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## Two Youths On Motorcycle Are Hurt In Crash

Farmington Boys In Receiving Hospital Following Collision With Auto Tuesday

Two Farmington youths are in the Redford branch of Receiving Hospital with injuries suffered when the motorcycle on which they were riding collided with an automobile at Grand River and Tuck roads early Tuesday night. The two boys are Frank Schweim, 18, and Roderick Mahaney, 16. Schweim suffered a broken leg and severe lacerations, while Mahaney received a fractured ankle and lacerations.

According to Deputy Joseph DeVriendt, who investigated the accident, the boys were traveling west on Grand River at a high rate of speed, and were unable to avoid crashing into the car of Dr. H. E. Boice of Farmington, who was stopped at the intersection waiting for a chance to make a left hand turn on Tuck road. The motorcycle struck the automobile on the rear fender.

### Motorcycle Demolished

The boys were rushed to Receiving Hospital. It was at first feared that Mahaney had suffered internal injuries. The motorcycle was almost completely demolished and the automobile was also badly damaged.

## PROPERTY OWNER WILL BE CHARGED CITY WATER TAX

City Clerk Instructed To Stop Water Supply If Tax Is Unpaid

Water tax bills will be sent to the property owner in the future, instead of the tenant, as has been the case heretofore, it was decided by the Farmington City Commission Monday night.

The numerous controversies arising from the failure of the property owner and the tenant to agree upon the payment of the bill, and which, in many cases, has left the City to suffer loss of the tax, are the chief reasons for the change. Many times, it was pointed out at the meeting, the tenant has moved from the city and water bills left unpaid.

Although no motion was made, it was generally agreed by the Commissioners to stop the water supply, if a water bill, past due, is not paid within three days' notice. The City Clerk was instructed to act accordingly.

## Woman's Club Invited To Plays At Wayne

The special meeting Wednesday, February 11 was a delightful treat for Farmington Woman's Club and guests.

Mrs. Sally Baker Hewitt created a panorama of scenes, costumes and appropriate music incident to her tour abroad. Mrs. Martha Warner and Mrs. Edna Dolan acted as hostesses for the meeting.

The Arche Club of Wayne has invited Farmington Woman's Club to the presentation of two plays, Friday, February 20 at 2:30 p. m. in the Wayne Theatre.

On account of Mrs. Josephine McGee's absence from the city, Mrs. Martha Warner will be hostess at the next regular meeting, Wednesday, February 25.

—Mary E. Foster, Sec.

## REGISTRATION PERIOD IN LIVONIA TO END SATURDAY

Registration period will close Saturday for Livonia Township voters, according to Clerk John Harlan.

The Township Clerk reports that the registration so far has been very light, and prospects of a heavy vote on March 2 are slim. The two polling places will be announced next week.

Mrs. Grace Borquella is ill.

## Farmington Father and Son Banquet Speakers



Judge Theodore J. Richter (left) of the Circuit Court, Wayne County, was the speaker at the Father and Son banquet of the Salem Evangelical Church Wednesday evening. Dr. Albert G. Johnson (right, of the Temple Baptist Church of Detroit will speak at a similar affair Tuesday night at the Baptist Church.



## Washington's Birthday 68 Years Ago Remembered By A 'Boy In Blue'

Coinciding with Washington's school here. His letter is as follows:

Dear Sir: I enclose a story of a march made by several Farmington boys not one of them old enough to vote, born and raised in Farmington, enlisting there at the age of 17 years. Memory goes back to the time when so many of my old schoolmates gave up home and friends to march in the Union Army, in answer to Lincoln's call for boys to save our wonderful country. If not of enough value consign it to the waste basket.

Very truly,  
Wm. H. Wicand.

## Fireman Hurt As Home Is Burned

Home Of George Augur Is Damaged By Early Morning Blaze

Damage of several thousand dollars was caused by a fire early Thursday morning in the home of George Augur, 22635 Brookdale, Farmington. Harold Oldenburg, a volunteer fireman suffered an injury to his leg when he stepped into a hole in the floor. It was not known late Thursday whether the leg was fractured. The house was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The blaze was discovered by a neighbor, Mrs. Delos Hamlin, who summoned the fire department.

Quick response by the department prevented the house from being entirely destroyed by the fire. The entire damage was caused to the interior, most of the furniture being spoiled by the fire and smoke.

The blaze was discovered at about 1:30 a. m. Thursday morning. Oldenburg was helping to fight the fire when he stepped into a hole burned in the floor and badly bruised his leg. He was removed to his home.

Mr. Augur, who is employed at Vivier's service station, and his wife and child were away at the time of the fire.

## P. T. A. To Celebrate On Fifth Birthday

Farmington P. T. A. will celebrate Founders' Day at their next regular meeting Thursday, February 26 in the High School assembly at 2:30 p. m.

A paper, "The Home as a co-operative institution," will be read by Mrs. Clara Grace and a paper on the "History of the P. T. A." will be given by the president, Mrs. Lee Hill. The Past Presidents will be honored guests at the birthday party, celebrating the fifth anniversary of Farmington P. T. A. and the 34th of National P. T. A. Music will furnish the remainder of the program. A social hour will follow the meeting.

### GIVE CARD PARTY

The Rebekah Lodge will hold a "500" and pedro card party at Novi Oddfellows' hall, Friday night, February 20. Everybody is invited.

Coldwater, Feb. 15, 1931.

Editor Farmington Enterprise.

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The birthday anniversary of our first president General George Washington will soon be here. Many will, thoughtfully and gratefully pause to think what a great fortune to our country, and to the world, it proved that such a man was called to head the untrained men and widely scattered troops of the colonies struggling to make a free nation of people by people and for the people. Others will only think of it as adding another holiday to the calendar. But six or seven hundred men of the Twenty-Second and Michigan, mostly boys, were made to remember it, until one by one answered the last Great Roll Call.

Begin March  
February 21, 1863 we camped 2 miles out of Lexington, Ky. with days of rations, hard tack, pork and coffee. More than one-half the picked men were under 20. I lacked four months of being 18 and Hudson Wilcox, my partner, was just topped 18. With us was about the same number from the 18th and 20th Kentucky cavalry. We passed through Lexington that Monday morning before daylight, and began a 38-mile march to Danville.

Although, of course, we had no idea where or how far we were going. Besides our army blankets, haversack, canteen and the forty rounds of cartridges we always carried, we had to carry twenty extra rounds in our pockets.

Before 9 a. m. it began snowing a typical northeaster, and by noon we were tramping in snow above our shoe tops. About 2:00 the wind shifted to the northwest, and it turned very cold. We stopped occasionally to rest, but the halt was brief, as we could neither sit nor lie down to rest. The weary march was kept up until dark, and then we "went into camp." And what a camp. No tents, no fire and about six inches of snow.

### Sleep On Snow

Three Farmington boys, Hudson Wilcox and William Smith and myself cleared a place in the snow and spreading a rubber (Continued on page five)

## Township Fire Question To Go On April Ballot

Citizens Vote To Continue Contract With City Until Election

The question of fire protection for Farmington Township will be decided at the April election, provided a petition bearing the names of 100 citizens is obtained, it was announced at the regular meeting of the Township Board which was attended by about 70 citizens at the Oddfellows hall, Clarenceville, Tuesday night. It was also decided by vote of the people at the meeting to continue the present contract with Farmington City until the election. That is the payment to Farmington City of \$50 for each fire call into the Township.

Supervisor Arthur P. Coe announced at the opening of the meeting that the contract made by the Township with the City of Farmington whereby Farmington Township was to have come into possession of fire apparatus costing \$3800 after three years, was temporarily called off.

Supervisor Coe then took a vote of the people present to decide whether the Township should continue to be protected by the City of Farmington until the question is placed to a vote in April, and after considerable discussion, the poll taken showed 36 in favor and 21 opposed.

### Exact Question Unknown

The exact question to be voted upon at the April election is not known. This will be contained in the petition to be circulated throughout the Township. In the past the law required the signature of one-third of the citizens in the Township, but a law introduced in the present legislature provides the signature of 100 people.

It was announced at the meeting that an opinion from the office of the Attorney-General had not yet been received.

### Result Of Opinion

Tuesday's meeting to which the public was invited, was the result of an opinion rendered by James Lynch, attorney for the Township, who said that the contract between Farmington Township and Farmington City was illegal. The attorney suggested the calling of the citizens to the meeting and voting upon the continuance of fire protection until it could be placed on the ballot.

## DR. A. G. JOHNSON TO SPEAK AT BAPTIST FATHER-SON FETE

Principal Speaker At Banquet On Tuesday Is Noted Detroit Preacher

The Farmington Baptist church Father and Son banquet will be held Tuesday night, with Dr. Albert G. Johnson of the Temple Baptist church of Detroit as the principal speaker.

Rev. Johnson is noted as one of the outstanding preachers of Detroit. His church is crowded for both services on Sunday, and he has a great following among the radio listeners, who hear him each week over the radio.

Another outstanding part of the program will be taken by Obed Stuckey, assistant superintendent of the Detroit City Rescue Mission. He will play several numbers on a musical saw. Also there will be toasts to the dads and sons by members of the church.

Following the custom of other years, there will be no tickets sold or price set. The cost of the meal will be taken care of by an offering taken at the tables.

All the men and boys who plan to attend are requested to phone Rev. E. W. Palmer and make their reservations early. The meal will be served promptly at 6:45.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manzel have moved to their farm home on the Nine-Mile road.

## Announces Candidacy One Year In Advance

While 23 candidates are waging vigorous campaigns for nomination at the Farmington Township Primary March 2, one candidate is discarding any attention on this year's race but is looking forward to 1932.

Mrs. Loretta E. Cox this week announced her candidacy for the office of Township Treasurer at the election in 1932.

## Predict Heavy Vote At Primary

Vigorous Campaign Being Waged By 23 Candidates In Farmington Township

The largest vote in history is expected to be cast at the Farmington Township primary election, Monday, March 2. Clerk Willard Campbell reports that the registration this year was the heaviest in his experience.

There are more candidates in the field for Township offices this year than for several years. This condition is prevalent throughout Oakland County. An example of this is Bloomfield Township, in which nine aspirants are running for supervisor.

The candidates in Farmington Township have been exceptionally active and the result has been an unusual amount of interest in the election.

### Campaign Vigorous

The effort of the candidates will undoubtedly be even more vigorous in the closing week of the campaign. Aspirants for the various offices have been carrying on a house to house canvassing and solicitation campaign, which will mean that probably every house in the township will be visited by at least one candidate for office.

In the 1930 election there were 734 votes cast for supervisor, 411 of these in Precinct 1 and 323 in Precinct 2, Clarenceville. The result of the vote for supervisor resulted in a tie, and was determined later by a recount. Arthur P. Coe, the present incumbent for supervisor received a total vote of 183 in Precinct No. 2 against his opponent's 140, who was then Harry N. McCracken. In Precinct No. 1, Mr. McCracken pulled 227 votes against 184 for Mr. Coe.

## Exchange Club Hears Talk On Stock Market

Paul D. Cayhow of the Bankers Bond & Mortgage Company of Detroit was the speaker at the Exchange Club meeting Wednesday noon.

Mr. Cayhow was here as the guest of Supt. J. A. Dalrymple, who was in charge of the program.

Mr. Cayhow talked on the stock market. For over an hour he entertained members of the Club by comments and observations. He told how few make money and the majority lose by playing the stock market. The Club listened with attention to a talk which ordinarily would be uninteresting. His complete knowledge and witty remarks held the attention of his listeners.

Ruth Everts spent Saturday in Detroit.

### Eagle Scouts



Wayne Wagner (left) and Melvin White (right), boy scouts of troop 44, Clarenceville, received the Eagle Scout award at a recent court of honor held at Pontiac.

## Grand River Bus To Be Continued On Further Trial

Second Week's Increase Of Receipts Over First Encouraging To Company

The bus service now being furnished by the Eastern Michigan Railways Company between Farmington and Lansing road, will continue at least two more weeks pending further trial. General Manager P. L. Radcliffe of the Eastern Michigan company told the Farmington City Commission Monday night. The fact that the receipts of the second week's operation showed a considerable increase over the first week has been a source of encouragement to continue the service further, Radcliffe said.

The buses began operation on February 1 with the understanding that the service would be entirely experimental, it's continuance depending on the amount of passengers the buses carried. Although the buses have far from showed a profit, the second week's business showed the receipts to be \$230.00 against \$191.00 taken in the first week of operation. General Manager Radcliffe also complied with the request of the City Commission and reduced the fare from Farmington to Middle Belt road to 15 cents, a reduction of five cents.

### Shows Chart

General Manager Radcliffe produced the Commission with a chart showing the amount of passengers carried on each trip made by the buses for the first two weeks. This sheet indicates that the heaviest passenger traffic is in the morning and late in the afternoon. The early morning and the late night business is very poor, Radcliffe stated. Sunday and Wednesday seems to be the best days, he said. The service has showed a revenue of ten cents per mile, while the operating expense runs about 20 cents per mile, the bus company officials said.

With the exception of the five cents reduction between Farmington and Middle Belt no other changes were made in either schedule or fare.

The Eastern Michigan Company officials will report further at the next meeting of the City Commission.

## W. H. HUTTON IS TAKEN BY DEATH AT WALLD LAKE

Was Former Resident Of Farmington; Services Sunday At Walld Lake

Following an extended illness, W. H. Sutton, 69 years old, former resident of Farmington and well known here, died at his home at Walld Lake early Thursday.

Mr. Hutton, born in Northville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hutton, pioneers of that community, was connected with the Waites store of Pontiac for more than 20 years. He was forced to retire on account of ill-health. He had been a resident of Walld Lake for the last nine years.

Mr. Hutton was a member of Walld Lake Masonic Lodge No. 528, the Walld Lake Macabees, I. O. O. F. and attended the Walld Lake Methodist church. He was also a member of the official board of the church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Minnie M. Hutton and three sons, Louis F., of Detroit, Kenneth F., of San Francisco and Charles E., of Walld Lake.

Funeral will take place Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Walld Lake Methodist church, with Rev. Bert Ede in charge and burial in Northville.

Two Farmington men, N. H. Power and M. B. Pierce will act as pallbearers.

G. H. Rhule entertained a party of his Detroit friends at luncheon, Sunday.