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Two Plead Guilty, Await Sentence For Inn Holdup

Police Seeking Two More Men; Second Robbery Attempt Fails

Two of the men who held up Botkins Inn last week are awaiting sentence in the County jail at Pontiac after having pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty. Sentence has been deferred to February 26. Both waived examination before H. Russell Holland, Pontiac Justice of Peace, Saturday morning and were immediately taken to Circuit Court. They are William Sullivan, 24, 50 Adelaide, Detroit, and Demetrius Kasemistis, 32 of the same address.

The men entered Botkins Inn on Grand River, just east of Novi and after ordering dinner, tied the employees and guests with cords and ordered Botkins to open the safe. They escaped with about \$300 in cash, and jewelry and other articles valued at \$500. Of this amount \$49.33 was recovered in cash and two-thirds of the clothing and jewelry.

The following night, other bandits broke into the same place and moved the safe outside, but were frightened away before they had time to open it. Nothing else was molested.

Police are still in search of two men said to be implicated in the first hold-up.

MOTORISTS ESCAPE BEING INJURED IN THREE ACCIDENTS

Several accidents occurred in this vicinity Sunday due to the slippery pavements.

A truck and passenger car met at the corner of Cass and Grand River Avenues where CWA men had been digging a sewer, leaving only a narrow lane for traffic to pass. Mrs. Louise Bernstein, Route 1 Walled Lake, driver of the passenger car feared that she would collide with the truck, and she hastily applied the brakes, causing her car to turn and skid into one of the holes. Slight damage was done to the car and no one was injured.

A little later in the same night, a car driven by Nina Wellman of Howell crashed into another driven by Oaral Whoopier of Rapid City. This accident occurred at the gravel pit, two and one-half miles west of Farmington. There were no serious injuries.

About 11:00 o'clock Sunday night there was another accident just east of Novi involving several cars. Mrs. Mabel Hirk of Howard City suffered a leg injury.

FARMINGTON H. S. TEAM TO BE IN DISTRICT MEET

Farmington High School is among the basketball teams which are to compete in District Tournament Number 17 at Milford. The list of teams includes:

Milford Farmington
St. Mary's-Orchard Lake Walled Lake
Keego Harbor Brighton
Holly
Fenton

Linden Drayton Plains
St. Thomas
Byron

This will probably be one of the fastest Class C Tournaments in the State with the State champions again being selected. Holly and Farmington have very good teams and hope to trip St. Mary's of Orchard Lake who won the State Championship last year. Fenton, Milford, and Walled Lake are good enough to offer real opposition and with luck might upset one of the logical winners.

Little is known about Class D competition but St. Thomas is favored.

Drawings for places in the tournament was made Wednesday evening at Milford.

The tournament starts next Thursday evening at 6:30, with four games to be played each hour. Farmington plays St. Mary's and Friday night the winner meets the victor in a Walled Lake-Brighton clash. The final occurs Saturday night.

Warning is given that those desiring seats will probably have to be at Milford by 7:00 p. m. to get them.

Burial In Farmington Cemetery Precedes Fatal Auto-Truck Crash

A burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington, Tuesday afternoon was the forerunner of a fatal accident, in which a truck-driver was killed, south of Farmington, in a collision with one of the cars returning from burial service.

Eight boys and girls who had attended the funeral were slightly injured. The interment occurred at Farmington through the fact that Russell Catherman, graduate of Farmington High School and now coach at Fordson, donated the burial lot. The grave was for Alex Lyckoff, former Fordson High School football star, who died Saturday as a result of the amputation of both legs occasioned by a bone disease.

No funds were available for burial of Lyckoff, it is understood, and a fund was raised to cover expenses. Donation of the lot by Catherman made it possible to give the youth a fitting burial.

Corn Growers To Share Benefits

Meeting On March 15 In Farmington Town Hall

Applications for Corn-Hog reduction are now being made by Oakland County farmers. While Oakland is not primarily a hog county, the number of sows kept on farms, according to the 1930 census being only 600, yet the acreage of corn is quite extensive, the census for 1930 being 16,922. However, a large portion of this goes into the silo. Since the plan is entirely voluntary, farmers may have the privilege of signing for either plan.

Some of the things the producer will get after he signs the corn-hog production contract are:

1. Thirty cents a bushel, minus administrative expenses, on the estimated production of corn, in the past five years, on the average that he contracts to the Government.

2. Five dollars a head, minus administrative expenses, for the number of hogs that he produced for market from litters farrowed by his brood sows, on the average, having been reduced so that not more than three fourths as many litters will be farrowed in 1934 as were farrowed on the average, by his sows in 1932 and 1933.

3. The regular market price for his corn and hogs, in addition to the benefit payments, and the probability is that these prices will be materially higher when he sells than they are now.

4. A chance to work with producers of corn and hogs in adjusting the national production of these commodities to the demand and in keeping production in line with the demand.

5. An opportunity of resting and building up his land and making the land throughout Oakland county who endorse the Corn-hog plan are: Frank Braun, Birmingham (Continued on page 5, Column 3)

Frank Coon's Birthday Party

(As told by Valery Walters)

"Frank Coon had a party Monday and there were two candles on the cake. I forgot to say 'Happy Birthday' to him until he started to unwrap his packages. He got a lot of little cute things like blocks to build with, two little suits, a book, two wheelbarrows, and I can't think of what else.

"We had grape juice to drink and on the plate was a banana cut in two long and a stick of candy standing in the middle. And there were animal crackers and ice cream, chocolate—the kind I like. We had little favors, you know, marshmallows with cloves stuck in like meat. On the table were pictures of the three little pigs and the big, bad wolf.

"There were lots of little children there and we just played around and we had green paper and a program over station WEXL, Royal Oak, February 27, from 10:30 to 11:00.

Returning to Fordson after the funeral, a car in which eight young people were riding drove into Plymouth Road from Outer Drive without stopping and crashed into an oil truck driven by Frank B. Griffin, 25 years old, 25710 Redford Ave. Dearborn. Mr. Griffin was thrown from the truck and killed instantly. One side of the sedan driven by Thomas Becker, 17 of 6436 Calhoun Ave. Dearborn, was crushed in. Miss Margaret Lyons, 18 of 7849 Ternes Ave. Dearborn, one of the occupants of the car, is in the Redford Branch of Receiving Hospital with a fractured pelvis. Her condition is reported to be serious.

Others treated for cuts and bruises are: Betty Rogers, Helen Wallace, Harry Rowell, William Lucksheiter, Henry Panter and Ruby Cox, all students of Fordson High School.

Small Dog Cause Of Auto Smash-up

And Andy Maas Drives Half A New Automobile

Herman (Andy) Maas of Farmington is driving half of a new automobile, and all because a pesky little Spitz dog wouldn't get back in the rear seat of the car, where he belonged.

It wasn't Andy's fault and the dog wasn't in his car, but he spent a few exciting moments zig-zagging out of the way of a car coming toward him last Saturday in front of the Winery at the Junction. The owner of the dog and driver of the other car was Charles Hoare of Pontiac, who let his car twist and turn down the road while he was "making passes" at the dog.

At any rate, Andy zigged when he should have zagged and both cars tried to occupy the same spot at the same time. Results were that Andy's Chevrolet suffered considerable damage to one side.

All of which goes to show what big trouble a little dog can cause.

COUNTY PIONEER SOCIETY PLANNING ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting and dinner of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society will be held Thursday, March 1, in the Presbyterian Church at Pontiac.

Dinner will be served at noon for which there is a charge of 50 cents but the meeting will be free for all descendants of pioneers and friends and all persons interested in the historical affairs relating to the county are invited.

The program for the day is to be confined to local speakers and the subject to be local events dealing with Oakland's early history and pioneer life.

Musical numbers are on the program and Joe Brooks and his fiddle, friend and entertainer of Henry Ford, will be present to give an old time musical flavor to the affair.

Officers of the society are James H. Lynch, president; A. B. Glaspie, Oxford and W. T. Miller, Ferndale, vice-presidents; Mrs. Joseph Greenleaf, secretary; George Goings, treasurer, and Mrs. E. W. Howlett, Pontiac, historian.

TALKS ON LIGHTING

"Bill" Taylor of the Detroit Edison Company commercial division spoke at Farmington. Explaining a highly interesting talk on results achieved in tests of store and window lighting, which showed remarkable gains to business through modern, efficient lighting equipment.

BAND ON RADIO

Farmington people may be interested in an announcement that the community band will present a program over station WEXL, Royal Oak, February 27, from 10:30 to 11:00.

The Sunshine Harmony Group of the Methodist Ladies Aid will make a radio broadcast on WEXL, 32912 Grand River, Thursday March 1. A pot luck luncheon will be served at 1:00 o'clock. Please bring dishes and silver.

Peoples State Bank Pays Third Dividend Of 5%

Total Of \$22,000 Being Distributed In Farmington And Nearby Territory

In The Farmington Postoffice, closed Thursday because of Washington's Birthday, there has been awaiting depositors of Peoples State Bank of Farmington, without the knowledge of most of them, some very pleasant news.

The surprise is in the form of envelopes, within which are checks for another dividend. The dividend is of five per cent, this being the third release by the receiver. The amount paid to date is thus 15 per cent.

Gets O. K. Wednesday
On Wednesday permission was received from the State Banking Department to release the dividend, sufficient money having been accumulated. A Floyd Blackie, attorney for the receiver, immediately went before Circuit Judge Glenn C. Gillespie in Pontiac and obtained his signature to an order authorizing the payment. Checks had been prepared in advance and were put in the mail before the Postoffice closed Wednesday afternoon.

[The issuance of the dividend means the distribution of about \$22,000 in the community.]

WOMEN'S CLUB TO BE GUESTS MAR. 2 AT NORTHVILLE

About seventy-five members and guests of Farmington Woman's Club enjoyed the Club's Pioneer Day held in the dining room of the Methodist Church. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock with music and a discussion of quilts on display, and their histories followed. The Club wishes to thank all who so generously loaned quilts and spread.

On March 2 all members are invited to meet with the Northville Woman's Club at their rooms in the Library. Those wishing transportation are asked to get in touch with the committee.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Florence Heeney. Mrs. Betty Ritter, chairman of the Fine Arts Committee, assures a musical treat for the afternoon. —Ethel Schroeder, Corr. Sec'y.

CLARENCEVILLE FATHER AND SON BANQUET FRIDAY

Arrangements have been completed for the Father and Son Banquet to be held at the Clarenceville Methodist Church Friday, February 23 at 6:30 p. m. The program will be as follows:

Introduction of Rev. O. J. Lyon
Toastmaster Dr. A. P. Warthman
Music John Cullingford
Address Supt. M. J. Beiser
Duet Ronald and Donald Dorman
Toast to Sons S. Perry Morgan
Music Cullingford Quartette
Toast to Dads Fred Bailey
Saxophone Solo Edwin Aldrich
Remarks Cecil Cox
Music John Cullingford
Address Rev. Floyd C. Johnson
Benediction Cullingford Family

The Methodist Church Forward Movement have elected the following officers: Chairman, Dr. A. P. Warthman; Secretary, W. Robinson; Treasurer, S. Perry Morgan.

BOND SCHOOL IS CLOSED DUE TO SCARLET FEVER

The Bond School, at Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile Roads, has been closed, due to scarlet fever. Three cases are reported among children of the school.

There is also one case in Farmington.

REV. BREITENBACH WILL DIRECT SACRED CONCERT

Rev. William Breitenbach of Farmington will direct a sacred concert to be given in Masonic Temple Cathedral, Detroit, Sunday, March 18, at 3:00 p. m. It is under the auspices of the Detroit Federation of Evangelical Women.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Thayer of Napanee, Indiana visited Tuesday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Kate Parsons.

Banquet Speaker



Supt. M. J. Beiser, Clarenceville Schools, will deliver an address Friday night at Clarenceville M. E. Church Father and Son Banquet.

Can Vote Without Paying Head Tax

Erroneous Impression Is Extant Among Voters

It is not necessary for citizens of townships having elections in coming weeks to pay head-tax in order to vote.

Reports from various parts of Farmington Township indicate that the impression has got abroad among many voters that no one will be allowed to cast a ballot at the primary or the election following, unless his head-tax has been paid. This is untrue. The right to vote has nothing whatever to do with payment of the head-tax, and is not dependent on it.

While there was no direct evidence that anyone is deliberately attempting to spread the head-tax idea before the primary, so many inquiries have been made and so much doubt seems to have arisen that the question seems to have bothered citizens in all quarters of the Township.

PROF. MCFARLANE GIVES A TALK ON TAXATION SYSTEM

On Thursday, February 15, members of the Economic Discussion Group and others interested heard an able exposition of the topic "Taxation and the Citizen" by Professor E. W. McFarlane of Wayne University. Professor McFarlane deplored the reluctant attitude of the average citizen as regards to payment of taxes, and traced the historic development of this attitude.

The speaker analyzed the present sources of taxes, national, state, and local, and suggested other possible sources as a help to equalization. He warmly commended the budget system, and the president for his persistent courage in attacking the problems that face him, manifold and tremendous.

At the close of his talk the hearers were invited to ask questions on matters of public policy. Many availed themselves of the privilege, and received pertinent and illuminating answers to some vexing questions.

Those who heard Professor McFarlane warmly acknowledged their indebtedness to him for an interesting profitable evening.

On Friday evening, February 23, the group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Crossman to deal with the question "What Hope for the Farmer?" All are welcome.

Laymen Will Conduct M. E. Evening Service

The evening service at the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday is to be in charge of the laymen. The men are to put themselves on record. The Men's Singers Club will give two special numbers, and there will be selections by the quartet. Archie C. Leonard is to be the special speaker. George K. Checketts and A. L. Ross have been the committee on arrangements and program.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the existence of the "Singer's Club" of twenty-five voices, and it is hoped to have the assistance of the male quartet that served a decade ago.

Dairy Farmers To Get Increase In Price Of Milk

10 Per Cent Raise In Price To Producer Indicated In New Code

Dairy farmers in the Detroit milkshed are likely to receive in the forthcoming new milk code, an increase of about 10 per cent in the price paid to them for their product under the code which expired February 1, but which is holding over until the new code is put into effect. Reports to this effect were made Monday.

On Monday evening a second meeting was held for further organization work of the Farmington local of the Michigan Farmers' Union. The meeting held in Farmington Town Hall, attracted

Important Meeting At Pontiac Monday

A new angle was brought into the milk situation Thursday when the so-called Governor's Milk Study Commission, of which former Senator Peter B. Lennon of Grosse Pointe is a prominent member, contributed to the picture. This commission in response to many protests against the acceptance of the marketing agreement requested the Federal officers to hold up approval of the agreement pending a meeting for an expression of opinion from dairymen in the State.

This meeting has been called for Monday, February 26 at the Army at Pontiac.

about 50 farmers, and was addressed by Walter M. Nelson, of Detroit, active in organization work of the Union. The speaker attacked approval of the proposed new code which had been voted by the Sales Committee of the Michigan Milk Producers Association at a meeting in Detroit Monday afternoon. He declared an increase of more than 10 per cent should have been insisted upon.

Review of Status

Because of the widespread and intense interest in the milk situation, which forms one of the major agricultural problems of this part of the country, an observer thoroughly familiar with the problem has written for The Enterprise a comprehensive review of the entire situation, covering various activities in the effort to bring the farmer a higher price for his milk, and bringing the situation to the present date, with the new milk code in process of completion. It follows:

Much activity has resulted recently following the cancellation of the milk marketing code which was placed in operation by the government last summer. Agricultural department officials favored some kind of an agreement which did not control the resale price of milk and did the original code. Through the joint efforts of department officials and representatives of the milk producers association a new agreement was drawn up and submitted to the sales committee at a meeting held on February 1. This agreement so far as the producers were concerned was essentially the same as the old code and proposed to fix the same price for milk as was provided for (Continued on page eight)

NAME OMITTED

Through inadvertence, the name of Rep. Owens, Republican candidate for constable, was omitted from the list of Livonia Township primary candidates last week. Mr. Owens' petitions are on file and he is an active candidate for the last two years he has led the ticket for constable.

PEACH CROP BELIEVED KILLED BY THE COLD

A pruning demonstration was held Wednesday in the Hubbard orchard at Milford and also at the Grimmer Brothers orchard at Farmington, by County Agent K. D. Bailey. Considerable discussion was entered into relative to the damage done by the cold weather on the peach crop for the coming year. And it was quite thoroughly conceded that the buds were entirely killed. Also much anxiety was expressed in regard to the winter injury to trees.