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## Funeral Is Held For Man Killed In Clarenceville

Patrick Kane Laid To Rest In Mt. Olive Cemetery; Was 65

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in Our Lady of Sorrows church, Farmington, for Patrick Kane, 65 years old, who was instantly killed by an automobile Sunday night on Grand River avenue in Clarenceville. Burial in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Detroit, followed the services.

The driver has been absolved of blame for the tragedy. Kane lived on Grand River avenue just east of Middle Belt road, and was caretaker of the Shannon estate. The driver of the car, Lester Bradford, told Deputy Sheriff William Tamm that as he drove toward Detroit on Grand River, he saw Kane on the south side of the concrete, Kane apparently having seen Bradford's car.

Bradford told Deputy Tamm that when he was within a few feet of Kane, the latter started suddenly across the road. He ran into the side of the car, the windshield striking his head with such force that part of the windshield was broken, although it was of the shatter-proof type. Kane's hat was found in the car.

Bradford's car slid 50 feet on the slippery pavement. He ran back and found Kane dead. Bradford was released after making a statement to the prosecutor Monday.

Two companions were with Bradford, one of them, Westley W. Halstead of Vermontville, benighted by flying glass.

Kane was married. The funeral services for him were in charge of Spencer J. Heeney.

## MISS H. SEELEY IS MARRIED TO ALLAN SIMMONS

Bride Is Daughter Of Mr. And Mrs. Clyde Seeley Of Farmington

Miss Helen Seeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Seeley of Farmington was united in marriage to Allan H. Simmons, son of Mrs. Catherine Simmons of Pontiac, last Saturday night, December 20 at 8 p. m. at the home of her parents. Rev. Luce of Franklin performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a blue georgette gown and she carried a bouquet of pink roses and sweet peas. The maid of honor, Miss Catherine Simmons, sister of the bridegroom wore a rose-colored gown of chiffon and carried a bouquet of white roses and sweet peas. Harlow Faylor of Flint acted as best man.

Ralph Coia of Pontiac sang a solo as part of the ceremony. About 40 relatives were in attendance.

The married couple will make their home at 131 Oak Grove, Pontiac.

## Farmington School Girl Hit By Machine

Glady Krumm, student at the Farmington High School, has practically recovered from injuries suffered last week when she was struck by a machine while walking to school. Miss Krumm was walking along Twelve Mile road when a car driven by F. Kester of Milford ran into her. Kester was unable to see the girl until within a few feet of her due to fog. She was bruised and shaken up, and suffered from shock. She was struck by the rear fender when the car skidded into the ditch, after Kester had applied the brakes quickly in an effort to stop.

## SEND NEWS IN EARLY!

Due to New Year's Day falling on Thursday, the Enterprise will be published on Wednesday next week. All news and advertising should be in this office Tuesday.

## Two Eagle Scouts



Daniel Duquet, left, and George Wagner, right, members of Clarenceville Troop No. 44, Boy Scouts, are new holders of the highest rank in scouting, Eagle Scout, by virtue of each winning 21 merit badges. The awards were announced at the court of honor in Farmington last week.

## McGee Slated To Be Club Leader

First Vice-President Nominated For Presidency Of Farmington Exchange Club

Thomas H. McGee is slated as the next president of Farmington Exchange Club, having been nominated for that office by the board of control at the noonday meeting of the Club Tuesday. Mr. McGee is first vice-president of the group.

Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner and Harley Warner were nominated for advancement from second and third to first and second vice-presidents respectively. Nathan Power was chosen as the first vice-president. Rev. Elmer W. Palmer and Hiram Nichols were re-nominated as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Harrison Johnson, retiring president, and Floyd Nichols and Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson were nominated for members of the board of control for one year. Howard Warner and Leo Gilde-meister were nominated for six months terms on the board of control.

Election will take place at the meeting next week, which will be held on Tuesday, instead of Wednesday, due to the holiday on Thursday.

## RED CROSS ROLL CALL ENDS SHORT OF 1929 RECORD

Memberships Total Less Than Half Of 1929 Number; Thanks Extended

Farmington's 1930 Red Cross Roll Call fell far below that of 1929, according to figures announced this week by those in charge of the drive.

Both memberships and donations were below those of a year ago. Ninety-two memberships were enrolled this year, as compared with 192 in 1929. Donations this year totaled \$48, to bring the total received for 1930 to \$140. In 1929, 192 memberships were received, and \$59.50 was received in donations, for a total of \$251.50.

Mrs. Frank Steele, director for this district, expresses thanks of the organization to all those who shared in the work.

## BREAKS WRIST

Dick Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Russell, suffered a fracture of his left wrist in basketball practice this week at the Farmington High School gymnasium.

## Gives Library Books In Memory Of Wife

The Farmington Library received a welcome gift Saturday evening, the contribution being 19 splendid books given in memory of the donor's wife, Mrs. Lucille Riddle.

Mrs. Riddle, who died April 21, 1929, was one of the most beloved patrons of the Library. Thanks are expressed for the gift in her honor.

## Grand Jury Call Follows County Wide Agitation

Inquiry Order Comes After Demands From Farmington And Elsewhere

Two months to a day, after a mass meeting in Farmington Town Hall had gone on record as favoring a grand jury investigation of the County Circuit Judges Wednesday morning, authorized preparation of an order indicating that grand jury inquiry will be started at once. A conference is scheduled for Friday afternoon between the judges, Paul W. Voorheis, Attorney-General-elect, Prosecutor-elect Clarence Smith, and Prosecutor Norman C. Orr.

The investigation is expected to be the most thorough and detailed inquiry into County affairs in history. "Besieged And Beset" The grand jury probe was requested Tuesday afternoon by the Board of County Auditors, Seymour W. Adams, Robert Y. Moore, and Stuart Patterson, who said in their petition that they have been "besieged and beset by requests from all over the County for a thorough investigation of County affairs." This petition filed with Prosecutor Orr, was "adopted as his own" in a petition to the circuit judges. He asked further that if a grand jury was called, that it be, not a one-man jury, "but a full jury of citizens and representative types."

Discussing the order for a grand jury Wednesday evening, Supervisor Arthur P. Coe of Farmington Township, said he believed the investigation would be a good thing, and would serve to clear up the atmosphere of County affairs. He suggested that those who have nothing to hide will benefit by the removal of any question regarding them, while the others deserve no consideration and ought to be found out.

Cost Is Cited Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington expressed the belief that the grand jury will be very costly and that little benefit will result. He offered the opinion that, if improper acts have been committed, the perpetrators have undoubtedly been clear enough to cover up their misdeeds so that nothing can be done. He said he believed that no money will be recovered as a result of the investigation, but that a great deal will be spent and that there would be little gained by putting any possible culprits in jail, already so overcrowded that keeping them is almost more than the public can stand.

Investigation of every department of the County is likely, with most discussion centering around accounts of the County Tuberculosis Hospital, and administration of Willis M. Brewer, former chairman of the board of county auditors.

## 'Air Circus' To Be Held New Year's Eve

Folks who want to be off to a "flying start" for the New Year are advised to be at the Farmington Town hall next Wednesday night to "see the New Year in." The entire atmosphere will be one of flight, although those in charge promise to develop in all attending a reluctance to go. It is not necessary to wear pilot's clothes, but from the moment of entering, those attending will be "up in the air." The interior of the hall will be a hangar. Dancers will dance in "flying formation," with quadrille and escadilles as the evening wears on. Attendants will be dressed as pilots and "take up" the passengers.

Opening of Farmington's first "airport" is scheduled for nine o'clock.

Farmington high school basketball team defeated Redford Union 64-10 Tuesday evening.

## Farmington Barbers Cut Prices -- And Cut Hair As Never Before!

Snip, snip, snip. Farmington barbers spend a good part of their waking hours cutting, but never in Farmington has anything been seen here like the cutting they've done within the past few days. They started cutting prices on haircuts, and every time they cut the price they cut more hair.

It's customary in barber shops, as elsewhere, to have a "Christmas rush," but none like this was ever seen before. Folks came from everywhere, apparently, to get their hair-cut in Farmington. Somebody wrote a song once about "One Vacant Chair," but the inspiration certainly didn't come from a Farmington barber-shop.

How much a hair-cut costs in Farmington is a matter of opinion and location. It's also a matter of time. At the moment this is written, for instance, a man's hair cut costs 50 cents in one place, 25 cents in another, and 20 cents in another, with the fourth shop not knowing what to charge. A child's hair cut costs 25 cents in two places, 20 cents in a third, what to charge for adults' trims is puzzled also about what to charge for children.

A Long, Long Story It's a long story, of course, and any one of the barbers could give half a dozen hair-cuts while it is being told, at the present rate of production anyhow. It goes back to a year and a half ago and involves the giving to children of lollypops, of nickels for ice-cream cones, and nickels and dimes for being good in the chair.

Can't Buy "Futures" How much longer it will last, nobody knows, but one thing the barbers have on their customers. Their business being what it is, none of the great buying public has been able to figure out yet a way to buy future hair-cuts in advance—at the bargain price. It's a commodity that nobody can "stock-up on."

The story, as suggested, goes back a long way, but it reached the first climax last week, when Harry Terry notified the other three shops and the public that he was reducing the price of children's hair-cuts from 50 to 25 cents. Other price-cuts of minor importance on men's work were included.

"Kiddies Free" This was promptly met with an announcement by Plumton and Loomis, concurred in by Ben Meyers and M. B. Pierce, that they would give with each adult's hair cut a ticket for a child's hair cut free.

The two announcements appeared simultaneously in last week's issue of the Enterprise. Saturday morning Mr. Terry met the "children's free" proposition with a sign over his shop, "all hair-cuts 25 cents."

"All Quiet"—Perhaps! The week end found "all quiet on the Farmington front"—apparently. But underneath things were sizzling. And Tuesday at noon astonished passersby stared again and again at a sign over the shop of Plumton and Loomis—"all hair cuts 20 cents."

So it stands—and so they stand, for barbers get no opportunity to sit down—at those prices. The two shops are continuing their (Continued on page five)

## LAST RITES HELD FOR FARMINGTON ACRES RESIDENT

Mrs. Victoria Markham Is Buried Saturday; Was Ill Several Weeks

Funeral services were held on Saturday for Mrs. Victoria Markham, who passed away at her home in Farmington Acres after an illness of several weeks. She was 55 years old. Services were held at Our Lady of Sorrows church. Burial was at Northville.

The deceased was born in Bellville, Ont., July, 1875. Surviving are one son, Harold, three brothers, Theodore of Buffalo, Oliver of Detroit, and Horace of Ypsilanti, four sisters, Miss Amanda Markham at home, Mrs. Bennette of Walkerville, Mrs. B. G. McIntyre and Mrs. A. Ducharme of Farmington Acres. Deceased was a member of the Degree of Pochontas in Northville. A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral.

Appear At Fox Theatre During the week between Christmas and New Year Day Miss Helen Pazderka and Miss Lorraine Guerin, pupils of Farmington school will appear on the Fox stage in a Fanchon and Marco New Yorker idea.

The two young ladies have been dancing pupils of the Fanchon and Marco studio for the past year.—Adv.

## \$22,500 Trolley Right-Of-Way Is Key To Problem

State Officials Say They Will Lay Tracks If Land Is Paid For

Twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars apparently stands between Farmington and retaining of the street car tracks on Grand River avenue, from Seven Mile road into the City of Farmington.

This was the impression brought back from Lansing last Friday by five Farmington men who interviewed State Highway Commissioner Grover C. Dillman and other members of the Department.

Meanwhile, with the 15-day delay in suspension of the service expiring next Wednesday, action in behalf of the track system seems to have reached the highest point thus far. Southfield, Clarenceville and Redford groups have added their efforts, which will be directed largely toward the Wayne County Road Commission.

Redford Interested Particularly encouraging to those fighting to keep the tracks was a meeting Tuesday noon at Redford of several Farmington officials and the board of control of Redford Exchange Club. The Redford men indicated a degree of interest which pleasantly surprised the Farmington men, and after voting approval, immediately outlined a program for carrying out their work.

Drop Fare Question Southfield and Clarenceville residents, who had been working recently with the idea of a reduced fare as far as Eight Mile road is concerned, realized that they were facing danger of losing the tracks entirely, quickly decided at a meeting last Friday evening to drop their agitation of the fare question and to work for saving the tracks. Sylvester Shear, supervisor of Redford Township attended the meeting, Grand River near Seven Mile road, and pledged his aid in interesting the Wayne County Road Commission.

The Farmington committee at Lansing last Friday met with that discouragement during the first part of the interview in the State Highway Department. Later, however, after they had emphasized the importance of the rails for freight transportation, Commissioner Dillman said that in consideration of this the State would bear the cost of relaying the rails, but that he felt this community, if it were so interested in the tracks, ought to bear the cost of the right-of-way, \$22,500. It is understood that the State Highway Department has already signed the contract to buy this right-of-way from the Eastern Michigan Railways for the price mentioned above. Commissioner Dillman's proposal provided for laying of a single track to Farmington.

Those attending the meeting at Lansing were Commissioners Leo Gildemeister and Amos Otis, Road Commissioner Isaac Bond, John Clark and Howard Warner.

A possible way out of one serious problem, that of a "Y" for turning cars in Farmington, was seen by officials in a suggestion that the switch at Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. might be utilized by adding one small bend of track.

tion of 914 and in 1930 this was increased to 1789, a percentage gain of 96 percent. This percentage increase was exceeded by only four townships in the County.

West Bloomfield Township showed a huge increase. In 1920 the population was 1963, and now it is 4202, a percentage increase of 117 percent. Lyon Township's population is 1874, an increase of 462 in ten years.

## OFFICIAL FIGURES ON FARMINGTON CENSUS ANNOUNCED

Final Totals Show Gains For Township And City Are Substantial Since 1920

Official census figures for Farmington Township and City were announced this week by the Census Bureau.

Farmington Township's population now is 3512, a substantial increase over 1920 when there were 2170 inhabitants.

The City of Farmington's population increased 390 in ten years. In 1920, when Farmington was then a village, it was 853, and the latest figures gives the population at 1243. Farmington was incorporated into a city in 1926.

Novi Township showed an increase of only 344 inhabitants over 1920, having 1227 in 1920 and 1571 in 1930. The small gain is due to the fact that part of Novi Township was annexed to Northville village in 1924.

Commerce Township almost doubled its population in ten years, official government census figures given out this week, show. In 1920 Commerce had a population of 1,200 and now it has 2,400.

Farmington postoffice will be closed all day New Year's Day. No rural deliveries.