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Detroit People Victims of Automobile Accident at Farmington

Four Persons Sustain Serious Injuries When Car Goes Into Ditch

ALL ARE EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

A very serious accident occurred on Grand River Avenue just west of this village Tuesday morning about 10:30 o'clock.

According to the story of witnesses, Mr. J. G. Collier, his two sons together with one son's wife, were returning to Detroit from their farm when their car overturned into the ditch.

It is reported that as they passed the home of Mr. John Landau, a dog ran from behind some passing wagons directly in front of their car. It is believed that the driver swerved to avoid hitting the dog and in doing so locked the front wheels of the car, causing it to jump into a deep ditch.

The car turned completely over once and the occupants were thrown out. The car continued and turned half over again.

Mrs. Collier was severely cut on the side of the face and on the back of the head, and was unconscious when brought to the Heene undertaking establishment.

The younger son was hurt in the chest and is believed to be the one most seriously injured.

Mr. Collier, Sr., was riding in the rear seat with the oldest son and escaped serious injury although he may have received internal injuries.

People who arrived on the scene immediately after accident stated

that it occurred so quickly that they could not tell whether they struck the dog, which caused the car to jump or whether the wheels locked in turning to avoid the dog, thus making the car uncontrollable.

The car, a Ford, bearing the license number 325,944 was badly demolished.

Mr. Landau who brought the injured people to Farmington stated "that it was very lucky that the car turned half over again because it released those of the party that were pinned underneath, thereby saving them from a more serious injury."

Local Basket Ball Team Scheduled to Meet Fast Teams

The Independent basket ball team will play a fast Detroit team Saturday evening.

The Montefiore Athletic club will be here for the first real game of the season.

The locals are in pretty good condition and the line-up will appear as follows:

Forward—Gildemeister.

Center—N. Lee.

Sub. Center—Travis.

Guard—Dickie.

Guard—Zane.

Sub. Guard—W. Lee.

Sub. Guard—Hendryx.

New suits have been purchased and will be worn by the team Saturday night for the first time.

Following is the schedule:

Montefiore Athletic Club—January 15th.

St. Hyacinthe—January 29th.

Farrand Guards—February 5th.

Wyandotte Arrows—February 12th.

Farmington State Savings Bank Elects Officers

At a large meeting of stockholders the following officers and directors were elected at the annual meeting of the Farmington State Savings Bank.

President—Fred M. Warner.

Vice-President—M. B. Pierce.

Cashier—Edgar S. Pierce.

Asst. Cashier—R. O. Soldan.

DIRECTORS

Harry N. McCracken.

Isaac Bond.

Howard M. Warner.

H. Schuder.

E. F. Holcomb.

G. Gale Collins.

Edgar S. Pierce, Cashier, asserted, "we had the largest gathering of stockholders ever present."

Mr. Pierce further stated, "We experienced the best years business since organization from all angles."

He added, "Enthusiastic interest on the part of entire attendance and a feeling of confidence and harmony on all matters considered, was evinced."

NEW ASSISTANT MINISTER IN M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. C. L. Wilson has been appointed Assistant Pastor of the Farmington Methodist Church.

The enlarged program of the church and the formation of the Farmington Parish necessitated the securing of an additional minister.

Mr. Wilson will share the pastoral responsibility with Mr. Eva. A new church society and Sunday School have already been formed at Clarenceville; Sunday School and other religious work will be carried on at North Farmington and other places in the township where required.

The Farmington Parish, which is the area to be served by the Farmington Church, comprises Farmington Township and such portions of adjacent school districts as may be best served by the Farmington Church.

Mr. Wilson is a 23-year-old young man and is just beginning his ministerial career. He will live in Farmington.

Dr. Beresford Proves to be Eloquent Speaker

THE WORLD DOMINION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Dr. Beresford, in his lecture upon Shakespeare and His Revelations delivered at the Universalist church on Thursday evening, spoke as it were along the way of the large place that English has now come to hold upon the earth.

He said, "When Shakespeare wrote his immortal dramas the English language was spoken and understood by less than five millions of persons—efficient and uneducated alike."

Speakers then held all the world's three hundred years ago. How is it now? English is the dominant speech of mankind—it is the ruling tongue of four of the five continents of the earth. Perhaps there is not a spot on earth—where within the reach of a man's voice—some person cannot be found who does not speak the language of the Bird of Avon.

English is the universal language—destined to be the common speech of the human race! Throughout the non-English speaking world, this language of the creator of Hamlet and Juliet is the "secondary" speech—it has become a trade and business necessity to know English, and educated persons in all lands are being taught it.

This fact reveals the importance of the movement among us in our school—the movement for "better English."

It was curious and significant that Lord Bacon, who has been accused of having written the plays of Shakespeare, wrote his own philosophy "The Novum Organum" in Latin, the Eternal Language because he believed that English was but a provincial dialect soon to pass away, while Latin would remain an understood and imperishable tongue.

Shakespeare revealed the fact that English is suited to all the purposes of man, business, love-making, poetry, eloquence, science, philosophy, daily question and answer, mighty dramas and stirring epochs, alike for the literature of knowledge and the literature of power.

What other reason for its perpetual dominion? It is the utterance of the people who rule and are destined to rule the earth—The English speaking nations, led by the United States of America.

Local Druggist Enlarges Store

SMITH PHARMACY IN PROCESS OF REDECORATION AND ENLARGEMENT

One of the recent notable improvements in the village is the redecoration of Smith's Pharmacy, and the enlargement by installing additional shelves and other changes which provide for additional goods.

Mr. Smith has one of the most modern up-to-date drug stores west of Detroit, and is located in the heart of our village. Carrying a complete line of medicinal supplies, candy, drugs, and with the addition of stock foods and novelties, Mr. Smith is able to give to the people of Farmington and vicinity the best of supplies and service.

We have always maintained that Farmington is a prosperous and a coming community and these improvements in this business house indicate an increased demand for drugs and supplies which pharmacists handle.

The coming months are going to bring an increase in business in all lines, and business will soon be back to normal," he stated.

"Business is picking up," Mr. Smith states, "and I am looking forward to the most prosperous years in business that we have ever had."

"I always look forward to the best and take the bright side every time. I am increasing stock in all lines besides adding a few new lines and I believe that it will prove of benefit to the community and myself, yours for service."

Council Proceedings.

January 8, 1921.

Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Farmington called to order by President Miller.

Trustees present: Ely, Perkins, Lamb, Woodruff, Bickling, Russell came in later.

Minutes of December 6, 1920 were read and approved.

Motion made by Trustee Ely and supported by Trustee Perkins that the R. D. Baker bill for \$65.56 be laid on the table. Carried by roll-call. All yeas.

Motion made by Trustee Lamb and supported by Trustee Ely that the following bills be allowed to read and orders drawn for roll-call. All yeas.

American Car & Foundry Co. \$3.60

Detroit Edison. 5.82

Smith Pharmacy. 40

Park Garage. 647

Watrous Fire Engine Co. 1.57

Charles Ely. 16.00

Farmington Mfg. Co. 6.61

Flower Stephens Emp. Co. 10.00

D. U. R. 52

H. D. Warner. 208.70

Motion made by Trustee Ely and supported by Trustee Lamb that one dollar be paid to J. W. Lathrop for recording deed for the Village of Farmington. Carried by roll-call. All yeas.

Motion made by Trustee Ely and supported by Trustee Lamb that Sewer committee be empowered to employ a surveyor in case they cannot get an easement from Mr. Malcomson. Carried by roll-call. All yeas.

Motion made by Trustee Woodruff and supported by Trustee Russell that a bracket light be placed in front of John Clark's residence. Carried by roll-call. All yeas.

The Lighting committee was instructed to confer with Detroit Edison Co. about street lights.

Motion made by Trustee Woodruff and supported by Trustee Russell that the water committee be instructed to purchase lead pipe for repairs under R. R. near Junction. Carried by roll-call. All yeas.

President recommended that a system of numbering all residences, business houses, and lots be made by the council. Motion made by Trustee Bickling that this be left to street committee. Motion lost for want of support.

Motion made by Trustee Russell and supported by Trustee Bickling that Mr. Murdoch make a blue print of Farmington Village, showing all lots, both in old and new subdivisions, and that the ordinance committee draft an ordinance regarding street numbering. Yeas: Bickling, Lamb, Russell Perkins. Nays: Ely. Motion carried. Price not to exceed \$25.00.

Motion made by Trustee Ely that the motion in regard to Sam Locke's pay be rescinded. Motion lost for want of support.

Motion made by Trustee Ely and supported by Trustee Russell that meeting adjourn. Carried.

HARRISON JOHNSON, Clerk pro tem.

Huge Growth of Grand River Ave. Extending from Detroit to Farmington

LINKS OF THE CHAIN BEING WELDED TOGETHER.

One Of The Greatest Avenues Of Trade In The United States.

Strathmore, Redford, Clarenceville and Farmington are the links in the chain that will be welded together by the growth of each community toward the other.

Each of these communities stand ready to co-operate in every way which will make Grand River Avenue a greater artery of trade and commerce.

Fred Bristow and Robert Grunow of Strathmore are men who have held offices of trust and responsibility assert that the citizens of Strathmore are believers in a tremendous growth for Grand River Avenue and these residents are receptive to ideas and improvements which will benefit all of Grand River, for they well

recognize that every agent for good—every new improvement—every new residence erected—every new honest business founded is a decided asset for all landowners and residents. Strathmore today is a visualization of some five years back when beautiful meadows and fertile farms were tilled by hard-working farmers. The farms are supplanted with broad paved avenues, sidewalks, water, sewers, modern schools, beautiful houses. A new bay building is being erected by the Northwestern State Bank which bank has for officials and stockholders former prominent residents of Greenfield township. Strathmore also boasts of the Thomas Browne Green Houses, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the state and a large employer of labor.

Redford has become a veritable city being composed of many thriving business houses and is one of the largest communities on Grand River Avenue.

Mr. Roy Burgess, prominent automobile man and president of the Board of Commerce and other business, stands ready to help boost any project which will be for the benefit of all residents. Mr. Burgess is a native of Redford and he is one of the men who is largely responsible for the rapid growth of this community and he is actively helping to boom Grand River Avenue.

Clarenceville is going forward by leaps and bounds. Mr. McFarland, president of the Board of Commerce and her residents and business men are progressive and they stand ready to co-operate in any cause for the betterment of their own and adjacent communities.

Farmington the village of homes and thriving business houses had long been a town which remained the same size for many generations but today she is fairly humming with activity.

Subdivisions on all sides are knocking for admission and many extensive building projects are heralded for the future.

Thomas H. McGee, born and raised on the McGee Hill in the village and now president of the Board of Commerce, and Chas. H. Ely veteran councilman, with other citizens, stands ready to co-operate and to stand back of any project which will tend toward the betterment of this community or other communities.

No chain is stronger than its weakest link and each link is therefore all important to the chain which supports and gives the Grand River Avenue District the name of being the finest District in the Detroit Area. The great Northwest Grand River Avenue District emanating from the heart of the fourth city in America is destined to be one of the greatest streets for commerce in the world and if each link will do its duty in the future and as it has in the past we who live in this section will at no distant time see a powerful, potential and united area.

STATE TEST INDICATES WATER SAFE

A report from the Michigan Department of Health states that the samples of water sent to the state laboratory by Mr. Walter A. Arnold of Farmington, indicates that the village water is safe for drinking purposes. A request was made by the state of Mr. Arnold for the water samples and the report shows that we can be sure of good water.

The report continues:

Bacteria per Cubic Centimeter. Agar at 37 degrees—24 hrs—none.

Gelatine at 20 degrees—48 hrs—none.

Number of Positive Fermentations. In 5-10cc Sample—None.

In 1-1cc Sample—None.

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SCHOOL NOTES

DONALD BANFIELD

The Kindergarten pupils have been studying rabbits and bears, previous to taking up the subject of Eskimos.

Manda Drake was out of school for a few days with a hard cold.

Jack Eppler will be out of school for a week or two to have an operation.

Harold Ross is a new pupil in the First grade room. Our enrollment is thirty-four.

The First graders are learning Edgar Field poem, "Rock-a-Bye Lady," and they find it very interesting.

The pupils of the First Grade are all working for gold stars by cleaning their teeth every day.

In drawing the First graders are making the house of the "Three Bears" also the bears and the house furnishings.

The Second graders are interested in the study of Eskimos this week.

We are sorry that Edwin Seaton is still unable to attend school.

The Second graders are illustrating the Ried Pieper of Hamlin in drawing class.

All the children of the Fourth grade made excellent drawings of North America last week.

James Hogle has returned to school.

Homer Essex and Alice Parker of the Third grade have been absent from school since Christmas vacation on account of illness.

In drawing the Third and Fourth graders are making Dutch pastels.

A study of the map of Europe is being carried on by the Fifth grade.

The Sixth graders are using the chart to study different industries of the Southern States.

The Fifth and Sixth grades and the High School art classes are studying interior decoration.

The High school basket ball team put over Rochester High Friday night with scores of Girls, 31-14 and Boys, 36-9.

Both teams go to Northville to night, Friday, with an extra car.

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Get-together Banquet Attended by Lee Boys

Nash Gives Business Men Long Talk.

DEALERS CONVENT

In an atmosphere of confidence in sound and safe business and normal times being ushered thru the threshold of the doors of business, the Nash Dealers held a get-together meeting and banquet in Detroit recently.

Prominent business men and bankers talked over the business conditions of the future. Mr. Nash classed himself as a conservative optimist.

Farmington was represented by prominent business men and bankers. Among those who attended were the Hon. Fred M. Warner, Edgar S. Pierce and the Lee Boys.