

# Farmington Enterprise

## MRS. H. HARDING DIES SUDDENLY IN FARMINGTON

Funeral Services To Be Held Saturday Afternoon; Was Eastern Star Matron

This entire community was deeply shocked Thursday morning to learn of the sudden death of Matilda McGee Harding, wife of Harry Harding, of Grand River avenue, Farmington.

Mrs. Harding died Wednesday evening in her home after an illness of but a few minutes. She had suffered two attacks of illness during the week end, but apparently had recovered from them.

Wednesday evening while Mr. Harding was in Detroit, Mrs. Harding was taken ill, about 9:00 o'clock. She had time to call her sister-in-law, Mrs. Josephine McGee, living next door, and the family physician, before death came.

Born in Farmington Mrs. Harding was 62 years old in July. She was born and had lived in Farmington throughout her life.

Mrs. Harding was the daughter of Thomas and Abigail McGee, the latter of whom is still living. Eleven years ago she was married to Harry G. Harding. In addition to her mother and her husband, Mrs. Harding is survived by a sister, Mrs. Margaret Truscott of Farmington, and four brothers, Thomas H. McGee, postmaster of Farmington, James McGee of Flint, Rev. Clyde McGee of Chicago, and Clinton McGee, of Pontiac.

Was Worthy Matron Mrs. Harding was active in lodge circles, and was worthy matron of Farmington chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. She was also a member of the White Shrine. A large number of members of both orders are expected to attend the funeral. She was a member of the Baptist Church of Farmington.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at the home at 2:00 o'clock, followed by burial in Oakwood Cemetery. Rev. S. D. Ewa of Detroit will officiate at the services.

Eastern Star To Meet Members of Farmington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, are requested to meet at 1:30 Saturday afternoon at the hall, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Harding.

## B. FOREST PIERSON IS DEAD AT 58; FUNERAL FRIDAY IN FARMINGTON

After having been ill for two weeks, the last four days of which he was unconscious, B. Forest Pierson, 58, died at his home in Farmington early Wednesday morning. Funeral services were scheduled for Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

Deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Addie McManus Pierson and a daughter, Mrs. Minerva Warner, now in the west. Mr. Pierson had been in poor health for some time. He was well known in this section, practically all of his life having been spent in or near Farmington.

## ENTERPRISE FOLLOWS A READER 'THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD AROUND'

It isn't impossible, perhaps, but it's difficult and unnecessary, so why try to do it? Thus reasoned Howard Warner of Farmington, when he considered that during his sojourn in Scotland, he might have to get along without his home town weekly newspaper, the Farmington Enterprise.

Accordingly, Mr. Warner's brother extended for him a "three months' subscription, with instructions that the paper be sent to "H. M. Warner, Melrose, Scotland." Each week the news of Farmington is carried across the ocean to Mr. Warner, in the land of golf and kilts. So far as we know, he hasn't missed an issue since he left home.

## Charles R. Talbot Of Farmington Is New Leader In Pontiac Banking



CHARLES R. TALBOT

### PRIZES ARE BEING DONATED FOR THE LEGION'S GALA DAY

Farmington Business Men Come Forward To Boost Celebration On Labor Day

With hundreds of dollars in prizes already assured by Farmington business men, and an attractive program of events taking shape, the Farmington American Legion's plan for Gala Day bids fair to make it the greatest since the annual events were begun six years ago.

An indication of the interest shown in the Gala Day preparations by people throughout this section is given by a communication received from F. W. Shell, whose business is raising bees and marketing honey. From his "Honey Cabin Bee Farm," Mr. Shell wrote an offer to aid the Legionaires by giving three combs of honey as one of the prizes. His offer was quickly accepted by the committee in charge.

Many Features Among the major attractions of the day will be music by the Bateman-Wood orchestra and a band contest. There will also be three acts of vaudeville shown three times during afternoon and evening, without charge to the crowd.

Preparations are under way for providing food for the large assemblage expected. The Groves-Walker Post assures all who attend that there will be opportunity to secure food at reasonable prices.

To Have Top-Of-War Strong men of the town and township of Farmington are limbering up their muscles in preparation for one of the big features of the day, the annual tug-of-war between the township and the city. The pulling match will be held near the town hall.

A Charleston contest for girls of 15 years and younger is expected to attract many prodigies in the art of dancing. Three splendid prizes are offered for this event.

New Car Free Drawing for the new Ford car which is to be given to a lucky person among the crowd will be held in the town hall at 8:00 o'clock, followed by dancing until after midnight.

All in all, it appears as if Gala Day, 1927, will be an event long to be remembered in Farmington and throughout this section.

## MRS. T. PETTIBONE, 93, RECOVERING AFTER HIP IS BROKEN IN FALL

Despite a broken hip Mrs. Pettibone, 93, one of Farmington's three nonagenarians, recovering from a fall, suffered a hip fracture last Sunday and has fair chances of recovering from the accident.

Mrs. Pettibone fell from a porch while visiting, but the serious injury that resulted has not depressed her, and her physician says that if her general health continues as good as at present, Mrs. Pettibone may recover from her injuries.

There was a stir in Pontiac banking circles a short time ago. A vice-president of a large Detroit bank had resigned his post in the larger city to head the Peoples State Bank of Pontiac.

The man whose advent to Pontiac is regarded as probably the biggest event in years, among Pontiac banking interests is Charles R. Talbot of Farmington, a director of the Farmington State Savings Bank. To make way for Mr. Talbot, Otto Sachse, president of the Peoples State Bank of Pontiac for a number of years, resigned the presidency.

The appearance of Mr. Talbot as president and guiding hand of the bank is looked upon as one of the important happenings in Pontiac's extraordinary rapid development.

It is pointed out that Mr. Sachse's major interests and experience have been in the mercantile rather than in the banking world. The coming of Mr. Talbot is looked upon as indication that Pontiac has come to a point where men of lifelong experience in banking are desired at the head of the city's financial institutions.

Mr. Talbot, it is understood, will devote practically all of his time to the development of the bank which he is to head. He is well known throughout Oakland County, and is, besides being president of the Peoples State Savings Bank, Plymouth Bank, a director of the Trenton United Savings Bank and the Clawson State Savings Bank. He is also the treasurer and a director of the Baldwin Rubber Company and a director in several substantial Detroit institutions.

Mr. Talbot has been greatly interested in public welfare work having been trustee of many Detroit philanthropic enterprises and is a member of the finance committee and a trustee of Albion College.

Mr. Talbot has for ten years been a resident of Farmington and indications are that he will continue to live here. His home on Shiawassee avenue is one of the show places of this section. At present Mr. and Mrs. Talbot are enjoying a short vacation near Pine Lake.

## NORTHVILLE IS TO CELEBRATE ITS CENTENNIAL

Every One Asked To Be Present Next Friday and Saturday

All plans have been completed for the celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Northville and the homecoming of its residents next week Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27. The nearby community has extended a general invitation for everyone in this part of the state to come and enjoy the special features that have been arranged.

It is a two-day celebration. Beginning Friday forenoon with registration of former residents, there will be no let up until midnight Saturday night. Street sports, baseball games, contests of various kinds, programs of music and speaking and numerous other attractions have been provided.

On both nights there will be street dancing. In one place the old time styles will be featured. In another place those who can do the numerous new style dances can enjoy themselves.

Saturday noon the big barbecue takes place. Arrangements are being made to provide barbecue sandwiches and coffee to thousands.

Parade In Afternoon In the afternoon there will be a parade which will feature 100 years of progress. In the parade will be the prettiest of historic modes of transportation that have been collected by Henry Ford.

Arrangements have been made to have many of the programs inside some of the larger buildings if it should rain. So come whether it rains or shines, is the general invitation sent out by the citizens of Northville.

## FIRST GAS SERVICE IN CITY IS EXPECTED EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

Gas service is expected in Farmington early in September, according to representatives of the Consumers Power Company, who were in Farmington this week. Some homes may receive service within a week, they believed.

Transmission lines have been completed, and gas may be turned on in the pipes to Grand River avenue and Farmington Road, according to the officials. No work has yet been done, however, toward laying the lead-in pipes to houses.

Homes along the Farmington road north of Grand River will probably be among the first to get gas service.

The gas company representatives said that gas will be available for heating purposes, at low rates for homes in Farmington. Commercial buildings, however, will not be included in the heating service.

Laying of the mains has proceeded west on Grand River avenue from Farmington Road at a rapid rate.

## "ALASKA A LAND OF GREAT BEAUTY" SAY CHAMBERLINS

Northwest Territory Is One Of Earth's Wonders Counting Visitors Say

(Not—Few have an opportunity to visit Alaska and this newspaper is pleased to be able to offer its readers a picture of that country, as seen through the eyes of two recent visitors there, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Chamberlin of Farmington.)

"By The Chamberlins" "Few people realize the vast dimensions of Alaska. If it were set down in the United States with the north line on the north line of Minnesota the southeast corner would cover Charleston, S. C. Alutau Island would extend to the sea at California and it would reach to Mexico on the south.

This great body of land is two-fifths the size of the United States with 4,700 miles of coast frontage. In 1867 the United States paid Russia two cents per acre for it. Up to the present time over one billion and 600 million dollars worth of fish, furs, lumber, coal, minerals, etc., have been shipped from Alaska.

During the past year 29,676 passengers sailed for Alaska, about 50 per cent were tourists and of this number only 2 per cent visited the interior.

Those who go no farther than Skagway, Juneau, Sitka, Wrangell or Ketchikan, which are located on the coast, see less of the country than a man from South America, who visits Key West, Fla., and returns home telling his friends about the wonderful sights he saw in the United States.

If you want really to see Alaska, after you arrive at Skagway, take the train to Whitehorse, 112 miles, then the 190-mile side trip to Lake Atlin and see the great mountain lakes, 260 miles long, 2200 feet above sea level in a setting of towering snow covered mountain peaks.

The fastest steamer down the Yukon and up the Tanana River, 1358 miles to Fairbanks, passing through Lake Labarge, Five Finger Rapids, Ft. Selkirk, Dawson Circle City, Eagle, Ft. Yukon, which is north of the Arctic Circle and where we saw the sun rise and set at midnight—continuous sunshine for twenty-four hours. (Continued on Page Four)

## WATER SITUATION IN CITY STILL DOUBTFUL; HAVE NO NEW REPORT

There has been no change in the water situation in Farmington learned from officials in touch with the situation. City officials have been hoping for a favorable report on the two mains which still showed traces of contamination.

In the absence of Dr. J. A. Miller, city health officer, no official statement could be obtained as to whether it is still advisable to boil the water in order to be certain of a pure supply.

## TWO HOMES AT FOURTH GATE DESTROYED IN EARLY MORNING FIRE

### LOCAL RESIDENTS HEAR FROM REV. E. F. DUNLAVY

A number of local residents have been the recipients of mail from Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, pastor of the Farmington Methodist Church, who is enjoying a vacation trip through Europe. Rev. Dunlavy is expected to be back early in September.

### YOUNG MAN WILL PREACH IN HIS BROTHER'S STEAD

Oscar Graupner Will Take Up Work Of Older Brother Taken By Death

Ten years ago, Rev. P. Graupner, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Clarenceville, ordained his son, Herbert, in the ministry.

The son dedicated himself to a life of preaching the gospel. Fifteen months later, however, death cut short his career. He succumbed to influenza during the epidemic which swept the country.

Next Sunday evening, Rev. Graupner's second son, Oscar, will stand in his brother's stead. He decided some time ago to take up the work that had called his older brother, and studied to become a minister. He will be ordained Sunday by his father at the latter's church, at Middle Belt and Base Line roads.

Several pastors from nearby communities, will aid Rev. Graupner in the ordination of his son. A large gathering of church members and friends is expected to attend the services.

Rev. Oswald Riess of Northville will preach in English, and Rev. Graupner will deliver a sermon in German. The services will begin at 7:30 in the evening.

## ONE HUNDRED GO ON THE "SUNSHINE SPECIAL" TO FAIR

Exchange Club Members Take Crowd Of Boys and Girls To Milford In Autos

There was no locomotive, but there were nearly a hundred happy children aboard when the "Sunshine Special" pulled out of Farmington Thursday morning, for Milford and the county fair. The local Exchange Club had a dozen members in charge of the cavalcade taking the kiddies of Farmington for the "time of their lives."

Exactly 91 kiddies were counted by Carl Hogle, who with Archie Leonard, acted as engineer. Mr. Hogle handed to each child five nickels, as soon as all were aboard. Each kiddie brought a lunch prepared at home, so a fine time and plenty to eat were assured before the party left Farmington.

A stop was made at the Lee Hardware Co., where the club members picked up the banner and cup which have been on display and which they hoped to bring back as trophies. The club bringing to Milford the largest number of children for the greatest total of mileage is awarded a prize each year. Farmington club's total was estimated at nearly 2,000 miles.

Nearly a dozen members of the Farmington Exchange Club went along on the "Special."

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? GALA DAY, Labor Day, Monday, September 5, at Farmington. American Legion will give away new Ford car, and hundreds of other prizes. Races, ball games, contests, vaudeville, music, horsehoe tournament—biggest time of the year.—Adv.

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### Two Families Are Driven From Their Beds When Oil Stove Sets Kitchen Ablaze

Pumps Drained By Volunteers

Two blackened brick chimneys and cement-block foundations are all that remain above ground where two homes stood on Fourth Gate Road, near Grand River avenue, Clarenceville, before they were destroyed by fire at day-break Monday morning.

Thursday morning more than three days after the fire, the ground where the porch of one house stood was still warm from the heat of the flames. Inside the foundation work only the furnaces remain.

William Krueger and his wife and three children, lost practically everything they had, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tower, living next door were barely able to save the furnishings of their home and their clothing.

Started in Kitchen The fire started in the kitchen of the Krueger home, apparently from an oil stove. Leona Krueger, thirteen years old, told a graphic story of the fire which swept away her home.

"My mother had just got up to get father's breakfast," she said. "She lit the oil stove and went back to her bedroom. The cat was in the kitchen. My mother and father heard a crash like falling glass, and mother went to the kitchen door. The whole room was in flames. She slammed the door and called to us.

"We all jumped out of bed and carried what we could out of the front bedroom. Most of our things were burned before the fire department came, and nobody could do much."

Wind Carries Flames The wind was blowing from the north, and the Tower home, a few feet south of the Krueger house, caught fire several times. The fire department from Redford township arrived, but could give little aid. Trucks bringing water also were all but helpless. Pumps in yards nearby were pumped dry by neighbors.

The Farmington fire department started for the scene of the fire, but evidently was misdirected.

Mr. and Mrs. Tower awoke a half an hour after the fire to see the Krueger home ablaze. They hastily carried out all of their furniture and clothes, aided by neighbors. The Tower home was a two-story eight-room house, while the Krueger home was one story, with seven rooms.

Both houses were insured. The Kruegers have moved into a vacant house next door, owned by neighbors.

The Kruegers have three children; Leona, 13, Mildred 11, and Henry, 8. They managed to save a bulldog and two young kittens from the flames.

## MRS. LOUISA MANZEL PASSES AWAY AFTER A PROLONGED ILLNESS

One of Farmington's oldest citizens in point of residence, passed away Sunday when Mrs. Louisa Manzel, 70, succumbed to an illness of two years' duration. Mrs. Manzel had lived in Farmington for 58 years. Her husband, Carl Manzel, died nine years ago. Six children and twelve grandchildren survive. The children are: Otto Manzel, Farmington, Mrs. Ina Orlich who had lived with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Etoth of Ypsilanti, Albert Manzel, of Detroit, Herman Manzel, Salem and Emil Shaffer, Detroit; Mrs. Sophie Fendt, 80, an old resident of this section, is a sister-in-law of the deceased.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, with burial in Clarenceville Cemetery.

MAKE A DATE With yourself now for Labor Day—Farmington American Legion's GALA DAY, a real big time. New Ford car given away, races, ball games, music, vaudeville, prizes—bring the whole family.—Adv.