

Last Rites For Marl T. Murray To Be Saturday

Native Of Farmington, Prominent In State Affairs, Dies Of Heart Attack

A native son of Farmington, for a quarter of a century prominent in affairs of the State at Lansing, will be laid to rest Saturday in North Farmington Cemetery, following his sudden death Wednesday in Detroit. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for Marl T. Murray, at Farmington Universalist Church.

Mr. Murray was 56 years old. He was taken ill suddenly Wednesday morning and died at 12:15 p. m. at Marr Hospital in Detroit.

Mr. Murray went to Lansing during the governorship of the late Governor Fred M. Warner, and became secretary of the State Board of Corrections and Charities. Nine years ago, the board was re-organized as the State Welfare Department, and Mr. Murray became director. He resigned October 14 of this year.

YOUTH STEALS TO PAY TRAFFIC FINE; GETS 3-YEAR TERM

Attempts Robbery For Money To Meet Charge; Goes To Jackson

One case on the docket in the Farmington Municipal Court is likely to take longer than a Supreme Court case before decision is reached. Between one and two years is said to be required in the highest court in the State, and it may be that long before Raymond Buffington, 18, 1626 Merrick, Detroit, can appear before Judge John J. Schulte on a reckless driving charge.

Buffington was stopped at Farmington road and the Cut-off October 11 by Chief of Police Lee Doyle, who said he had been "cutting traffic." He was to appear October 22, but did not appear. Judge Schulte issued a summons for him to appear October 30, and on November 2 received a letter from Buffington's mother, stating that her son had been out of town for two weeks.

On Tuesday of this week Judge Schulte received a newspaper clipping, sent by the youth's mother. It stated that Buffington had been sentenced to from three to 15 years at Jackson for breaking into a grocery store at 18028 Chalmers, Detroit. The motive was said to have been an attempt to get money to meet the fine which might have been imposed on the reckless driving charge. Buffington is said to have wanted to conceal the Farmington charge from his mother.

NEW ROAD OVERSEER

At the meeting of the Farmington Township Board Tuesday night, John L. Thomas was appointed road overseer in the southwest quarter to succeed Elmer A. Empson, whose resignation was received. Mr. Thomas will fill the vacancy until the Spring election. He has lived in the Township five years.

Funeral Saturday



MARL T. MURRAY

Plan Town Hall Suit Appearance

City And Masonic Lodge To File Papers In Court, Answering Township Claim

Appearances will be filed in Circuit Court at Pontiac on behalf of the City of Farmington and Farmington Masonic Lodge, probably within the next few days, in the suit of Farmington Township to determine ownership of the Town Hall property. George E. Bushnell, of the firm of Sampson, Dewey, Stanton and Bushnell, of Detroit, will act as attorney for Farmington Masonic Lodge. Roscoe O. Bonisteel of Ann Arbor, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, will represent the Grand Lodge.

City Commissioners Le Gildemeister and Amos Otis, appointed by Mayor Arthur Lamb to select an attorney to represent the City, on learning that the Masonic Lodge had retained Mr. Bushnell, asked him to file appearance also on behalf of the City. The filing of appearance is regarded largely as a formality, and will, it is believed, relieve the City of the necessity of engaging an attorney of its own until the time approaches for hearing of the case in Circuit Court, making possible a saving for the City.

James H. Lynch of Pontiac represents the Township.

LIBRARY SAVED FROM DELUGE DUE TO LEAKING PIPE

Town Hall Stage Flooded When Pipe Bursts In Hall Above; No Damage

When City Clerk N. H. Power, C. Gerald Parker and Harmon Boice of the Farmington Players went to the Farmington Town Hall Monday morning to look after some stage effects, they found something quite interesting already on the stage. It was a flood of water, getting deeper every minute as the stream poured down in large quantities from above.

Investigation disclosed that a pipe had burst in the kitchen of the Masonic Lodge rooms over the week end, due to the cold weather. Had the break occurred a little farther north in the hall, the Farmington library and its books would have been in the path of the flood.

The water was confined to the stage and damage was inconsequential.

Officials Continue Work To Save Tracks

Businessmen and officials are continuing their efforts to prevent loss of the street car tracks on Grand River. Arrangements are understood to have been practically completed for a meeting with Detroit street railway officials, including Mayor Frank Murphy.

No change has been made in the date set by the Eastern Michigan Railways for discontinuance of service, December 15.

1930 Christmas Savings Exceed '29; Set Record

Amounts Distributed, By Farmington Banks Largest In History

Christmas Savings Club funds distributed this week by Farmington banks far exceed the total of 1929, and reached the highest mark in history, reports of the banks reveal. Although the past year has been one of severe business depression, the Club accounts showed a substantial increase over the previous year, the gain being approximately 15 percent.

More than \$15,000, or an average of more than \$10 for each person in Farmington, has been distributed by the banks. This is about \$2,000 more than the 1929 total, which was approximately \$13,000.

Record Exceptional In most communities it has been regarded as encouraging if the amounts distributed equal or approach last year's totals. Farmington's record of an increase rather than a decrease is viewed as highly exceptional, probably one of the few instances of the kind in this area.

Distribution of the funds not only in Farmington but throughout the country, with the larger proportion intended for use in Christmas shopping, is expected to quicken business activity. Christmas Savings Clubs for 1931 are now being formed at both the Farmington State Savings Bank and Peoples State Bank of Farmington.

SERVICES TO BE HELD FRIDAY FOR MRS. V. LOCKWOOD

Clarenceville Resident Dies At Age Of 77; Was Born In Southfield

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon for Mrs. V. G. Lockwood of Clarenceville, who died at her home Wednesday. Mrs. Lockwood was 77 years old. Services will be held at the residence at 2 o'clock with burial in Clarenceville Cemetery. Mrs. Lockwood had lived in Clarenceville 41 years.

Mrs. Lockwood was born January 13, 1853, being the last of a family of 13. She had preceded her in death. She was married September 10, 1890, to V. C. Lockwood, who survives her. A child, Mary, was born to them. She died February 9, 1908.

Mrs. Lockwood was an active worker in church affairs and in the Clarenceville Cemetery Association. She had been ill for some time.

City Officials Meet State Commission

City officials and attorneys of Farmington conferred Wednesday with members of the Michigan Stream Control Commission relative to sewer conditions in Farmington.

Commissioners Emory Hatton and Carl Goers, with Attorneys John J. Schulte and Paul A. Paré attended the monthly meeting of the Commission at Lansing. The Farmington men were questioned as to the City's plans for future development of the sewer system.

The Farmington officials may return for another conference with the State Commission at the January meeting.

TO HAVE ANNUAL MEETING

Farmington Masonic Lodge will hold its annual meeting, with election of officers and making of annual reports, in the Lodge room next Monday evening, December 8.

A large attendance is expected at the annual meeting, which will complete the year's work on the part of Worshipful Master A. L. Ross and his associate officers.

Officials Work On Township Fire Protection Plan

Co-Operative Program For Township Service Under Discussion; Would Buy Truck

A co-operative plan to continue and improve Farmington Township fire protection is under consideration by Township and City officials. Following a number of preliminary discussions, the Township Board and City Commission will hold a joint meeting at the City Commission room next Tuesday evening to consider details of the plan.

Officials of both the Township and City agree that it is impractical for the City to continue to (Continued on page four)

New City Milk Ordinance Read

New Regulation Would Permit Sale Of Only Pasteurized And Certified Milk

A new milk ordinance, which would prohibit the sale in the city of Farmington of any but pasteurized or certified milk, was presented to the City Commission Monday evening, and after some discussion, passed on first reading. Passage after another reading is required to put the ordinance into effect.

Besides restricting the sale of milk to be pasteurized and certified, the ordinance provides that all bottles used must be washed by steam, that bottling and capping be done by automatic machinery, and that restaurants are to serve milk in the original bottles only. Still other provisions are that pasteurizing plants have automatic coolers, thermometers, etc., that a milk inspector be appointed, and an annual license be obtained.

Commissioner Leo Gildemeister, who submitted the ordinance, said he was presenting it as part of the work assigned to him some time ago, of revising the old ordinances and bringing them up to date. He stated that the present milk ordinance is out of date and not in line with modern regulations elsewhere.

Some of the commissioners expressed the opinion that persons who wished to buy milk that is neither pasteurized nor certified should be allowed to do so. It was stated in answer to this that the recent typhoid epidemics in Plymouth and Northville, the latter taking two lives, were traced to a bad milk supply.

Fine Christmas Gift Awaits Boy Or Girl

Some little boy or girl in Farmington is going to fly on the highest wings of happiness Christmas Day, with a present that goes beyond the wildest dreams most children ever have. It is an airplane, one that a boy or girl can sit in and ride, and it's been attracting a lot of admiration on the part of both youngsters and adults in the window of the Farmington Hardware Co.

The plane is a miniature of the huge tri-motor passenger planes of air-lines. Besides the large main motor of the "whirling" type, just like in the big planes, and with the same kind of aluminum propeller, it has two small motors, one on each side. It has real pneumatic tires, and a "pilot's seat" like the real planes.

The plane is to be given away along with many other things, as part of the hardware company's Christmas program for kiddies of Farmington and vicinity. If the plane were on sale, it would be sold for about \$60, so the boy or girl who wins it is going to have just about the finest Christmas present he or she could imagine.

Girl Of Five And Father Seriously Burned In Fire

Child In Serious Condition At Hospital Following Oil-Stove Blaze In Farmington Township Home Thursday; Rescued From Bedroom

Marcella Beckwith, five years old, and her father, Harry Beckwith, of Farmington Township, are in Redford Branch of Receiving Hospital suffering from severe burns, following a fire in the Beckwith home near 13-Mile and Orchard Lake roads Thursday noon. The little girl is most severely burned, and her condition is causing great concern.

City Ordinance On Oil Burner Changed

Farmington's oil-burner ordinance was placed on its first reading by the City Commission Monday evening, after a clause objected to by many burner owners had been altered. The new clause permits tankage of 550 gallons in the basement, instead of 275, which allows the user to obtain the discount which prevails on purchases above 300 gallons.

Will Dynamite Lake For Body

Father Of Drowned Boy, Undertaker To Blast At Walled Lake For Lad

Dragging with hooks failed to remove the body of Ralph Larsen, 18 of Detroit, who was drowned while duck hunting last Wednesday in Walled Lake, permission has been obtained by the boy's father to use dynamite as a last resort to remove the body from the lake before Spring. "The lake is entirely frozen over, but the ice is not yet thick enough to permit going out upon it to plant the dynamite. The lake froze over this week, which leaves blasting the only means of bringing up the body.

The dead boy's father and a Detroit undertaker went to Lansing this week, and obtained permission from the Department of Conservation to dynamite the lake, even if it will prove detrimental to game in the water.

Larsen was drowned when the boat in which he, Harold Johnson and Albert Richardson, all of Detroit, were duck hunting, capsized. Johnson was also drowned, but Richardson managed to cling to the overturned boat until he was saved. Johnson's body was recovered in short time. Richardson said the boat tipped over when two of the boys attempted to exchange seats.

Searchers have been handicapped in the dragging by three inches of ice which formed around a great portion of the southwest part of the lake the day after the drownings. A strong northwest wind was blowing the day of the tragedy, and this may have aided Larsen to swim a considerable distance from the boat.

Several boat crews including Detroit friends of Larsen, have dragged daily for the body in the face of bad weather.

Third Edison Company 'Special' Next Monday

The Farmington office of the Detroit Edison Company will offer the third of a series of "Monday specials" next Monday, December 8, selling a high grade electric heater of many uses for \$25, which is considerably below the value of the heater.

The two previous offerings, of toasters and electric irons, met with enthusiastic response. The offering Monday is said to be of the same high quality and affording an equal opportunity for saving.

The special value is available on Monday only, none being sold before or after that day.

Mrs. David Ross visited her sister, Mrs. Roach at Redford on Wednesday.

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How the child came to be so seriously burned, and how she came to be lying on the bed provided a puzzling question, inasmuch as the fire did not amount to much and left little damage. It is believed that the oil-stove exploded in the kitchen, where the father and daughter were, blowing out a window. The wind, it is believed, blew the flames back at the two, and it is thought the little girl may have run into the bedroom and there collapsed on the bed.

One-Story House

The father was outside, dazed. He is burned about the head, face and legs. His condition is described as "temporarily serious." The house which was burned is a small one-story building owned by John Brown. The blaze was quickly put out with chemicals, the Farmington Fire Department responded to an alarm.

The mother was away at the time of the fire. While the fire department was busy at the house, flames broke out along a gasoline line of the truck, but were quickly put out when chemicals were turned on them.

FARMINGTON MEN FORM NEW LAW FIRM IN PONTIAC

Charles L. Wilson, Assistant Prosecutor, And Howard Bond Open Office

Two Farmington men, members of the Oakland County bar, announce this week the formation of a new firm for the general practice of law in Pontiac. Assistant Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson and Howard Bond, both residents of Farmington Township, comprise the new firm, which will be known as Bond and Wilson.

Mr. Bond, who has been practicing law in Pontiac since his graduation from University of Detroit law school in 1927, has already taken up work in the new office. Mr. Wilson will join him on January 1.

Mr. Wilson had practiced law in Farmington before his appointment as assistant prosecutor by Clarence Underwood on February 1, 1927. He became chief assistant to Prosecutor Norman C. Orr on January 1, 1929. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit law school, class of 1926.

DISTRIBUTING BASKETS

Thanksgiving baskets were sent out from the Central school at Clarenceville last Wednesday to a number of families in the district. The response from the pupils was much greater than in previous years. Supt. Jay Probst was in charge of the distribution of baskets.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kenyon spent Monday at Agoson.