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Flames Destroy House And Barn; Cause Unknown

Farmington Department At Scene, Runs Hose 1,200 Feet To Get Water

A farmhouse was destroyed and one barn burned beyond repair, while another was saved in a fire Wednesday night that occupied the attention of Farmington Fire Department for more than an hour.

The fire occurred on a farm located on a side road one-half mile west of McKinley Road, and between Five and Six Mile Roads, in Livonia Township. The farm had been purchased by a resident of Grosse Pointe named Murphy, but it is reported that it had reverted turned to its former owner. A family named Smith, occupying the house, was away from home at the time of the fire and the value of the contents could not be learned.

The alarm was sent in shortly after nine o'clock. The fire had gained great headway when the department arrived and saving the house was impossible, nor could any of the contents be carried out. Attention was turned to the out-buildings.

After it was seen that water carried in buckets could not prevent the out-buildings catching, a fire hose was stretched 1,200 feet to a creek. Fire that started on one of the buildings was put out, and the blaze was kept from the other.

It was reported that a brooder burning oil had been in the house, and that the fire probably started from the brooder, but the exact cause could not be ascertained.

FARMINGTON MAN ENTERTAINS WITH "ESCAPE FROM BOX"

Stanley Smith Demonstrates As Magician At Birmingham Lodge

Stanley Smith entertained the K of P lodge at Birmingham last Tuesday evening with a trick the terms "escape from a torture box." A committee of the audience carefully examined the box in which he was placed handcuffed, and a heavy lid put over the box which was padlocked on the outside. A circular curtain was dropped enclosing the box.

Assistant King Harger stood just outside the curtain ready to enter and knock loose the padlock in case the escape was not made within an allotted time. After the escape the committee re-examined the box to see if padlocks had not been tampered with in any way.

Mr. Smith will repeat the trick for a convention at Hotel Statler in the near future.

Farmington Hardware Offers "100 Bargains"

No less than "One Hundred Bargains" are offered by Farmington Hardware Co. this week as the feature of their Spring Sale which is now on in progress. Everything needed around the household garden and lawn in springtime is included, as well as numerous other items in daily use throughout the year. The famous "Walhide" paints are especially featured, as appears in advertisement on page 6.

A large number of smaller items selling in the five to 25 cent range have recently been added and put on display in the front of the store.

Governor Signs "85 Per Cent" Law For Banks

Governor Wilbur M. Brucker has signed the bill permitting reorganization of closed banks upon agreement of depositors representing 85 per cent of deposits. Under the bill the banks which have planned moratorium agreements can proceed on reaching the required percentage, and the deposits of those not signing moratoriums are placed in a separate classification. The bill becomes law immediately.

Installation Of Officers Held By Farmington Eastern Star Chapter

Installation of the new officers of Farmington Chapter took place before a capacity audience, at Masonic temple Tuesday evening. Past Matrons of the chapter assisted in the work.

Past matron Josephine McGee acted as installing marshal and past matron Mable Allyn as installing chaplain.

Sixteen of the past matrons escorted the worthy matron elect to her station, Elaine Auten, daughter of the Associate patron, elected as pianist, Clara Mc Ross, Gladys Boucher, past matron, Charlotte Walters and June Johnson, daughter of the retiring matron were soloists, offering beautiful and appropriate numbers during the ceremony.

Club Will Have Annual Meeting

"Daughters' Day" Is Celebrated By Farmington Woman's Club; Program Given

Daughters' Day of the Farmington Woman's club Wednesday at the home of Mrs. M. B. Pierce was one to be long remembered. After a short business meeting the program for the day was in charge of the committee Miss Ernestine Pierce, Mrs. Wm Slocum and Miss Mildred Adams.

Mrs. Emily Wellman of Pontiac gave a very interesting talk on "Why we need junior workers in our club and how to organize them." A solo was offered by Miss June Johnson, reading by Jean Kennedy, a solo by Mrs. Helen Kennedy Snyder, a piano solo by Miss Barbara Moon, and a duet by Mrs. Snyder and Miss Pierce. Mrs. Rysdrop Hasley of Detroit gave a talk on her five years in China with the Y. M. C. A. This was followed by a solo by Mrs. Snyder.

The women of Farmington have been invited to attend a play and festival given by the Milford Woman's Club, May 3 in their high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Those who have attended any of the Milford entertainments will know that it is time well spent. The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bertina Steele May 11th.

This will be the annual meeting with pot luck lunch. Members are asked to bring lunch, cloth, knife, fork and spoon, sandwiches for one and one other dish—the thing that each can make the best. Ira G. Hatton Cor. sec.

NEARLY 100 AT MEETING

Nearly 100 persons attended the pot luck supper and monthly business meeting of the P. T. A. on Wednesday evening. A contest was started for new members. Mrs. Earl Lare and Mrs. Henry Moss were appointed as leaders of the two sides.

Mrs. Harry Avery, president of the organization gave an interesting talk on the history of the organization and also of what could be done in the future with good co-operation.

Results Show People Look For Real Values

That reduced prices DO attract people if real values are offered and properly advertised, is attested by A. L. Ross, proprietor of Farmington Bakery. Mr. Ross two weeks ago announced lower prices on several items of his baked goods, running the schedule in his advertising in the last two issues of the Enterprise.

As a result of the new low prices and the advertising volume jumped immediately. In one week's increase in business was 20 times the cost of the advertisement. The low prices remain in force, and a "special" on pumpkin pies is announced in the advertisement in this issue.

Special music during the evening was given by Miss Dorothy Watson of Detroit who gave two request numbers with Swiss Dells. Miss Watson is a radio entertainer of note and her music was well received.

Children assisting in the floral work were Mary Louise and Betty Jane Worsfold, Ilene Dennis, Joyce Heeney and Christine Bleking who presented colonial baskets of old fashioned flowers to the Star Points. Edgar West, son of the worthy matron-elect, also accompanied his mother to the dais and presented her with a huge colonial basket of flowers, a gift from the chapter.

Officers installed were: Mae West, worthy matron; Arthur Cox, patron; Gertrude Webster, associate matron; Ralph Auten, associate patron; Ada Bond, secretary; Lillian Zwalhen, treasurer; Allie Cox, conductress; Georgia Pearl, associate conductress; Pearl Bauer, chaplain; Hannah Ault, marshal; Gladys Boucher, organist; Madelon Malone, Ada; Loretta Cox, Ruth; Ida Worsfold; Esther; Robbie Harrison, Martha; Laura Holloway, Electra; Florence Breaer, wardens; Joe Himmelspach, sentinel.

The retiring matron, Mary Johnson was presented with a jewel from the chapter, by past matron Minnie Hogle. Officers of the chapter presented her with a fine waffle iron and the accompanying dishes. The retiring patron B. E. Storms was also given a jewel and the officers presented him with an electric floor lamp with smoker attached.

Worthy matron Mae West was the recipient of a beautiful vase of flowers from her husband and several other gifts from friends. Many of the officers received gifts and flowers. Nick Bos gave the chapter a huge box of roses and jonquils which were later presented to the installing officers.

Much of the success and pleasure of the evening is due to the generosity and co-operation of Evelyn Hibbern, James Van Volkenburg, florist and Joe Himmelspach.

TO HOLD SERVICE ON SATURDAY FOR MRS. M. DURHAM

Deceased Was A Resident Of Clarenceville For 12 Years; Had Been Ill A Year

Funeral services will be held, Saturday for Mrs. Mitchell Brook Durham, 40 years old, of Ontago ave., Clarenceville, who died Thursday after a year's illness. Burial will take place Sunday at Otter Lake.

Mrs. Durham, who was a member of an old Michigan family, is survived by her husband, a daughter, Marie, 5; two sons, Kenneth, 7, and Almont, 23; two brothers, William, of Clarenceville, and Clarence, the latter a member of the Detroit Fire Department. She had been a resident of Clarenceville 12 years, and was a member of the Lodge of Rebekahs.

Deceased was a cousin of N. H. Power of Farmington.

WOMAN ACTIVE IN COMMERCE AFFAIRS EXPIRES

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. George Yerrington; Death Follows Operation

Friends regret to hear of the death of Mrs. George Yerrington of Commerce. Her death occurred Tuesday morning, following an operation.

Mrs. Yerrington was treasurer of the Methodist church and secretary of the Eastern Star. She is survived by her husband, a daughter Betty at home, and her mother, Mrs. Lowell, who makes her home with them.

Funeral services were arranged for the Hasting Funeral Parlors in Detroit at 2:00 p. m. on Thursday with Rev. Bert Ede officiating.

J. Storms Leads Seniors, M. Erwin Second In Study

Smallest Possible Margin Separates Two Girls; Foremost In Scholarship

The smallest possible margin separates the winner of the highest and second highest honors in scholarship in the Senior Class of Farmington High School, to be graduated in June. By the difference between just one A mark and a B, Jean Storms won the distinction of valedictorian from Marjorie Erwin, who is salutatorian.

School authorities, on examining the records, discovered with astonishment that the two excellent students were as close as they could possibly be, except in case of a tie. Miss Storms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Storms, 33607 Shawansee St., had all A's but one in her high school course. Miss Erwin, daughter of James Erwin, 1636 Ten Mile Road, had only two B's.

Journalism decided the contest between the two students. They were in the same class in their freshman year. Journalism is A under Miss Alice Nicol. In this course Miss Storms, who showed exceptional ability in writing for "The Latch-Key," student paper published within the Enterprise, was awarded an A. Miss Erwin was also highly proficient in news-writing, but did not possess quite the brilliance of Miss Storms, and the former received a B in the course. The records were completed a few days ago.

FARMINGTON YOUNG MAN FOUND GUILTY IN HOLDUP TRIAL

Awaits Sentence Following Verdict In Robbery Of Gasoline Station

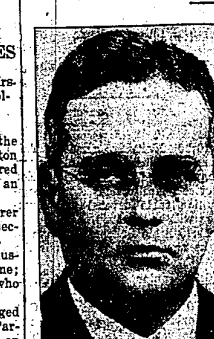
William Starkey, 22, of Farmington, is awaiting sentence following conviction Tuesday in Circuit Court, Detroit, on a charge of robbery armed. He was found guilty of helping three other young men hold up a Northville gas station.

A report from the Probation Department is to be considered before sentence is passed, by Judge Arthur Webster. Starkey's companions, who pleaded guilty, were sentenced to from two to 10 years by Judge Ormund F. Hunt. Starkey asserted that he had been forced into the robbery by threats of the others, who live in Northville.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER DINNER

Farmington Methodist Church will hold its annual Mother and Daughter banquet at the church on Thursday evening, May 12. Admission charge will be 35 cents for mothers and 25 cents for daughters regardless of age.

This Section Has Edge In Race For Congress, With 2 'Favorite Sons'



ROBERT G. YERKES

Boy Scout Executive



Scout Executive Herbert Watson will lead hundreds of Boy Scouts of the Oakland County Area in their annual rally and jamboree in Farmington June 10-11.

Correct Way To Give Alarm Told

Coolness And Accuracy Urged In Phoning To Report Fires

More fires are reported by telephone to the Farmington fire department than by any other means according to Bernard Banfield, fire chief. That serves to reduce the fire loss that otherwise would be sustained, by many thousands of dollars, he says, declaring that the time saved in telephoning an alarm results in quicker arrival of the fire fighting apparatus and crews. Generally they arrive very soon after the phone call.

Urging that the person reporting a fire by telephone do so in a calm, clear voice, giving the street address, cross roads, and other essential information as quickly as possible, Chief Banfield says that the Michigan Bell Telephone company co-operates with the department closely.

The telephone operators, for instance, are instructed to give precedence to fire and other emergency calls, and pay full and speedy attention to such a call the instant it flashes through the central office switchboards. The operator handling a fire call also remains on the line until full and efficient information concerning the blaze is supplied the fire department, and frequently gives valuable help in relaying the facts.

There are many instances on record of persons excitedly reporting fires merely by shouting into the telephone. "My house is on fire," and giving no other information. In such case, the operator or her superior ascertains the origin of the call and then gives the information and address to the fire department. The Michigan Bell company shows on the front of the telephone directory instructions for reporting fires by telephone.

Thousands To Be Here June 10 For Scouts Rally

Preparations Begun For County Meeting On June 10; Card Party To Meet Expense

Preparations are now under way for one of the biggest events held in Farmington in years, the annual Council Rally and jamboree of hundreds of Boy Scouts from all over the area covered by the Oakland County Council, on June 10 and 11. Several thousand people are expected to be in Farmington on the evening of Friday, June 10, and during the following day.

Card Party Next Week To Furnish Rally Fund

The Farmington community at large will have its first opportunity to show its interest in the Oakland County Boy Scout Rally to be held here June 10-11, when next Friday evening, May 6, a card party will be held to meet expenses of the rally. It will be held at the American Legion home.

It was decided that an event of this kind would be preferable to a fund-solicitation campaign. Money is required for the banners, prizes, etc., and the co-operation of everyone is urged by those in charge.

for the greatest occasion of the year among Scouts.

Not only will the event be an exceptional one for Farmington, but it will be unusual for those attending as well, inasmuch as a double celebration will be held. Besides the elaborate program planned for the County rally, there will be an official dedication of Farmington's famous Log Cabin to the use of the local Scout troop, with appropriate ceremonies.

Plan Spectacle What promises to be one of the most spectacular as well as beautiful spectacles seen in the County in a long time has been planned for Friday evening. Following the parade and dedication of the cabin, with a flag-raising and presentation of keys, the Council Court of Honor will be held in the Rouge valley beneath the hill next to the school athletic field. The Scouts will gather in the valley and the spectators will remain on the hill above. The entire scene will be illuminated with flood-lights, and in this magnificent setting the Scouts who have won distinction will cross the river bridge, known for the occasion as the Bridge of Honor, and receive their merit badges.

Scout Executive Herbert Watson has been in Farmington recently conferring with Joseph Himmelspach and others interested in Scout activities. After looking over the site for the court of honor and going up the river valley, along which the Scouts will hike and study nature Saturday morning, he declared that Farmington offered perhaps the best natural surroundings for such an event he had ever seen, although few local people may realize what is in their midst.

Red And White Now Has Over 12,000 Stores

Red and White stores, with which nation-wide organization the Delos Hamlin store in Farmington is allied, is now the second largest retail grocery organization in the country. Mr. Hamlin learned this week. The Red and White, a group which operates for co-operative buying, and consists of home-owned and home-managed food-stores of highest standing, recently took over a similar organization in the far West, comprising 3,000 stores.

There are now 12,000 stores operating under the Red and White system, showing a constant increase in patronage and public favor.

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