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3 Residents Hurt In Crash; Liquor Charge Follows

Driver Of Auto Reported To Have Poured Out Fluid After Collision

Three prominent residents of Farmington were injured and the driver of a car which struck them, was arrested on a liquor charge as the result of an accident at 12-Mile and Farmington roads Saturday evening.

William Irish, of Grand River avenue east, is in a Pontiac hospital with severe injuries and Mrs. Irish and Miss Mildred Adams are confined to the Irish being levied, many of the penalties will be arraigned next Wednesday, August 14. He is under \$1,000 bond.

Hits Rear Wheel

Mrs. Irish was driving south on Farmington road about 9:30 p. m., and slowed down before crossing 12-Mile road. When almost across the highway, the left rear wheel of the Irish machine was struck by a car travelling west, which Mrs. Irish said she believed had no lights. The Irish car went over an abutment and was wrecked. Mr. Irish suffered injuries to the hip and leg, those in the side being particularly serious. Mrs. Irish was bruised and Miss Adams bruised and cut. Examination revealed that Miss Adams had suffered no fractures, as was at first feared.

The injured were taken by Mrs. Starr, Graham and Mrs. Edwin Meyer to the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner. Constable Marl Pettibone was called and summoned W. R. Henderson to haul in the wrecked car.

In 5-Gallon Cans

According to reports, seven 5-gallon containers of liquor were carried from Sebrell's car into adjacent fields after the accident, and the cans broken open so that the liquor would run out. One other container was reported found and turned over to the sheriff. Constable Pettibone reported finding five ounces of liquor in one of the containers, and pouring it out before three witnesses.

Sebrell was treated by Dr. Aschenbrenner but was not seriously hurt, nor was his car much damaged.

Contend For Car

Officers contended over the seized automobile. Deputy Sheriff Tamm of Farmington, Mark of New Hudson, and McFarland of Milford are reported to have heard of the accident and to have called a Novi garageman, to whom they wished Constable Pettibone to release Sebrell's machine. Constable Pettibone refused to do so, inasmuch as the Henderson garage was nearest and had been called first. The car was later turned over to the prosecutor.

Ignores Order To Stop Annoying His Wife

Although an injunction restraining him from annoying his wife is said to have been issued against George Stumpf of Southfield, he was arrested Monday evening on a complaint signed by Mrs. Stumpf, who said he had been bothering her. He was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Mrs. Stumpf is suing for divorce. Constable Marl Pettibone, who arrested Stumpf, arraigned him before Judge John J. Schulte and he was bound over to the circuit court, in bonds of \$1,000. It was said to be Stumpf's fourth arrest.

Thomas Kerr, father of Mrs. D. L. Dickerson of Farmington, celebrated his ninetieth birthday last Friday, August 2, with numerous friends; wishing him "many more happy birthdays."

Fifty-Six Truck Drivers Arrested On Charge Of Exceeding Limits

They Believe In 'Em, —And They Leave 'Em

They build 'em, but they don't believe in them, although they probably say other people do.

The subject is signs. Some time ago the City of Farmington ordered the sign company whose billboard encroaches upon City property on Division street to remove it. Instead of complying, City Clerk N. H. Power reported to the Commission Monday evening, the company not only keeps it where it is, but has sent men to put on new coats of paint for another season.

Two Are Injured In Farm Mishaps

Leroy Taggart, 16, Injured By Fork Handle; Man Falls In Mower Blades

A 16-year-old boy and a man were seriously injured in two accidents on farms in this vicinity during the past week.

Leroy Taggart, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Taggart of Power road, southwest of Farmington, suffered severe injuries when he jumped from a ladder and struck upon the handle of a hay-fork in a hay mow, in the barn at his father's farm. He is in Harper Hospital, Detroit, under the care of the chief physicians, and trained nurses. An operation was performed Friday evening, seven hours after the operation. Peritonitis had set in and recovery was considered doubtful, but a strong constitution enabled the youth to hold his own through succeeding days.

Leroy, with a younger brother, Floyd, 13, had been watching a man repair a track over the hay-mow. The man went out of the barn for a moment and Leroy climbed the ladder toward the track, then started back down. When within three or four rungs of the bottom of the ladder, he said to his brother, "I guess I'll jump," and dropped the remaining distance only a few feet, without looking behind him.

The boy was taken to the hospital early in the evening, internal injuries having resulted.

Hurt On Mower

Emil Gilmer, employed on the farm of Frank Borchert on the 12-Mile road north of Farmington, suffered serious injuries to one leg when he fell into the blades of a mowing-machine on Monday. His condition is serious.

Gilmer, on a horse-drawn mowing-machine, was cutting close to a tree, and his head became entangled in the branches. He jumped to avoid being hurt, but instead of landing in a safe place, landed in front of the rapidly moving blades; his foot being nearly severed.

Gilmer is being cared for at the Borchert home.

Cop 'Impounds' Truck. City Fathers Wrathful

Storage of a large empty trailer for 48 hours on Grand River avenue in the business section of Farmington brought expressions of wrath from the City Commissioners Monday evening. It appeared that the trailer had been left there by order of a State police officer, engaged in the drive on overloaded and over-length trucks.

The Commissioners wanted to know "by what right" a State police officer orders any vehicle parked on Farmington's busy main street for two whole days.

THIEVES LOOT STORE

Thieves broke into a chain grocery store at Novi Wednesday amount of change, some hams and canned goods.

Fifty-six truck drivers have been arrested in Farmington; by State police in a drive on overloaded, over-length and over-height trucks, the officers' activity during the past week having resulted in the stopping of scores of vehicles every evening on Grand River. Fines running into many hundreds of dollars have been levied, many of the penalties being \$100, and one driver having been arraigned as many as six times.

The total of 56 drivers was recorded within the past four weeks. The owners of trucks, almost all of whom are in the commercial hauling business, appear to have no regard whatever for the law. One truck was found to be carrying 18,600 pounds over weight. Another was 16 feet over-length. Many are higher than the statute permits.

Four drivers for a single cartage contracting company in Lansing were arrested within one day, three of the trucks being longer than the law permits. "We fine them \$100 for the third offense," said Municipal Judge John J. Schulte. "Unfortunately, the law does not permit a heavier penalty for further offenses."

Judge Schulte related an instance in which a body-trucking company patently ordered a trailer made several feet over-length. When the driver was arrested, he telephoned his employers' office in Indiana, and received orders to have the truck taken to Detroit and the steel frame of the trailer cut off, at a steel construction plant.

Four State troopers have been engaged in the check-ups on Grand River.

FIELD DAY TO BE HELD AUGUST 17 AT WEST POINT PARK

Two Ball Games, Races For Boys And Girls, Supper And Dance Arranged

An afternoon of fun and frolic for people of this and neighboring communities is being planned by officials of the Inter-County League at West Point Park, on Saturday, August 17. A field day, with ball games and sporting events, to be followed by supper and dancing, is on the program.

Members of the West Point Park team are in charge of arrangements. The double-header will bring together four good Inter-County League teams. West Point Park and Northville, keen rivals, will clash at 1 o'clock, and Plymouth will meet Clarkson at 3 o'clock. Goers will probably pitch for West Point Park.

There will be a variety of races for boys and girls, with prizes for the winners. Running races, three-legged and bag races, and other events are planned. Everyone is invited to attend during afternoon and evening, and to partake of the supper to be served at 5:30 p. m.

West Point Park's team lost to Plymouth Sunday afternoon, when two pitchers allowed seven runs in the first three innings. Henrich, who started, allowed two runs in the first three innings, and Johnson, who relieved him was scored upon three times. Carl Ogers went into the box and held the visitors to two runs the remainder of the game, but the damage had been done, and West Point Park lost, 9 to 4.

Next Sunday West Point Park and Northville meet in one of the hardest battles of season, at West Point Park grounds, at 3:00 o'clock.

HIT BY A MACHINE

Douglas Stancil, 10 years old, living on Grand River avenue in Novi Township, escaped serious injury when he was struck by an automobile Monday on the highway. The boy is said to have run in front of the car, and the driver was not held.

Cemetery Lots Doubled in Price; City Map Delayed

City Commission Increases Rates, City Survey and Map In Next Budget

Prices on lots in Oakwood cemetery were doubled by vote of the Farmington City Commission Monday evening. Lots which have been \$50 are now \$100, and lots formerly \$75 are \$150.

The increase was recommended by Commissioner Leo Gildemeister, who said that the prices were far too low in comparison with those in other cemeteries. The recommendation brought on a cordial debate between Commissioners Gildemeister and Carl Hogle. The latter said he believed that some notice should be given of the increase, to permit residents to purchase lots at the prevailing rate. He declared that "all the good ones had been sold to people out-of-town" and that Farmington residents would now have to pay the higher rates.

City Clerk N. H. Power stated that "there are not more than 25 good lots left." The Commissioners voted to give the increase immediate effect. Commissioner Carl Goers voting with Mr. Hogle against the motion.

Survey Is Deferred

The governing body voted unanimously, on recommendation of Commissioner Amos Ollis, to defer action on a proposed survey and a new city map, until next year, recommending at the same time that the required sum of \$1,500 be placed in the budget next year.

The City received over \$5,000 in back taxes during the past week. City Clerk Power announced, as the result of recent payment of 1928 taxes on Farmington Woods subdivision. "This should enable the City to pay all bills and have a 'clean slate' at the end of the year, something that has never occurred before," Mr. Power stated.

Farmington School District No. 5 received \$5,000 as the result of the same payment, according to Mr. Power.

DETROIT WATER IS AIM OF RESIDENTS OF CLARENCEVILLE

School District Officials Take Lead In Movement; Petition Expected Soon

Efforts are being made by the Board of Education and residents of Clarenceville School District to obtain extension of Detroit city water into that territory. Assistance of the Farmington Township Board was asked Tuesday evening by Walter Headerle, president of the Clarenceville Board of Education and also a member of the Township Board.

Mr. Headerle stated that the area included lies between Eight Mile road in the south, (old) Farmington road on the north, Switzer road on the west and Fourth Gate road on the north. Residents of the territory north and east of this area started a movement for Detroit water some time ago.

According to Mr. Headerle, the school now secures its water

Bids On Widening Are Low, Award of Contract Certain

Offer Of \$315,000 Officially Accepted At Session In Plymouth; Ten Bidders Submit Figures; Prices Viewed As "Exceptionally Low"

With ten bidders making unusually low offers for the widening of Grand River and paving the Cut-off to Farmington, official acceptance of the lowest bid by the State Highway Department next Monday is regarded as virtually certain. The bid of Julius Porath and Sons of Detroit, offering to do the work for approximately \$315,000, was the lowest presented, and only the approval of the Highway Department, which is regarded as a formality, remains before construction is begun.

Farmington Man Has Letter On Zeppelin

Farmington keeps abreast of the times. When the Graf Zeppelin sailed from Lakehurst, N. J., Wednesday night on its return trip to Germany, it carried a letter from Leo Gildemeister of Farmington addressed to his mothers brother, Herr William Posek of Germany. The postage was one dollar.

Mr. Gildemeister sent a letter to the same relative last year when the dirigible returned to Friedrichshafen from the United States.

Vote To Become Graded District

Isaac Bond School District Voters Consider Change From Primary Status

By a count of 46 to 24, the Isaac Bond School District voted to become a graded district Thursday evening. All three members of the present Board, Isaac Bond, Arthur Coe and Arthur Rubly, were elected to the new five-man board, the others being James Tolman and Robert McCrumb.

Electors of the Isaac Bond School District, of Farmington Township, are voting Thursday evening on a proposal to change from a primary to a graded district. A special meeting was called for the purpose. Predictions were that the proposition would carry.

Several advantages are sought in the change. Among them are the possibility of making the school a ten-grade school, it already having been voted to add a ninth grade. Pupils thus unable to get a high-school education, could have at least ten grades of schooling within the District.

The District would also be enabled to accept pupils from other districts; it is pointed out, and would have complete jurisdiction of its own boundaries, whereas primary district boundaries may be changed by the Township Board. Those favoring the graded status also say that the District now pays out \$1,850 in tuition, which could be saved and used to pay the salary of another teacher.

from a well on private property nearby, the School District being required to maintain the pump. The arrangements causes inconvenience, he stated, and in addition, the entire section is in need of water service. A petition will probably be circulated soon.

Farmington Methodist Singers Win A State Contest At Lansing

Scoring 90 points out of a possible 100 and winning praise on every side, the Choir of Farmington Methodist Church gained first place in the State-wide contest for church choirs in towns of less than 2,000 population, at East Lansing last Friday morning. It was the first time the Farmington choir had ever entered the contest.

The award to Farmington was unanimous and was unquestioned by the audience, according to reports from Lansing. The Farmington singers filled a perfect score only in one respect,

lack of balance, in that there were not enough basses. Ten points were deducted on this account.

The Farmington choir was especially commended by the judges for its time, which was described as "perfect."

The choir of Walled Lake Methodist Church won second place, with a score of 84, and Cassopolis was third with 81. Twelve choirs competed, the Farmington group singing first.

The award to the Farmington choir was \$100, and to Walled Lake last year also, \$60.

According to the plans, traffic along Grand River will not be disturbed this year, and detouring will be necessary for only a short time next season.

Pleased By Bids

The low figures submitted by the contractors at Plymouth Tuesday morning afforded a good deal of satisfaction to officials and citizens who are deeply interested in the widening project. This factor precludes possibility of further delay through the State Highway Department declaring the figures all too high and calling for new bids, it was said.

Indicative of how low the bids were, is the unit price on concrete. According to County Road Commissioner Isaac Bond, \$1.50 is considered a very fair price for ten-inch concrete, as is to be laid on this job. Bids on the concrete ranged from \$1.58 down, the successful bidder quoting \$1.45. Concrete item was more than half of the total cost.

Below Usual Cost

Commissioner Bond, who with Commissioner Howard Hillman of Oakland County, attended the hearing at Plymouth, pointed out

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VOTES ARE NEAR 10,000 FIGURE IN POPULARITY RACE

Three Candidates Closely Grouped Behind June Johnson, Still In Lead

With votes of the leading candidate approaching the 10,000.00 mark, interest continues keen in the popularity contest being sponsored by Groves-Walker post American Legion. Friends of the candidates are working eagerly in their behalf.

June Johnson remained in the lead by almost exactly the same number of votes as in the two previous weeks, being nearly 1,500 ahead of Lucille Jacobs, in second place. As was the case last week, the three aspirants following Miss Johnson are close ly bunched, and at present the first four appear to be far ahead of any other candidate in the race.

Votes tabulated by the American Legion members Wednesday night showed that there had been a rush to get in the last of the coupons printed in the Enterprise of August 18, before last Saturday night, when closing time was called on the newspaper coupons. Standing of the candidates now is as follows:

June Johnson	9950
Alice Westfall	8460
Lucille Jacobs	8310
Mary Ellen Fink	8140
Virginia Ols	410
Katherine Hagie	300
Dolores Ravette	280
Drayne Murphy	20