

FORTY-EIGHTH YEAR—NO. 41

Wreck May Cost Young Artist's Hand

One youth is dead and a talented young artist may have his right hand amputated as a result of the overturning of an ice truck on North Farmington Road Sunday evening.

Norbert Ahern, 21, 5710 Wabash avenue, Detroit, died of internal injuries after being pinned under the truck which he was driving.

Russell Kline, 19, 16557 Appleton avenue, a youth of unusual artistic ability who was also riding in the cab of the truck, suffered a crushed right hand. He is in the Redford Receiving hospital where it is feared that the amputation of his hand may be necessary.

Three others who were riding with Ahern and Kline were unharmed. They are: Franklin Morandy, 16, 566 Sorrento avenue; James Warner, 19, 1934 Stanley avenue; and Kenneth Smock, 5510 Wabash avenue.

The wrecker driving south on North Farmington Road, south of Theis, "killed" when Ahern lost control of the truck in the loose gravel and the truck turned over into the ditch.

Mrs. Ione Richardson, 26, of 20-411 Noonan Circle, Birmingham, was killed early Saturday night at Nine Mile and Southfield Roads. The car in which she was riding, driven by her husband, Ralph, 32, collided with another car driven by George Souter, 45, of 18320 Sunset street, at the intersection of the two roads when both tried to cross on the amber light.

Souter received a fracture in his arm and it is feared that his son, George, Jr., may have a fractured arm. He was injured when taken to the Redford Receiving hospital. Mr. Richardson was released at his own insistence although physicians said he had a possible skull fracture.

Arrested for Intoxication
Daniel Brophy, 331 Ledford avenue, Detroit, was arrested for driving while intoxicated following a head-on collision with a car driven by George Dalley, Jr., 27428 Eight Mile road in front of Waack's beer garden early Sunday morning.

Fred Davine, who was riding with Dalley in the Redford Receiving hospital with a fractured skull and severe lacerations about the face. Margaret Miller, 16, 1524 Lincoln avenue, Detroit, is thought to have suffered a skull fracture also.

Two others, who were riding with Brophy, were unharmed. Brophy was driving west on Grand River avenue at the time of the accident, and became confused by the driver of Dalley, who was driving on the left lane of traffic while going east on Grand River.

OAKLAND FAIR TICKETS SELL AT HALF PRICE

Fair goers who plan to take in the Oakland County Fair at Milford this year, can save themselves half of the admission price by buying tickets early, the fair management announced this week. An advanced sale is being sponsored whereby tickets good for any day or evening of the fair can be purchased during August for only 50c. The regular gate admission is 90c. Atlantic & Pacific and Kroger stores all through this area have indicated a willingness to assist in the advanced sale and it is likely that many independent merchants will also.

Fair dates are September 5-10, 11-12 and plans are made to feature an outstanding county exhibition. Tickets for the advanced sale have been placed in the A & F and Kroger stores in Farmington and tickets will be put with independent merchants shortly that the public may avail themselves of the opportunity to purchase them. The sale lasts until August 31, when tickets will be withdrawn. All tickets sold after that date will be at the regular rate of 90c.

Several Proposals Made For Band Stand Location

"If we locate the band stand in the school park and begin to develop the hill side seats, Farmington may be the envy of other communities not so blessed by nature," concludes the drawing by W. Allen Nelson to his proposal to locate the bandstand on the edge of the high school athletic field. His letter follows:

To the Editor:
Since the suggestion has been made to move the band stand and adequate reasons advanced to warrant serious consideration by the community, I shall present a proposal made in the valley we have in common as well as that which has not yet been developed to its full possibilities. Our proposal is to place the band stand in the park on the north bank of the creek about 100 feet east of the foot bridge. Place it on wheels on a circular track and wall in one side as a sound reflector.

On the opposite side of the creek and extending for more than a half mile east from the foot bridge, the hillside can easily be made into an outdoor amphitheater. Extending north and west from the foot bridge there is ample parking space for cars without interfering with the center of the driveway. The labor was all donated by members of band. Bert Gates and myself doing about 80 per cent of the labor.

The donations of the business men were very generous. Mr. F. M. Sturges started it with \$50. The rest were from \$10 to \$25 with a number of individual ones of \$1 to \$5.

I think that unless each business man is consulted and willing, the simple reason that it is built by the business men and located near the center of business for their benefit. Mr. Heeny said that he never had a complaint since the stand was a long as he had been in business.

We have a fine band giving fine concerts so why worry about the band stand when there are so many other things to be done? The stand would benefit the entire city? The concert lasts for one hour each week for seven weeks, making a total of seven hours out of \$760 hours in the year. I am sure that if people would stop to think for a moment they would not stand 22 years without any complaints. Why start now?

Arthur Lamb.

Five Babies Born This Week

A new record has been set by the stork during the past week, a total of five babies being born in or near Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gilmeister are busy receiving congratulations on the birth of their daughter, Lenore, born Sunday at the Detroit Osteopathic hospital. Dr. Joseph W. Norton attended Mrs. Gilmeister, who is reported doing fine.

Harward Salow is handing out cigars and receiving congratulations on the birth of a son to Mrs. Salow at the Pontiac General Hospital on Sunday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Stamen on Saturday at the Sessions hospital in Northville. Mr. and Mrs. Harold See are the parents of a son, Rodney Harold. Mrs. See and Rodney are reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Sulkowski, Ten Mile Road are also being congratulated on the birth of a baby to them this week.

Elma Elkins Elected Legion Auxiliary Head

Election of officers of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Monday evening. The following officers were elected:

Settle City Suit For \$1,750 Cash

A cash settlement for \$1,750 was accepted by the City Commission tonight, thus concluding the city's suit for \$3,500 against Harrison Johnson and Clyde Chamberlain. The suit started in the spring of 1935 as the result of a shortage found in the books of the City Treasurer Louis Thayer. Johnson and Chamberlain had signed a \$5,000 bond for Thayer when the latter took office of city treasurer.

The acceptance of this settlement by the City Commission was recommended by Earl Phillips and the law firm of Schutte and Pare, counsel for the city.

For some time there had been many indications that a cash or property settlement would be made. The case had been scheduled for trial on the September docket in the Circuit Court at Pontiac.

Although the city charter did not require a bond to be provided by the treasurer of the city, it was the custom of the City Commission to pass a resolution requiring such a bond to be given. This bond formed the basis of the city's suit, which was started when the shortage was discovered.

MANY ATTEND 5th REUNION OF LITERARY UNION

All roads led, not to Rome, but to Cass Denton Park near Northville on last Saturday according to the options of more than forty members and invited guests of the Young Peoples Literary Union who gathered there for the 5th annual reunion and picnic dinner.

The members coming the greatest distance were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCracken of Uxbridge, Indiana. Among the other out-of-town representatives were Miss Mary Jackson, Saginaw; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore of Mason; Mrs. S. Green, Pontiac; Mrs. Mary Niles King and Mrs. Lydia Wilcox, Howell; Miss Mina Stewart, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Orin Everett and granddaughter Jerry Joan Blingham of Lake Orion; Carl Ely, Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green, Mrs. Ella See and son Raymond, the Misses Anna and Libbie Kyle and brother Will Kyle, and Mrs. Marie Walters, all of Walled Lake; Will Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Treadway, the Misses Ida and Zalda Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wilcox, Mark Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holston, Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Mrs. Floyd Nichols, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peabodone and son John of Farmington.

Ida Steele, president, called the business meeting to order. Tributes were read in memory of the two members who have been taken by death since the last meeting. They were Andrew Moore of Pontiac and Mrs. Mary Soule Haynes of Ann Arbor. These tributes were written by Floyd Nichols and Harry McCracken, respectively.

Due to "loss of memory," according to the secretary's notes, the majority of the members could not be induced to speak of "McCracken good days," but Art McCracken closed the day by relating "true stories," the truth of which was immediately refuted by many who had lost their memories. Carl Ely told of his recent trip to the Quarter and New Brunswick, Pa. and Mrs. Jerry Joan Blingham pleading for the date and place of meeting has been left for the officers to decide.

Officers re-elected
Efficiency of the present officers, especially in handling the picnic, caused them to be unanimously re-elected for another year. President, Miss Ida Steele, and Miss Mary Green, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Stephen Treadway and Mrs. Fred Nichols were named to act as the "food" committee for next year. The date and place of meeting has been left for the officers to decide.

Tom Edwards Catches 32-Pound Trout

Thomas Edwards and Fred Wellington have broken the tradition of all fishermen. Rather than a fishing story about the trout they got when they came home last week from a fishing expedition, proudly exhibiting a 32-pound lake trout caught by Mr. Edwards. The trout measured 40 inches in length and 22 inches in circumference. It was caught south of Tobemomy, Michigan, where they were trolling in their sailboat.

Low Bond Bid Confesses Bombing Workers' Dam

\$9,520 will be saved by the City of Farmington within the next 15 years as a result of the acceptance tonight of the bid of Gray, McFann and Company of Detroit for the \$70,000 refunding bonds of the City.

The successful bid was for the total issue of refunding bonds bearing interest at the rate of 3 per cent. A premium of \$61.32 was included in the offer. The bonds are to be bought by the company at par value plus accrued interest.

Eight Other Bids
Eight other bids were made three of which were from Stranahan, Harris and Company. The remainder of the term of Nathan Power, who resigned his position of City Clerk of Farmington because of ill health. Mr. Power's resignation was accepted by the commission, was as follows:

"To the Honorable Mayor and City Commission of the City of Farmington:
Effective this date, I hereby resign the office of the City Clerk of Farmington.
Respectfully,
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first bid calling for the buying of the total issue at an interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent and bid was at 3 1/2 per cent interest on \$25,000 and 3 per cent on \$45,000. Their third bid called for the buying of \$25,000 of bonds at 3 1/2 per cent interest, and the remainder at 3 per cent.

The Amalgamated Association of Street, Electrical and Sanitation Employees of America made a bid for 60-day callable bonds bearing 3 1/2 per cent interest.

Wright Martin and Company offered a premium of \$28 with their bid. The bid was for an interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent.

McDonald, Moore and Hayes made the highest bid, offering to buy the entire issue at the interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent, offering a premium of \$212.

Croze and Company of Detroit offered a premium of \$100 with their bid of 3 1/2 per cent interest rate.

Bonds Called Oct. 15
All of the present bonds now outstanding are to be called in by October 15. After that date the bonds will bear an interest rate of 3 per cent.

Pass Butterfield Resolution
A resolution was passed commemorating the memory of the late Wells D. Butterfield, first mayor of Farmington, who died recently in Detroit. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove our esteemed friend, Wells D. Butterfield, and
WHEREAS, He was formerly in the position of Mayor which he held with honor to himself and benefit to the City of Farmington for a term of four years; patriotic during the time of his country's need; a citizen of sterling character; true and faithful in every relation of life; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That in his decess, we, the City Commission of Farmington, recognize and deplore the loss of our body of his citizenship and to the Community at large of a former citizen who always had its interests at heart.

RESOLVED, That we extend to Mrs. Butterfield and family our sincere sympathy and condolences, and that these resolutions be included in the records of this meeting and a copy be sent to Mrs. Butterfield.

Power Resigns; Moore Made Clerk

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Confesses Bombing Workers' Dam

Solving a riddle that has perplexed authorities for more than a year, Frazer Wadenstorer, 28, Farmington Township farmer living near Twelve Mile Road, pleaded guilty Wednesday to the charge of attempting to bomb the dam at the Workers' Educational Camp at Twelve Mile and Hained Roads, June 10, 1935.

Waiving examination in the Municipal Court, he pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court in Pontiac to the charge of malicious damage to a dam. The charge was made under a special Michigan statute.

Circuit Court Judge George B. Hartwick deferred the sentence until 1:30 Monday afternoon. Wadenstorer was released on his personal recognizance.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt is credited with obtaining the confession, which climaxed more than a year's investigation. He brought the complaint against Wadenstorer and was instrumental in bringing him before the grand jury.

Wadenstorer admitted that he had attempted to destroy the dam, which stored up water for a swimming pool at the camp, because he had been annoyed by the noise emanating from the camp at night. He also blamed the loss of fruit, vegetables and chickens from his farm and from those of some of his neighbors upon persons at the camp.

Denies Black Legion Membership
Wadenstorer steadfastly denied any membership in or any connection with the Black Legion. He has lived in Farmington Township all of his life, and is now living on a portion of his father's farm. He is married and has two children, 8 and 7 years old.

The swimming pool was patronized by many persons from Detroit, he said, some of whom were Communist. He further testified that ever since the camp was built adjoining his farm, he and his neighbors were troubled by depredations. He blamed persons at the camp.

JOHN NELSON DIES OF STROKE; BURIED TUESDAY

John S. Nelson, a greatly respected citizen of Farmington, was summoned by death at his home Saturday, August 1, after suffering a stroke several days before. He had been ill for several weeks with congestion of the lungs, from which he had partially recovered.

Mr. Nelson was born in the state of Indiana, May 9, 1853, moving to Lansing with his parents when he was five years old. Later he moved to Farmington where he made his home for the greater part of his life.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. May Oldenberg of Farmington. His sisters, Hannah, Eva, Mary, and Ida have preceded him in death. The funeral services, conducted by S. J. Hildner, will be held from his home on Grand River avenue on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Cedric Hargreaves officiated. The burial was in the family lot at Oakwood cemetery.

Appoint Arthur Power Head of Scout Troop

Arthur Power has been appointed to act as Scout Master of the M. E. Scout Troop 45 and will assume that position as soon as official confirmation of his appointment is received. The regular meetings of the troop will begin when school starts in the fall. Mr. Power said:

Thirteen scouts made an overnight hike to Egg Lake Tuesday, returning the following day. Among those who completed their tests at camp recently were Joe DeVriendt, Jr., who became a second class scout; Bud Norton, who became a Life Scout and Scoutmaster; Jim Norton, who achieved first class ranking; and F. C. Wellington, Jr. who won merit badges in marksmanship, weather, and surveying.

Proctor Family To Hold Reunion August 8

The sixth annual Proctor Family reunion will be held August 8 in Cass, Benton Park. There will be a picnic lunch at 1:00 in the afternoon, and a business meeting will follow. A group picture is to be taken later in the afternoon. All descendants of Frank, Sam, and John Proctor are invited to attend.



FRAZER WADENSTORER

Many Homes Remodelled

The pounding of hammers and the buzzing of saws have become familiar sounds in Farmington during the past few weeks, the result of a summer "rebuilding boom."

Not all of the activity is confined to the remodeling of homes, however, as one new home is being built. Mr. and Mrs. John Walters are building a brick bungalow on their lot at the corner of Oakland and Cass avenues. "We don't know as yet just how big our house will be," Mrs. Walters said, "but we hope to have it completed in the fall."

Local Gullen has undertaken probably the most extensive remodeling work on the former Mark Wilcox home on Warner avenue. The house is being raised several inches and the interior as well as the exterior will be completely renovated. "We want to move in soon," said Mr. Gullen, "but we may keep working on it for a year or more before we finally get it finished."

Joe Himmelspach is adding two rooms to his home at 3304 Grand River avenue. Extensive improvements are also being made on the John Wright home on Grand River. Local Gullen is helping dig and the house is being re-roofed and painted. Spencer Heeny has been spending much time improving his home on Farmington Road, removing two trees and re-sodding the lawn. He has also added a room.

The Frances Knight home on Power Road is undergoing considerable repair. It is owned by the Standard Savings and Loan Association and it is understood that the home is up for sale.

Calvin B. Mason's home on Warner avenue is getting a fresh coat of paint in addition to other repairs. And the Henry Pauline's have just finished painting and re-roofing their home on Oakland avenue.

Bernard Banfield has recently purchased the Thomas Conway home on State street and is undertaking several improvements on it. The Mary Whitford home on Shiloh avenue has been sold to Mr. Strickland, a teacher in the Detroit schools, who plans to remodel the home and move to Farmington, according to R. N. Croston.

David Luden is remodeling his recently purchased home on Oakland avenue and is adding a basement. The home, formerly belonging to Col. Benjamin an Oakland avenue has been bought by Mr. and Mrs. Hulet, who are remodeling it throughout before moving in.

HOUSE FIRE WAS FALSE ALARM

What was thought to be a house fire Thursday morning turned out to be a grass fire near Nine Mile Road, across from the Carl Waback residence in Livonia township.

Disinherited Dog Seeks New Home

He is brown and white, marked nicely. His ears are pointed. It is thought that he is part bull dog and part fox terrier. He doesn't give his age, but he is young. He answers to the names of "Toby," "Spike" and "Moochey." "Wanna Eat?" He came last week to the Lloyd Guild on Oakland avenue and has been there ever since. But they are disinheriting him. He is yours for the asking.