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Deaths At Cut Off Hasten Action On Warning Signals

County Authorities Call On State Department To Protect Road Junction

Deaths of two women in a motor crash at the junction of Grand River road and the Cut-off east of Tuck Road last Saturday night have resulted in widespread comment on the dangerous condition of the highway at that point, and action by County road authorities to hasten State Highway Department protective measures.

Peril to westbound traffic has heretofore been the subject of most discussion, the road narrowing at that point. However, accidents in which two women were killed Saturday night occurred while they were eastbound and was due to the fact that the road widens for eastbound motorists of any kind, and with the road dark, except for automobile headlights, drivers unfamiliar with the place have little opportunity to know of the jog in the pavement.

The car in which the women were riding continued straight ahead and over the curb to the inner parkway, striking an electric light pole. The car was smashed to bits and both women died within a short time.

Urges Quick Action

County Road Commissioner Isaac Bond said Wednesday morning that he had been asked about the matter since the accident. The placing of signs is under jurisdiction of the State Highway Department, Mr. Bond said, but he has taken the matter up with Nathan Combs, representative of the State Department in Oakland County, and urged immediate action.

The jog in the eastbound road is several feet at the point where the accident occurred. The pavement changes from two 20-foot strips with 20 feet between to two 40-foot strips with a much wider parkway.

Observation at the junction of the two roads reveals that a large percentage of all motorists approaching the spot at night, find it necessary to slam on their brakes to avoid going over the curb, and that there are many narrow escapes. Many of the drivers are forced to back up after stopping, in order to make the turn. Two weeks ago a car which left the road at the spot turned over three times, resulting in serious injuries to occupants.

On the north side, where the road narrows, it has been difficult even for drivers familiar with the highway to gauge the road exactly, the curve being a gradual one. A single "Curve" sign, which is not of the headlight-reflector type, has been placed beside the road.

The two women killed were Mrs. Irene Pearson, 40, Madriz apartments, 710 Peterboro street, Detroit, and Mrs. Kathleen Knox, 30, same address. Mrs. Knox died shortly after arrival at Receiving hospital, Redford, and Mrs. Pearson expired early Sunday morning at the hospital. Both suffered fractures of the skull.

Deputy William Tamm took Mrs. Pearson to the hospital. He found in the car a number of handbags containing women's apparel, indicating that the women had been on a trip. Several men's shirts were also found.

Mrs. Knox was taken to the hospital by a passing motorist, Merrill Buckley, of Gregory, Mich.

Mrs. Pearson was also known as "Stevens," it was reported. The bodies of both victims were taken to the Wayne County morgue.

GET INSURANCE
Today, Schulte and Pare Agency ASSISTANCE

to depositors of Farmington State Savings Bank in making out claims. Nominal charge. Phone 106.

Deaths Frequent At Cut-Off Junctions

Reports from various localities in Michigan indicate that danger is great at their intersections of main traffic arteries with "Cut-offs" from those main highways. Fatal accidents similar to that east of Farmington, where two women were killed Saturday night, are frequent at such places.

A report from Ann Arbor this week tells of the fatal injury last Thursday evening at midnight of Mrs. Henry S. Thompson, wife of a prominent Ann Arbor citizen, in an accident at the junction of the Dexter Road and the Cut-off from it. An inquest is to be held.

Lower Valuations Benefit Shown

Reduction Of Assessments Encourages Large Taxpayers To Hold On

What lowering of assessments and reducing the cost of government means to large property-holders, and because of them, to the people of the community, in which their holdings are situated, is demonstrated in a recent expression of opinion by one of the largest taxpayers in Farmington Township, J. C. Ivins of Bushnell and Ivins Company, with headquarters in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Ivins' company, which has subdivisions in 30 large cities of the United States and thus ranks among the largest subdividing concerns in the country, has important holdings in the vicinity of Grand River and Base Line roads. Taxes on its subdivisions, paid into the Farmington Township treasury in the past three years are said to total around \$75,000.

In a letter to Charles Heise, (Continued on page five)

FARMINGTON MEN NAMED IN WALLED LAKE BANK SUIT

Farmington Residents Sued As Original Stockholders In Test Of Liability

A number of Farmington residents are named in a suit filed Wednesday in Circuit Court to determine who will be held liable for shortage of about \$65,000, which developed following closing of the Peoples Bank of Walled Lake last September. The Farmington men named are original stockholders who disposed of their shares five years ago, but who may still be held, it is thought, under a law which continues liability of bank stockholders for six years after disposal of their interests.

The suit was filed on order of the court, at conclusion of a hearing last Thursday afternoon. Benjamin E. Storms, James L. Hogle, Charles H. Ely and Clarence W. Bickling of Farmington are named as defendants in the suit.

Naming of the Farmington men as defendants does not necessarily mean, of course, that they are liable, since they disposed of their interests so long ago and have had no voice in management of the bank for years. However the court instructs attorneys for the bank's receiver to name the original stockholders along with the rest.

Felton and McGee represent the receiver, First National Bank and Trust Co. of Gary.

Mr. Storms, H. G. Roach and J. M. Crooks of Walled Lake testified at the hearing before Judge Glenn C. Gillespie last week. Their testimony was brief. After hearing it and the arguments of attorneys, Judge Gillespie said he would not render a decision, but that suit should be filed by the Receiver to test the matter of liability, and decision would then be given.

The matter will not come before the Circuit Court until fall, which means the decision will be delayed several months.

Plan Widening Of Gd. River To New Hudson In 1932

Making Road 40 Feet Wide From Farmington West On Program Soon

Widening of Grand River avenue from Farmington west to New Hudson, to a probable width of 40 feet, is listed as one of the State Highway Department's projects to be undertaken as soon as possible, in a statement this week by Grover C. Dillman, State Highway Commissioner.

Although the Department's plans for widening work next year will have to be cut one-third, due to lack of funds, the importance of the Grand River project is believed to be such that it will be among the first to receive consideration. Eight other widening projects are included in the listing, the Grand River item being among the largest of the group.

40 Feet To Lansing

It has been known for some time that engineers regard the widening of Grand River to a width of 40 feet, all the way to Lansing, as the goal toward which to work. The 20-foot pavement has proven so greatly inadequate to handle the heavy traffic that more highway surface is regarded as imperative, at the earliest possible date. Serious accidents, particularly between New Hudson and Farmington, have reached an appalling number within the past two years.

In giving out the list of projects for immediate consideration, Mr. Dillman said:

"The cost of the work we should do next year would be about \$22,000,000," he said. "Because of the changes in our financial plan, chiefly due to new legislation, we will have only about \$14,000,000 to spend. I am presenting this list of widening projects to the members of the board with the picture of some of the work ahead of us. Some of these projects can be undertaken next year. Others must be deferred."

MRS. MARY TURNER DIES AT AGE OF 72; FUNERAL IS HELD

Services at Methodist Church With Rev. Johnson, Dunlavy Officiating

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Mrs. Mary Turner, 72 years old, who lived at the home of her son, Samuel Turner, 3318 Grand River, Farmington, for the past 25 years. She died Sunday evening.

Services were held at Farmington Methodist church. Rev. Floyd Johnson and Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, former pastor of the M. E. church and present pastor of Bethany Church in Detroit, officiated. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Turner had lived in the Grand River area all her life. She was born April 14, 1859 on Plymouth road in Greenfield Township. She lived near Five Points until her marriage to Samuel Turner April 25, 1886, when she moved into Redford Township. Later she was a resident of Southfield, moving to Farmington after the death of her husband.

Surviving are three children, David Woodruff and Samuel Turner of Farmington, and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Lloyd of Monroe. A son John died in 1927.

Eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive: Harold, Laverne, Elizabeth, Margaret, Howard, and Joan Turner; Beatrice Lloyd, and Mrs. Evelyn Veitch. John David Veitch is the greatest-grandchild.

Palbearers at the funeral Wednesday were Robert and Vondy Greshover of Redford Township, and John, Alfred, Frank, and Ernest Greshover of Detroit, all nephews of the deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pennel and family of Pleasant Lake and Mr. and Mrs. J. Small of Detroit spent Sunday at Starr Graham's.

Farmington To Quit High School Athletic League

Cost Of Officials For Games Chief Factor In Withdrawal Decision

Farmington high school will withdraw from its present membership in the Suburban High School Athletic League as soon as it is possible to do so, it was decided by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Wednesday evening. High cost of officials required by the league rules was the leading factor in the decision.

While it may be found necessary to carry out contracts or schedules already made, the withdrawal will be made effective at the earliest possible date.

Trustee Howard Warner, looking over the budget, called attention to the item of \$400 for athletics. He expressed the opinion that particularly at a time when every effort is being made toward economy, the athletics department should be as nearly self-sustaining as possible.

\$20 A Game

Discussion brought out that most of the money goes for payment of officials at contests. The Suburban League has been taken under the control of the State Department of Public Instruction, and rules require a minimum number of officials at various contests. The department does not name the officials, but they must be accredited, and the accredited officials' pay is \$10 for most games.

For football, two officials are required for each game, at \$10 each. For basketball one official is paid \$10. The cost for baseball is somewhat less. It was estimated that the cost of officials for the year is \$250, and in many games this expense exceeds the gate receipts.

Belleville Quits

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On motion of Arthur Lamb, supported by Mrs. Florence Lee, Mr. Warner was designated as a committee of one to interview officials of the League with regard to making the withdrawal effective.

Trustee Lloyd Gullen presided at the meeting, in the absence of President A. L. Ross.

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Farmington Choir To Sing For Prisoners

Farmington Methodist Church Choir has been invited to sing at chapel services at Jackson prison, for inmates of the institution, following its winning of first prize at the recent competition for small town church choirs at East Lansing.

The invitation was sent by the prison chaplain. It is probable that the choir will sing at the prison chapel services a week from Sunday morning, August 23, although the decision has not yet been made definitely.

Schools To Open On September 14

Farmington And Clarenceville Boards Decide On Date For Starting

Farmington and Clarenceville Schools will open on the same day, Monday, September 14, it was decided this week by the Boards of Education of the respective districts. Each district plans to have a slightly shortened school year, with 36 weeks of classes instead of 40 weeks.

Two weeks will be cut from the school year at the beginning and at the end. The usual vacations are planned. The calendar decided upon brings the school year to a close on Friday, June 10, 1932.

The Farmington school program has been worked out in detail by Supt. John Dalrymple, with Christmas vacation beginning Friday, December 18, and school work being resumed Monday, January 4. Spring vacation will begin Friday April 1, and continue until Monday, April 11.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TO INSURE PUPILS RIDING IN BUS

Board Moves For Protection Against Suits In Case Of Injury

A move which may some day be of importance to Farmington School district was taken by the Board of Education Wednesday evening, with regard to insurance protecting the district in event of injury to pupils while riding in the school bus.

Trustee Howard Warner suggested that in case of an accident, the district might be made the object of a large damage suit. In spite of the fact that the case set has been sold here on a cash basis only.

A production schedule of as much as 50 sets a day is anticipated by the company, which estimates it can turn out that many sets in the new quarters. This would require probably from 15 to 20 men.

Plenty of room, good location and absence of noise which interferes with testing, influenced location of the company in Farmington, according to Mr. Chase. He plans to move to Farmington to live within the next two weeks.

The set is a ten-tube screen-grid receiver, with pentode converter tube. It operates from the car battery with three dry batteries. It was stated that 42 stations, some as far as Pittsburgh and beyond, were brought in with a set in Farmington Wednesday evening.

Overdue Library Books Are Sought

Library books that are overdue should be returned to the Farmington public library in the Town Hall as soon as possible, Miss M. Kennedy, librarian, requests. All late books should especially be returned as they are much in demand, she says.

"Moonlight Mystery" by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow has been missing from the library, and Miss Kennedy asks that it be returned. The library is open every Saturday from one o'clock in the afternoon to 8:30 P. M.

Automobile Radio Factory Locates In Farmington

Company To Manufacture Receiving Sets For National Wide Distribution

An industry which appears to have possibilities for a considerable development in the future is now operating in Farmington, having located here this week. The company manufactures radio sets for automobiles. It is located in the garage at Farmington Road and State street, formerly occupied by Oakland-Pontiac Sales.

The company has been manufacturing receiving sets for three years, but distribution heretofore has been confined to sales made by the developer of the sets, Z. E. Chase, in the Detroit area.

Some weeks ago, however, a number of men who believe that automobile radio is destined to have a great development within the next few years, selected Mr. Chase's product from among all those on the market, after a month's survey. Agreement was reached whereby Mr. Chase was to manufacture the sets for these men, who are taking over entire distribution, and plan a nation wide dealer-organization.

Contract For Sets

The distributing company has contracted to purchase a minimum of 75 sets a month from Mr. Chase, and the first order, for delivery of 40 sets as soon as possible, was received Thursday morning.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Lansing and return of papers is expected within a few days.

Under Competitors

Much of the prospect for the Chase set sales development is seen in the fact that the radio is sold for considerably less than the usual automobile set of established quality. It is installed for \$74.50, while other leading makes are sold for \$94.50, \$109.50 and up. Agreement by the distributing company to operate on a margin of profit much less than the usual sales concern is a big factor in making the lower retail price possible, Mr. Chase said.

On Small Cars

A surprising feature of the business and one that provides much encouragement for the future development, Mr. Chase says, is the fact that purchasers are not limited to owners of high-priced cars. Strangely enough, a large proportion of all sales have been to owners of cars in the \$500 and up to \$1,000 class, and this in spite of the fact that the Chase set has been sold here on a cash basis only.

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Farmington Goes To "The Dog Show" --And The Next Day The Dogs Go

Farmington's latest "dog case" themselves. The battle waged none-the-less furiously, however, and even after it was over there was talk of an appeal from Judge John J. Schulte's decision that the dogs must go. The owners of the dogs, John Staples and his sister-in-law, Ethel Benier, were ready to incur the expense of appealing to the Circuit Court. Judge Schulte has ruled, however, that there can be no appeal in a dog-nuisance case. He sent his findings to Assistant Prosecutor George Cram, with citations, and has been sustained.

Dogs Taken Away

An order for destruction of the dogs in possession of Chief of Police Lee Doyle, but the owners took advantage of a 24-hour period of grace allowed them by the judge, and removed the animals.

Most damaging to the dogs' case was the testimony of the first two witnesses, Herman (Continued on page 4)