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## WILL ELY MEETS WITH FATAL ACCIDENT

### Hand Crushed in Cogwheel of Big Ditch Machine Tuesday Afternoon

#### LIVED ONLY ABOUT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

#### Heart Failure and Operation Cause of Death of Prominent Farmington Young Man

Tuesday afternoon while assisting in the removal of the big Ditch Machine from Detroit to the Stuckey farm on the Snyder road, William Ely suffered an accident that caused his death Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Ely, in company with Bob Hardin, was taking the big machine, used in this village last fall, to the Stuckey farm on the Snyder road, and when at a point about a mile and a half south of Grand River, Mr. Ely, who had been learning to drive the machine, gave up the throttle to Mr. Hardin and commenced greasing the chains of the cogwheel, which is about two feet in diameter by three inches in width when his coat sleeve caught and pulled his hand into the wheel.

Will uttered a scream and the machine was stopped, but not before his left hand had gone half way around the cogs of the big wheel. In order to release him the machine had to be started up and his hand travel the remainder of the distance around the wheel.

Mr. Hardin rendered all possible assistance, but they were obliged to walk nearly half a mile before a house was reached, when a telephone message informed his relatives in this village, and he was taken to Harper hospital, where it was found his hand was badly crushed, the little finger and thumb being nearly torn off. He was made as comfortable as possible and it was thought part of the hand could be saved, but Thursday morning a message came saying the arm was swelling and an operation would be necessary.

The shock and weakened condition of the heart made the operation more than he could stand, and he died about 1:40 Thursday afternoon.

Charles William Ely was born in Farmington on February 12, 1891, and had spent his entire life in this village, graduating from our high school with the class of 1910, he was married to Miss Mae Dewey, of Redford, in September, just five months to a day from the time of the accident. He was 26 years and 8 days of age.

Mr. Ely was a prominent young man of this village, with a large circle of friends, who are greatly shocked at his sudden demise.

Besides his parents and young wife, he leaves one brother and four sisters, who have the sympathy of the entire community in their great loss.

No funeral arrangements had been made as we go to press.

#### Who Owns Land?

Fred J. Cochran has brought suit against William and Anna Walter, of Novi, involving the ownership of five acres of land in that township.

Cochran claims to have purchased the property on December 23, 1916 from Claud H. Walter, but later learned that Walter had previously given a deed of the property to William Walter to secure the payment of \$300 with the understanding the deed was to be in the nature of a mortgage and was not to be recorded. The Walter deed was later recorded, and effectually cuts off the ownership of Cochran, who claims he has tendered William Walter the amount due from Claud Walter, but that he has refused to accept it. Walter was cutting down the timber on the property.

Cochran obtained a temporary injunction restraining Walter from removing more timber from the land to which both claim ownership.

#### Time Nearly Up

The time for paying State and County taxes is getting limited. I am still at Schroeder's Meat Market on Fridays and Saturdays of each week, during banking hours, for collection of same. L.F. Schroeder, Treasurer.

#### Orchard Inspector Here.

Frank D. Wells, state inspector of orchards, was in this vicinity Tuesday, and has the following information to impart regarding San Jose scale:

"Besides the hard trees, there are several ornamentals that are subject to the San Jose scale; Japanese quince, mountain ash, flowering plum, red-branched and yellow-branched dogwoods, thorns and crabs, are trees and shrubs that are commonly planted, and are favorites with the scale. They should not be planted unless they can be sprayed as thoroughly as orchard trees.

"Common currant bushes are killed by the scale in two or three years. If they are sickly and unproductive there is reason to suspect the presence of the insect.

"The Osage orange is the worst of all, and it is a nuisance, anyhow. The scale kills it, but it springs up again. The planting of it should be forbidden by law. The scale survives on it and is scattered to neighboring orchards.

"Ornamentals should receive the same attention as orchards. If there is scale they should be given the dormant spray in the spring, in the proportion of one part commercial solution lime sulphur, to seven or eight parts water."

#### Pioneer Passes Away.

William VanAlstyne was born in September 1834 on the place known as the Bond farm, at Nichols Siding.

In 1862, on January 1st, he was married to Hannah Smith, and in the year of the Chicago fire they moved to: Williamston, where they lived until 11 years ago, when they returned to Farmington and have since resided here.

Four children were born to this union, two dying while very young, one daughter at the age of 17, and in November, 1908, another daughter, Mrs. Cora Heliker, passed away and was laid at rest in the North Farmington cemetery.

A short time ago Mr. VanAlstyne had an attack of pneumonia from which he never entirely recovered, and on Monday he was taken very ill with the grippe, which proved to be his last illness. Although he suffered a great deal at first, the end came very peacefully at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening.

He was a well known citizen of Farmington and vicinity, always having a cheerful word in answer to his friends.

The funeral will be held from the home on Grand River Saturday at 1:30, eastern time. Burial will be at Williamston.

#### School Notes.

Ethe Becker is sick this week. Several absent this week because of illness.

Herman Nichols is absent from school with tonsillitis.

Both basket ball teams won their games last Friday night.

Arrangements are being made for a high school baseball team.

Agriculture class is studying animal husbandry and dairying.

Springtime is on its way. The small boys are out with their marbles.

Eighth grade class are now studying the Constitution of the United States.

Dwayne Briggs has left school here, having moved to Plymouth with his parents.

Miss Day is staying in Detroit this week, going to and from school on the interurban.

The examinations in Ancient history and United States history given last week, were very satisfactory.

Both basket ball teams go to Wyandotte this (Friday), where they meet the best Wyandotte high school teams.

The basket ball game previously arranged to be played with Foulerville there March 2nd, has been cancelled. Arrangements will be made for a game to be played here on that date.

Because of bursted pipes in the dining room of the old building the pupils of that building now are given one of the recitation rooms to eat dinner in at noon. Pupils of the new building are given one room in their own building.

#### From All Over.

Michigan State Fair dates are August 31 to September 10.

A two-day farmers' institute will be held at Plymouth February 26 and 27.

The lifeless body of a man, later identified as that of Adam Hite, of Royal Oak, was found alongside the D. U. R. tracks Monday night near that village. The cause of the man's death is a mystery. Indications point to his being struck by either a street car or automobile.

See Cook & Co. for new Percs and Gingham.

## HOME TALENT PLAY SUCCESS

### Town Hall Well Filled Last Friday and Saturday Nights.

The coming of the "The King of Timbuctoo" proved to be a grand success in every way. The hall was filled both nights and the play was rendered in a very fine manner. Too much praise cannot be given each one taking part, and many pronounced it one of the best home talent plays ever given in Farmington.

The "King of Timbuctoo," impersonated by Carl Hogle, was all that could be desired.

Harrison Johnson, as the Professor, and husband of the "New Woman" looked and acted every bit the part. The sympathy of the audience was all in his favor as he was led around by the perfectly perfect "New Woman," impersonated by Mrs. Inda Hamblen.

A fair glimpse of the Emerald Isle could be obtained whenever a glance was directed on William Heeneey, as Piper Heidseick, keeper of the "Dew-Drop Inn," and the sound of his voice only added to the reality of the imagination along that line.

"Ginger," the black man, was a scream and delighted the audience immensely in his attempts to wait on and please his majesty, the King. The part was well taken by Mark Owen.

Murray Moore and Mrs. Lou Pauline, as Mr. and Mrs. William Slick, were fine and intensely interesting, if luck did seem against them. Their fancy dance was very unique, as also was the King's clogging.

Harley Warner as General Nasticus, of the King's army, showed considerable talent in managing that branch and no doubt will be called upon in a hurry if our nation's affairs are not soon settled, as men of ability will certainly be required.

Mary Johnson as Princess Nikita, daughter of the King, did her part well and showed considerable talent as the tragedy queen in her conversation with Nasticus, alias "Willie Green," the English dude, who convulsed the audience with his love making.

Lottie Walters, as Marie, the American heiress, was a stuning light along the King's pathway as she portrayed the only "Happy" woman, who was indeed necessary to save the King's life, and found at the last minute, as Prince De Kaciack, well known in Farmington as Howard Warner, took the throne, and in their smiling genial manner they appeared to be very happy successors to the throne.

The young ladies Lill, Pansy, Violet and Goldie impersonated by the Misses Edessa Warner, Local Oasms, Norine Hogle and Mrs. L. F. Schroeder also have their share in the success of the play, as also do the dolls, and last but not least, the eight chorus girls, who, under the able training of Murray Moore and the efficiency of the pianist, Mrs. Nina Whipple, with their pretty dresses, winning ways, together with their well trained voices captivated the audience.

Pierson's orchestra furnished excellent music and the singing by the entire company showed marked talent in Farmington circles.

Read the liners.

Cook & Co. now make two deliveries per day—9 A. M. and 3 P. M.

## INTERESTING COURT DOINGS

### Court Items of General Interest Obtained From the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Andrew Adams was sentenced to serve from one to 15 years, in the circuit court, last week for breaking and entering the pool room of Munson Stout, of Holly.

Sheriff Green is in receipt of a letter from Governor Sleeper calling attention to the law prohibiting prize fighting, and asking that the law be strictly enforced in Oakland county.

Dewey Thompson, aged 17, of Holly, upon the recommendation of Prosecuting Attorney Gillespie, was placed upon probation for three years, in the circuit court. He was charged with burglary.

Edward Leonard, of Waterford, was sentenced to serve a 90-day term in the house of correction for beating his wife, by Justice Stockwell at Pontiac. He took an appeal from his sentence to the circuit court.

William Saunders, was arrested by Sheriff Green on a charge of forging a check on the Pontiac Savings Bank in Toronto, Canada, one day last week, after he had joined the Canadian army. Saunders was given an examination in the justice court, and has been bound over to the circuit court for sentence. He secured \$30.00 on a 90-day note which he made payable to the cashier of the bank, signed by the name of William Dunkley.

Stanley Baker, of Holly, has been bound over to the circuit court on complaint of his wife, charged with a serious offense against Elsie Miller, of Fenton. The parties concerned were all subpoenaed into the justice court, before Ross Stockwell, and their sworn testimony taken. As a result, the prosecuting attorney expects to issue another warrant for one of the other men connected with the escapade. The officers are making particular efforts to vigorously prosecute all cases concerning young girls, or as a result of which young girls are brought into the juvenile court. In the last two months several convictions have been secured and several men sentenced to Jackson prison on charges of a similar nature.

#### New Funeral Car.

Undertaker William E. Heeneey has just installed a new funeral car to further equip his establishment. The car presents a very fine appearance. It is a studebaker truck, with a special body, built by the Edman Guider Co. of Detroit. This gives Mr. Heeneey an equipment thoroughly up-to-date in every respect.

The car was used Wednesday for the first time in conveying Mr. Farrington's remains to their last resting place.

#### Ill About Two Years.

James Farrington, aged 66 years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Newton Roy, Sunday night. He had been ailing for about two years and death came as the result of a general breakdown. The funeral was held from the daughter's home Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Bettis, of Novi, officiating. Burial in West Farmington cemetery.

Cook & Co. are showing a new line of Aprons.

Enterprise inners—they pay.

## FROM OUR EXCHANGES

### Newspaper Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

Mrs. Maria H. Stinchfield, aged 98 years, died from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, Wednesday morning, February 7, at the home of her son, Charles Stinchfield, at Stony Croft in Bloomfield Hills. —Birmingham, Eclectic.

E. A. Hudson, grocer, was held up last Saturday night at 5th and Oak streets upon his way home from his store and robbed of about \$80 in cash and checks by a man (?) who demanded his money at the point of a revolver. —Rochester Clarion.

With all the building operations that will be going on in Holly this spring and summer, together with the full operation of our various manufacturing industries, Holly will be about as busy a place for its size as can be found on the map. —Holly Advertiser.

Chas. Humphrey was unfortunate enough on Tuesday to meet with a very serious accident at the Pittmans & Daan ice plant, when he fell into the conveyor, cutting a deep gash into his chin, requiring the assistance of Dr. Hathaway, who took eight stitches. —Orion Review.

Mrs. Peter Monnier, aged 83, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Minnock, last Thursday evening after an illness of four months. Mrs. Monnier was one of the oldest pioneers in this section and leaves a large circle of friends. —Redford Record.

Some person or persons made a raid on William Hyne's chicken-pond Saturday night, and stole several of his big hens and a nice rooster. These night raids are becoming so common that something will have to be done pretty soon or somebody will be acquiring dishonest habits that may eventually lead them into trouble. —Brighton Argus.

The old saying about the impossibility of converting a pig's ear into a silk purse may be true—although we don't see why anybody should make the attempt—but the bird protection movement has brought about a new use for another part of the said animal. Very fetching and natural looking aigrettes for the adornment of women's hats are now made of hogs' bristles. Chicago, of course, started it. —Northville Record.

Sickness, bad roads and severe weather combined to prevent the coming of Commissioner Craft, James H. Lynch and Examiner Nique to the dedication of the new school in the Sleeth district last Friday and the event has therefore been postponed to a later day. For the same reason the dedication of the new Hudson school as a standard school was deferred. —Milford Times.

## LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Rhode Island Red Cockerels. Call Boys Home, Farmington, phone 4173. 381.

SALESMEN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or Commission. Address The Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, O. 1891.

FOR SALE—Large sheets of Blotting paper; also Bristol Board, Cards of all kinds, either printed or plain. Call at the Enterprise and see what we have.