## She handled telephones in 'number please' days

Someone picking up a phone in Farmington some. 70 years ago might hear Sarah Hopkins' bright, theory "Number, please."

That's how calls were made in the days before telephones had dials or buttons. Sarah and her colleagues were on duty at the exchange above the Farmington State Bank to concet people with each other. Srrah M. (Cairns) Hopkins died April 25 at her home in Arradla, near Manistee in northern Michigan, just six days shy of her 90th birthday. She was born May 1, 1902, in Ireland, the daighter of David and Agnes Cairns.

Mrs. Hopkins' days at the tele-

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- Mary Sanders

like to be abone all mgnt."
Mrs. Hopkins also worked at several other Farmington businesses; Including Italians Italianses and a restourant at Lakeway and Grand River. She was also an attive churchwoman and volunteer. "She was always busy helping someone," Sanders said.

Ireland, the daughter of David and Agnes Calira.

Mrs. Hopkins' days at the telephone exchange in the late teens and carly 1920s were fondly remembered by her sister. Mary sanders.

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kins is survived by a daugnter, Mrs. Rahh (Boris) Clark of Troy; two sons, Calvin of Accadia and David of Farmington, nine granndshidren, 12 great grandchildren; and söveral nicces and nephews. Floyd Calras, former Farmington Hulls city manager, is a coustin.

Mrs. Hopkins was preceded in death by a son, Harold, who died this past Feb. 25. a grandson, three sisters and six fortulars.

Services for Mrs. Hopkins were April 28 from the Edwards Funeral Home in Bear Lake, Mich. the Rev. williams Carr officiating, Burala'was in Blaine-Township (Mich.) Cometery.



A 1923 photograph shows Sarah Hopkins (loft) and her cousin, Dalsy Schwab, at work as operators at the the telephone exchange above

the Farmington State Bank. Mrs. Hopkins died April 25 in northern Michigan,

## obituaries

FRANCES E. GARSTECKI

Mrs. Garstecki, 87, of Novi, for-merly of Farmington, died April 24 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington

Born in Poland, Mrs. Garstecki worked for Detroit Tank Arsenal and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Michael V., daughters, Delphine Korth and Consance Baracz, brother, Walter

Zawacki, 14 grandchildren and 15 worked for Ford Motor Company great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was May 3 at he Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with Sister Esther J. Cut Testing Machines.

As a Highland Park Greman he received a commendation for the Zawacki S. Jofficiating.

PATRICK B. DUTHIE, JR.

Mr. Duthie, 7.3 of Redford Township died April 21.
Born in Fraserburgi. Scutland, Mr. Duthie was a reitred sales representative for EG Russell Steel Fabricative for EG Russell Steel Fabricators. Prior to World War II he

mer member of the Oriental Band, past president of Highland Park Shrine Ctub, and Royal Order of

Jesters.

He was a World War II Navy vet-cran serving on the aircraft corrier USS Lake Champlain. He was a member of George Washington Pust

member of George Washington Pust of the American Legion. Survivors include his wife, Lois, son, Patrick III; sisters, Jean Walsh and Cathrine Brenkert; four grand-children.

Services were May 3 in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hilbs, with the Hev. Dr. William D. Mercer officiating Memorials may be made to Ferris State University swimming team in memory of Mr. Duthle.

ELLEN G. MEHRMAN

Mrs. Mehrman, 74 of Farmington died April 27. Born in Hancock, Mrs. Mehrman

Hills promotes arson awareness

was a hometraker.
Survivors include her son, Ford, daughters, Battora Uslaun, Sharûn Willong, Lavern duce-son and Fert Lyan Mehratan, into grandefuldren and seven great-grandefuldren.
Trivate services was held at the Thayer-like Fomeral flome Farmington, with the flee Airred Godfensting, Bural was, in Holy Sepulches Cometery Southfield Memorials may be made to the Salvation Airos.

## Farmington 125th anniversary begins

Continued from Page 1 ington Observer publisher and des-cendant, Philip Pawer will serve as master of ceremonies Other activities continue through the summer and fall.

Student posters depicting the 125th anniversary theme will be displayed in store windows during Michigan Week May 16-23, the Com-

munity Center of Farmington/ Farmington Bills will host an "1867. Day" on Sunday, May 31, the Farmington Garden club will showcase six local pardness during a Garden Walk on Suterday, June 27, and the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will use the 125th an-niversary as a theme for its annual Founders Pestival.

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Family Day in the Park" in Shiawassee Park will be held from 3-10 p.m on Saturday, Aug. 22. Fea-tured will be a chicken barbeque,

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Approximately 20 percent of all fires reported in Michigan are ar-son or suspicious fires, according to Farmington Hills fire officials.

Arsen in Michigan causes many deaths and countless injuries as well as costing residents millions of dollars annually. In 1991, Michigan citizens paid more than \$400 million in direct arson and suspicious fire losses.

crime, Gov. John Engler, has de-clared May 3-9 as Arson Aware-ness Week in Michigan The Faun-ington Hills Fire Department has joined the Michigan Arson Prevention. Committee in producing the observance. The Michigan Arson Prevention, Committee is founded in 1973, cool functes the artack on arson through education and training of arson the vestigators, public awardness, and administration of an arson is out-

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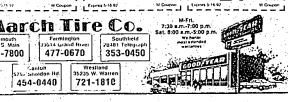
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