

## Bus Strikers Hurt on Way To Governor

Four representatives of striking bus drivers who were on their way to confer with Governor Murphy Wednesday afternoon, at St. Joseph's hospital beds as a result of their car crashing into a pole at Grand River Road and Power Avenue in Farmington. At least one of the men is dangerously hurt.

The four were hurrying to a three o'clock appointment at the Governor's office in Lansing when the accident occurred. They were passing through Farmington shortly before two o'clock.

The fact that the men had been up all night Tuesday night trying to iron out the strike difficulties is believed to have been the cause of the accident. It appears that first one and then the other of the men fell asleep, and only the driver was left awake. As they started through Farmington, he too dozed off for a moment.

Their machine veered across Grand River to the south side of the pavement, jumped the curb and struck an Edison company pole. With such force that the pole was not only broken off but was splintered vertically.

Deputy Sheriff DeVriendt and the Heaney ambulance were summoned. Those injured, all of whom are A. P. of L. organizers, of Detroit, are:

J. M. O'Loughlin, 44, 1300 Bethune, the most seriously hurt, with a compound fracture of the right leg, increased face and skull fracture;

Victor L. Chambers, 37, 2250 Fourteenth St., the driver, possible skull fracture, fractured face;

Haris Halkomb, 38, 426 Leola, Detroit, possible skull fracture and fracture of the right ankle and ribs;

Al Simms, Detroit, minor injuries.

The first three men were taken to Receiving Hospital in Redford. Simms went to his downtown hotel, but later to a hospital.

Settlement of the Greyhound bus strike announced Thursday morning, a few hours after the accident.

## PARENTS OF WAR VICTIM MARK 50th YEAR

The parents of one of the two Farmington soldiers who lost their lives in the World War and for whom Grove-Walker Post, American Legion was made, and their grateful friends of good wishes expressed by many friends on the occasion of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. They are Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Walker, parents of Leonard Walker, who was killed in action in France at the battle of Argonne Forest only a month before the Armistice was signed in 1918.

Attending the celebration was Mrs. Maurice Seebaldt of Farmington, sister of Leonard Walker, and a number of Farmington friends of Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

The anniversary event was held at Walled Lake, at the home of Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Fred Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Walker now live in Capac.

The couple received congratulations, under a laticed cover of yellow chrysanthemums, golden ranunculus, straw flowers and white carnations, centered by a golden bell. The living room and dining room were also decorated in the same floral motif, the flowers being the gifts of friends.

## Celebrate 68th Anniversary



C. N. ANDREWS



MRS. C. N. ANDREWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews of Shawasssee street on Thursday celebrated in a very quiet manner the 68th anniversary of their marriage.

Enjoying the distinction of the longest married life together in this vicinity, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are also fortunate in both being in good health.

Three years ago, was a more elaborate celebration, a notable event in which many friends came from out of town, as well as photographers from Detroit newspapers, which featured the story of the couple along with their photographs.

The celebration a year ago also was marked by a fire, which drove the family from their home just two days before the anniversary.

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## BUSINESS MEN'S RECREATION HOUR IS OFFERED

Further indication of the energetic effort being made by school authorities to make Farmington Schools a more efficient factor and broader influence in the community life is shown in the suggestion made this week by Superintendent Robert Burns for a business-men's recreation hour one evening each week at the school.

Bearing out the viewpoint of Supt. Burns that the school should take a highly useful place in the community and that its facilities should be used to the utmost, not only by the pupils but also by adults, the plan is ready to go into effect providing the business men indicate their desire to take advantage of it.

An "open" volleyball hall is suggested, and the gymnasium will be open any evening the business men may select for their weekly exercise, excepting Friday evening, when basketball games are played.

The suggestion was made by Supt. Burns at the Exchange Club meeting, and the business men were asked to think over the idea and make their decision next week.

Remodeling of the structure which housed the former "landmark" store for generations, has been completed and the offices are situated amid thorough modern surroundings and equipment.

## Crank Type Telephones Go in Spring

The crank type telephones in use in the Farmington exchange will be displaced next spring by new instruments of the automatic type. The Enterprise has learned.

While officials of the telephone company would make no statement concerning the intended change, The Enterprise ascertained this week on unquestionable authority that the new instruments will be carried forward as rapidly as possible.

Replacement of the present old-fashioned type of phone by the newer kind, with which one merely lifts the receiver to signal the operator, is to coincide with an expansion of the telephone company's operating plant and offices in Farmington.

The new Exchange Location Company offices will be moved from their present location to larger quarters in the same building, owned by Farmington Improvement Company, 712 and 714 Exchange Street, near the Consumers' Power Company.

Greatly increased floor space will be provided in the new location, now to be fitted for use by remodeling of an apartment, removal of partitions, and other work.

For some time, it is understood, the company also had under consideration the establishment of a business office on the ground floor, somewhere in Farmington, but it is believed that this has been rather definitely abandoned, and plans at present are confined to the change in the location of the business office in connection with the operating plant.

The change in telephone instruments is one of the many projects which have been planned for a number of years, in order that the both of reaching for and turning the crank might be eliminated.

Change in Rochester Similar modernization is going on in other nearby communities. An example is Rochester. There, however, an even greater change is to take place, the transition going directly from the old crank system, or magneto type, to the dial system. Rochester probably has been among the largest of communities in which the crank type phone has remained.

## EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS SCHOOL DEBATERS

Six members of the Farmington High School debate squad were the guests of the Exchange Club in their meeting Wednesday.

The debaters presented the question: "Resolved that the Several States adopt systems of Universal Legislatures." With Bertha Smith, Marjorie Billing, and Betty Smith, upholding the affirmative; and Dorothy Johnson, James Gibbs and Roger Walker defending the negative. Lack of time prohibited rebuttal speeches but the eloquent constructive speeches afforded interesting arguments.

The debate was educational as well as interesting inasmuch as the topic is one of national discussion involving the high school debate teams of thirty-two states.

## School Bus System To Be Changed

A thoroughgoing change in the arrangements for bus transportation of pupils to Farmington Public Schools is under way, following long and careful study by officials and receipt of advice from the State Department of Public Instruction.

As a result of the changes, the territory covered by the present bus will be drastically cut down. Pupils residing within the district will all get to school on time in the morning, and pupils living in other districts will be transported.

Farmington Schools only if their respective districts pay for their transportation. The latter ruling, the Farmington Board of Education has been advised, is required by State law.

The law, according to information from Lansing, prohibits a district from transporting to its school any pupils living outside its own district unless a per capita charge is made. The intent of the law evidently is to prevent the competition for pupils among neighboring districts, a circumstance which was common in the "boom" years.

Begins Dec. 14 Only those pupils will be brought into Farmington who are carrying those district boards of education have made arrangements to pay for the transportation. The minimum charge is \$7.50 per pupil per semester. Notices to this effect have been sent to the school boards of various nearby districts.

The charge has been fixed after careful study of transportation costs. The charges are retroactive to the beginning of school in September.

## Will Aid Safety

Reduction of a considerable hazard to safety and marked improvement in school efficiency is expected to result from the change. Each district board has been carrying from 240 to 250 pupils, with some trips bearing upward of 80 children jammed into the vehicle, far in excess of normal capacity. As a result of the long runs and heavy trips, the bus on the last trip arrive 15 minutes to half an hour after the others have started, thus disturbing the entire class work. Some of the boys and girls who return home on the last trip of the bus do not arrive until almost five o'clock.

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Law Is Quoted The law quoted by the state department at Lansing is Section 342, chapter 5, page 111 of the School Laws, reading as follows:

"The district board or board of education of any school district which maintains and operates a bus or buses for the transportation of its resident pupils may enter into a contract with any other district to furnish such transportation for non-resident pupils attending such school: Provided, however, that in no event may the price paid for such transportation be less than the actual cost thereof to the board of education of the district board or board of education of any school district which furnishes transportation for pupils to educational programs at county or community schools, or to any other school district or community."

## MIXER IS PLANNED BY EXCHANGEITES

A number of members of Farmington Exchange Club are expected to attend a mixer being scheduled for the Farmington, Royal Oak, Berkley and Birmingham clubs at the latter town next Tuesday evening. The purpose is to give a change of air to the four communities an opportunity to be made better acquainted.

The event will be held in Birmingham Community House. Tickets are being distributed by President Arthur Power.

## 4 Armed Bandits Taken in Half Hour



DEPUTY DEVRIENDT

## Christmas Club Checks Mailed

The best kind of Christmas cheer is on its way right now to a large number of residents of Farmington and vicinity, in the form of Christmas Savings Club checks paid in the mail Thursday morning by Farmington State Bank. Checks totaling more than \$7,000 have been issued, according to Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier of the bank.

The amount of money sent representing savings and interest is more than double that distributed a year ago, when approximately \$3,500 went out to members of the Farmington bank's savings club. It is anticipated that the distribution will materially stimulate business activity in Farmington stores, inasmuch as Christmas Club disbursements throughout the country are regarded as among the best of the year's best carrying from 240 to 250 pupils, with some trips bearing upward of 80 children jammed into the vehicle, far in excess of normal capacity. As a result of the long runs and heavy trips, the bus on the last trip arrive 15 minutes to half an hour after the others have started, thus disturbing the entire class work. Some of the boys and girls who return home on the last trip of the bus do not arrive until almost five o'clock.

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## THREE WEDDINGS HOLD INTEREST OF COMMUNITY

Saturday marked the date of three weddings of local interest. Miss Pearl Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown, and Jack Reinke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reinke of Lakeview avenue, were married Saturday afternoon. As yet, the couple have no definite plans as to where they will live.

Miss Elaine Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robinson became the bride of Owen Lancaster, son of Mrs. Lynn Farndon, at an early afternoon wedding performed by Rev. Delmore Stubbs at the Methodist parsonage.

Miss Dorothy Lancaster and Robert Cardinal, assisted by the couple. Both the bride and her attendant wore green dresses, with brown accessories, and wore corsages of tallman roses. A reception for 35 relatives was held in the evening at the home of the bride's parents on Corn avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster are now living in their new home at 2350 Liberty street.

The third wedding occurred in Detroit at four o'clock in the afternoon, when Miss Virginia Hibern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Hibern, became the bride of Richard K. Russell. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Sid Lancaster, son of Mrs. Lynn Farndon, at the home of the bride's parents. The bride wore a white and black ensemble, and corsage of white roses. Mrs. Robert Cook, acting as matron of honor, was dressed in a brown and green ensemble, and wore a corsage of yellow chrysanthemums. Miss Frances Brown also assisted her cousin, and was dressed in black and gray, with corsage of pink roses. Robert Cook acted as best man.

Mr. Russell is associated with the Universal Credit Company, and the young couple will make their home in Detroit at 1850 E. Jefferson.

As a result of split-second thinking and action coupled with utmost utilization of modern facilities, on the part of Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington, four men charged with armed holdup of the gas station and restaurant of Joseph Fanzini at Grand River road and the Cut-off early Thursday morning are in jail at Detroit, and according to police have confessed the robbery.

## Stuffs His Money in Pipe Bowl, Saves It

Charles Roberts, night man in charge of West Junction Inn, held up early Thursday morning, saved \$20 of his funds by presence of mind when the bandits tied him up. Roberts had that amount in one hand and a pipe in the other, and as the holdup began, started stuffing the currency into the bowl even after his hands were tied, and saved the money, which the robbers never saw.

In less time than it took the gunman to speed from the west end of the Cut-off to Grand River and Joy Road in Detroit, Deputy DeVriendt had dressed, driven to the scene of the holdup, turned up a reported license number which proved the wrong one, run through others and picked out the correct one and notified Detroit police soon enough so that the men were apprehended and taken away by Joy Road, half an hour after the holdup.

Customers and employees were not only robbed but bound by the thugs, one of whom carried a riot gun and another a sawed-off shotgun. They took considerable sums of money.

The holdup occurred at 2:15 a. m. Thursday, in the restaurant at the time were about to start in charge, Charles Roberts, Margaret Fox, waitress, Godfrey Heim and his wife of Lowell, who were hauling cattle, and a truck driver. The four men were walking in West-bound style. Heim and his wife were bound with tape and forced into a washroom and robbed of a large sum. Miss Fox was robbed of \$20.

The bandits had previously cut the telephone wires into the restaurant, but there is a phone also at the house a short distance away. Deputy DeVriendt was notified and in a few moments appeared, and was given a license number.

Proves Wrong However, on the officer's return to the booth, the records indicated the number was probably wrong. As yet, the couple have no definite plans as to where they will live.

He was right. Detroit officers of the Potoskey station saw a car pass Joy Road and turned two men in. But the first three numbers were as Deputy DeVriendt had given them, and approaching closer, the police saw that two men were lying down in the back seat.

The officers blew their police siren, and as the other car was forced into the curb, the four men jumped out and threw their guns down on the sidewalk, police reported. All were taken into custody.

Deputy DeVriendt and Prosecutor Franklin Morris went to Detroit immediately and the two employees of the restaurant also were reported to have identified part of the loot as well as the men, whose police said confessed.

They were slated to be in the "show-up" in Thursday morning at 10 a. m. Harold Meyers, 23, and his brother Glenn, 18, 6813 Mack avenue; Thomas Morris, 22, 2405 Field avenue, and Carl J. Pardo, 247 6725 Crane avenue, all of Detroit. Police also saw one or two of them who are known as "tough" men.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grimwade and Mrs. Sam Billings returned Saturday after spending several days at Aurora, O. While there, they attended the funeral of Mrs. W. J. Billings.

The Golden Rule Circle of the M. E. Church will hold their Christmas party on Thursday, December 9, at the home of Mrs. Hattie DeVriendt. Each member attending is asked to bring a 10-cent gift, a quarter and their own dishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Axford of Pontiac were Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb.

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## NEW 1938 FORD CARS ON DISPLAY IN FARMINGTON

Ford V-type 8-cylinder cars for 1938 are on display today at Russell, Inc. showrooms. They are offered this year in two distinct lines, differing in appearance and price. Both are in the lowest price field.

One is a newly-styled standard Ford line, in coupe, tudor and ford body types, powered either with the 35 or the 60 horsepower V-8 engine. The standard cars are designed to meet the requirements of the many motor car owners, whose means dictate maximum economy in first cost, as well as in maintenance and operating cost.

The other is a newly-designed deluxe line for owners who desire additional style and appointments. Powered only with the 35 horsepower V-8 engine, the line includes eight body types, the coupe, Tudor and Ford sedans, as well as the club coupe, convertible cabriolet, convertible sedan and the phaeton.

The two lines of cars have the same improved V-8 chassis, but their styling is distinctly different. The deluxe cars are larger in appearance. The hood has been lengthened, its nearly vertical front is carried in "V" shape down into the radiator grille, with the familiar V-8 emblem at the tip of the "V". Horizontal lines of the grille bars and the louvers are echoed in a bright rustless steel band which is carried along the belt to the rear.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Taylor of Kalamazoo were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Arnett.

## Gas Station Owners Show Farmington's Broadest Smiles

The broadest smiles in Farmington, the almost startling happy ones seen here and there these days, are on the faces of owners of gas stations along Grand River Road from Farmington Road west to the Cut-off.

The reason for their smiles is not to seek, and is a real one. It is the fact that the signs at the east intersection of the Cut-off with Grand River have been restored so that they read in just the same manner as formerly. Westbound traffic is now restricted to Grand River, making the Cut-off a one-way road, being used by eastbound vehicles only.

Thus it happens that while the smiles of all the station owners are broad and infectious, the broadest of all are those shown by dealers whose stations are on the north side of Grand River, for it is they who benefit the most by the one-