

Fires Believed Set Deliberately At Clarenceville

Incendiary Origin Suspected As Unoccupied House Burns For Second Time

Incendiarism is suspected as the cause of the fires which, twice in two weeks, have badly damaged an unoccupied house on Albion Avenue in Clarenceville. The latest fire was discovered at 2 a. m. Tuesday and burned through the back wall of the house before it could be checked.

The previous fire, at 4:15 a. m. Monday, September 26, started in the first floor hallway and caused the chimney to cave in, doing damage of about \$100. About \$300 damage was caused by this week's blaze.

Harry Wolfe, agent of Stecker and Huff, realty concern which repossessed the house after the previous owner was unable to pay for it, agreed with Fire Chief Norman Lee in believing that both fires were set, saying that evidence to explain no other origin could be found.

The house is covered by insurance to at least the extent of the damage of the two fires, Mr. Wolfe said.

The State Fire Marshall's office has been asked to investigate the fires. The latest one started inside the house at the back, and burned through to the outside, eating its way upward to the second floor.

Small Damage In Fire

A room of fire on the John Clark house at Grand River Avenue in Farmington was extinguished after it had burned a few shingles, causing virtually no damage. The occupants of the house were unaware of the blaze until passerby rushed in. The fire was detected by Robert Cairns at Farmington Lumber and Coal Co., across the street.

PAUL PARE TELLS EARLY LIFE OF JOHN MARSHALL

Influence Of Wartime Days On Views Of Great Justice Shown

Something of the early life of John Marshall, chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, whose decisions have had more influence on our lives than the accomplishments of any other chief except Washington and Lincoln, was related Wednesday night to members of the Exchange Club by Paul Pare, Farmington attorney.

That these famous decisions were not merely "snap-judgments," but undoubtedly had their inception many years before, was clearly shown by Mr. Pare. He told how Marshall, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, had observed the handicaps of lack of a strong centralized authority, with the colonies contemptuous of a Congress powerless to enforce its acts. He saw, said Mr. Pare, the continuance of such a chaotic condition would render impossible the development of an American nation. So John Jay, who had resigned in disgust as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was succeeded by Marshall, then 46 years old, who in the subsequent 34 years molded our history, not by making laws, but by interpreting the Constitution.

The Club chose Emory Hutton as treasurer to succeed John Fitzpatrick, who is moving to Detroit.

Farmington Football Team Ties Berkley

Farmington High School football team, which played the powerful Berkley team to a well-earned scoreless tie at Farmington last Friday, will meet Trenton at Trenton this Friday.

Though outweighed in almost every position, Farmington divided defensive as well as offensive honors with Berkley.

WIN IN APPLE SHOW

Don B. Button and H. N. McCracken of Farmington carried off prizes in the Southwestern Michigan Apple Show held at Detroit last week. Picking Fruit Farms of Birmingham won first prize.

Mr. Button took third place with a display of nine varieties in which a massive trophy called the "twenty ounce," was the center. The McIntosh type, surrounded by 12 other varieties, won fifth prize for Mr. McCracken.

Farmington Woman Becomes One Of 3 Women Ford Dealers In U. S.



MRS. RUTH RUSSELL

Approves Giving Fines To Welfare

Prosecutor Says "Nothing Exceptional Or Illegal In Setting 'Donation Days'"

That there is nothing illegal or even unusual in allowing traffic law violators, instead of paying fines to contribute to the fund for furnishing needy Farmington Township children with clothes seems definitely established, following a conference between Justice Willis T. Roberts and Prosecutor Clarence L. Smith in Pontiac Thursday.

Unfounded charges were circulated Thursday that a "speed trap" was being operated along Grand River Road. There have been no arrests for speeding, and only one "ticket" issued for a violation on Grand River at Eight Mile Road.

The welfare plan, as announced before, was to give offenders the opportunity of making donations; if they declined, regulation complaints were to be made out, with fine money going, according to law, to the county library fund. A donation system is the only way in which such penalties can legally be diverted to the benefit fund.

Traffic violations have averaged only one a day for the past month, Judge Roberts states his records show.

Sheriff Schram was quoted as having termed the Farmington Township traffic officer's work as "hit-jacking." He is reported to have refused to allow Deputies Joseph DeVriendt and William Tamm to participate in the welfare movement. They attended an organization meeting at Clarenceville two weeks ago for the welfare movement.

Prosecutor Smith pointed out that similar practices are followed in Detroit, to aid the annual Goodfellow drives, and in other cities.

Collect Clothes For P. T. A. On Saturday

Mr. W. A. Nelson and either Mr. Worford or Mr. Eckler will collect clothes for the Parent-Teachers Association welfare committee Saturday. Besides shoes and other clothing, outing apparel will be needed for the children the committee is helping to care for this year.

Six members of the Golden Rule Circle met with Mrs. Robert Burns at the M. E. Church kitchen Friday to can vegetables for soup for the free hot lunches. They canned 51 quarts of mixed vegetables and 18 quarts of strained tomatoes. The vegetables were donated from the gardens of the group members.

Ladies of the various organizations are meeting afterwards in the grade school to do the Welfare Committee's serving and repairing. Anyone who wishes to help is welcome, and will find her services greatly appreciated.

Miss Andrews Will Head Republican Committee

Miss Meriah Andrews has been named chairman of the women's committee which will promote the national, state, and county Republican tickets in Farmington Township. Other committee members will be named next week.

News Items are always welcome at the Enterprise.

Try an Enterprise Liner.

Trial Monday Of Youth In Traffic "Shooting" Case

Ralph Spaller To Be Tried For Violation; Supposed Firing By Kent Involved

Ralph Spaller, 16, Eleven Mile and Switzer Roads, will be tried before Justice Willis T. Roberts Monday night at the Clarenceville Oddfellows Hall on a traffic charge, the case also involving supposed firing of shots by Constable Walter Kent at Southfield Township. Spaller fled after being halted for failing to stop at the intersection of Lahser and Eleven Mile Roads Sunday, and is reported to have claimed he heard shots fired during the chase.

Kent refused to comment directly on the case, but Supervisor George Bingham of Southfield is reported to have said Kent told him he fired into the air with his revolver. It has been suggested, that the shots heard might have been fired on a nearby rifle range.

Kent pursued Spaller to the home of Harry Miller on Eleven Mile Road, where the boy took refuge. Miller refused to permit Kent to take Spaller to jail, so the constable gave the young driver a ticket ordering him to appear in court Monday, October 10. Spaller was unable to produce a driver's license when stopped.

Miller appeared Monday, asking postponement of the case until next Monday, when Norman C. Orr of Pontiac, Spaller's attorney, will be able to take over the case. The postponement was granted.

Ralph, who is a Farmington High School student, is the son of Arthur Spaller.

Prosecutor Clarence L. Smith said in Pontiac Thursday he had inquired into the case, but it is not known whether he will conduct it for the county.

DELEGATES FROM FARMINGTON GO TO O. E. S. MEET

Annual Gathering Of County Association To Be At Davidsburg On October 20

To Austin Chapter, O. E. S., of Davidsburg, will entertain the annual meeting of the Oakland County association Thursday, October 20. Four delegates and several other members of the Farmington chapter will attend.

Mrs. Mae West, Mrs. Gertrude Webster, Arthur P. Coe, and Ralph J. Auten will act as Farmington delegates, and Mrs. Hannah Ault of the local chapter will assist in the initiatory work. Election of officers will be held at the meeting at 10 a. m. the afternoon at 3:30 p. m. Members desiring transportation are requested to notify Mrs. Mae West.

Plan Discussion For M. E. Cradle Roll Dep.

The Cradle Roll Department of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School has planned a series of discussions of interest to the mothers of The Cradle Roll Department.

These will include discussions on music for children, pictures for children, teaching the child prayer, and many other helpful suggestions.

The first meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Emory Hatton, October 28 at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Hazel Leonard of Detroit, who is secretary for the Federal Council of Churches and a well known religious educational worker, will tell what Cradle Roll Departments have done and can do.

Mothers are urged to attend.

Dr. Adams Addresses Universalist Meeting

Dr. Frank D. Adams, pastor of the Farmington Universalist Church, delivered the principal address of the eighty-ninth annual meeting of the Universalist Convention of Michigan, which was held in Lansing Sunday and Monday.

"One Hundred Years of Universalism" was the topic of Dr. Adams' address.

Business Women And Legion Sponsor Party

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Farmington and Groves-Walker American Legion Post are sponsoring a bridge and pedo party at the Legion home October 18. It is planned to make the party a monthly event. All are invited.

Bank Decision Is Once More Delayed

Still another delay was necessitated in the Farmington bank case involving claims to preference for public money deposits, when Circuit Court convened at Pontiac Monday.

Attorney-filed briefs but it was impossible for the judge to give them adequate consideration without some time.

Judge Cowart received the briefs and will study them, calling on attorneys for oral argument if he regards it as necessary before rendering an decision, on which an immediate dividend to depositors depends. It is expected his verdict will be forthcoming very shortly.

Children Escape Kidnaper's Car

Clarenceville Girl And Boy Get Away As Abductor Becomes Frightened

What is believed to have been an attempt to kidnap two Clarenceville children failed Saturday evening when one jumped out of the car that had picked them up, and the driver made no attempt to prevent the other from escaping when he stopped at a through street.

Genevieve Petee, 14 and her brother, Raymond, 12, who live on Ontago Avenue in Clarenceville, were walking home from matinee at a theater when a man asked them whether they wanted a ride home. They accepted the ride but became frightened when he failed to stop at the street their home is on.

As the man continued on, paying no attention to the children's requests for him to stop, Raymond jumped out as the car passed the intersection of Switzer Road and Farmington Drive. Though his leg was bruised and he lost a shoe, Raymond started immediately to summon aid.

The driver, a white frightened at Raymond's escape, turned down to Grand River and did not hinder Genevieve from opening the door and getting out when he had to stop at Beech, a through road. The children failed to get the license number of the automobile, but were able to identify it as an Essex, and remembered that it had a trunk at the rear.

Deputies Joseph DeVriendt and William Tamm, and Constables William LaForge and Walter Kent engaged in a search for the automobile, but were unable to find traces of it.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO VISIT GREENFIELD VILLAGE OCT. 19

Famous Dearborn Institution Will Be Inspected; Yearbooks Still Available

The Farmington Women's Club on its next meeting date, Wednesday, October 19, will enjoy a trip through Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

The transportation committee, Mrs. Roy Brown and Mrs. L. F. Schroeder, will provide means for everyone to go if notified. Members are expected to be at Greenfield Village at 2 o'clock sharp, as there will be but one trip during the afternoon.

There will be a lunch at the Coffee House and dinner at Dearborn Inn for all who care to go early. Reservations should be made with Mrs. A. R. Crawford not later than Monday.

About 30 members and friends attended the first meeting, Wednesday, October 5, at the home of Mrs. Clyde Chamberlain. They responded to roll call with U. S. current events.

Yearbooks are still available from Mrs. Crawford, chairman of the program committee.

Ask Bids For Bridge West Of New Hudson

Bids have been requested by the State Highway Department for the construction of a bridge on U. S. 16, crossing the Huron River two miles west of New Hudson.

The contractor will be required to pay unskilled labor a minimum wage of 35 cents per hour, and skilled labor a minimum of 40 cents per hour. The work must be completed on or before June 15, 1933.

City Commission Makes Deal For Assessors' Plats

Birmingham Man Given Job; Discussion Over Bidding Takes Place

Several years of consideration and discussion culminated Monday evening in the making of an arrangement by the Farmington City Commission for the drawing up of assessors' plats of portions of the city on which satisfactory property descriptions are not available. The Commission voted to give the job to W. A. McAlpine of Birmingham, at a cost of \$1,500.

The award was not made, however, without a lengthy discussion and protracted argument with another surveyor who protested against the Commission's giving the job to McAlpine without asking for or accepting bids from others. Fred Zimmerman of Detroit, who had argued that the Commission was to hold the special meeting Monday evening, was present and at the outset of the meeting indicated that he expected that the city's governing body would consider offers from himself and other surveyors who cared to make proposals.

Mr. Zimmerman addressed the Commission first, stating that he had been studying the Farmington situation for some time. He told of the work he has done in other communities. He suggested that the surveying should be done not merely so as to provide descriptions which would be satisfactory to the Auditor-General for tax sale purposes, but that the work should be more thorough and afford each owner a description which would make his property title marketable without question as to the description. He declared that the assessors' plats such as Mr. McAlpine has proposed would not give property-owners marketable titles.

Mr. McAlpine addressed the Commission submitting in writing the offer he had made in the previous week with some changes. He said that the plats he proposed to make would be adequate for tax-sale purposes, and that he would guarantee them to be approved by the Auditor-General. He indicated that he did not believe anything more than this was necessary, and referred to the large volume of work he has done in other communities in Oakland County.

Wished To Bid

Mr. Zimmerman said that it was what the Commission desired, he would make an offer on the usual assessors' plats, and that he was prepared to bid on the work in several different ways. He asserted that many property descriptions in the city are in very bad shape, according to his investigation. He said he believed

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Police Quartet Will Perform At Benefit

The Detroit Police quartet has promised to sing at the Farmington Township benefit affair, which will take place October 23 as part of the movement to provide clothing and shoes for needy school children.

Ticket sales are proceeding well with many volunteer salesmen covering the township. The star salesman thus far has been Charles Heise, who has disposed of one large allotment and is working on a second.

Receive Contributions For Halloween Party

Many contributions of money and food have already been received for the Halloween party planned for Farmington by the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Unless wet weather forbids, it is planned to hold the affair behind the school house, using the school kitchen to prepare the food.

HAVE NEW TRUCK

Farmington Hardware Co., is delivering in an attractive new Chevrolet truck received recently. The truck was purchased from the local Chevrolet dealer, Farmington Motor Sales.

NO SHOOTING IN CITY

Warning that hunting, or even firing a gun, within the city limits of Farmington is against the law has been issued by Chief of Police Lee E. Doyle.