pot luck, guests to bring food on a knife, fork, spoon, cup and plate for each member of the family.

All teachers, pupils and friends are cordially invited to come and renew old friendships.

WORK PROGRESSING ON GAS LINE EXTENSION

The Consumers Gas Co. has added 135 miles of gas lines to its Pontiac territory this season on which is being expended more than a half million dollars. The transmission line to this city is now completed to a point this side of Orchard Lake. The village of Sylvan Lake will be served with gas in a few days and Keego Harbor within a week or two. It is expected to have the line completed to Farmington City in August. Under the franchise granted the company last fall service is to be furnished here within one year.

BAPTIST OPEN AIR SERVICES ATTRACT LARGE GATHERINGS

Sunday Evening Programs Held In Town Park Draw Members Of Other Churches

The open air services being conducted in the Town Park are again proving popular. The audience can be seen members of all congregations and many who do not attend services at church. The main object of these out door meetings is to reach people who do not have any interest in church going, therefore it would seem that each loyal church member could feel some responsibility and swell the number by his or her presence.

The song service of community singing starts at 7:45. The opening parts of the service are concluded by 8:15 and the preaching is short and all over with by 8:45.

Last Sunday night the Junior group of the Vacation Bible school sang a special number as did the young people of the Baptist church. Mr. Avery Burnham of Detroit delighted his hearers with his message in song. This week the juniors will again sing and there will also be a solo. Mr. Palmer will preach from the subject "What Do You Think Of the Church?" The following week, "What Do You Think Of Jesus Christ?"

Let's all rally to make these meetings a success.

EXPERT IN DISEASES OF POULTRY TO HOLD CLINIC NEXT WEEK

An expert on poultry diseases, Dr. Graham, will visit Clarenceville to give a free lecture and demonstration to the poultry raisers of this community how to recognize, prevent and treat the different poultry diseases, on Friday, July 22.

Dr. Graham has made post-mortem examinations of more than 15,000 chickens in the past four years, and has shown thousands of poultry raisers how they can prevent many of the losses as a result of disease. Sick chickens will be killed and Dr. Graham will demonstrate just how to make a proper diagnosis of the different ailments.

Poultry-raisers having sick or out-of-condition chickens, either mature or baby chicks, may bring them to the Detroit Community and Township Hall. The more sick birds Dr. Graham receives the better will be the demonstration.

The meeting is called for 8 p. m. It is free to everybody and the ladies are especially invited. L. F. Gildemeister of the Farmington Mills has arranged this clinic.

The meeting will be educational and of interest to anyone who is engaged in the poultry business. The Detroit Community Hall is located one block south and two blocks west of Grand River avenue at Fourth Gate.

M. E. LADIES AID PICNIC THURSDAY, JULY 21

The members of the M. E. Ladies Aid will hold a picnic dinner (Thursday) July 21, on the shore of Lion Lake on the Keith grove. Those who are furnishing transportation are requested to meet at the church promptly at 10 a. m.

BOIL CITY WATER IS ADVICE FROM HEALTH OFFICER

City Water Absolutely Pure At Source, But Contamination Found In Mains

A recent test of Farmington water made at the State Laboratory at Lansing from samples of water taken as required for the purpose of analysis, shows that the water at source of supply is absolutely pure and free from all forms of contamination. All samples taken from hydrants in various locations in the city proved equally free from dangerous germs with the exception of samples taken from mains on Farmington road and Center avenue, which showed a slight contamination in the presence of a germ of the coli group of the bacillus, but no typhoid germ. The bacillus found is liable to cause intestinal disorders and for that reason Dr. J. A. Miller, city health officer advises the boiling of the city water for domestic purposes.

Dr. Miller does not consider the condition of the water as dangerous, but deems it wise to use caution. The fact that the water at its source is uncontaminated renders the chances of an epidemic as remote. Just how the germs got into the Powers and Farmington road mains is not known, but they may have been in some of the "dead ends" which existed before the system was reconstructed two years ago.

Mains Flushed

As a matter of precaution the mains have been flushed at all hydrants in the city and all dead water removed, yet no chance should be taken until a report is made showing the water to be absolutely free from dangerous germs.

Meanwhile boil the water. Following is the letter from the State department:

July 11, 1927

Dr. J. A. Miller, Health Officer, Farmington, Michigan, Dear Doctor:

We are enclosing a report on three samples of water collected by you on July 7 from public numbers 1, 2, and 5.

Samples 1 and 2 show evidence of dangerous contamination. We would not consider either of these safe for drinking or domestic use. Sample No. 5 shows no evidence of dangerous contamination.

Very truly yours, Bureau of Engineering, Edward D. Rich, Director.

Sample 1—Powers avenue; sample 2—Farmington road; sample 5—direct from storage tank.

HAPPILY STARTED ON EUROPEAN TRIP

The gathering at the M. E. Community hall last Monday evening to bid bon voyage to Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Dunlavy was a very enjoyable social event. There was a large attendance of members of the congregation of the Methodist Church of which Rev. Dunlavy is the pastor and a number of other friends.

The affair was an informal one given by the Ladies Aid and Sunday School. The hall was profusely decorated with flowers and with several musical numbers and recitations a most enjoyable evening's program was presented.

Little Miss Carol Harger in a very gracious and happy manner presented the honor guests with a basket of rosebuds in which was concealed a check, a gift of the Sunday School. After the company had extended their best wishes to the departing guests, ice cream and cake was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlavy left Farmington Wednesday on their European trip and will sail Friday from Montreal on the steamship "Athens." They will spend some weeks in touring the British Isles and the continent.

A want ad in the Enterprise will bring results.