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FARMINGTON, (MICHIGAN) ENTERPRISE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1933.

Funeral Of Wire Victim Will Be Held Saturday

Electric Lineman To Be Buried In Toledo; Masons In Charge

Detroit Edison Co. line employees are mourning the loss of a fellow-workman of many years, and Farmington is still saddened by the accidental electrocution in the center of the business section Wednesday afternoon of Fred Reese, former resident of the city and well-known in the community. A number of residents, including members of Farmington Masonic Lodge, will attend funeral services Saturday morning at the Reese home, north and west of South Lyon, at eleven o'clock.

Services will be in charge of the Masonic Lodge of which the deceased was a member. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Toledo.

A number of Farmington residents have vivid and horrifying recollections of seeing Reese's body, dangling over a cross-bar of the pole on which he was electrocuted in the moments before he could be brought down. It is how the accident occurred has not been determined, although it appears established that each of his hands came in contact with a high tension wire, as both were burned.

Reese, one of the veteran linemen of this section, was considered also a careful workman. He was formerly a foreman at a crew working out of New Hudson.

Rush To Farmington
Detroit Edison employees and officials rushed to Farmington from Northville and Detroit. The power company employees who have the reputation of never giving in, while a spark of hope remains, worked for two hours to resuscitate Reese and finally they reluctantly ceased their efforts only when Dr. Merritt, company physician in Detroit, had declared that the case was hopeless. It is believed that Reese received a shock of 5,000 volts.

Reese is survived by his wife, Margaret, and three children, in addition to his aged father, who has been living at the son's home, a 60-acre farm some distance from New Hudson.

Carried Down
The accident occurred about three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, on a pole a few feet from The Auto Shop on the south-side of Grand River. Working with Reese was Fred Maas of New Hudson, son of John Maas of West Farmington. A new cross-bar had been swung into place and fastened. When Reese received the shock, Maas attached a block and tackle to the top of the pole and brought down the victim, which was a considerable task, the victim being a larger man than Maas.

Farmington citizens joined in artificial respiration efforts, and Dr. B. C. Thomas was called. The victim was carried into The Auto Shop and work continued there, with telephoned instructions from Dr. Merritt to continue the treatment prescribed by Dr. Thomas, until the Detroit physician arrived. Edward Millis of Northville, district superintendent, and Fred J. Bagnall of Farmington, state superintendent of overhead, were among the Edison officials who hurried to Farmington from their offices.

A short piece of wire dangling in the air near the pole afforded a clue as to the manner of the accident.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY FOR H. GADDY, 71

Funeral services will be held Saturday for Herman Gaddy, 71, who died Wednesday noon at the home on Orchard Street. Mr. Gaddy had been in ill-health for a year.

Services and burial will be at Fowler, Mich., following return of the body Friday to that town, where a daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Will Skillman, resides.

Surviving the deceased are the widow, Mrs. Sophie Gaddy and his daughter, and a sister, residing in Carson City.

KENO PARTY

The Altar Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Church will hold a Keno party at the Town Hall, Monday, December 18. 3 cards, 25c to play on all evenings. A variety of prizes.

Completes Term



Joseph Himmelspach, Wednesday night completed his term as High Priest of Union Chapter No. 65, Royal Arch Masons, of Northville.

Winery Expects Start Next Week

Pressing Of Grapes Hoped For By Mid-Week

An event that has been much anticipated in this section is scheduled to take place some time next week, when pressing of grapes is expected to start at the new winery of LaSalle Wines and Champagnes, Inc., at Farmington Junction. With workmen continuing to rush completion of the plant with all possible speed, an official of the company indicated Wednesday that plans are being made for the start of operations.

Tons of grapes at a large storage plant in Detroit are to be brought to the winery. Not only will each-day saved in preparation hasten the production of wine, but the saving of storage charges is a strong motivating force.

Concrete has been poured for the large fermentation tanks, and it is to be followed by the lining of the tanks with glass, probably starting about Saturday. The glass is put on in sheets about a foot square, cemented to the concrete. It is hoped to complete the first of the glass-lined tanks the middle of next week.

Pressing machinery is expected within a few days and all haste will be utilized in installing it. Arrangements for installation of city water service in the plant are occupying the attention of company officials, and other details are being cleared up as rapidly as possible.

Bringing of the ageing casks from Windsor will follow completion of all the glass-lined tanks.

Work continues on two shifts in the endeavor to cut down the time before the first pressing.

COMEDY WILL BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK FOR SCOUT FUND

"Civil Service, Or Old R. F. D.," a comedy, will be given at Farmington Town Hall, next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 19th and 20th, 8:00 o'clock for benefit of the Boy Scouts.

The purpose of the entertainment is to raise money for many county needs such as supplies, books, light bills and the \$25 annual fee to the Council headquarters which has previously been paid by two of the Boy Scout Committees.

Proceeds of "Civil Service" each evening a group of Boy Scouts from Troop 45 will present a one act play portraying scout experiences at meeting time.

The Farmington High School Band will play.

"Civil Service, Or Old R. F. D.," is a comedy drama depicting the lives of a group of post office employees in a small mid-western town.

It is a story play of marked emotional qualities and has many intensely funny lines to provoke much laughter.

The eleven members of the cast in order of their appearance are: Miss Gladys Landisman - John Lapham, Jr., Murray Moore, George Middlewood, Walter Wray, Eddie Alexander, Mrs. Marie Walling, Mrs. Evelyn Woodriff, Miss Frances Brown, and Charles Wilson.

Goodfellows In Annual Endeavor To Assist Needy

Farmington Men Start On Task; Plan City-Wide Canvass, Card Party

Farmington Goodfellows are again at work on their annual task of helping the poor. Once more they have cheerfully taken up the task of raising funds to help those in distress in mid-winter.

House-to-house canvass for contribution from everyone in the city able to help, in either a small or large way, has begun. Coin-cards bearing the Goodfellows' message are being distributed by them throughout the City.

During the coming week, contribution boxes will be at Farmington Dairy and Warner Dairy Co. offices, to receive donations of citizens.

An urgent appeal is made to everyone who can possibly spare any sum, however small, to do so this year, because of the vast need for charitable aid.

As was the custom last year, those whose contributions have been made up, will not be called on again by the Goodfellows. The contributions boxes will remain uptown through Thursday of next week, December 21. That evening the Goodfellows will go out into their respective districts and pick up the coin-cards of those who have not deposited their cards uptown.

The same system as that of last year will be used, whereby only the giver knows the amount of his contribution. The method met with such success and approval last year that it is being followed exactly this season.

Contrary to the custom in the past, the Goodfellows do not intend to end their activities for the unfortunate at Christmas-time. They will function for the rest of the winter, and to this end the chairman, Joseph Himmelspach, has advanced plans for a "white the whole community in," benefit for the distressed.

The event, a card party and dance in Farmington Town Hall, will provide not only funds for the needy but enjoyment for those who provide the funds. Organization have already given their endorsement of the plan and signified their willingness to give all possible support.

All Can Attend
The party and dance will occur on Friday evening, December 23, and the admission price will be put so low that it is within reach of all—probably the lowest price ever set for a like affair in Farmington. Donations will cover all the money received being all clear for charity work.

Plans will be advanced during the next few days and further details announced next week. The card party will be held upstairs and the dance on the main floor.

MASONIC LODGE TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS DEC. 26

Farmington Masonic Lodge will hold its annual installation of officers, Tuesday evening, December 26, at the lodge hall, 301 Attama, elected worshipful master.

Monday night, will take over the leadership of the Lodge.

Other members who will occupy chairs during the coming year are: Delos Hamlin senior warden, Forest Dickerson, junior warden, William Way, treasurer, James L. Hogle, secretary, Robert Cook, senior deacon, Charles Diamond, junior deacon, Ralph Auten, tier.

All advanced and deacons were all advanced from posts they have held during the past year. James L. Hogle, who has been secretary "since the mind or memory runs in the contrary," William Way, treasurer, and Ralph Auten, tier, were re-elected by acclamation.

The installation will be a public one open to all families of Masons. Lunch will follow the ceremonies.

Annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were received and approved.

Miss Pearl Brown entertained her bridge club Monday evening. Prizes were won by Misses Irma Gray and Wanda Drake.

2 Girls Hurt By Hit-Run Driver In Clarenceville

Police Seeking Motorist Who Flew And Left Victims; No Clues Are Found

Police of this section are seeking a hit-and-run motorist whose car ran down a painfully injured two Clarenceville girls on Grand River Thursday, the driver fleeing after the accident. No valuable clue has been turned up by the authorities as yet.

The girls were taken to Receiving Hospital, at Redford, where both received treatment for their injuries.

The injured girls are: DOROTHY PAULL, 16 years old, 20805 Pearl Street, MARGARET O'HARA, 17 years old, Rensselaer Street.

The accident occurred in front of the former branch office of Farmington Lumber and Coal Company on Grand River just west of Eight Mile Road. Residents in the building called Deputy Joseph DeVriendt, who investigated the accident.

Both of the girls are well known in Clarenceville and Farmington, through attendance at the school. The accident is the second hit-and-run mishap within a short stretch on Grand River, in the course of a few months. In a former accident, the driver was traced through the first two numbers on his license plates.

FARMINGTON POST WINS NATIONAL LEGION HONORS

Members of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion of Farmington are proud of a national honor that has come to the post, the first Legion group in America to win the award.

The Farmington Post has the honor of being the first Post to re-enroll for 1934 every one of its 1933 members, in connection with the recent national membership drive. The Post has received a national headquarters certificate of merit, which will be framed and hung in the Legion Home.

NEW FORD V-8 IS BEING SHOWN BY OLIN RUSSELL, INC.

Thrills aplenty have been the lot of the scores of visitors to the showrooms of Olin Russell, Inc., local Ford Dealers, who have been given demonstrations of the new Ford V-8, according to Tom Edmondson, manager of the local Ford dealership.

"Those who have driven the new cars themselves commented most favorably upon its greater power and speed, quicker acceleration, smoother performance and ease of control," said Mr. Edmondson. "There is no question but that the new Ford V-8, while looking like the hundreds of thousands of other Ford V-8's now on the roads, is a great improvement over the cars of the last two years."

The improvements in the engine performance, he explained, are due to the use of a new dual intake carburetor and dual intake manifold which increase the engine's power approximately 25 per cent.

The new carburetor is virtually two carburetors in one. With it is used a dual intake manifold which distributes the varying gasoline equally to each cylinder, very materially improving engine performance and providing quicker starting in cold weather. Gasoline economy is increased two to three miles per gallon.

Postoffice Keeps Open Extra 3 Hours

Farmington Postoffice will be open all day the next two Saturdays, December 16 and 23. It is announced by Postmaster Thomas H. McGehee, closing will be at 6 o'clock.

The exception to the usual 3 o'clock closing rule is being made in an effort to lessen Christmas congestion. All are urged to mail as early as possible to assure delivery and relieve postal employees.

BE SURE AND SEE

Civil Service of Old R. F. D. Comedians given by eleven adult citizens of Farmington for the benefit of Farmington Boy Scouts No. 45, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 19 and 20th.

Township CWA Plans O.K'd, 69 At Work; Add 35 In City

Total Of 129 Men At Work In Two Units, Making Weekly Payroll Of Nearly \$2,000; To Be Employed 90 Days

Approval of five Farmington Township CWA projects and starting of 69 men at work upon them this week, together with addition of 35 men on similar work in Farmington City, this week brought the total men given jobs in the two governing units up to 129. All but one are residents of the immediate vicinity who hitherto have been on the welfare or unemployed. They will be engaged for 90 days on their present tasks.

Each man is receiving 30 hours of work a week, with the minimum pay 20 cents an hour, or \$16 a week. This means a total new payroll of nearly \$2,000 being distributed in this community.

Farmington Man Gets Bogus Bill

Counterfeiters' Visit Brings U. S. Sleuth; Warning Issued

A warning to all business-men and residents of this vicinity to be on guard against counterfeit currency is issued by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, following passing of a counterfeit \$10 bill by R. H. Moffett, proprietor of a gasoline station on Grand River just east of Farmington Junction.

It is believed that the counterfeiters found this area to be a good ward against counterfeit currency is issued by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, following passing of a counterfeit \$10 bill by R. H. Moffett, proprietor of a gasoline station on Grand River just east of Farmington Junction.

Three men drove up to Moffett's station Wednesday night in a Ford V-8 coupe. They bought gasoline and handed in payment a bill. There was just light enough to see that the bill was a ten, and the change was made.

Moffett noted the first two digits on the license number, and detectives are working on that angle. Had there been plenty of light, he was sure the counterfeit would have been detected, as the bill is a poor imitation.

In issuing the warning it was stated that the back of the bills are smudged and the colors poor. On the back the picture of the U. S. Treasury is poorly done, the columns of the picture of the U. S. Treasury bill being blurred. All are urged to watch carefully the bills they accept.

COUPLE CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. George Heliker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of their son, George, on Maple Road Wednesday. About 25 relatives attended.

Dinner was served at noon. The table was pretty set with gold and yellow china was used, with yellow place favors in the shape of a wedding hat, miniature golden wedding cake graced the table, on which were miniature bride and groom.

George Heliker and Mary Graham were married December 13, 1883, at the home of her mother on 18-Mile Road. They have always lived around this place and now reside on 18-Mile Road.

Those present at this dinner and at the wedding in 1883 were: Mrs. Millie Ayles, sister of the groom, and Jay Graham, Joseph Graham and Charles Graham, brothers of the bride.

Mrs. John Grace, Mrs. Heliker's sister and bridesmaid at the wedding, was one present as she is spending the winter in Texas. A letter was written to her, each one present writing a few lines and signing it, the letter to be sent to Mrs. Grace.

Samuel Heliker, best man brother of the groom is in Washington, D. C. and was unable to be present.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aylea of Walled Lake, Jay Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graham, Mrs. Edith Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham of Keego Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. James Heliker and family of Union Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hunt and family of Four Towns, Mrs. Sarah Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker and family of this place and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray of Walled Lake.

Another dinner was served to their children and grandchildren on 18 o'clock and games were played in the evening.

Work At School

The Bond School sewer line project was also begun Wednesday morning, and is known as Project 46. It requires six men, all of them being unemployed in Clarenceville School water line job, Project No. 47, starting Thursday morning; occupies 18 men, all on the unemployed list.

So hastily was the order for putting men to work sent through that there was scarcely time for staking out work by engineers. Reports from Pontiac are that practically every engineer in that County is engaged, and difficulty is experienced in keeping up the engineering demands.

It was necessary to hastily get tools for the men to work with, from the Oakland County storage plant. Supplies are being rushed to the sites of the work as fast as possible.

Thirty-five men added to the CWA roster in Farmington City this week more than doubles the (Continued on page eight)

MOORE SUGGESTS PLAN TO REVISE STATE TAX LEVY

That real property in the United States bears from 75 to 84 per cent of the cost of government, while producing only 25 per cent of the national wealth, resulting in a situation that demands drastic change, was the theme of an address by Sen. A. L. Moore last Friday night in M. E. Community Hall, before about 80 men and women.

Sen. Moore declared that Michigan has the most archaic tax system in the country; that all securities now tax-exempt should be levied upon to help bear the cost of government; that a State income tax be adopted; that, while he was not advocating the English system, he would strongly urge the adoption of the principle of taxation based on the ability of the owner to pay.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Durling and son and daughter, Frank and Marjorie of Bancroft were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown.