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## Farmington Men Save Pinned-In Truckman's Life

Driver Of New Car Carrier Has Narrow Escape; Fire Department Aids

William Tillema, 27 years old, of 804 Robinson Road, Pontiac, is alive today, and he may thank the promptness, efficiency and good judgment of Farmington citizens for the fact.

Tillema's narrow escape provided the section along Grand River avenue east with the greatest excitement that has developed in some time, last Friday night. A crowd of scores of men and women saw him, severely injured, helplessly pinned in the cab of the truck he had been driving, while across his back rested the bumper of a truck weighing thousands of pounds.

Tillema, a driver for the Contract Carriage Company, which has recently located new headquarters in the former Shaw Garage at Grand River and Waldron in Clarendville, was driving westward on Grand River just before midnight. He was piloting a new-car carrier outfit, with three new machines aboard. He fell asleep, and his truck slowly angled across Grand River, striking a pole with great force, in front of the Amos Otis property.

Tillema was caught in his cab; the steering-wheel broke, and he was crushed against the steering post. The trailer had telescoped between the truck-cab, the new machines on the trailer moving forward, the front end resting perilously on one front corner of the cab.

Crowd Assembles  
Tillema's screams brought a large crowd at once. The fire whistle was blown to summon the department when it was seen that more man-power would be needed.

Tillema might still have lost his life had it not been for quick perception of Deputy Joseph De-Vriendt. The officer arrived just as the first plan for extricating Tillema was being put into execution. This was to pull the trailer back from its position against the cab. Deputy De-Vriendt pointed out that if the trailer was jerked back, the front truck would fall from the perch on which it stood; the cab; that the two new trucks should be removed from the trailer first. Accordingly, the coupe farthest back was removed entirely, and the front one was jerked back, this having the effect of tilting the trailer-frame upward, so that Tillema could be freed.

Given First Aid  
The injured driver was taken to the office of Dr. Joseph W. Norling, who gave first aid treatment. Tillema was injured about the back and chest, and his right leg was broken. An ambulance from St. Joseph's Hospital was called and took him to that institution.

Flames were placed on the trailer, which was taken to the Clarendville garage by the cartage company next morning.

The accident led to further excitement when, next day, the front of the carrier, in which Tillema had been pinned, caught fire as garagemen were working on it. There were 35 gallons of gasoline in the tank, and quite a battle ensued before the flames were conquered, Farmington Fire Department again being called.

Evans Family Moving To Home In Pontiac

After twelve years residence in Farmington, Mr. and Mrs. Erskine W. Evans and family of Leeward Drive will leave Saturday to take up their new residence in Pontiac. The Evans' seat they within a short distance of Mr. Evans' work at the Pontiac motor car plant. Their new address will be 250 Nelson Street.

Mr. Evans has been superintendent of the Sunday School at Salem Evangelical Church. His work will be carried on by William Maas, assistant. Mrs. Evans, whose vocal ability and other talents have been notable in the church, will be much missed in the community.

The Flower Club will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. E. P. Power on Tuesday, February 6. Miss Katherine Sprague will be the guest speaker. Every body please attend.

## Motorist Hurt As Car Skids Into 'Haulaway'

The second new car carrying outfit to be involved in an accident within a week in this area participated in a mishap on the Cut-off Wednesday night. A carrier bearing three new cars was traveling westward on the Cut-off and had just passed under the green light at Farmington Road. Coming east was Albert Hansch, 8833 Meyers Road. Hansch saw the light change to amber and put on his brakes.

The pavement was slippery and the eastbound car skidded into the path of the carrier, driven by Nelson Weidworth of Dearborn. Hansch suffered cuts on the head, for which he was treated by Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, after which he went home.

## Truck Dispute Being Settled

Township And County Officials Parley

Doubts that have existed that there would ever be a court trial in the dispute between Township and County Welfare officials over ownership of a truck, proved well-founded this week. With both groups unquestionably eager to settle the dispute amicably, and likewise desirous of continuing mutual goodwill, understanding rather than controversy took the upper hand.

The matter proved sufficient, however, to cause a conference between the parties Tuesday morning, including a visit to Farmington of the County Welfare Administrator, Stacy S. Skellern, and a special session Wednesday noon of the Township Board. Attending the conference, held in Judge John J. Schulte, Jr.'s courtroom, were several Township citizens in addition to the officials.

The lone menace to peace and understanding seemed to be a letter from State Welfare headquarters, exhibited by County authorities. The Township State officials remarked that if the County organization found a Township was not displaying an inclination to co-operate with the County, the County might have the entire welfare burden thrown back upon it, losing the help from higher circles.

Deny Letter Is Threat  
The County officials denied, however, after reading the letter, that it was a threat. It was also disclaimed that Farmington Township was specifically meant, it being remarked that there were several townships not co-operating with the County officials, thought they should.

Get Appraisals  
It was reported that Mr. Skellern offered the Township officials for the Township's interest in the truck. Two appraisals of the value of the truck were reported as having been received, one of \$150 and another of \$175, both from sales agencies.

Agency put time, rather than resale figures, Township officials feel that at the very least the Township's share in the truck is two-thirds by any manner of calculating, and that in reality the Township is entire owner.

After the hour of conference, the Township Board decided on meeting Wednesday noon to formulate their proposition, for transmission to the County Welfare Commission and consideration by that body at its meeting Wednesday night.

Masonic Lodge Plans Father And Son Dinner

An interesting program, including capable speakers and a surprise for the sons will be the Father and Son Banquet to be held by Farmington Masonic Lodge Wednesday, February 7.

Tickets are on sale at Farmington Hardware, Delos Hamilton's, Fred L. Cook and Co. and Farmington Dairy, Inc.

PROGRESSIVE BIBLE CLASS OF M. E. CHURCH TO MEET

The business and social meeting of the Progressive Bible Class of the M. E. Church will be held on Wednesday, February 7, at the home of Mrs. F. M. Warner. Luncheon will be prepared by the committee and served at one o'clock.

Bring thimble, needles, thread and pins. Women who do not sew for the Chinese Home.

## New Farmington Wine Plant Goes Into Production

Crushing And Pressing Of Grapes Begins At Junction; 25 Men At Work

For the first time since a certain midnight 14 years ago, smoke is curling upward from the mouth chimney-stacks at Farmington Junction, but it rises above a far different industry from that which lodged under the brow of the stack for many years. In place of the power plant for interurban trolley-cars and lighting, there is the new winery which in the past few days has seen its first production.

Crushing and pressing of grapes has begun with a 90-ton batch of the fruit as a starter. The grapes were brought from storage in a large plant in Detroit, where they have been since early fall. The grapes are first put through the crusher, which is located in the basement of the plant. The crusher is a large machine through a four-inch hose to the glass-lined tanks on the top floor. It remains in these fermenting units five days, then is conveyed to the winery. From the press the grape juice flows by gravity down to the ageing-casks. These are the oak casks of great age brought over from Canada. The wine remains in these at least three months.

Busy Place  
The winery is a busy place, with about 25 men reported on the payroll. Hauling of grapes from the storage-plant and crushing is in progress, according to company officials.

The press being used is a temporary one. According to plant officials, manufacturers of the press desired will require eight weeks' time, and shipping and installation would bring the time required to put the press in operation to three months. It was decided to use a temporary press, but the wine company officials say that a large press of the right type will be installed later.

Operations are being supervised by Dr. Kuhn, who has charge of the winery. No wine has yet been brought to the Farmington plant for blending with the local product, but the company men say this will be done later, and the wine will be sold to this side and sold to the State Liquor Commission, they state.

## BIRD CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Michigan Audubon Society, with headquarters at Hart, Michigan has announced a Feeding and Birding Contest for Michigan rural school children.

Prizes are offered to both boys' and girls' groups who, in their respective zones, shall feed and care for a large number of birds, exclusive of the English sparrow and crow, between February 15 and March 31. In the girls' contest the feeding group is to be around the home and farm buildings. Boys will feed birds in fields and woods at a distance of a half-mile or more from the home.

To insure uniform conditions for feeding, the state is divided, for the contest, into Northern and Southern zones. The Northern section comprises those counties lying north of the Mason-Avenue line, while counties south of this line are in the Southern zone. Bulletins regarding Michigan birds are in all public schools and are being distributed to school commissioners. In addition to these helps the Audubon Society recommends Farmer's Bulletin No. 613, which may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. for twenty-five cents, and Reed's Pocket Bird Guide which may be purchased at book stores.

Further information may be secured from the Audubon Society.

NEW STATE LIQUOR LAW ATTACKED AND DEFENDED

A spirited discussion of the new state liquor law marked the meeting of Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon. A casual remark by President E. A. Crossman suggesting a future program proved the starting-point for a round-the-table exchange of views that developed some very positive and emphatic statements, particularly on the side of those assailing the present law. Four vigorous attackers outnumbered their opponents and probably outdid them as to the vigor of their attack.

## Men Missed By CWA May Obtain Jobs On Feb. 15

"New Set-up" Coming For Work After Feb. 15, County Officials Assent

Unemployed men in this vicinity who have not yet enjoyed the benefit of being on CWA payrolls may get their turn at the Government work after February 15, it is indicated in advices from County authorities. A local official within the past few days. The intimation of this possible development was coupled with instructions to "hurry up" the work being done on projects now under way.

Farmington's CWA crew of men is reported as the only one in the entire County which has not been reduced following the recent order of the Washington to cut down on the forces and material outlay, but a reduction in the roster any day would not surprise local officials. Intimation that a cut in the City roster is to be expected has been given by County authorities, and early this week Commissioner Hutton was advised to expect this sort of action.

About 150 men, approximately the force which has been at work for a number of weeks past, are still employed in Farmington City. Two sewer jobs are being ordered to completion, and will undoubtedly be finished in the two week's time yet remaining, but some other sewer projects cannot even be started by that time.

In the Township, there are some projects also which cannot be finished by the middle of the month. The Township force, like the City's has not been curtailed thus far, though in both units throughout the State, hours have been cut from 30 to 24 for all men at work. Even if the same number of men are permitted to continue on the job, these cannot possibly be completed by the date.

There is no indication, however, that the jobs not done by February 15 will be abandoned. The CWA activity is to continue, and the projects approved to be carried out, but there is to be a new set-up. Just what all this means has not been made clear at County sources. The money is to be furnished from the same State basis. However, there is reported a strong inclination to re-check on all phases of the work, which was begun amid so much haste last fall. It is agreed in all quarters that the projects will be carried forward under the "new set-up," with much closer scrutiny from the top. In the feverish rush (Continued on page eight)

## DAIRY FARMERS COMMITTEE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Of particular interest in this section because of the stirrings in the milk-producing industry, and the meeting in Farmington last week of 150 dairy farmers for discussion of conditions in the business, is a dispatch from Washington telling of the removal of the scene of controversy from this area to the national capital. At the meeting in Farmington Town Hall, a resolution was adopted which contained a reference to a committee of dairy producers at the time enroute to Washington to present their views of the dairy farmer's situation. The resolution offered by Harley Gibson of Farmington Township and passed by the meeting, urged the committee.

The group appeared in Washington before officials, as is told in the following dispatch from the Washington Bureau of the Detroit News: "A war in Michigan's milk industry was brewing here today when farmers representing the producers of eight counties, protested against contemplated adjustment by the Agricultural Administration in setting the basic price of milk to farmers in the Detroit area at \$1.85 per 100 pounds, or 35 cents less than previously set as fair by two state boards.

"The farmers, with their spokesmen, Walter M. Nelson, laid out their protest before a group of Michigan congressmen in the office of Rep. John C. Lehr, and were promised support. They charged that the price formula was being 'rigged' in favor of distributors, and indicated they would protest against the action of officers of the Milk Producers Association, who they declare, are 'operating' with the distributors rather than with the farmers.

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## Convention Speaker



HON. LOUIS H. FEAD

Mr. Fead, Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan delivered the principal address at the Michigan Press Association banquet, Thursday evening, January 25, 1934. He spoke on "Safeguards of the Constitution." It was one of the highlights of the annual meeting of the Association held at East Lansing, January 23-27.

## Township Names Day For Primary

Board Designates Date For Annual Election Of Candidates By Parties

Farmington Township will hold its annual primary election this year on Monday, March 5, that date having been designated by the Township Board at the opening of the new institution. On that day the candidates will be chosen for the annual election, which will take place on the day designated by the Board first Monday in April, which is April 2.

The primary in Farmington Township holds scarcely less a degree of interest this year than the one a year ago when for the first time in almost a generation, there appeared an almost entire second ticket. Previous thereto, for years, the primary was a real election day with the Republican nomination equivalent to election. Last year not only was there a Democratic ticket in the field, but the aspirants under that banner felt that the Democratic nomination was distinctly worthwhile, that winning it meant a real chance for later capturing the office sought. This proved true in two instances. Joseph Graham, running as a Democrat for highway commissioner, winning the post and Frank Steele being elected Justice of the peace.

Petition Deadline  
The Township Board set Tuesday, February 13, at 12 o'clock noon as the deadline for filing of nominating petitions for the primary. All petitions must be in the hands of Clerk Willard Campbell by that time. Attention is called to the fact that the expiration time on the final date this year is 12 noon instead of at the close of the day. Hitherto petitions could be filed at any time on the last date until the end of the day, but the Board decided on a change this year. Mr. Campbell will receive the petitions at his home, 20900 Pearl Street, Clarendville, where his office is now located.

Petition blanks are now available by request to Mr. Campbell. Same Voting Places  
Voting at the primary this year will be held in the same places as the last election. The Town Hall in Farmington for Precinct No. 1 and the former Welfare Store on Grand River in Clarendville for Precinct No. 2. Although the Township has discontinued renting of the store effective Wednesday night, the building will be engaged for the balloting.

Mr. Campbell who has occupied the front part of the store for his office, has resumed using his home for his office, following action by the Township Board.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 14

Another Father and Son Banquet will be held in the near future, that of the Methodist Ladies Aid Society to be held on Wednesday, February 14 at the Church dining rooms. The menu will consist of Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, celery, olives, rolls, coffee, ice cream and cake.

## Dividend and New Bank Nearer As Gains Are Made

Signers Afford More Encouragement Within The Past Week

A new bank in Farmington and distribution of \$225,000 in the community moved nearer during the past week, giving added encouragement that the plan may be consummated within the near future.

A considerable number of depositors bringing in their subscriptions brightened the prospects for reaching the goal of \$27,500 to be raised locally, to match the \$25,000 to be supplied towards the new bank's capital by the Federal Government.

It was apparent that many depositors had not realized to what extent the program was being delayed by neglect to bring in their subscriptions. Additional support for the plan came in subscriptions from out-of-town, which had not been received before due to the delays occasioned by distance.

If the noteworthy progress of the past five or six days can be maintained without a let down, the outlook will be considerably brighter. It would still be possible that the new bank could be opened and the 33 per cent dividend issued to depositors some time next month. If the subscription requirement could be filled before the 15th of this month, with 45 days required for legal proceedings, the opening could still be achieved, it being believed, some time in March, during the latter part of the month.

It is again emphasized that those who have neglected to bring in their subscriptions should do so at once, to assure and hasten the opening of the new institution and distribution of the dividend money in the community.

## NEEDEST SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO GET STATE FUNDS SOON

Lansing—With the December retail sales tax returns in excess of \$3,000,000 the sub-committee of the State Emergency Administrative Board, appointed by Governor William A. Cockett, convened Thursday, January 25, for the purpose of making advance distributions, under the provisions of the Thatcher-Stas Act, to needy school districts. Members of this committee include State Treasurer Theodore I. Fry, Attorney General Patrick Representative Vernon J. Brown, Senator Henry C. Glaser, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Paul F. Voleker.

At a meeting of the entire Emergency State Administrative Board held Thursday, January 4, a general policy was adopted to distribute advance payments due to the Thatcher-Stas Act, to those districts which would be forced to close prior to March 1, but not in excess of 50 per cent of the total aid allowed under the terms of the Act. A general distribution of all available monies has been authorized for March 1.

While plans have been made to distribute aid following this general distribution, the amount will depend on the revenues received from Act 16 of the extra session of 1933. This act places revenues available from the excess of the retail sales tax over \$2,000,000, the major portion of revenues from the liquor tax, and the balance of \$15,000,000 to be made up from the General Fund from revenues not otherwise appropriated, at the disposal of the Emergency State Administrative Board, for distribution according to the provisions of Act 936, Public Acts 1933 (Thatcher-Stas Act).

FATHER AND SON BANQUET  
The Father and Son Banquet of Salem Evangelical Church will be given Thursday evening February 8th in the Church dining hall, 8th St. The menu consists of Fresh ham with dressing and apple sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, pickles, cabbage salad, rolls, coffee, lemon pie.

Dr. F. C. Krumbling, who has been a missionary to China will be the main speaker in the near future, that of the Methodist Ladies Aid Society to be held on Wednesday, February 14 at the Church dining rooms. The menu will consist of Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, celery, olives, rolls, coffee, ice cream and cake.

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