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NURSE BELIEVED DYING FOLLOWING COASTING MISHAP

Girl, Hit By Auto At Providence Hospital, Home Farm, Has Fractured Skull

Enjoyment turned to swift sadness last Sunday evening for inhabitants of the Providence Hospital Home Farm, at Twelve-Mile and Switzer roads, near Farmington, when Miss Patricia Culbert, 17, employed at the home, was struck and critically injured by an automobile while coasting. Miss Culbert's condition is reported very grave at the Providence Hospital in Detroit, where she was taken after the accident. Miss Culbert, advised by friends to stop coasting, said she would take "just one more ride," and started westward down the hill on the Twelve-Mile road, on the pavement which was covered with ice.

William Anderson, 107 Fernhill court, Lansing, was driving east on the Twelve-Mile road, and saw the sled coming down the opposite hill. He applied his brakes, but the car skidded, and Miss Culbert's head struck the running board, her skull being fractured. She was hurried to Providence Hospital in Detroit, after being treated at the home of James Tollman.

Miss Culbert, whose home is in Flint, had been at the Providence Hospital only a few weeks. Her sister, Sister Margaret Mary, is in charge of the Hospital Home Farm. Since Sunday evening she has been constantly at her sister's bedside. The younger sister had been assisting at the home in caring for the younger children.

Anderson, who is superintendent of construction on a building in Pontiac, made a statement to Assistant Prosecutor Charles Wilson. Three other men were with Anderson at the time of the accident. The left rear wheel of the car was broken when it skidded into the ditch, after hitting Miss Culbert. The report of the latter's condition yesterday night was not very favorable for recovery.

LIBRARY PATRONS WITHHOLD BOOKS; THREATEN ACTION

Interest In Literature Keen Librarian Reports; Average Is 100 Books Each Saturday

Interest in books at the Farmington Library is keen at the present time Miss Mary Kennedy, librarian reports. An average of about 100 books a day have been brought in and taken out each Saturday recently.

On the last two Saturdays, 209 books were withdrawn and 201 returned. Some difficulty is being experienced by the librarian in getting books returned promptly, the latter books especially being difficult to keep in circulation. Miss Kennedy emphasizes the ruling which calls for a fine on all new books kept more than one week, unless renewed, and states that fines will be strictly enforced.

So acute has the situation become, Miss Kennedy states, that the price of two of the new books will be demanded if they are not returned by Saturday, February 4. These books are "The Thunderer," by Barrington, and "The Grandmother," by Westcott.

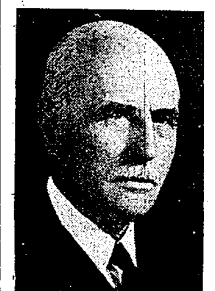
Miss Kennedy also stated that the number of new books being acquired is seriously taxing the capacity of the present library room. The library now contains about 2,000 volumes.

WOMAN CARING FOR BROTHER WHO IS ILL GETS SAME DISEASE

When Walter Neilson, of West Point Park, was taken down with scarlet fever some time ago, Mrs. Helen E. Fink, his sister, undertook the burden of caring for him, risking the contagion.

The disease is no respecter of persons or of devotion, and a few days ago, Mrs. Fink was herself taken with the fever. The cases are not believed serious, however.

Director Of University Extension Work To Speak In Farmington



DR. W. D. HENDERSON

DOCTOR'S 'REFUSAL OF AID' IS DENIED

Report That Farmington Doctor And Deputy Declined To Aid Is Refuted

Farmington authorities have made vigorous denial of a story circulated in Detroit to the effect that "a Farmington doctor had refused medical aid" to a man fatal injured in an auto accident early Monday morning on Grand River avenue, and that a Farmington deputy sheriff had "announced the doctor's refusal." The story was branded as a falsehood by the sheriff's men.

The accident happened in Livingston County, about one and one-half miles east of Brighton, so far as could be learned. According to information received by county officers, Jennings Crum 35, and Russell Matchett, 34, of 706 Randolph street, Detroit, while riding toward Detroit, crashed into a creamery truck already headed for Detroit, about 4:00 o'clock Monday morning. A man, said to be Albert Davis, 23, 1838 Gladstone avenue, Detroit, picked them up, the truck having proceeded on its way without stopping.

Between 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock Officer Herman Kraeger of Farmington was attracted to Grand River avenue near the police booth by a machine parked there. He was approached by a man who told him he had two injured men in his car and asked that a doctor be called.

Officer Kraeger said he would call a doctor. He found the receiver in the police booth already off the hook, indicating that the man had himself attempted to telephone. Officer Kraeger called Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner. (Continued on Last Page)

FARMINGTON HIGH STUDENTS ARE TO PRESENT CARNIVAL

Senior Carnival Committee In Charge Of Arrangements For Program

On Wednesday, February 22nd, the students of Farmington High School, under the leadership of the Senior Carnival Committee, will present a Washington's Birthday Carnival. The entire school is being called upon to take part in the planning and presentation of the affair, which promises to be the biggest school entertainment of the year.

The complete program is not yet ready for announcement, but the committee is planning amusements for young and old, to make it "a big family night." Two large main shows are in preparation, with plenty of side shows of all kinds; music will be provided for both modern and old-time dancing, and there will be booths where all may buy refreshments and carnival novelties.

The Senior Class expresses its thanks to the citizens of Farmington for their co-operation during the year, which is soon to be completed by the annual trip to Washington (made possible as in previous years, by the support of the townspeople and their friends). The carnival will climax their efforts for the year.

Dr. W. D. Henderson, director of the University of Michigan Extension Division, who has probably spoken to more audiences in Michigan than any other man, will speak in Farmington next Thursday evening, February 9, at the Farmington Methodist church. Dr. Henderson's address is being sponsored by the Sunday Noon Club of the Methodist church.

Dr. Henderson will take for his subject, "Modern Science and the Bible." The lecture is the second in the series being conducted by the Sunday Noon Club, which is endeavoring to bring to Farmington this winter a broadening cultural influence, in the series of four addresses by outstanding men in Michigan.

The subject of Dr. Henderson's lecture, arousing interest everywhere, is expected to attract a large attendance. About 300 men and women attended the first lecture, given by Dr. Lynn Harold Hough some weeks ago and is expected that at least as many will gather to hear Dr. Henderson.

Dr. Henderson has been director of the University of Extension Department for many years. A professor of physics at Ann Arbor, Dr. Henderson was chosen for his present position, requiring a great deal of administrative ability, and under his direction the University of Michigan Extension Division has become one of the largest and best-known in the country.

The Sunday Noon Club is issuing tickets for the lecture, which is free to the public.

URGE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

Field Secretary Of National Playground Association Advises

P. T. A. On Development

The advantages of playgrounds and the developments they bring about in children, physically and mentally, was the topic of an interesting address given by William Robinson, field secretary of the National Playground Recreation Association last Thursday night.

Mr. Robinson emphasized that the facilities of the home usually become, at one stage in each child's life, inadequate to provide for full development. The swimming-pool, baseball diamond, and "team-games" furnish these elements not found in the home, Mr. Robinson stated.

"Play goes wrong," is the basis of most of the bad habits and practices known, the speaker concluded.

Mr. Robinson suggested that to develop Farmington's future play activities, it would be wise to appoint a "chairman of recreation," someone to direct organization. He declared that Farmington has all the natural facilities required, but that some means of directing play is necessary.

Principal Crawford of the Farmington High School, presided, and gave an address emphasizing the value of continuous activity among P. T. A. committees. His talk was based on an article appearing recently in the Michigan P. T. A. Bulletin.

Edward Pink rendered a piano solo, and Miss Lockwood conducted singing of P. T. A. songs. Mr. Robinson later conducted games in the gymnasium.

MRS. HARRISON JOHNSON ATTENDS A MEETING OF WOMEN'S CLUB MANAGERS

The Board of Managers of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs met for luncheon at the Pontiac Board of Commerce on Tuesday of this week. During the business session plans were laid for the spring meeting, which is scheduled for an early date in February.

Members of the board, with one exception, were present, including Mrs. Harrison Johnson, Farmington. Mrs. W. H. Sanderson, Mrs. Fred Waters, Mrs. H. B. Seagraves, Pontiac, Mrs. E. J. Lesslie, Orion, Mrs. E. W. DeLano, Oxford, Mrs. E. S. DeGarr, Milford and Mrs. L. G. Erb, Royal Oak. Mrs. John Marlotte from Birmingham was unable to attend.

WIDENING MOVE ON GRAND RIVER IS PROGRESSING

Edgar French Of Redford, Former State Representative, Aiding Work In Farmington

The movement for widening of Grand River, avenue from Farmington Junction to the lumber yard in Farmington appears to have progressed favorably within the past ten days. Edgar French, State Highway Department, who has been aiding the Farmington movement, is actively at work with leading citizens of the community to bring about an understanding of the problems involved and the steps that must be accomplished before the widening is assured.

Mr. French, who was retained by the city and township after the preliminary steps were taken, expressed a sentiment among one of those with whom he has come in contact in reference to the widening proposal.

A new development of the situation recently is that the State may consider instead of a 120-foot width planned east of Farmington Junction, a width of 170 feet for that portion of the highway, as far as the intersection with Base Line road. It is believed that little will stand in the way of the extra width along that part of the road.

Supervisor Isaac Bond, when interviewed, said that the 170-foot width which has been rumored is possible below the Junction. Mr. Bond, who has been particularly active in the movement for bringing the widening to a realization, expressed optimism of the result of the endeavor being made within the city limits. Mayor Wells D. Buterfield of Farmington, who has also been in close touch with the situation, believes that the conditions and outlook at present is favorable to ultimate success, although there are some important problems still to be solved.

Howard Warner, chairman of a joint Exchange Club and City Commission committee on the widening movement, reported to the Exchange Club Wednesday that the outlook appeared very good in the present stage of the work.

OFFICIALS AWAIT LANSING REPORT IN 'POISON' DEATH

Deputy Clayton Takes Takes Stomach Of Victim To Capitol For Analysis

Authorities are still awaiting results of the investigation into the death of Reese Fox, ambulance driver of the Convalescent Home of Michigan, near Farmington, as a result, it is believed, of eating spoiled corn meal. Miss Agnes Hubbell, nurse at the hospital, who was in a critical condition, is reported to be improved.

Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes of Farmington on Monday afternoon took to Lansing the stomach of Fox, which was to be analyzed by Michigan State College laboratory men. The report is expected daily.

Nothing could be found in the autopsy that would indicate the cause of the ambulance driver's death, but it is thought the poisoning within a day or two after the investigation was started that the tragedy was caused by spoiled corn meal, a part of the supper prepared for themselves by the four employees of the hospital the night before, Fox died.

REV. SCHOEN, PASTOR OF EVANGELICAL CHURCH, TAKES UP RESIDENCE

Members of the Salem Evangelical Church of Farmington were pleased this week with the moving to Farmington of Rev. A. A. Schoen, the new pastor of the church. Rev. Schoen was appointed in December to fill the pulpit of the church, made vacant by the death of the late Rev. J. Bollens. Rev. Schoen has taken up his residence in the parsonage and will assume active leadership of the church at once. He was formerly pastor of a church in Manchester, Mich.

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Farmington Men Heroes Of Walled Lake Tragedy

Fred Maas, Meredith Steele, And Austin Habermehl Witness Sinking, Form Human Chain And Save Driver Of Car

Three Farmington men were the unsung heroes of the tragedy at Walled Lake last Sunday, when two women and a boy lost their lives after an automobile plunged through the ice in the lake. Fred Maas, Meredith Steele, and Austin Habermehl, who had been fishing, formed a human chain and saved the life of the driver of the car, George Mosher of Royal Oak, after the car had gone down and Mosher was struggling in the icy water.

MANY "DO NOT CHOOSE TO RUN" AFTER THEY READ ABOUT SALARIES

A number of Farmington citizens were surprised during the past week by the story which appeared in last week's Enterprise regarding the salaries of members of the Board of Education and City Commission.

Many seemed not to know that members of the Board of Education, county without re-compense, and that the City Commission received but \$5 per regular monthly meeting for their services, while City Clerk N. H. Powe does all of the clerical work for the city for only \$45 per month.

FATHER AND SON DINNER PLANNED

Baptist And Methodist Churches To Hold Dinners Next Month

Farmington groups will take part in the annual Father and Son observance in this section of Oakland county next month. The Baptist Church group will have its banquet on Thursday, February 16, while the Methodist banquet will be held one week later.

Rev. Warner Cole, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pontiac, has been invited as the speaker of the evening at the Baptist banquet. Other details of the banquet are now being arranged.

Dr. W. H. Phelps, editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, has been chosen as the speaker for the Methodist Father and Son gathering. Other features will be offered also, to be announced later.

At a recent county meeting of those interested in the plan of having simultaneous banquets in all the churches was favored, and looked toward next year, resolution was passed designating Friday, February 15, 1929, as the date of the general celebration.

The phenomenal growth of the Father and Son movement in the state and nation was pointed out, and it was reported that in the district alone last year, 4370 men and boys participated in father and son events in the churches, schools and various other organizations.

GUARDIANSHIP IS ASKED FOR MRS. SMITH, WIDOW OF CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Application has been made by friends of Mrs. W. H. Smith, widow of Farmington's last Civil War veteran, for the appointment of a guardian for the aged woman.

The aged woman is now back in her own home, which was damaged by fire a few weeks ago. Mrs. Smith having been carried in blankets from the burning house. N. H. Power has been appointed administrator of the Smith estate.

Miss Hard spent Friday and Saturday with friends in Detroit. On Friday she attended the all-day session of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs, and Friday evening the annual ball of the Detroit Central High School Alumni Association held in Masonic Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dann and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre attended the auto show Friday evening.

The three Farmington men had been fishing during the afternoon and were preparing for their homeward trip. They were outside their fishing-house and saw the Mosher car start across the ice, break through in two places, and finally crash through the ice, with its passengers.

Although the car had sunk into the lake almost before they realized what was happening, the three Farmington men hastily secured a long board and ran toward the spot where the car went down about 500 feet from where they had been fishing. Mosher was still struggling in the water, and the trio saw the lad had been tried to save, John Thomas Upham, 9, 231 Alfred street, Detroit come to the surface twice. He disappeared again before they reached the spot, however.

Plank Aids Rescue Laying their plank along the thin ice, with Maas in the lead, the Farmington men steadied the Walled Lake Mosher took hold and was pulled to safety. He was assisted to shore by others of the crowd that had gathered while the Farmington men were effecting the rescue.

Walled Lake shared in the grief of the tragedy, Mrs. Mosher having been a sister of Mrs. E. E. Rucker, who lives near Walled Lake on the Wixom road.

The automobile, a Pontiac coach, is still under 40 feet of water, at the bottom of one of the deepest parts of the lake. Cables have been fastened about it, so that it may be easily raised. It is believed it will be possible to bring it to the surface as soon as the ice freezes solid around the spot.

Funeral services for the drowned boy and for Mrs. George Mosher, wife of the driver of the car, were scheduled for Thursday. Mrs. Mosher's burial is to be in Northville, where she formerly lived, while the deceased boy, whom she had cared for since his infancy, will be buried at Redford in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Arrangements have not yet been completed for burial of Mrs. Cora Grub, the third victim.

GOVERNOR ASSAILS INSANITY DEFENSE IN CRIMINAL TRIALS

Declares Insanity Plea Has No Place In Trial Of Criminals

Nearly 200 editors and publishers of Michigan's community newspapers gathered at the Michigan State College last week for the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association, a "veteran" organization, of "weekly" papers.

The delegates went seriously into problems of their craft during the three days of sessions. H. Z. Mitchell, of Bemidji, Minn., led discussion on national advertising for the weekly paper in one of the most interesting sessions of the conference. Many leaders among the Michigan newspaper fraternity also appeared on the program.

The highlight of the social part of the meeting came on Friday evening, January 28, when the editors and their families gathered in the ball room of the college Union Building for the annual banquet. Gov. Fred W. Green; Roger Andrews, business manager of the Detroit Times; and Mr. Mitchell were the speakers introduced by toastmaster Fred Keister, Ionia.

New officers of the M. P. A., elected for 1928-29, are: President, W. H. Berkey, Cassopolis; Vice-President, E. J. Hanna, Emmet County Graphic, Harbor Springs; Sec. Treas., Herbert A. Wood, Bangor Advance.

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