

Man Burned to Death In House Fire Tuesday

Ninety-year-old Harry S. Smith burned to death on Tuesday when a fire swept through his home on Shiloh Street at the corner of Hayes Street in Farmington Township just east of the city limits.

Township Police Chief Irving Yakes reported that the body was charred beyond recognition when it was found in that portion of the old frame home in the Smith live alone.

The fire of undetermined origin apparently started sometime before 11 o'clock in the morning and got a fairly good start before it was noticed by a passing motorist who called in the fire report. Before the call could be answered, an attempt was made to get into the front door by citizens first to arrive at the scene but it was found to be chained locked from the inside, Chief Yakes said.

ALL FOUR township fire trucks were called to the scene of the blaze and the City of

Farmington fire truck and crew also responded. Firemen were unable to bring the flames into check until it had completely destroyed the southeast corner of the house and did considerable damage to the remainder of the two-story structure as well. Some firemen were still at the scene until after 2 p.m.

Until his retirement several years ago, Smith had been employed as a maintenance man

A picture of the almost totally destroyed house appears on Page 8-A

with the S.S. Kresge Co. He had lived in Farmington Township for almost 35 years. His widow was made good to him in death approximately 22 years ago.

FUNERAL services will be held today, Thursday, April 2, at 1 p.m. from the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Richard T. Markham of the Farmington First Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Born in Petersburg, Indiana on March 18, 1874, Smith leaves four daughters to survive him: Mrs. Martha Sims of Farmington; Mrs. Lucile Langley of Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Mary Keeley of Bedford; and Miss Evelyn Smith. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Pearl Chambers of Edenburg, Indiana; and seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Special litter bags obtained for distribution from members' stores were distributed to those present and will be given free to other members soon now. Details on how to place future orders were also given by Ed Baldwin, chairman of this committee.

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**Act to Prevent
Stone Work-Ups
at N. Farm. High**

Stone work-ups in the practice/football field area at North Farmington High have presented some serious problems and several minor injuries ever since that portion of the school site was put into use.

This was not the case much longer, however. Acting on recommendations made by Athletic Director John Cotton, the board of education voted necessary funds at its meeting last week to correct the situation.

The earth in the practice field area will be stirred up to a substantial depth and then a "stone picking" machine brought in to gather up all the small stones and rocks. This will be followed by the installation of an underground springing system and new seeding of the entire area.

What wasn't known when the practice field was developed where it was the fact that water table conditions in that area are such that stone work-ups go on and on unless a very good turf is developed to prevent it.

B. of C. to Open Mobile Office, Plan Projects

At the general membership meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce held Tuesday night approval was given on a novel plan developed by the board of directors to obtain a mobile office building which the board of commerce can operate from in the future.

Formerly used as a radio station building, the building will be moved from one commercial center to another in the community throughout the year. The objective is so doing will be to better serve the total business and professional community in a unified effort to promote Farmington.

Details of office hours and where the mobile office will be located and how long at each location for the balance of the year have yet to be worked out.

ERNEST ZIVOV of Greg Shoes, membership chairman, announced plans for a concentrated membership drive during the week from April 12 through 18. The objective will be for each of the approximately 75 present B. of C. members to sign up a new member during this week.

Dr. Don Krohn, projects committee chairman, revealed plans for a number of projects now under consideration including a special community cleanup campaign, a free auto safety inspection project, a cultural fair and some sort of activities for

The Farmington YMCA is making good progress in its current drive to raise \$15,000 in civic memberships in the community in 1964 to permit a better and more effective program of services to the citizenry, it was reported this week.

The list of local businessmen and community leaders who are taking out civic memberships in the local YMCA is continuing to grow but there is still a long way to go before the \$15,000 goal can be reached.

At a recent progress luncheon, Robert Chesley and John Cotton who are co-chairmen for the current civic membership drive, expressed confidence that the \$15,000 goal set this year could indeed become a reality.

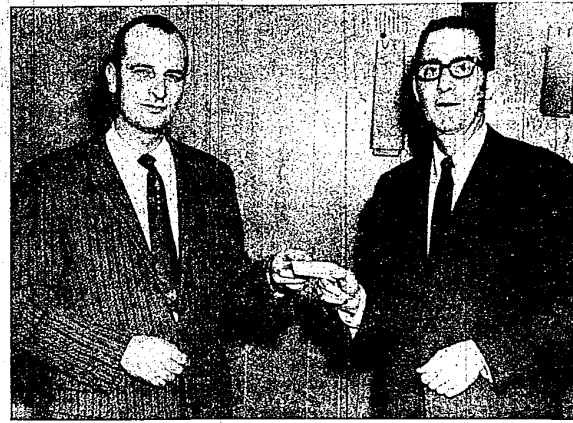
The names of 23 firms and their officials or individuals who have already become members of the local "Century Club" were announced by the co-chairmen. These firms are: O'Green Ford, Inc. — John O'Green

Farmington Lanes — Fred Hamster
Chesley Industries, Inc. — Robert Chesley
White House Valet, Inc. — Richard Habicht
Farmington Insurance — John M. Clappison
Gordon B. Hall & Sons, Inc. — Robert C. Hall
Stevens Machinery — Lee Stevens
Lockhart Manufacturing — Hugh M. Lockhart
Frito-Lay, Inc. of Farmington — Russell Miller

**Sr. Citizens Set
Annual Party,
Show April 8**

A major activity of the Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington each year is their annual card party, dessert and fashion show.

This year's festivity will be on Wednesday, April 8, starting with a dessert-card party at 7:30 p.m. in the hospitality room at the First Farmington Savings & Loan Building on Orchard Lake just east of the Farmington Plaza.



JOHN O'GREEN of O'Green Ford, Inc., was the first civic member to be signed up in the local YMCA Branch in 1963 and became the first to renew his civic membership and become a Century Club member in 1964. O'Green (R)

is shown here receiving his membership card from Fred Hamlin, a YMCA chapter member and a committeeman very active in the current civic membership fund raising drive.

YMCA Reveals First List of \$100 Civic Memberships; Drive Continues

Farmington Holding Co.—Allan M. Warner
National Bank of Detroit—Richard MacPherson, Mgr.
MacLean and Propp — Ed Propp
Farmington Dairy — Joe Himmelspach
Farmington Medical Center — Dr. Albert Scarcellini
Metropolitan National Bank — J. L. Fendley
Louis J. Lavigne
Anchor Roofing Co. — Lester Giles
Fenit Building Supply, Inc. — J. L. Fendley
R. A. Smith Lumber Co. — R. A. Smith
A & P Super Market (Downtown)—James Pressett, Mgr.
Farmington Center Corporation
Farmington Lions Club
Rena Tool Co.—Sam Graham
Reisland-Keystone, Inc., George Witman
John K. Cotton (individual)
Devere Fleming (individual)

The YMCA group here are urged to contact either Cotton at GR. 4-5327 or Chesley at 476-4400.

A large house on Grand River Avenue belonging to Norman Lawton of the Star Cutter Company has been donated for use by the YMCA as a headquarters here. The civic canvass co-chairman made it known that with this house and added funds through more and larger civic memberships it would be possible for the local YMCA program to be expanded substantially. With the \$15,000 civic membership goal reached, it was pointed out that the YMCA here would be in a good position to offer a much stronger summer program and a substantially larger fall and winter program.

Special Library Dedication Sun.

The Boys' and Girls' elementary school in Farmington Township in the Clarenceville School District will be formally dedicated to the memory of Lucille Halsted Olson this Sunday afternoon, April 5.

The public dedication program will commence at 3:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the school. Following this tribute to Mrs. Olson a plaque will be unveiled in the library with Mrs. Olson's family and professional associates present.

For the remainder of the afternoon until 5 p.m. all will have an opportunity to view all areas in the school building and partake of refreshments.

New Farmington Twp. Assessor Takes Over Duties Here on April 1

Robert B. Romer officially took over duties as assessor for Farmington Township on Wednesday, April 1, of this week.

His official appointment was announced by Township Supervisor Curt Hall.

Romer replaces William Gallagher who is leaving his position as assessor for the township to enter private business. It is understood that he has acquired interest in a gas distributing business which is operated in Puerto Rico.

Only two taxpayers appear at the office budget hearing held at the township hall. Even though they attempted only to raise questions rather than object to any of the proposed expenditures planned by township officials for general operations for the coming fiscal year. The fiscal year runs from April 1 of this year through the end of March, 1965.

MARTIN GLUCKSTEIN of Chestnut Creek expressed the feeling that the budget should be more detailed to include tax moneys taken in and disbursed for facilities and services other than just for general operations.

He pointed out that the budget did not show moneys taken in and disbursed from the special tax levy which is made in the township to finance the township's proportionate share of the cost for operations of the city-owned joint library district. Neither does it show receipts and disbursements for special water and sewer facilities which have been extended into some sections of the township, Gluckstein added.

It was Gluckstein's feeling also that if part or all of the one mill tax levy voted to permit extension of water and sewer facilities to the township's industrial park was to be levied in the fiscal year, it should be shown in the budget.

SUPERVISOR Curt Hall pointed out to Gluckstein that in the case of the library moneys and also the taxes levied for sewer and water facilities, the township was acting only as an agent.

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Registering Deadline Set

Monday, April 20, at 8 p.m. will be the deadline for registering to qualify as a voter in the special Farmington Township election to be held on May 18.

On May 18 voters of the township will be asked to approve an additional two mill tax levied on city and township property to permit expansion and improvement of police and fire protection services in the community.

Only those persons not presently registered to vote in the township need be concerned about registering before noon on April 20. In view of changes in time requirements between dates of voting, any of those who have not voted recently in an election locally might consider checking to make sure they are still qualified voters, though.

Only those registered at the clerk's office in the township hall during regular office hours from now until April 20. On the last day for registering, the clerk will remain in his office from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. to take registrations as required by state election laws.

**Girl Dies Suddenly
While Visiting Here**

Fifteen-year-old Brenda Morton of Warren, Michigan died suddenly last Saturday while visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. W. Winkler, at 2322 Hawthorne Street, the city police department disclosed this week.

An autopsy reported at the clerk's office in the township hall during regular office hours from now until April 20. On the last day for registering, the clerk will remain in his office from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. to take registrations as required by state election laws.

City Policeman John Butters Dies Suddenly

Patrolman John O. Butters of the Farmington City Public Safety Dept. died suddenly early Wednesday morning at his home at 2318 Orchard Lake Road.

No previous illness had been reported and the cause of his death was not yet definitely determined, according to Director of Public Safety Maurice Phelps.

Butters, 36, had been a member of the Farmington city police force for the past ten years and has been serving as the public safety department's traffic safety officer.



He leaves his wife, Colleen Marie, son, John Owen, 15, and a daughter, Joan Marie, 12, to survive him.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Spencer J. Leachey Funeral Home on Farmington Road where his body rests. Arrangements had not yet been completed by press time Wednesday.

Hit-Run Car Driver Nabbed

Alert citizen action coupled with prompt follow-through by members of the city police force resulted in the apprehension of a Detroit man who rammed into the rear of a car parked on Grand River Avenue here early Sunday morning.

The car owned by James Clep of 22925 Manning, Farmington was parked in front of the Hot & Tasty Shop when hit. Citizens at the scene noted the make of the car which sped from the scene and the name of the man owning a car of this make and model was remembered.

City police made follow-through calls which led to the owner, Lynn C. Cronin of Chelsea Street in Detroit.

**Injured in Rear-End
Crash at Stop Light**

Eleanor North of Pennsylvania and Robert North, a passenger in her car, were injured Saturday night when a car driven by Albert C. Deon of Saginaw rammed into the rear of her car stopped for the traffic light on Northwestern Highway at Middlebelt Road.



The EASTER EGG HUNT for the kiddies which was scheduled for last Saturday in the city park on Shiloh Street near Farmington Road was called off, but there was a fair number who turned out anyway despite the heavy snowfall. The Farmington Jaycees, who sponsor the hunt annually, have rescheduled the activity for 10 a.m. this Saturday at the same location and urge all children to turn out and join in the fun. There will be approximately 200 dozen Easter eggs to be found and the same prizes planned to be awarded last week will be given.

**Scott's Store Donates
\$70 Worth of Candy**

A generous donation of \$70 worth of Easter candy was contributed by Scott's Store to the Farmington City Public Safety Department last Saturday night for distribution to a children's home in the area.

The candy was delivered by the city police to children at the Sarah Fisher Home on 42 Mile Road at Inkster Road.



SPECIAL FIRST AID classes are now being conducted on Tuesday nights each week in a joint program of the City of Farmington Public Safety Department, and the Farmington Township Police Department. The first class in this series was held last week with an excellent turnout. Sgt. William Garden (center) of the

city force is shown here demonstrating the proper procedures to be followed in bandaging an arm wound. His patient is Patrolman A. Nalepa of the township police force. Looking on at the right and giving pointers is Maurice Foltz, public safety director for the city.