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Sued For Divorce, Man Hangs Self On Wife's Farm

Husband Calls At Home Of Estranged Wife, Then Commits Suicide

After calling at the home in Farmington Township of his wife, who four weeks ago started suit for divorce, James Metelka went out to a tree hanged himself, Wednesday night. Mrs. Metelka found her husband's body dangling from the tree at noon Thursday when she went out to dig potatoes. Metelka was 48.

Mrs. Metelka's farm is north and west of Halsted road, between Eleven and Twelve Mile roads. Wednesday night Metelka came to the farm and asked for his overcoat. Mrs. Metelka told officers he threatened several times to shoot her, then left. She later saw a light in the barn and believes Metelka went there to get the rope with which he committed suicide. She also said her husband appeared to have been drinking.

Mrs. Metelka's divorce petition, filed by Schulte and Fare, Farmington attorneys, charges cruelty and non-support. It is said that Mrs. Metelka learned after marrying him four years ago that Metelka had left a wife and five children in Hungary.

Coroner O. C. Farmer took charge of the body. It is said that no funds for burial are available, and the body will probably be buried in Potter's Field.

FARMINGTON BANKS ANNOUNCE A NEW ACCOUNTS POLICY

Plan Service Charge On Checking Accounts Averaging Less Than \$100

A new policy in the handling of checking accounts is announced this week by the Farmington State Savings Bank and the Peoples State Bank of Farmington. In letters to their depositors, John Fitzpatrick and Edgar S. Pierce, cashiers of the Farmington institutions, outline the policy, under which a service charge will be made on all checking accounts having an average balance of less than \$100.

The charge will be \$1.00 a month for each month during which the account falls under the \$100 average. The new policy will not go into effect until January 1, 1931, giving depositors three months' notice.

In the letters, it is pointed out that the cost of furnishing customers with the convenience of a checking account, is high and is increasing, and that very small accounts are carried at a loss.

The service charge will not apply to accounts which have an average daily balance of over \$100.

The Farmington banks are among a number of the smaller towns in the County which are adopting the policy, which is already in effect in the larger cities throughout the country.

O. E. S. DELEGATES GOING TO GRAND CHAPTER MEETING

Mrs. Banfield, Mrs. Johnson and B. E. Storms To Represent Farmington Chapter

The sixty-fourth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, O. E. S., will be held in the New Masonic Temple auditorium at Lansing Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 and 9.

Meetings will open at 8:30 a. m. A reception to which all members are invited will be held Tuesday evening, October 7.

Mrs. Kate Banfield, Mrs. Mary Johnson and Benjamin E. Storms are the delegates from Farmington Chapter

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Walled Lake Cashier



Clarence A. Chafy, cashier of the Peoples Bank of Walled Lake, found dead last week in the bank, which is closed and in the hands of a trust company as receiver.

Bank Condition Still Unknown

Report Awaited On Work Of Auditors At Walled Lake Village Bank

Auditors are working with all possible speed at the Peoples Bank of Walled Lake to determine the condition of the institution and make a report, following appointment of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Pontiac as receivers for the bank. The receivership is a voluntary one, having been asked for Saturday morning by the directors, in a petition to the Circuit Court. The bank is still closed.

The auditors are employed by the trust company, and not until their work is completed will the condition of the bank's affairs become known.

Officials are in the hope that the bank can be made a state or national bank and thus business will be resumed at an early date. This can be done if the people of the community wish to cooperate in purchasing stock. It is stated, and if this is not done, it means that portions of the money will be given out from time to time.

On Monday evening a meeting was called by some of the depositors, who contemplated placing their interests in the hands of a lawyer. At this meeting R. R. Anglemier, who is in charge of the audit, Ira S. Carnes, president of the bank and others told of the work the bank was doing to get the books ready and to protect the depositors. Persons familiar with situations of this kind state the best interests of the community were served by the directors asking for a receivership.

The funeral Saturday for Clarence A. Chafy, cashier of the bank who ended his life last Wednesday afternoon in the bank, was the largest in the history of Walled Lake. The Chafy home was filled and a larger crowd stood on the lawn outside during the services. Cars were parked for blocks in all directions.

Rev. Bert Ede of Walled Lake Methodist Church officiated at the services, and burial took place in Walled Lake Cemetery.

A number of Farmington residents attended the services.

Farmers Are Urged To Employ Local Help

An appeal is being made to farmers of this area to hire local help whenever possible in their fall work, apple-picking, etc. A large number of residents of this section are, out of work and willing to do anything.

The hiring of local help will mean a saving of taxes, for if the families of the men out of work must be given aid, the property-owners of this district will have that much added to their tax-bill. Supervisor Arthur P. Coe of Farmington Township has a list of men who may be obtained at a reasonable wage on short notice.

Contract Is Let For Water Main On Grand River

Sewer Contractors Get Job With Bid Of \$3,350; To Start Soon

Award of a contract for the laying of a new water main in Grand River east of the River Rouge has been made by Farmington City officials, and work is expected to be begun within a few days.

The contract was let to Carle and Tomasini, contractors building the city's sewer system, for \$3,350. Their bid was the lowest of two received, the other being for \$3,719.75, from Hill and Exelby of Royal Oak. Bids were received Friday evening, by the City Commission, which voted to let the contract, subject to approval by the State Highway Department.

The Commission also voted to have additional work done on the Thomas street sewer, making the sewer larger and laying it deeper. The lowering of the sewer level was made necessary by the difference in grade between Thomas street and Grand River avenue, and increasing the size of the crock will provide a first-class job, with ample provision for the future.

Carle and Tomasini offered to do the work for \$313.25, which was under the engineer's estimate and the offer was accepted.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD MONDAY FOR MRS. J. J. WILCOX

Widow Of J. J. Wilcox Passes Away At Home In Farmington; Ill Three Months

Funeral services are to be held Monday for Mrs. Eunice Tolman Wilcox, 72, who died Thursday morning at her home at 23020 Maple avenue, Farmington. Mrs. Wilcox had been ill three months, and in bed four weeks.

Surviving Mrs. Wilcox, who was the widow of J. J. Wilcox, one son John, who lived with her, and a brother, Timothy of Farmington Junction. Mr. Wilcox died in April, 1929.

Mrs. Wilcox was born in Southfield Township, and lived most of her life on Farmington-Southfield Townline road, moving to Farmington eleven years ago.

Rev. Elmer V. Palmer will officiate at the services, which will be held at the residence at 2:00 o'clock. Burial will be in Franklin Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Severts and son, John spent the week end at Oscala at Camp Weogurd, with a party of twenty friends of Detroit.

'Red' Crippled By Football Injury Dies After Appendicitis Operation

"Red" Meisner is dead, and sorrow hangs heavy over Farmington High School. The boys and girls have lost their gayety for the moment at least, mourning the loss of one of their most popular fellows.

Gus, hurt a year ago in football practice and on crutches for many weary months since that unfortunate day, but ever smiling and jovial, passed away in University Hospital at Ann Arbor Thursday morning. He dropped into everlasting sleep, his worn body exhausted after a third operation in six weeks for appendicitis.

Doctors say that the injury which kept him in bed for weeks and made it impossible for him to walk without crutches, had nothing to do with his death. He was taken with a sudden attack of appendicitis about six weeks ago, his appendix having burst and he could be taken to the hospital. Complications followed, and two more operations, yet even as late as Wednesday afternoon

Says 'We Must Change Psychology Of Moment To Improve Conditions'



G. HALL ROOSEVELT

Chicken Thieves Shot, Captured

One Thief Wounded; Chase Of Thirty Miles Ends At Farmington

Three Detroit men were caught in the act of stealing chickens on the farm of Claud Simmons on the Six Mile road, Livonia Township. They were ordered to throw up their hands by Mr. Simmons, one attempting to escape, and was shot. All three finally escaped to their car in the darkness. The car was parked about 40 rods east of the Simmons farm and started east. Mr. Simmons and his son Gerald and Albert Schroeder, a neighbor, started after them. After a wild chase of about 30 miles at the rate of about 70 miles an hour, the pursuit led to Rosedale Gardens, Garden City, across to Middle Belt road and to Farmington, where they were overtaken and held at the point of guns by Mr. Simmons and son, while Mr. Schroeder called the police.

The men were taken in custody and taken to Plymouth and locked up. The trial was held at Phoebe Patterson's court and the men were sentenced to the House of Correction and one to the Receiving Hospital, Detroit.

They gave their names as Earl Gootee, Sydney Gootee, and Frank Dorf, Jr. of Lafayette boulevard, Detroit.

DROUGHT FOR A FEW

A part of Farmington was without water Thursday, when city officials found it necessary to break 20 feet of water main due to sewer construction. Connection was made again early in the evening. State, Orchard and Grove streets were affected, and part of the business section.

That the psychology of despair which prevails at the present moment must be changed in the direction of hope and optimism in order to improve employment and business conditions, is the opinion expressed by G. Hall Roosevelt, head of the Detroit unemployment committee, in a talk at the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon.

Mr. Roosevelt indicated that he believed the change in attitude on the part of the great numbers of the people to be not only a part of the program of recovery, but one of the most important factors, if not the key to the whole problem.

"We must change the psychology of the people if we are to head out of the present situation," said Mr. Roosevelt, who was selected by Mayor Frank Murphy to lead his workers trying to help employment conditions. "One of our great difficulties lies in the fact that the people, so enthusiastic in a period of prosperity, are hard to convince in the midst of depression that things actually have hit the bottom, that we have really turned the corner and business will be on the upgrade from now on."

"For instance, I made a survey of one Detroit office building and I found twelve doctors who were going to buy a new car this fall, but have decided to put it off until next spring. Many people have no jobs and no money, but others who have money are keeping it in the banks."

Consult Manufacturers Mr. Roosevelt told of his conference on the previous day with the great motor car manufacturers of Detroit on the unemployment problem. At the conference were Edsel Ford, Walter P. Chrysler, Charles T. Fisher, Alvan Macaulay, Joseph Graham, and others. Mr. Roosevelt told of the efforts being made to keep down the numbers of unemployed.

"We are even doing a thing that is economically unsound in the long run," said Mr. Roosevelt. "We are trying to keep men out of Detroit. But a lot of bus companies paint signs on their buses, indicating that 'we take you to industrial centers for a dollar and a half', and every man who has a dollar and a half in his pocket can be dumped in Detroit or Flint, often without another cent in his possession. We are trying to keep them out, but we have no State's rights in that respect, and there is no way you can prevent a man going from one State to another if he wants to do so."

'Shy Of Propaganda'

"One of our big troubles in changing the psychology of the people is due to the optimistic reports of the conferences held at Washington soon after the depression was first felt. The propaganda of optimism which was sent out was quite justified, but it was propaganda, and the effect has been to make it impossible to convince the people now, even with actual facts that point to better conditions. The people simply won't believe anything that may be said about things improving."

"Another trouble is that the officials down at Washington, in an effort to show a record of economy in government, have cut down everything. For instance, appropriations for the annual drill periods for Marine reserves have been cut out, and men all over the country who have been accustomed to look forward to that period, are wondering what's wrong. The word goes down the line that even the government is cutting down on everything, and while that affects directly only a few people, perhaps, it goes out to thousands of others all over the country. The result is bad, of course."

'Motor Magnate Feels It'

Mr. Roosevelt related an incident, told at the previous day's (Continued on page five)

Little Change In Township Tax Rate This Year

Basis Of Levy To Be \$6.75; Hope For Lower County And State Valuation

Farmington Township's tax rate this year is little changed from that of a year ago, according to the rate announced by Supervisor Arthur P. Coe.

The rate this year will be \$6.76 per thousand valuation, as compared with \$6.77 in 1929. The total valuation of the Township is reported slightly lower.

The Township valuation, as finally determined by the Board of Review, is placed at \$8,242,989. Supervisor Coe reports. Last year's valuation was approximately \$8,290,000. The difference is not enough to materially affect Township taxes.

The hopes of officials for lower taxes in the Township rest in the matter of State and County valuations. If the valuation placed by Supervisor Coe should be accepted by the State and County officials as their basis for taxation, the amount levied will be materially reduced. The valuation placed upon the Township by the State last year was about \$11,000,000. This valuation, of course, was not effective regarding Township taxes.

Of the Township's \$4.90 rate of \$6.75 this year, \$4.90 is for general purpose, and \$1.85 for road repair.

TRACTOR ARRIVES TO RE-CONDITION STREETS OF CITY

County Equipment Engaged To Break Up Surface, Scrape Every Street In Town

Farmington city streets, baked hard and dry by the hot summer and pounded to pieces by unusually heavy traffic, are expected to be in first-class condition by the middle of next week. Work has been started on complete re-conditioning of the unpaved thoroughfares, with special equipment to do the job.

A caterpillar tractor with scarifier and grader has been hired by Street Commissioner Amos Otis, and will work throughout the city. The scarifier, a device consisting of five stout hooks, digs into the surface and loosens it in large chunks. The tractor is then run over these pieces and crumbles them. Following this, the scraper is used to level the dirt.

The tractor and grader were obtained from the County Road Commission, which hires the equipment out to townships and villages for the work. The cost, including two men to operate the machinery, is between \$40 and \$50 a day. It is expected that three or four days will be required to cover the city streets.

The tractor did some preliminary work on Liberty and State streets, then was taken to Shawassee street, which has been in particularly bad condition, due to heavy traffic.

Wife Of Civil War Veteran Passes Away

Word has been received in Farmington of the death last Saturday of Mrs. Ella Wieseand, 78, wife of W. H. Wieseand, of Coldwater, Civil War veteran who taught school in Farmington in his manhood. Mrs. Wieseand had been ill for four years.

The Wieseands were married in 1870, and next month would have celebrated their 60th anniversary. They formerly lived in Farmington Township. Surviving besides the husband, who visited here a month ago during a war veterans' reunion, are two daughters, Mrs. Lena Moore of Coldwater and Mrs. Jessie Smalley of Detroit.