

Four Dead, Nine Hurt In Wrecks

The lighter the traffic, the deadlier the accident, is the traffic policeman's motto, which was tragically borne out during the past week when four persons were killed and nine were seriously injured, possibly fatally, in the area controlled by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt. Four hours' work with street car jacks was required to remove one body from under a truck, in one accident.

As a result of one smashing-up, Dulane Simson, of Lansing, is charged with negligent homicide causing the deaths of Viola Kelly, of South Lyon, and Joseph Benfield, of Clayton. Two others, Blanche Ginnell, of Brighton, and Thomas Benfield, of Clayton, are in Mellus Hospital at Adriaan with serious injuries.

Simson, who was driving a 16-ton truck owned by the Inter-City Trucking Co., was traveling west on Grand River between Novi and Eastland when he drove into the rear of the sedan driven by Joseph Benfield.

In a statement made to Archie Leonard, assistant prosecutor of Oakland County, Simson maintains that he was momentarily blinded by the lights of an approaching car and that he did not see the sedan until it was but four feet away. He applied his brakes, he said, but they were ineffective in preventing the crash.

Dispute Over Lights
Simson further claimed that the car in front of him was being driven without lights. However, witnesses to the accident say that the sedan did have its lights on.

In the crash, Joseph Benfield, who was driving the sedan, was thrown clear of the car and then plumed under the weight of the trailer of the truck. After four hours his body was removed when street car jacks were used to lift the heavy truck.

Thomas Benfield, his brother, received fractures in both legs and several ribs broken. Blanche Ginnell suffered a dislocated hip, a fractured pelvis, and a fractured jaw.

Simson pleaded not guilty to the charge of negligent homicide and demanded an examination, which will be held before Municipal Judge John J. Schutte Friday, July 31.

Five Skulls Fractured
Five persons received fractured skulls in a crash at the intersection of Evergreen Road and Northwestern Highway Monday afternoon when a car driven by Nelson E. Neadeau, of Walked Lake, failed to stop for the through highway and collided with a car driven by Lewis Lettner, of Detroit. The injured, who were taken to the Robert Reed new Farmington hospital, were Wallace Kingsland, 16, 13926 Ilene street, Detroit; William Kingsland, 16, 13926 Ilene street, Detroit; Richard Haight, 14, 12600 Evergreen road, John Gorman, 45, 12236 Washburn street, Detroit, and Arthur Knott, of Union Lake, who accompanied Neadeau.

Two More Die
Mrs. Wilbur Cobb, 21, 15359 Marlowe avenue, Detroit, and her brother-in-law, Frederick Cobb, 23, are dead as the result of a collision with a produce truck, driven by William Gear, 23, colored, 2285 Brush street, Detroit. Wilbur Cobb and Gear are in serious condition.

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Flood Lights Installed In City Parking Lot
In order to attract the attention of both motorists and out-of-town motorists, the new Farmington Municipal Building lot on Grand River will have flood light on the southeast corner of the lot.

to having the lot lighted at night. The equipment in the lot will be left to leave their parking lot.

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Conveniences of Present Day Are Described In Ads

Although most people complain bitterly of the hot weather and of having to carry on their work when the thermometer soars over the century mark, few realize the many short cuts they could take to make their work much easier, yet much better during such weather. A survey of the advertisements in this week's Enterprise reveals some of these methods.

No longer do housewives have to fill the tea kettle every time they want hot water if they install one of the Detroit Edison Co.'s automatic hot water heaters. With the dinner dishes done in less than half the usual time as a result, there is ample time to go for a drive. There need be no argument over transportation — let someone else take his "date" in a Ford V-8 coupe, and there will be room aplenty for the rest of the family in one of the Chevrolet sedans that Vic Blakeslee is showing.

To put the finishing touches to a drive, the Penman-Allyn theatre in Northville offers the latest shows from Hollywood. And after getting a store at the Novi Inn for a snack of late supper will hit the spot that dinner didn't fill. But if it's a change that you seek, what could be better than a cool trip on the lake on the big Steamer Pullin-Bay. Or perhaps an inland trip to one of Michigan's thousands of lakes via the Eastern Michigan Motorbuses might be preferred to break the daily routine of work.

The ice-man has faded past, his decline brought about by the great convenience of such automatic refrigeration as the Electrolux refrigerators shown by the Consumers Power Co. In such a refrigerator there is lots of room for milk from the Farmington Dairy.

Parched lawns may easily be a thing of the past if your water-starved grass is given artificial rain by means of a three-bladed sprinkler offered by Hutton's Farmington Hardware.

Even chickens may live the easy life, a store at the Novi Inn for a snack of late supper will hit the spot that dinner didn't fill. But if it's a change that you seek, what could be better than a cool trip on the lake on the big Steamer Pullin-Bay.

Of course it does not hurt the dead but that "hooking out horis" for five minutes or more grates on the hearstings of those who are grieving and certainly does not look very respectful for the citizens of Farmington.

So why not move the band stand to some other place where it is torn in sorrow? It would also be a great improvement to the front lawn of the City Hall for the band stand to be moved elsewhere.

Moved Elsewhere
A Resident.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF MRS. C. E. SMITH
"Although many years have intervened and I have seen some of the great changes that have taken place in the world, I never have been thrilled as much as when I saw Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop Smith and their company give their plays in Farmington many years ago." Such was the tribute paid by a Farmington citizen to the memory of Mrs. Chlorine E. Smith, who passed away July 12th.

The daughter of Stephen and Clara Brown, Mrs. Smith was born August 5, 1849 and lived to the age of 87. She and her husband were well-known amateur theatrical people, who, with local or traveling companies, gave many popular plays and entertainments at the University Church in Farmington.

Her burial was in the Oakwood cemetery.

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Ice Cream Not Pure Gold, Even in Hottest Weather
"All that glitters is not gold," quails Joe Himmelpach, despite the fact that if a vote were taken on the most popular place in Farmington during the recent hot wave, Farmington Dairy would have ranked as the high favorite.

The customers came on foot-hot and exhausted. They sped up on bicycles—necessarily. And they parked in front of his dairy, sometimes in front of three deep.

"I'll take vanilla," many said. "I want four chocolates and one lemon cone," said others. And so it went, all day long. Like flies to honey, men, women and children came for his ice cream.

"What a gold mine," many undoubtedly thought, but while nickels and dimes clinked merrily in the cash register, in the front part of his store, in the back part sat Joe, peering out dollars, piled up into high totals by the very heat of the day. His profits actually are some less. Joe knows where that point lies. It is the point of a thermometer marked "100 degrees."

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Quiz Youths In Shooting Of Boy, 9

Two youths, whose identities have not been revealed, are to be taken to Pontiac for questioning concerning the firing of the street bomb which struck nine-year-old Jack Armstrong while he was walking near his home in Farmington Township last week.

One of the boys has admitted ownership of a high-powered rifle which was seized by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt in an effort to trace the source of the bullet.

Neighbors living near the scene of the accident report that they heard shots during the early part of the afternoon when the accident occurred, but the youths deny having shot the gun in the afternoon. According to their statements, they had been shooting birds in nearby cherry trees in the morning, but had not fired the gun after noon.

The Armstrong boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, of Route 1, Farmington, was accompanied by William Felto, 13, a neighbor, at the time the accident occurred.

They were walking near Northwestern Highway and Middle Belt road, going to the home of George Lepp, five miles.

The bullet struck the boy on the side of the head and became deeply imbedded at the base of the brain. His vocal chords were paralyzed until the following morning, but it is expected that no permanent injury will be suffered. However, because of the extreme delicacy of the operation, the bullet has not been extracted.

Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner gave the youth first aid treatment at the scene and later to Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Water Main To Be Finished Soon
Work will begin soon on a connecting water main on Nine Mile Road between Power and Brookdale avenues, according to Commissioner Emory Hutton. This will eliminate two dead-ends, one on each street, which have been a source of some difficulty in the past.

After work had been halted on the project, it became necessary to refile the plans with the state WPA offices. Approval was then given for the completion of the remaining 575 feet of water main.

The building of the connecting link between the Power and Brookdale mains will assure a continuous supply of fresh water to homes served by the addition. The four inch lines have been purchased and work on the improvement is scheduled to begin as soon as labor is available.

Offer 'Black Legion' As Name for Pony
Children in Farmington are aware of the current events of the country. If a note sent with "Name the Pony" coupon to the Farmington State Savings Bank is any indication of their range of information.

The Commissioner expressed pleasure at the satisfaction which has resulted from his order changing the name of the unnamed pony, now known to Northville for first aid recovering from the injuries suffered early Tuesday morning when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver.

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100-Year Old House Sold
A hundred-year-old house on Nine Mile Road, just west of the intersection of the highway, was sold to Mr. and Mrs. William Ramsey, of Detroit, according to Lloyd Gullen, who completed the transaction last week. The Ramsays plan to move in August.

City taxes are payable during July without penalty until August 1st. Present penalties will be added after September 1st. A 4 per cent penalty will be added after October 1st.

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VanWagoner To End Death Spots

Elimination of most of the hazard and inconvenience at two dangerous spots along Grand River is expected shortly following a visit to Farmington of State Highway Commissioner Murray D. VanWagoner. The situations to be accorded modern safety treatment are the intersection of Grand River with the east end of the Cut-off, and the Grand River-Middle Belt crossing.

Commissioner VanWagoner spent some time looking over the two places and before he left indicated that corrective measures would be applied to both situations.

His inspection of the Cut-off location was the carrying out of a promise made to a delegation of Farmington civic leaders, headed by Commissioner Hutton, who visited the Commissioner at Lansing several weeks ago. The Middle Belt situation had been an object of concern for some time, with numerous serious accidents and occasional fatal ones reported continually.

Plan Signals
That the most dangerous of the two, the Middle Belt crossing, can be taken care of without great difficulty was indicated by the Commissioner, who rode northward over Middle Belt and approached Grand River, just as would the average motorist. He promptly labeled it a perilous situation and considered both a traffic-actuated stop-and-go signal and a flicker-light overhead. The treatment which a careful study indicates as best will be applied, with additional warning signs as probably.

Cut-Off a Problem
As always, the Cut-off presents a difficult problem, and that improvement of the conditions there will be a troublesome task at an ordinary intersection was clearly indicated by the Commissioner. The difficulty lies in the fact that double-paved Grand River east of the intersection is much wider than the single strip road of the latter section. Motorists approaching the spot must curve left and then back to the right again.

"When we have two roads crossing at right angles we can easily cut back each road to reduce the sharpness of the corner," said the Commissioner, who has made a nation-wide reputation through his work in modernizing Michigan's highways to make them safer for the new high speeds of travel. "But when we have a junction of two parallel roads, one wider than the other, it's a difficult matter to avoid a double reverse curve. However, by careful study, we can often improve the situation a good deal, and that is what we wish to do here."

Would Cut Down Curve
Commissioner VanWagoner then suggested that a considerable length of curbing along the north side of Grand River might be removed and several feet of additional paving be laid to flatten out the curve, from the double signal light westward toward Farmington. Removal of poles and whatever other work is necessary would be done to accompany the paving, and this would not only decrease hazard, but would also do much to reduce congestion at the crossing.

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Grand River Dangers Interest Commissioner



Action to cut down hazards and inconvenience of two Grand River intersections are expected soon, as a result of the visit to Farmington of State Highway Commissioner Murray D. VanWagoner.

Firemen Battle Blaze 8 Hours

One of the longest fire-fighting battles in the Farmington area began four o'clock Sunday morning in the barn on the C. E. Sorenson farm, 35100 Grand River, and was not ended until noon, eight hours later.

The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion, due to the greenness of the newly-stored hay and the high temperature of the recent hot spell. Over 120 tons of hay were stored in the barn.

Much difficulty was encountered in locating the source of the blaze, which spread a distance of 34 or 40 feet along the floor of the barn until it was stopped by an intervening partition.

In order to save the remainder of the hay from being consumed by the flames, 16 men were called from the Ford factory to haul the hay into a nearby field. Even a portion of this hay caught fire when exposed to the sunlight.

Almost a dozen men from Farmington and both the city and township fire engines were required to bring the fire under control.

Three high-tension telephone poles were badly scorched in a grass fire which broke out on the parkway between the two lanes of Grand River avenue, opposite the Sorenson Tavern Thursday afternoon.

A blaze consumed a quantity of cut wood and a small woodshed on the Porath farm at Nine Mile road and Halsted road early Sunday afternoon.

A third grass fire occurred Monday afternoon near Greening and Twelve Mile roads, where thirty young trees were scorched by the flames and a kennel of puppies were almost suffocated before being rescued. The blaze was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Victim of Hit-and-Run Driver Recovering
Friends of John Hess, who is employed on the Sorenson farm, near New Hudson on Grand River, will be glad to learn that he is recovering from the injuries suffered early Tuesday morning when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver.

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Daley Named Detroit Controller

John N. Daley, Receiver of the Peoples State Bank of Farmington for the past three years, will assume one of the most important posts in the Detroit city government Friday, when he takes office as City Controller, in which place he was appointed Thursday noon by Mayor Frank Couzens. Notable work by Mr. Daley as Receiver of banks in Milford and Melvindale, as well as the one in Farmington, is understood to have attracted the attention of Mayor Couzens. The Detroit mayor's search for a suitable man for the highly important post has necessarily been an exceptionally discriminating one, due to enormous difficulties in municipal finance resulting from huge shortages uncovered recently.

Selection of Mr. Daley following upon the recent depositing of one controller and the brief incumbency of another, is regarded as a high compliment to Mr. Daley's financial ability.

Mr. Daley will relinquish his bank responsibilities, including that in Farmington, it is understood. Mr. Daley was formerly vice-president of the Guardian National Bank of Commerce, from which position he resigned in January, 1932. He lives at 14143 Piedmont street in the Rosedale Park section of Detroit. He was in Lansing Thursday when the appointment was made known.

DIRECTOR BANTA VACATIONS; BAND CONCERTS HALTED
Director Ralph Banta, who has conducted the Farmington High School band in its weekly Thursday night concerts in the Town Hall Park, is leaving for several weeks vacation after next week's concert. He will return to continue the series, beginning on August 20th.

The program for July 30th includes "Age of Progress March" by Goldsmith; "The Star Spangled Banner" by Hazel; "Pride of the Land March" by Goldman; "Exaltation" by Coerne; "Music Maker March" by Talbot; "German Pieces" composed in 1785 by Beethoven.

"Relief of Rhythm March" by Talbot; "Golden Sunset Revue" by H. Alford; "Colonel Bogey March" by K. Alford; "La Marcha del Soldadito Espanol" by Smetsh; a trombone solo, "The Rosary" composed by Nerva and played by Mary Power; "Conquest March" by Alexander; and the "Star Spangled Banner."

WARN MOTORISTS OF 'STICKER' DEADLINE
Motorists in the Farmington area are warned that the use of automobile "stickers" of half-year permits will be illegal after midnight, July 31, and owners of motor vehicles who expect to operate them must have their permits renewed with the 1936 license plates.

New license plates may be procured at the Farmington branch of the Secretary of State's office at the Blakeslee Motor Sales on Grand River avenue.

No extension will be given auto owners this year, as it would be necessary to have the authorization of the state legislature, which is not now in session.

Dr. Elsea To Speak Over National Hook-Up
Dr. E. Deane Elsea, 4181 Oakman Blvd., is appearing on the program of the National Convention of the American Osteopathic Convention at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City this week. The doctor, has been chosen from the Internist Section as a member of the Diagnostic Clinic and will lecture on the "Standardization of History Taking." His talk will be broadcast over a national hookup.

After the convention and his post-graduate study in New York Dr. and Mrs. Elsea will tour through the New England states and the Province of Quebec, returning about August 15th.

PLAN NEW RESTAURANT
Repairs are being made on the former Nelson Bakery building on Grand River, in preparation for the opening of a restaurant to be operated by Charles Miller, of Oakland Avenue, Farmington.

Mrs. George Zieglerman and daughter, Ruth, of Farmington, are spending the week-end vacation spent with her parents near Cleveland, O.