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## Car Hits Barrier, Ernest Schweim Seriously Hurt

Well-Known Citizen Of Farmington Injured As Auto Strikes Impediment On Gr. River

Injuries which it is feared might prove serious were suffered by Ernest A. Schweim, well-known Farmington citizen, when his auto struck a barrier on the old pavement on the south side of Grand river, near Seven-Mile road early Tuesday morning. After going into the ditch: the car struck a telephone pole.

Mr. Schweim received severe body bruises, a serious cut on the head and another one knee. The upper part of his chest was badly bruised probably by being thrown against the steering wheel.

Passing motorists picked him up and brought him to the office of Dr. H. F. Boice in Farmington. It is believed he will recover.

### Crash Victim Home

Miss Ruth Tuttle most seriously injured of the three Farmington women in a motor accident near Toledo, O., on Saturday March 30, was brought to her home in Farmington Wednesday in an ambulance.

Miss Tuttle will be forced to remain in a cast for at least eight or ten weeks, doctors say.

Miss Winifred Walling, hurt in the same accident, returned to her work at the Farmington State Savings Bank Monday. Her left arm is still in a sling. Mrs. Alice Tuttle is rapidly recovering from the less serious injuries she received.

## MRS. LEONA CONROY DIES; BURIAL TAKES PLACE AT OAKWOOD

Funeral Services Held At Home Of Detroit; Was Born Northwest Of Farmington

Burial took place last Friday at Oakwood Cemetery, of Mrs. Leona Smith Conroy, 50, of Detroit, a native of Farmington and well-known to this community.

Mrs. Conroy was born northwest of town, in Farmington Township, and moved to the village during the early part of her life. She attended Farmington schools, and was married to Don Conroy. They made their home in recent years in Detroit.

Mrs. Conroy passed away Tuesday, March 26. Funeral services were held at her late home, Surviving are the husband, Don Conroy, two daughters, Mrs. Jone Welburn and La Donna Conroy, two sisters, Mrs. William Borchart of Farmington, and Miss Minnie Smith, a brother, Carl Smith of Farmington.

### Takes Operetta Lead



June Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson, will have the leading role in "Belle of Barcelona", an operetta to be presented by the music department of Farmington High School next Wednesday evening, April 10th.

## Legion Work Is Told At Banquet

Willis M. Brewer Speaks At Gathering Of Exchange And War Veterans

What the American Legion is trying to do in the County, the State and the United States was outlined in brief by American Legion speakers Wednesday evening, at a dinner attended by 70 men of this and other communities. The occasion was the joint dinner of the Farmington Exchange Club and Groves-Walker Post, American Legion.

Willis M. Brewer, past commander of the Department of Michigan of the Legion, described the Legion's relief work, centered in Michigan on its two homes. One is the tuberculosis hospital at Battle Creek and the other is the home for children of service men at Otter Lake.

As an example of the Legion's aim to "serve in peace as well as in war" Mr. Brewer cited the opening of the tuberculosis sanitarium for veterans at Battle Creek to male patients in general there having been a number of vacant beds, while other institutions are overcrowded. The Oakland County Sanitarium, only recently completed, Mr. Brewer said, has a waiting-list of 23.

John P. Colden of Pontiac and Dr. Car Beining of Royal Oak (Continued on Page Five)

### BULLETIN

Six occupants of two automobiles were hurt late Thursday afternoon when the cars collided head-on on Wayne road, just below Plymouth road, a few miles south of Farmington. The injured were taken to Wayne Hospital. The cars were both smashed to bits.

## "I Have A Little Item For You," Said Mr. Lathrup--It Proved Big!

### GETS PHONE CALL

A telephone call from Detroit from a man who said he was interested in the Meadowbrook Hotel," received by John Lathrup Thursday afternoon, caused Mr. Lathrup to seek the aid of Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle. It was believed that the bandits who robbed Mr. Lathrup Tuesday might be intending to carry out their threat to return and "take him for a ride."

A young man who said he was from Birmingham appeared shortly after. He was questioned by police and Mr. Lathrup at the police booth.

## Township Elects Primary Choices

All Republican Nominees Confirmed By Election Monday; Voting Is Light

Farmington Township on Monday elected its office "all Republican nominees chosen at the primary on March 4. Voting was very light in both precincts, no contest remaining for any of the offices.

Supervisor Harry N. McCracken, nominated for re-election, received 129 votes. Close behind came Elmer Emspan and Willard Campbell, each with 129 ballots for treasurer and clerk respectively.

Clayton Goers, who won the highway commissioner nomination by a small margin, polled the highest vote; at the election, 133 votes.

Votes for other candidates for the various offices were: Roberts, justice (full term), 120; Blachard, justice (to fill vacancy), 124; Heise, board of review, 123; constables, Metke, 123; E. Grimmer, 117; H. Grimmer, 115; overman, district No. 4, Heliker, 116; Ferguson, district No. 2, 110; Fend, district No. 3, 117; Currie, district No. 4, 126.

## FRED POWER, BORN IN FARMINGTON, TAKEN BY DEATH

Native Of This Community Passes Away At Detroit Home; Burial At Woodmere

Funeral services took place last Thursday in Detroit for Fred Power, a native of Farmington, who died on March 26. Mr. Power was about 70 years old.

Mr. Power was born on the Fred Goers farm east of Farmington Junction the son of Abram and Amanda Power. He left Farmington many years ago. He was a brother of John Power, former supervisor, county treasurer, and well-known citizen, who died in 1924.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Minnie M. Power, and a half-sister, living in Detroit. Burial took place at Woodmere Cemetery.

Although quite satisfied as to the young man's identification of himself, Deputy Doyle and Bernard Meyers followed Mr. Lathrup and the young man in the latter's car to Meadowbrook as a matter of precaution. The officers were heavily armed.

"I have a news item for you," remarked John Lathrup, Farmington millionaire acreage-owner to the editor of the Enterprise when they met in a Farmington store Tuesday morning. "We're going to open up Meadowbrook Inn in a few days now."

Mr. Lathrup had "a news item" not only for the Enterprise, but for the metropolitan papers as well a few hours later, when the young woman and two young men who were "interested" in the inn lured him into the basement there, hit him with a blackjack, and robbed him of about \$100.

All clues followed by the police have thus far failed to develop into anything of importance. A report that a roadster and its occupants were being held at Dearborn proved false.

Mr. Lathrup believes that his "knowledge of boxing" saved his life. When the trio ordered him to hold up his hands, he raised both arms, bent at the elbow level with his shoulders. "I'm 74 years old," he told them. "I can't raise my arms any higher." With his arms in this position, he narrated later, he managed to ward off the force of the blackjack blow.

Mr. Lathrup is getting as much satisfaction out of the \$100 which the bandits missed in one pocket, as they probably experienced with the \$10 they obtained. "The fellow was so excited by the time he went through two pockets that he clean forgot the other one," chuckles Mr. Lathrup. "I guess they were amateurs."

That he told the bandits he would "just as soon be shot" as lie down on the floor at their command was also declared by Mr. Lathrup to have possibly saved his life.

Mr. Lathrup said the affair started Sunday morning. He had advertised the inn for rent in a Detroit paper. A young lady phoned him that she and her "brothers" had been left \$15,000 and were seeking to invest it. Early Tuesday afternoon she phoned again and completed arrangements to look over the hotel.

The young woman and two male companions, in a yellow roadster with red hood, stopped at the Central Market in Farmington to inquire the way to Mr. Lathrup's home.

Mr. Lathrup was awaiting them, and the four went over the property, on South Lyon road, about a mile west of Grand River, at the Farmington-Nowi Town Line road.

They asked to see the basement of the dance-hall built by Mr. Lathrup last summer. In the basement they displayed guns and ordered him to hold up his hands. (Continued on Page Eight)

### Farmington's New Mayor



ARTHUR LAMB

## Deputy C. Stokes Is Transferred

Farmington County Officer Assigned To Headquarters At Pontiac

Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes, for two years in charge of the County police booth in Farmington, was transferred this week by Sheriff Frank Schram. Deputy Stokes will be on duty at the headquarters, at the County jail in Pontiac.

The transfer took place on Monday, April 1, and followed rumors that have been circulated for weeks to the effect that a change would be made.

Deputy Lee Doyle remains at the Farmington booth, and is in charge. Sheriff Schram was unable to say Thursday when another man might arrive to provide the usual force of two men, or who the new officer here might be. The sheriff was in Farmington for a short time Wednesday evening.

### Assault Trial Soon

An answer in the case of Alfred Lemerand of Farmington against Deputy Clayton Stokes for assault was filed recently at Pontiac for Deputy Stokes by Prosecutor Norman Orr and Assistant Prosecutor Charles Wilson, acting as Stokes' attorneys. The case takes its place on the Circuit Court calendar, and will be tried before a jury in about 30 days, it is estimated.

## SUPERVISOR WOOD BEATEN BY EIGHT IN SOUTHFIELD

Charles Bilkovsky, Defeated By Wood Last Year, Runs As Democrat And Wins

### WON'T ASK RECOUNT

Supervisor J. Bateman Wood of Southfield Township told the Enterprise Thursday he would not seek a recount in Monday's election.

After winning a hard three-cornered contest last year, and serving just twelve months as supervisor of Southfield Township, J. Bateman Wood was on Monday apparently forced to relinquish his leadership to one of his opponents of a year ago, Charles Bilkovsky. A majority of 85 votes for Bilkovsky in the third precinct proved just eight more than Wood could rally in the other two precincts, the totals being 240 for Bilkovsky, 232 for Wood.

Opposition of Supervisor Wood to the proposed paving of Sunset boulevard, urged by subdividers is said to have caused his defeat, a last-minute campaign having been waged on behalf of his opponent. Bilkovsky ran as a Democrat, and scores of split-balots were counted, the voters favoring the other Republican candidates while "cutting" Wood.

Other officers elected with little or no opposition were: William C. Clark, clerk; Arthur Baynes, treasurer; D. E. Hughes, highway commissioner; Joseph Brooks, justice of the peace; Albert Jacobs, justice of the peace; Robert Mann, board of review; William Nimmath, Arthur Bastian, constables.

Try Enterprise Want Ads for results. The cost is small.

## New Commission Takes Office Next Monday Evening

Leo Gildemeister, Carl Goers, Emory Hatton And Amos Otis Chosen

Farmington's new mayor, Arthur Lamb, and the newly-elected City Commission will take over the reigns of government next Monday evening, April 8. Other officials elected Monday will take office as soon as they have qualified.

A close race between Emory Hatton and Bernard Banfield, won by the former, for the third place as Commissioner for full term, and election of Amos Otis by a big margin to fill vacancy on the Commission, were the only features of the election. Lack of opposition for most of the offices was assigned as the cause of the lightest vote since the city was incorporated, only 229 ballots being cast.

Arthur Lamb polled 163 votes for mayor, 37 being blank; and 13 being marked for William Way, who resisted all persuasion to run for mayor on "stickers", a proposal urged strongly by several of his friends last week end. The remainder of the ballots were void.

### Gildemeister Leads

Leo Gildemeister, the only member of the present Commission running, led the field among the eight candidates for full term. He received 148 votes. Carl Goers was second with 116, and Emory Hatton voted out Bernard Banfield with 33 votes for 79 for the latter. Stephen Tredway received 68, George Checketts 65, Ralph Ault 44, and Warren Henderson 19.

Mr. Otis more than trebled the vote of his nearest rival for the vacancy, receiving 91 ballots. The vote for all other candidates combined was 122. These were distributed as follows: Tredway, 30; Goers, 23; Auten, 19; Hatton, 14; Gildemeister, 13; Checketts, 10; Banfield, 8; Henderson, 5.

City Clerk Nathan H. Power was returned to office with 177 votes cast for him. George Gildemeister received 200 for treasurer and James L. Hogle 206 for assessor. H. A. Seelye received 178 votes for board of review and Joseph Karis 147, with two to be elected. Ernest A. Fink was given on 188 votes for justice of the peace, Norman Barrons 186 and Earl Pettibone 166 for constables. All these were without opposition.

### Confusion Apparent

That there was considerable confusion in the minds of voters regarding the candidacies for full term and to fill vacancy on the City Commission was apparent from the markings of ballots. Many were thrown out.

## COMMISSION PAYS FIREMEN AT LAST REGULAR MEETING

Governing Body Votes Total Of \$667 Due Volunteers; Meet To Canvass Election

Farmington's City Commission held its last regular meeting Tuesday evening, and after a session Thursday evening to canvass the election and clear up "loose ends" will turn over government of the city to the new commission.

An important act, from the standpoint of at least fourteen citizens, was performed by the Commission when it voted payment of the 14 volunteer firemen, who had not been compensated since the arrival of the new fire-engine.

The amount due the volunteers totalled \$667, the individual amounts varying according to attendance at fires and practice sessions.

Discussion occurred concerning the relations with the Township regarding claims outside the City Commissioner Carl Hogle expressed the opinion that it would be to the interest of the City to do its best to help protect not only Farmington Township, but the portion of Livonia Township lying directly to the south, particularly West Point Park. It seemed generally agreed, however, that the new fire engine is not exactly the right type for protection of outlying territory, and that a conference of all concerned on a lighter-type chemical truck, would be desirable.

## John Lathrup and Scene of Holdup West of Farmington



—Detroit News Photo

Well-known to almost every resident of Farmington is John Lathrup, millionaire landowner, and a familiar spot is "Meadowbrook Inn," where Mr. Lathrup was held up by two young men and a young woman about 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The dance-hall, in the basement of which the robbery took place, was built by Mr. Lathrup last summer. Mr. Lathrup's holdings around Farmington are said to be upwards of 3,000 acres. Mr. Lathrup says he at first believed the trio were "fooling"