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13 On Trial For Worker's Camp Fires

For the burning of two buildings at the Workers' Educational Camp in Farmington Township, March 1935, thirteen men, all of Detroit, are being examined in the Municipal Court of Judge Milton F. Cooney in Pontiac. The men charged with arson, were arrested following the publication of the report of the grand jury investigating the activities of the Black Legion.

Those who are under arrest are: Arthur Lopp, sr., Frank G. Rice, Frank A. Rodgers, Simon P. Patton, Wilbur Smith, Albert Schneider, Cecil Nankervis, Fred McMassters, Ellsworth Shilabery, Paul DeKlein, Wilbur Robinson, Felix S. Mangan, and Bert Graman. Others mentioned in the grand jury's report are not yet under arrest. Graman was arrested Tuesday afternoon.

Assistant Attorney General Buell A. Deelle of Lansing is representing the state and the defendants are represented by E. O. Kugel and Phillip Cale, Detroit attorneys.

Koch, caretaker at the camp from 1929 until June, 1935, admitted to cross-examination that he joined the Communist party in 1928 but declared he is no longer a member. Although secretary and treasurer of the association, Koch was unable to give the names of any of the members. He said there were 15 or 20 in the association. Denying that he ever received any money from Moscow, Koch said that his pay was irregular and was just enough to live on.

Edward Goldheimer was the first witness called. Mr. Goldheimer operates a furniture store at 14301 Warren avenue, east, Detroit.

FIRE DANGERS 250 ORPHANS AT FISHER HOME

Their lives endangered by a fire which broke out Friday noon at the power plant of the Sarah Fisher Home, a Catholic home for orphans at 27400 Twelve Mile Road, 150 children were removed from cottages to places of safety nearby. The fire destroyed a frame and stucco building which was used as a store house and garage.

The windows of the children's cottages became hot and it was feared that they would break. Fortunately the cottages would catch fire. Approximately \$100 worth of paint was consumed in the blaze.

Chief Harold Oldenberg of the Farmington fire department was unable to determine the origin of the fire. The blaze began while gas tanks outside the powerhouse were being filled.

Michael Roth, an employee of the home, and Ed Delorge, who were lighting the blaze until the fire department arrived, were burned about the face and arms but the injuries were not serious.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt who assisted the firemen, estimated that \$2,000 damage had been done.

NORINE ERWIN AIDS IN COLLEGE CO-OPERATIVE

Miss Norine Erwin of Farmington is one of 18 co-eds at the University of Michigan who are experimenting in a new housing plan, one in which they manage their own housekeeping.

The co-operative house is located only a block from the campus. The girls do all the working of managing and running the house. Each girl approximately \$30 a year, according to an estimate made by Miss Elizabeth Conrad, Dean of Women.

Several donations of frock, canvas, boots and other food have been made. In addition to a manager who is appointed each week, the house will have a bookkeeper who will post an account of all expenses at the end of the week. The kitchen utensils and linen are furnished by the college, and each girl brings her own silverware. Mrs. Mollie Cole is the housemother.

Will Hold Reception For Rev. Carl Schultz

A reception and dinner will be held at the Salem Evangelical Church, Sunday, September 27, for Rev. Carl Schultz and Mrs. Schultz. The Ladies Aid and Brotherhood of the church are in charge of the program. The saxophone quartet of Farmington High School will furnish the music. The dinner will begin at 1:00 p. m.

Farmington Man Has Key Post In Republican Party



HOWARD M. WARNER

Filling Station Worker Robbed

Two robbers held up a filling station at Grand River avenue and Eight Mile Road early Wednesday morning, obtaining approximately \$14 in cash from the attendant, Ward O'Hara.

While searching the pockets of O'Hara, the robbers overlooked \$12 in bills. The station is owned by W. H. McLean.

According to O'Hara's statements, the robbers, obviously amateurs, visited the station earlier in the evening. They inquired for directions to Ypsilanti but drove in the opposite direction when another car drove into the station.

One of the robbers was dark and wore a brown suit and cap. O'Hara said. The other was of medium height with thin, blonde hair. They drove a 1935 Ford V8. Another hold-up, reported at Howell, was committed by two persons answering the same description.

HOLD RECEPTION FOR MINISTER AND TEACHERS

Extending an official welcome to Rev. Delmer Stubbs and Mrs. Stubbs and the teachers of the Farmington schools, a reception was held at the M. E. Community Hall Tuesday evening.

Included among those who were introduced at the reception were Rev. Carl Schultz of the Salem Evangelical Church and Rev. Gilbert Miller of the Baptist Church.

One of the goals set forth by Rev. Stubbs is the acquiring of an organ for the M. E. Church. It is thought that an electric organ might be purchased.

Redford Fair Group To Sponsor Reunion

Y Old Time Redford Fair group will sponsor a Reunion at the Farmington Hotel, at the corner of Main and Grand, on Friday, October 2nd from 2 to 4 o'clock. It is expected that this event will be the reunion spot for many who used to attend the Redford Fair. Admission is free.

Walter Weaver Spends "Penny a Mile" Vacation

A penny a mile for over 11,000 miles: That is the unusual low expense record set by Walter Weaver on his coast-to-coast tour of the country during his summer vacation. The penny rate included all of his expenses—food, gas, oil and incidentals.

Farmington stands sharply in the spotlight of Republican affairs and county G. O. P. leadership has come definitely to this community, as the outcome of a two-year struggle for the control of the party. With the election of Mayor Howard Warner of Farmington as chairman of the county convention at Pontiac Tuesday, the four-year reign of George Martin of Ferndale as a ruling voice in the party organization was ended.

The Farmington man, who accented the prospect of almost certain defeat two years ago as the starting-point of a greater effort, this time won by an overwhelming vote, defeating Harry Curtis of Pontiac, 65 to 29.

Delegates to the Republican county convention from this area were Arthur P. Coe, Willard Campbell and Dr. Joseph W. Norton.

Weakened Team Plays Northville

"With three regulars out of the lineup, we will see the Northville game in a very weakened condition," says Coach Harold Kammerer whose Farmington High School football team will open the season in its match against Northville, Friday afternoon.

Mike Burns, right tackle, fell down the stairs in the school building Friday afternoon, tearing ligaments in his right ankle. He is on crutches and will be for an extended period, says Coach Kammerer.

Don Gould, right guard, is sick and Earl Killeen will not be able to play because of a severe case of boils. All three men were assured of starting positions.

Ralph Bantfield will be shifted to right tackle position and Norm Hunt, center from last year, probably be able to play.

Seven probable starting lineup, as announced by Coach Kammerer, will be: Glenn Nelson, left end; Ray Clark, left tackle; Ray Mahoney, left guard; Norm Hunt, center; Ray Sperkowski, right guard.

At the back are Howard Turner, Dan Young, right end; Don Lee, quarterback; Russ Geary, halfback; Bob Davis, halfback; Tony Himmelspach, fullback.

Others who are quite sure to play in the game are Howard Turner, Ralph Derrick, and Bill Pink, backfield men; Bob Werschen, Ed Leslie, Husted, center and guard; and Dick Brown, tackle.

Seven tickets are being issued for the five home games. The prices for the tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students.

HARRY WOLFE, JR. TO PITCH AT NAVIN FIELD

Harry Wolfe, jr., will pitch with the "Little Beagles" at Navin Field on either Saturday or Sunday in the games with the Plymouth Motors, runners-up for the Detroit City Championship and the All-welshers, the champions.

Harry spent the summer with the club in the game at Pennsylvania, a member of the Penn State League. He won nine games during the season and lost 10. Harry will play again next summer but is not certain to stay at the club he will join.

Mr. and Mrs. George Checketts and son Billy, and Miss Joan Wendergem were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Stark at Northville on Sunday.

NEW SCHOOL BUS CARRIES LARGE LOAD

Farmington school children are now being taken to and from school in a newly-purchased school bus, one of the latest models, which has a carrying capacity of 80.

The bus body is painted red, white and blue in accordance with the state law. The trips are made each morning and afternoon, according to Al Smith, the driver, and a total of 197 children are transported. The bus used last year accommodated only 45. It was necessary to make four trips to transport 165 pupils to the school.

The first trip made in the morning starts at 7:30, according to Mr. Smith. The route begins on Gill Road, continues to Eight Mile Road, through Farmington Acres and the Parker subdivision.

The second route is north on Farmington Road to Fourteen Mile Road, across to Orchard Lake Road, through Pasadena Park and back to Farmington.

The third trip starts on Maple avenue, continuing to the 'Cut-off', down that road to Grand River, back Grand River to Middle Belt, and then around Lakeway, Prospect and Shawanset, out to Power Road, and up Grand River to the schoolhouse.

The first return trip in the afternoon is the same as the first one in the morning. It starts at 2:30 p. m. The second route in the afternoon is the same as the last one in the morning. The last return trip after dismissal of school is the same as the second trip in the morning.

John Grace School Overcrowded

Temporary buildings may be erected to alleviate the overcrowded condition of John Grace School in Southfield Township, according to Superintendent of Schools Glenn Levey.

Another teacher has been added to the staff of the school because of the increase in enrollment, but the problem of finding adequate housing remains unsolved, says Mr. Levey.

It is expected that the number of students enrolling for the fall term will be approximately 235, an increase of 15 students over last year's enrollment.

"Every seat in the building is in use," says Superintendent Levey. "We have converted the school library into a classroom. If any more students enroll we will have to add additional seats."

Miss Olga Tague is teaching the Fourth grade and has years 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. The Fourth grade being divided.

The increase of students this year made necessary the separation of the Fourth grade into two classrooms formerly used would have been inadequate.

In several instances there are more pupils in the classrooms, than the number for which the rooms were intended to house.

Propose Consolidation Mr. Levey is the sponsor of a plan to consolidate the schools in the south and eastern portion of Southfield Township.

The school is comprised of the first nine grades and has a class rating from the Department of Public Instruction. The teaching staff and enrollment by grades in John Grace School is as follows:

First grade, Paul Woolley, 22 students; Second grade, Marjorie Mainland, 25 students; Third grade, Hazel Deayarmond, 34 students; Fourth grade, Olga Tague, 30 students; Fifth grade, Helen Reed, 25 students.

Junior High School is comprised of the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth grades, with a teaching staff consisting of Beurnan Brewbaker, Mathewicz, Joseph Oakley, English; Esther Turner, Social Science, and Glenn Levey, Science. There are 21 enrolled in the Sixth grade; 32 in the Seventh; 29 in the Eighth; and 20 in the Ninth grade.

WOMEN'S CLUB WILL HOLD FIRST MEETING

The Farmington Women's Club will hold the first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Elmer Johnson, on Eight Mile Road, on Wednesday afternoon, September 30. The newly-elected president, Mrs. Bagnall will preside at this meeting.

A music and poetry program has been arranged by the program committee. Members are asked to respond to roll call by giving a short poem, or a portion of a poem.

Mrs. Muriel Jeffries Furd of Ferndale, poetry chairman for the State Federation of Women's Clubs spoke enthusiastically at the June meeting of the value of poetry. She solicited assistance from the members of the club in making "poetry scrap books" to be distributed to hospitals. Those members who have scrap-books ready are requested to bring them to this meeting.

Baptist Ministers Meet in Farmington

About thirty ministers, representing the Baptist Churches of Detroit, met at the Baptist Church Monday for an all-day prayer meeting and conference on Synangism. These churches are cooperating in the Preaching Mission being held in Detroit this week, and are planning a vigorous evangelistic effort in November. At this meeting there was also a discussion of the great Michigan Baptist Centennial which is to be celebrated at the Masobic Temple in Detroit, October 18-22.

Oakland County Political Campaign Leaders Farmington Supplies State and County Leadership

Two southern Oakland County men will lead the campaign for Republican and Democratic parties

Township To Save \$8,000 By Tax Cut

Farmington Township taxpayers will be saved approximately \$8,000 during the next year as the result of a reduction in the tax rate made by the Township Board at its meeting Thursday night. The new tax levy is set at 43 per thousand valuation, a cut of approximately one-third from the \$130 levy of last year.

The reduction is made possible through the elimination of two major expenditures, charges for debt service and road maintenance costs. These two items will not be included in the 1936-37 budget as all the debts of the Township have been paid off and the county highway commission will assume supervision of the roads in April, 1937.

Of this year's levy, \$2 will go to the general fund, 20 cents to the road fund from last year, and \$1 will be set aside for welfare, the same as the former levy. According to Supervisor Arthur P. Coe the budget for the raising of \$12,651 for the Township's expenses.

The indebtedness of the Township, now fully paid off, was incurred through the purchase of a fire truck, street lighting, and realty supplies in 1932. During the past three years there had been a levy for this debt service, amounting to \$1.20 per thousand.

As the county highway commission will take over the roads next spring, there will be no levy for road maintenance there had been a levy for this debt service, amounting to \$1.20 per thousand.

The road maintenance levy was 50 cents last year. The assessed valuation of the Township is \$4,217,000, according to Supervisor Coe. This valuation is an increase of \$16,000 over the 1935 valuation.

The buildings of the club are being painted and a new road will be built from Power avenue through the woods, coming up to the clubhouse from the rear, eliminating the danger to automobiles now approaching the club by crossing the field in front of the range.

Several more Farmington students are resuming their studies at various universities. Among them are: King Harger who is returning to the College for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at Los Angeles, California; Ronald Button, son of Jay Button, an engineering course at the Moody Institute, Chicago; and Virginia Otis has returned to the Ypsilanti State Normal College.

Four children of Mrs. Jennie Smith Hart will be enrolled in colleges this year. Jeanne Hart will attend the Florida Southern College at Lakeland; Robert Hart, who has been at Notre Dame, is enrolling in the fourth year of Commercial Law at the University of Florida at Gainesville; Frank Hart is at Marmion Military Academy at Aurora, Illinois; and Joyce Hart chose St. Mary's Academy at Monroe, Michigan.

Students to Hear U. S. Navy Band

About thirty-five members of the Junior and Senior Bands of Farmington High School are planning to attend the afternoon concert of the U. S. Navy Band. The program is to be given Monday, September 28, in the Masobic Auditorium, Detroit.

Lieutenant Charles Benter, the conductor of the band, will direct a massed band of all students who bring their instruments. Additional students plan to attend the evening program.

Celebrities To Lecture In Pontiac Series

Eight internationally-known celebrities will appear on the 1936-37 program of the Civic Lecture Course in Pontiac, according to the newly-issued "program book."

The famous aviator, Amelia Earhart, will tell of her "Aviation Adventures" on October 27; Stuart Chase will discuss the "Economy of Abundance" on November 10; and Richard Halliburton, adventurer and author of several books, will speak on "Seven Leagues Boots" on November 24.

On December 15, Edward Weaks will lecture on "An Editor's Easy Chair." Gordon B. Ender, explorer, will tell the "Story of Tibet" on January 12; Bruce Barton, author and business man, will discuss "Advertising and Human Progress" at a date to be announced.

Rockwell Kent, the artist, will discuss his own "Greenland Adventure" on February 9; and Isaac Marcossion will tell of his "Adventures in Interviewing" on February 23.

Preceding each lecture a brief concert will be played by one of the eight leading musical organizations in Pontiac.

Increase School Faculty

One teacher has been added to the staff of the Farmington High School and the record-breaking high school enrollment of 368, an increase of 10 students during the week, places the high school in a class B rating, ranking it with schools in Plymouth, Ferndale, and Ypsilanti.

In addition to the increased enrollment in the high school, eight more students entered the lower grades during the week, bringing the total enrollment of the school to a new high of 641.

The new teacher, Charles Harley, is taking over some of the English, Social Science, and Commercial classes, relieving the teachers in those heavily-enrolled subjects. Mr. Harley is from Ludington and taught in the Scottville schools. He attended the State Normal College at Ypsilanti during the past year.

Johnson Elected Skeet President

Harriett Johnson is the newly-elected president of the Farmington Sportsmen's club, the annual election taking place Monday at the meeting at the Ken Loomis Hardware. Tom Edwards was elected vice-president, George Gilmeister, secretary-treasurer, Dr. G. W. Weaver, field captain, and Delos Hamlin, director.

A crowd of 135 from Farmington, Pontiac, Detroit and other nearby places turned out for the opening day Sunday and 67 rounds were shot. Plans are being made for President's Day on October 11. It is expected that Fred Willis of the Dearborn Skeet Club, whose shooting average is \$8 out of 100, will present with several other high-averaging skeet shooters.

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