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HATTON FARM SOLD BRINGS \$625 AN ACRE

Charles Sorensen one of the department heads of the Ford Motor Co. is the purchaser of the Carl Hatton farm at the western city limits of Farmington on Grand River avenue. The farm consists of 162 acres of rolling land ideally located for a fine estate. It is immediately west of the Methodist Children's Home at the intersection of Hatton road. It is reported on reliable authority that the price paid was \$625 an acre. Mr. Hatton who intends to spend the winter in the South will give immediate possession.

The Enterprise is informed that it is Mr. Sorensen's intention to make his residence here and will soon commence the erection of a fine dwelling on the property.

The deal was made through Wm. Shaw of Clarencville, who also acted as agent for Mr. Ford in the purchase of the Old Inn property at Clarencville. Mr. Shaw reports that Mr. Ford has just acquired 14 more lots adjoining the Inn property.

ZONE 1 HAS BIG TIME

Zone one held its second meeting of the year at the North Farmington school on Saturday Nov. 15. Mrs. Gerrow was hostess. The morning session was spent in grading reading papers. Miss Ethel O'Connor, helping teacher, taught a demonstration lesson in reading using children from Mrs. Gerrow's school. After discussion of the lesson the meeting was adjourned for noon. After a bountiful dinner the afternoon session opened. While the morning meeting was professional the afternoon meeting was given over to community work.

Mrs. Papineau of the West Novi School taught a spelling lesson. Several musical numbers were given, after which Pro. J. F. Hoyer of the Ypsilanti Normal gave a talk on "John Burroughs, My Friend". Supt. Hames of Novi gave a short talk after which the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be at Miss Richardson's school.

YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY

Repairs or roads. You'll pay for one or the other. Good roads may seem a tremendous expense to the community, but every experienced motorist knows that good highways reduce repair bills; and it is a question of which to spend the money to get the biggest return in the long run. In the days when automobiles were driven only by a small moneyed class, there was much reason for the majority to protest against the expenditure of their money for the benefit of the few, was a reasonable attitude.

But today the vast majority of the people either drive or ride in automobiles. Good roads benefit the many and not the few, and so it has now become largely a matter of highway improvement.

Investigation shows that concrete or hard surface pay where the traffic is heavy. But side road, county trunks, and highways receiving just an average amount of travel can be constructed at a cost much lower than concrete and then maintained year after year at a lesser expense than the interest on bond issues for hard surface road construction.

For the citizens of Oakland county, the question should be approached in this way. Take a highway that needs improvement, and our county like all others has a goodly number of them. How heavy is the traffic? Is it a state over which much tourist traffic passes? Is it just a well traveled county highway?

If it is a trunk road, it may be wise to consider concrete—unless of course there is good gravel available that can be used to resurface practically every year. If it is a county highway, then it should be graded up to good width, surfaced and properly maintained.

But above all constant highway improvement is necessary. If we do not pay it out for repairs.

And there is this advantage in spending for highways. We get a return by the way of comfort and pleasure in driving.

MICHIGAN AT STOCK SHOW

Michigan will be strongly represented in the individual live stock competitions of the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago, the first week of December. Exhibitors from this state have entered cattle in Shorthorn, Hereford, Aberdeen-Angus and Polled Shorthorn divisions. The state will send Shropshire, Cotswold, Oxford and Rambouillet sheep, Berkshire, Chester White and Tamworth swine and Percheron and Belgian horses to Chicago to meet the finest animals produced any where for supreme honors of the world.

VISIT DETROIT EXCHANGE

The Exchange Club of Farmington was well represented at the noon day luncheon of the Exchange Club of Detroit Monday at which time members of the various clubs of the various suburban villages and cities of Detroit were entertained at the hotel Statler by their big city brothers.

It proved a fine get-together gathering. Those of the local club attending were Leo Gildemeister, E. O. Hatton, Carl Hogle, Rev. John Bolles, S. J. Heene, T. H. McGee, Arthur Lamb, Floyd Nichols, John Clark, Harley Warner and Edgar Pierce.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor

10:30—"Putting our finger on the heart of God."
Harvest Thanksgiving Sermon.
11:45—Thanksgiving Sunday School.
6:30—Joyful Epworth League.
7:30—Fine program and talk by pastor.

Clarencville Community
M. E. Church

Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor
10:30 Morning service.
2:00—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening Service.

At the Clarencville Community Methodist Church, Mr. Charles Cameron of the Detroit News will speak upon the subject "The Church and the Newspaper as formulators of Public Opinion." It is a rare privilege in having Mr. Cameron speaking to us on this very important subject and out of the wealth of his experiences he gives us his impressions. In addition, Mrs. H. L. LaBarge will give several readings.

At the morning service the pastor, Rev. Duttweiler will speak upon the subject "Your Christianity," which will be in the nature of an analysis and an introspective study, dealing with the work of the church from a spiritual point of view.

At the Sunday School hour, 12 noon a special thanksgiving program will be rendered with music and chalk talk.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bolles, Pastor

10:15—Memorial Day, German and English.
11:45—Bible School.
Friday: Choir Rehearsal.

Baptist Church
Rev. Ralph Wilson Woodward

Ave. Baptist Church, morning and evening service.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville

(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor.

10:30—Regular service. 1st, 3rd and 6th German, 2nd and 4th English.
9:30—Sunday School.

Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day at 10:30 German service.

Universalist Church
Sunday morning at half past ten—WORSHIP AND SERMON.

Dr. A. B. Beresford, Minister.

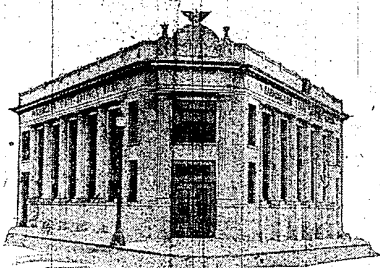
Dr. A. B. Beresford will preach Subject, God and Our Native Land. A sermon to sum up the lessons and needs of education week.

12:00—Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

Monday, Nov. 24th Y. P. L. social.

Thursday, Nov. 27th Union Service at the Universalist Church.

Dec. 3, Christmas Sale and Spysse.



FARMINGTON STATE SAVINGS BANK

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ESCAPE UNDER FIRE WITH \$20,000 CASH AND BONDS

Howard Warner, President of the Bank, Struck With Butt of Revolver, Not Seriously Injured—Believed Two Thugs Were Hit in Gun Battle on Street

BANK LOSS IS FULLY COVERED BY INSURANCE

Farmington was given the greatest thrill in its history Wednesday forenoon when six armed thugs held up the officers and employees of the Farmington State Savings Bank and shot up the town in a get-a-way with \$20,000 in cash and securities. Their departure was one of the highly exciting moments of their short but eventful visit here. A hail of rifle, shotgun and pistol bullets from weapons in the hands of citizens, greeted them as they emerged from the bank and one or two of the gang are believed to have been wounded.

At about 11 o'clock four young men entered the bank, two of them walked to the windows at which Marguerite C. Moore, Himman Nichols, and Lucile Harmon were at work and ordered them to stand back against the wall and remain quiet. The others ordered the two customers in the bank, Mrs. Norris Sager and Charles Dodge to get behind the bookkeepers' counters with Miss Winnifred Walling the clerk. The thugs then went to the directors rooms and were met by Howard Warner, the bank president, who was attracted to the lobby by the unusual commotion. He, with the cashier, Edgar Pierce, and M. B. Pierce, vice president, who had been holding a consultation, was compelled to lie down on the floor. As Mr. Warner was complying with the order one of the thugs struck him on the side of the head with the butt of his pistol, causing a bloody wound.

Upon entering the vault the gunmen found that they could not get at the money without the assistance. They ordered the cashier to come to their aid and at pistol point was compelled to lead them into the vault. The vault room, reached by a fence of iron bars reaching within ten inches of the ceiling. As Pierce and one of the gunmen entered the rear room in which the safe is contained, the door in this partition slammed shut and locked. While one robber kept Pierce covered, the other scooped all the cash and bonds in sight into a large bag.

He turned to open the door, and found it locked. In his excitement he twisted off the key, leaving himself and Pierce locked together in the small room. Under threats of death Mr. Pierce was ordered to open the door. Realizing this was impossible, the cashier suggested the robbers climb over the partition, which he did after throwing his lock over to his companion.

Dr. Weaver, whose dental office is on the second floor of the bank building with a window opening into the bank lobby, was attracted by the noise and went to the window and saw that a holdup was in progress. He notified Miss Cairns, operator of the telephone office across the hall from

his dental rooms and she at once put in alarm calls. When Deputy Sheriff Ben Meyers at his barber shop got word of what was going on he immediately exchanged his razor for a revolver and rushed to the street. A volley of bullets from the fleeing bandits met his appearance, but he stood his ground and pumped lead at the bandit car. He was soon joined by Howard Stannan, Harry Young Claude Lee, Forrest Dickerson and others, who had provided themselves with guns and a battle royal was soon on. A constant fire was kept up by the bandits and their bullets punctured several plate glass windows and automobile parked along the curbs.

As one of the bandits staggered as he approached the car and required the help of one of the gang in getting into the auto, it is believed that he was hit by a bullet. As the robbers left the bank, a Mrs. Reese and her little boy, followed by two men came around the corner into Grand River avenue. Seeing the men, the gunmen fired twice in their direction, the bullets barely missing Mrs. Reese, and lodging in a restaurant across the street.

The robbers with a car riddled by bullets left in the direction of Detroit at a terrific rate of speed. With their departure a general alarm was sent out to Redford, Detroit, Pontiac and intermediate points. A posse in autos was soon in the chase.

Deputies, State and City police started in pursuit of the gang and it was estimated that within an hour 200 officers and citizens were scouring the roads.

The car in which the bandits made their escape was found abandoned on the Telegraph road, near Grand River avenue, a few minutes after the robbery. It was riddled with bullets, and had been forsaken by the robbers, who evidently were picked up by a confederate with another car. Stains of blood, found on the seats of the large car, indicated some of the bullets fired by Farmington's citizens took effect.

In the abandoned car which was still in good running order was found a revolver, several packages of gun shells and a woman's coat. It has since been learned that the big Cadillac used by the robbers, was a stolen car and had been missing since last August.

The securities taken from the bank were real estate bonds and not readily negotiable. A package containing \$6,000 in government bonds was hastily thrown aside by one of the robbers. A package containing several thousand dollars was saved by Miss Moore who threw it to one side. When the robbers drove into Farmington in their big Cadillac sedan they went west on Grand

CIRCUIT COURT JURORS FOR DECEMBER TERM

The following persons have been drawn for jury service at the December term of the Oakland County Circuit Court, which convenes in Pontiac December 1. The jurors will not report until December 2:

George Allen, Oxford.
R. D. Auten, Brandon.
Newman Axford, Pontiac.
Mrs. Wm. Blackman, Highland.
Walter Buchanan, Avon.
Charles E. Bourns, Milford.
Fred Callen, Lyon.
Alice A. Cambrey, Pontiac City.
Mamie Chaplin, Orion.
W. H. Clark, Oakland.
Henry Collins, Royal Oak City.
W. D. Curtis, Royal Oak City.
Joe Davis, Lyon.
George Draper, Oxford.
Charles Ely, Farmington.
George Elliott, Independence.
Peter Fogler, Royal Oak City.
Pearl M. Fleming, Pontiac City.
John Gordon, Holly.
Alice T. Guillot, Pontiac City.
Carlos Guyer, Groveland.
Charles Holmes, Novi.
W. O. Hurlinger, Royal Oak City.
Elmer Jennings, Pontiac City.
A. G. King, West Bloomfield.
George King, Waterford.
Charles Knox, Holly.
Bernard Kurnz, Royal Oak.
John Landau, Sr., Royal Oak City.
Minnie Levy, Troy.
Chris Long, Groveland.
Joel McWhitty, Rose.
Clyde Montgomery, Rose.
James Montross, Addison.
Clint Mount, Highland.
Grant Norton, Troy.
M. G. Northrop, Springfield.
Peter Opland, Pontiac City.
Mrs. C. C. Osborne Bloomfield.
Thomas Palmer, Pontiac City.
William Pangborn, Farmington.
Geo. Plane, Sr., Royal Oak City.
J. H. Prall, Pontiac City.
William Rustem, Pontiac City.
F. C. Schumaker, Pontiac City.
Alice Sherston, Waterford.
Joseph T. Smith, Milford.
Helen C. Smith, Royal Oak.
Mack Stanley, Pontiac.
Lansing G. Sturman, Southfield.
George H. Thompson, White Lake.
Ernest C. Tucker, Southfield.
Oscar Virgin, Independence.
Bert S. Walker, Pontiac City.
James Walls, West Bloomfield.
Helen Welch, Commerce.
John Wedow, Novi.
Henry Whitburn, Sr., Royal Oak City.
William E. Wilders, Orion.
Almond Wilson, Oakland.

THANKSGIVING

Our pilgrim fathers set aside a day late in November to give thanks for the bountiful harvest.

For the first time the gaunt spectre of famine did not haunt their vision of the coming winter. The harvest was good—there would be enough food in the colony to sustain life until the following year. Recently they bowed their heads before a magnificent providence.

But we today, living a little over two centuries later, would give few thanks to a providence that supplied us with nothing more than the mere necessities of life. Now we are disgruntled unless fate casts to us a goodly supply of luxuries along with necessities.

When we think of the struggles of these early pioneers in founding our great and prosperous nation, however, we are forced to the conclusion that in this age we are demanding too much and failing to show sufficient appreciation for what we get.

We are the most prosperous people on the face of the globe. Nowhere else can laborers drive cars, afford well lighted comfortable homes, with radio, phonograph, and all modern conveniences. In no other nation is farming an industry, managed by men who own their own land. To be sure there is money made in large scale ranching in South America and Australia, but as a class our farmers are better off than tillers of the soil elsewhere.

And nowhere else in the world can a young man start out with a limited capital and build up a business of his own. In Europe he is restrained by a thousand restrictions and traditions. In newer countries there is less opportunity because there is less wealth.

Nowhere else can a man send his children through college in institutions maintained entirely at the expense of the state. In Europe education is for the few whose parents can afford to pay high tuition for maintenance of private schools and colleges. Here it is for the many—for all who are sufficiently interested in self improvement.

Figures are startling. We American comprising six per cent of the world's population, own 83 per cent of all the automobiles, 58 per cent of all telephones, produce and use over 66 per cent of the world's steel, produce 50 per cent of the world's cotton and consume 25 per cent of it.

So it would appear that we have a great deal for which to give thanks next week. We certainly owe much more to providence than did our reverent ancestors.

Parents who do not take interest in the education of their children beyond merely sending them to school fall far short of the duty they owe to their offspring and to society.

The progress of the child in his school work should be carefully watched and aided by admonition or approval as circumstances require. Too many parents place the entire responsibility upon the teacher and fail to see that the necessary home work is punctually performed.

Monthly grades should be given diligent attention and steps taken to spur the child to greater effort in connection with subjects in which he appears to be backward. Consultation with the teacher should be had when poor grades become too common. Sometimes a physical defect is responsible; then the attention of parents who are too indifferent to give some consideration to these things are unfit to be parents. And there are many such.

The Junior-Agriculture Class of the Walnut Lake high school entertained last Thursday evening the patrons of the school district at supper in the gymnasium. A senior agriculture class of 35 members, was organized at that time.

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