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Clarenceville Teacher May Die Of Auto Injuries

Ruth McLean, 23, Suffering From Fractured Skull in Receiving Hospital

Miss Ruth McLean, 23 years old, grade teacher in the Edgewood school, Clarenceville, is near death in receiving hospital in Detroit, suffering from a fractured skull received in an auto accident at the corner of Mt. Elliott and Hancock streets in Detroit, late Wednesday evening.

The car, which Miss McLean was driving, collided with another driven by John Kirschbaum of Detroit. Both cars tipped over, hurling Miss McLean and her sister, Verna, who was riding with her, and two men occupants of the other car, out of their machines into the street. Verna McLean was treated at the hospital for slight cuts. The two occupants of the other car were not injured.

Miss McLean lives on Oxford street, Clarenceville with Mrs. McGay, and teaches the third grade at the Edgewood school. Her sister resides at 473 Peterboro, Detroit. The father of the two sisters lives in Munising, Mich.

F. A. BOND CHOSEN AS HONOR STUDENT AT PONTIAC HIGH

Farmington Youth One of Three Outstanding Scholars of 1931 Class

Floyd A. Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond of Farmington, Ethel Howard and Donald Newman of Pontiac have been selected from the 219 graduates of the Pontiac High school as outstanding in their class in scholarship, leadership, athletics and school citizenship.

Miss Howard's name will be engraved on the History club plaque, Bond's name will be engraved on the University of Michigan Women's plaque, and Newman will receive the Walter E. Roe Memorial award.

Floyd has participated in numerous school functions, including the National Honor society, sports editor of the "Quiver," president of the student council, Tomahawk staff, house of representatives, vice-president of the Mt. Pleasant club, treasurer of the History club and member of the Pontiac high school golf team, Hi-Y and Varsity Club.

Bond captained the 1931 golf team, which last Saturday retained its Southeastern Michigan interscholastic league golf championship. The Farmington youth tied with three others for low medalist with a 79. In 1930 he was low scorer in the league meet.

SENIORS GUESTS OF GRADUATES AT ALUMNI BANQUET

Harvey Wieand, Civil War Veteran and Former Resident, to Speak

Graduates of Farmington high school and members of this year's graduating class will gather at the Salem Evangelical Parsonage Friday evening for the annual Alumni banquet.

Harvey Wieand of Coldwater, who taught school in and around Farmington more than 50 years ago will be special guest and principal speaker at the banquet. He will sit at the same table with his former pupils.

Short talks by Miss Mildred Adams, president of the association, Ivan Cox, president of the senior class, Supt. J. A. Dalrymple, Cecil Cox and Imogene Bickling are also listed. Graduates returning from college will be asked to give five-minute talks. Mrs. Mary Johnson will be toastmistress.

PLAN GARDEN PARTY

Plans are under way for the first annual Garden Party given by Our Lady of Sorrows church on the Parish grounds, July 4-5.

Leads Class of 219



Floyd A. Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond of Farmington, is valedictorian of Pontiac high school graduating class this year.

To Ask City For Recreation Aid

Committee to Solicit Commission For Financial Support at Meeting

Farmington City Commission will be asked to finance supervised recreation in the city during the summer at its next regular meeting, as a result of plans made at the Town Hall Tuesday evening by persons interested in playground facilities in the city. A committee, consisting of Rev. E. W. Palmer, Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson, Mrs. S. D. Harger and Howard Warner, was chosen to interview the Commission.

C. E. Brewer, head of the recreation department of the City of Detroit, told the people present that the cost of maintaining supervised recreation was comparatively small and well worth the money spent. Basing his estimate on the Detroit recreation department's appropriation, Mr. Brewer said the cost of recreational work in Farmington would be about \$450 at the most, and probably much less. Mr. Brewer suggested that the City Commission finance the project, although he said there were three ways to raise the money: by popular subscription, by contributions from the various clubs, and by city appropriation.

Mr. Brewer told how his recreation department in Detroit functions. The speaker said that 85 per cent of prison inmates are under 21 years of age, and a big reason why they are in prison is the lack of recreation, supervised by a competent director.

Mr. Brewer said that recreation brings people in more friendly contact. "It keeps youngsters out of mischief," he said, "because it occupies his leisure time. The most important result of recreation is the fact that it develops character in the boy."

"The attributes of character, such as teamwork, loyalty, leadership, reliance, initiative, alertness, good sportsmanship, etc., are developed on the playground." Mr. Brewer said that the most important factor in the organization of supervised recreation is the hiring of a competent director. This, he said, would be the biggest expense as the use of school equipment would make the cost of equipment comparatively slight.

Howard Warner acted as chairman of the meeting.

CLASS PICNIC

Farmington high school graduating class were guests of Virginia Otis at a picnic at Walled Lake Thursday, held at the Otis cottage.

Paul Foss and family have arrived at their new home in Petersburg, Nebr.

OPENING

Saturday, June 20, of Shady Maples Miniature Golf Course, Grand River, between Maple and Power, Farmington.

FREE GOLF first week. See our unique windmill. Reasonable rates; special rate to school children.

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Farmington Has Best Tax Record Of County Cities

City Stands First Among Oakland Municipalities In Percentage Collected

The City of Farmington again stands first among cities of Oakland County in percentage of taxes collected according to tabulations of 1930 tax collections by John M. Goepfert, chief county accountant. The city ranks lower, however than three townships in the County, having suffered a drop of about 10 per cent in tax collections, as compared with the previous year.

Three townships in the County rank ahead of Farmington City. Addison Township, with 84 per cent of its taxes paid, leads all others.

Figures compiled by former treasurer Geo. C. Gildemeister following collection of the 1930 state, county and special assessment taxes afford a comparison between conditions during the past year and in the year previous. In the 1929 tax collection, the city obtained 92.4 per cent of its taxes, leading all others. Of the 1930 city tax, however, only 81.4 per cent was paid. This drop of 11 per cent made it necessary for the City Commission this year, when it fixed the budget a short time ago, to take seriously into account for the first time the problem of delinquent taxes, and to consider the probable amount of unpaid taxes in the coming year.

Similar Loss

The percentage of state, county and special assessment taxes collected by the City for 1930 showed practically the same decrease as the city taxes. Last year 82.8 per cent of the state and county tax was collected, but this year only 72.1 per cent was received to be turned over to the County treasurer.

City tax collection has been consistently about 10 per cent above collection for state and county purposes.

Township Figures

Farmington Township has fared better than some others in the lower section of the county, but is about 11 per cent above the county average in delinquency, which is 48 per cent. The Township's delinquency of 59 per cent indicates the heavy handicap under which officials must labor in conducting affairs.

Even greater problems face nearby townships, however, Royal Oak Township showing 69 per cent of its taxes uncollected, and Southfield 66. Novi has less difficulty, with 55 per cent collected. One township in the central part of the county, Waterford, has a tax delinquency near the top, with 65 per cent.

Special Levies Low

As throughout the County, Farmington Township's chief difficulty is with road and drain levies.

DRUNKEN DRIVER IS FOUND GUILTY, GIVEN 55 DAYS

Novi Man Convicted By Farmington Jury; Two Companions Pay Fines

Wellington Demaray, 43 years old of Novi, was found guilty of drunk driving by a jury in John J. Schulte's court Tuesday and given a sentence of 55 days in Oakland County jail. His driver's license was revoked for 6 months.

Demaray was arrested June 6 on the Novi-Walled Lake road by State Troopers Smith and Konefsky along with three companions in the car. When arraigned before Judge Schulte, Demaray pleaded not guilty. Edward Andrews also of Novi pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$15. His brother, Steve Andrews, was acquitted, while Melburn Feist was found guilty and paid a \$15 fine.

The jury deliberated 25 minutes before finding Demaray guilty. The panel consisted of Ben Meyers, Herman Lehman, Harold Grace, Harry Lewis, James Hine and Harmon Boice.

Three Killed, 18 Hurt In 7 Accidents

Three people were killed and 18 injured, six so seriously that they may die, in a series of automobile accidents in this section this week. The crashes, seven in number, occurred in the 60 hours between Monday afternoon and Thursday morning, probably the worst period for traffic mishaps this area has known.

Residents of this section still in disastrous proportion are Miss Ruth McLean, Clarenceville school teacher, and Charles Fox, 2, of South Lyon Road. Details of the seven traffic mishaps appear elsewhere in this issue.

Workman Killed On Grand River

Frank Wotjcek, Road Laborer, Succumbs to Injuries Received From Truck

Frank Wotjcek, 40 years old of 4749 Dubois avenue, Detroit, died late Tuesday afternoon in Redford Receiving hospital of injuries suffered several hours before, near Farmington, when he was run over by a truck. Wotjcek was employed in the construction of Grand River, after the accident occurred while he was at work.

Witnesses said that Wotjcek attempted to hitch onto a truck at Grand River and Truck Road, while the vehicle was in motion. He was thrown from the running board under the truck, the wheels passing over him. He suffered internal injuries which proved fatal at 6 p. m. Tuesday. Wotjcek was injured at 3:40 p. m.

The accident was investigated by Deputy William Tamm.

FARMINGTON BOYS' CAR HIT BY DRUNK DRIVER, 6 UNHURT

Farmington Man Fined \$50, Given 60 Days After Crash On Grand River

Six people escaped serious injury when two automobiles driven by Farmington youths collided on Grand River near Maple road in Farmington late Tuesday afternoon.

The driver of one car, Drayton Holcomb, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Holcomb of Farmington, was the only occupant of the two cars to be injured. He received a bruised arm. The driver of the other machine, Harold Darrow, 29 of Farmington, was fined \$50 and given 60 days in jail for reckless driving. Police say he was under the influence of liquor. The jail sentence will be suspended if he pays the damages to Holcomb's machine.

According to police, Holcomb was driving east and Darrow west on Grand River. Police say that Darrow was riding on the wrong side of the road, Holcomb being unable to escape crashing into Darrow's car. Holcomb's car was demolished. Witnesses say that the impact caused Drayton's machine to turn a complete somersault in the air, lighting on the side. Holcomb is a Farmington high school student and is 15 years old. Gwen Lancaster, another high school boy, was riding with Holcomb.

Three other occupants of the Darrow car escaped without injury. Darrow was arraigned Tuesday evening before Justice John J. Schulte, who passed sentence.

Commission Requests Removal Of Light Pole

The Farmington City Commission, acting upon complaints of citizens this week, requested that the Detroit Edison Company remove the boulevard light pole at the corner of Grand River avenue and a complete road.

The pole was moved back to allow the widening of the pavement, and many complaints have been received by the Commission from citizens, who find the pole in its present position, inconvenient.

Two Farmington Mothers, 5 Children Injured; Man Killed

First Grade Party In Auto Crash En Route To Zoo;

Wm. Pauline Hurt At Same Place; Two Pontiac People Killed

Two Farmington mothers with five children are recovering in receiving hospital, Redford, from injuries suffered in an accident which occurred Tuesday morning as they were on their way to the Zoo at Royal Oak with a number of other Farmington first grade school children and their mothers. One of the children, Charles Fox, 2, is still on the danger list, but will probably recover. The driver of the machine which collided with the Fox car died of injuries.

Only about 16 hours previous, at the same crossing, Ten Mile and Telegraph Roads, William Pauline of Farmington was severely injured when his car was struck by another and demolished. Mr. Pauline is recovering at his home.

Mrs. Ruth Fox, her two children, Charles and Irene, a neighbor, Mrs. Monna Hantchett, and her three children, Irene, 4, Ronald, 7, and Merritt, 5 years old, will be in the hospital for some time as the result of their injuries. The most seriously hurt, Charles, has 65 stitches in his face and head.

Townships, City In Jitney Appeal

Hearing On Troy Alverson Application For Franchise Set For June 26

A hearing before the Michigan Public Utilities Commission to consider the application of Troy Alverson, Redford Township, to operate a jitney bus service between Farmington and Five Points will be held in the Administration building at Lansing, June 26 at 9 a. m.

Mr. Alverson will present at the hearing, three letters of similar contents drawn up by Farmington City, Farmington Township and Redford Township, officially stating their dissatisfaction with the present service, and recommending that Mr. Alverson be granted the franchise.

The franchise to operate buses between Farmington and Five Points is now held by the Eastern Michigan Bus Company, Farmington City. Farmington Township and Redford Township territories served by the present bus line have repeatedly stated their objection to the operation of the bus line by the Eastern Michigan company, because of the excessive fares and inadequate service provided by that company.

Mr. Alverson appeared before the Farmington City Commission at its regular meeting Monday evening and informed the Commissioners of the date of the hearing, which had been postponed from June 10. It was decided unanimously by the Commission to draft a letter, stating the City's views. The letter reads as follows:

"The officials of Farmington City in response to public demand are asking for cheaper and more frequent bus service to the Detroit City limits. Present service is inadequate and the fares are too high. Mr. Troy Alverson, a citizen of good standing, is willing to give more frequent service and at a lower rate, which will be very satisfactory to our bus patrons. We earnestly desire that your honorable body grant Mr. Alverson a franchise for this service."

The letter was signed by the Mayor, Clerk and all of the Commissioners. Farmington and Redford Townships drew up letters expressing the same opinion.

ASCHEN BRENNER SLATED AS NEXT EXCHANGE LEADER

Board of Control Nominates Vice Presidents For Advancement; Elect June 24

Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner is slated as next president of Farmington Exchange club, the Board of Control having nominated him for the office in a report made Wednesday noon. Dr. Aschenbrenner is first vice-president of the club.

Advancement of other vice-presidents is recommended by the board, which made the following nominations, in addition to that for president: "Harley Warner, now second vice-president, for first vice-president; N. H. Power, now third vice-president, for second vice-president; Earl Vivier, third vice-president, Elmer Palmer, for another term as secretary; John Fitzpatrick, for re-election as treasurer; Thomas McGee, Edward Baker and John Dalrymple for board of control.

Election will be held at the meeting next Wednesday.

Send in your news items.