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Skull Fractured In 14-foot Fall, Youth Survives

Farmington High School Boy Hurt
In Accident In Garage
On Farm

Although he fell 14 feet to the ground and suffered a fracture of the skull, George Esch, 15 years old, of Farmington Road, is recuperating at his home and appears on the road to recovery.

Esch, who is a tenth-grade student at Farmington High School, was in the garage on his father's farm, with his father when the accident occurred Sunday afternoon. He had gone up under the roof of the garage to lay boards across the rafters. He had just laid the last board across and his father had handed up to him a piece of lumber for nailing down, when one of the two-by-fours supporting him broke, at a knot. He fell head first.

It is believed that Esch's head struck a board on the floor or perhaps the corner of a box, making a dent in his skull. The garage has a dirt floor.

Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner was called immediately and ordered Esch to bed, where he will remain for a week or 10 days.

George's father Ernest Esch, narrowly escaped injury and possible death by jumping from beneath the plank as he fell. His friend of George, Louis Kahrl, was standing beside Mr. Esch. As the latter heard the timber above him cracking and jumped, he knocked Kahrl out from under the falling beam, saving him also from injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Esch have three other children, besides George.

LETTER REFUTING CWA PAY RUMOR IS MADE PUBLIC

To refute rumors circulated in Farmington Township that he had been on the CWA rolls and received CWA pay, Clerk Willard Campbell sent to him by County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks, refuting the reports. The letter reads as follows:

March 12, 1934
Willard Campbell,
Dear Sir:

I have had inquiries as to whether or not that your name has appeared on the C. W. A. payroll in Farmington Township in Projects 45, 46, and 47.

This will certify that your name has never appeared on these projects or any other project that has operated in Oakland County.

Trusting this may clear the ideas in the minds of a great many people in your township, I am

Your respectfully,

CHARLES A. SPARKS,
Oakland County Treasurer.

In a statement accompanying the letter, Mr. Campbell said: "I think I know how the story could have started. When the CWA was begun, everything was done in such a hurry that large numbers of men were told to report for work, without any kind of time to pick out any foremen. They were just listed in on the Supervisor, Mr. Coe, with no instructions, or tools, or system. Each man was given a printed slip, that said, 'Give these slips to the foreman who will be your foreman.' There was a blank for the foreman's name to be typed in. There weren't any foremen yet, so Mr. Coe told the higher authorities they could have some of the men report to me and come to him temporarily until the thing was organized. Mr. Coe's name appears on a lot of those first slips and so does mine, but neither of us ever were on the CWA rolls or received any CWA pay. Mr. Coe asked me to help out and we both thought it was our duty. We never asked or got any pay, and I'd forgotten all about it until this came up.

In fairness, I will say that I don't think that my opponent or anyone else is deliberately circulating this report, or would do that for political reasons. I don't know where it started. But this being election time, and the rumor is making public the letter by Mr. Sparks, and showing that the story is untrue."

Mrs. Malcomb McGregor and son of Detroit, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Bader.

Appeal Is Made to Help Pheasants By Delaying the Burning of Grass

An appeal to residents of Farmington and vicinity to delay burning of grass for a few weeks at least is being made by people interested in pheasants, of which there are a large number in Farmington City and around the outskirts.

It is said that burning of the grass this early in the year deprives the pheasants of a large part of their source of food supply. Also, it is stated, it takes away their chief places for nesting, which consists of the long grasses in the fields.

Residents habitually burn the grass in the Spring, generally with the idea of aiding in the growth of new grass. However, the practice seems to have been started earlier this year than ever before.

Pipe Weakness Beats CWA Plan

Grand River Pavement Flooded
By Leakage

Natural processes got ahead of CWA plans in Farmington this week, when equipment that is planned for replacement under the government works program broke down before the project could be carried through.

City officials have known that water mains on Grand River east of Brookdale are old and weak, and one of the CWA projects sent in for federal approval consists in laying new mains to supplant the old ones.

Whether from excessive cold and frost, is not known, but the main sprung a leak under the concrete, and flooded the area. Workmen were assigned to digging down and repairing the leak.

The project for the new mains has not been approved yet.

MITES HELD FOR A. L. TRAVIS OF W. POINT PARK

The funeral of Arthur L. Travis was held at the Heene Funeral Home at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dr. Frederick L. Lendrum of the Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating.

There were many beautiful floral offerings which attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Mr. Travis had resided at West Point Park for about 29 years and was a highly respected citizen.

He passed away Thursday evening, March 8th, after having been a patient sufferer for a number of years. The last year of his life was confined to his bed.

He was born in Berlin, Pennsylvania on December 28th, 1869, his parents bringing him to Milford at an early age.

He leaves a widow, two brothers, one sister, three daughters and a son. One, Willard A. Travis, preceded his father's death. Interment was made in Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford.

Spray and Dust Line Sales Force Chosen

Announcement is made this week of formation of a sales organization for the distribution of the noted "Orchard Brand" of spray and dust materials. L. H. Spicer, living west of Farmington on Grand River Road, exclusively distributor for southeastern Michigan, has selected Howard McCracken of Farmington Township as sales representative in this vicinity.

Others are L. H. Galpin in the Plymouth territory and Harry Lane in the Milford area.

The "Orchard Brand" line is made by the General Chemical Co. of New York, one of the largest and oldest in the business. Featured this year is the "Astringent, Arsenate of Lead," described as "the most important advance in arsenical spraying materials in 20 years."

The Silver Tea given by the Sunshine Harmony Circle of the M. E. Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. E. J. Hogan Saturday afternoon.

It will be held at the home of Mrs. D. L. Dickerson.

Mr. George Guilen of Detroit called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gullen Tuesday.

Township's Tax Percentage up, But City Lags

Proportion Much Higher Than 1933, But Total Less, Due to Cuts

More Farmington Township taxpayers are paying their taxes this year than for several years, it disclosed by records of receipts by Lorretta E. Cox, treasurer. With some time remaining before the books are to be turned in to the County treasurer, the percentage of taxes received is already 50 per cent above that of a year ago.

Thus far, 30.5 per cent of the taxes have been paid, according to Mrs. Cox, as compared with 21 per cent at the end of the tax-collection period in 1933. It is expected that by the time the books are closed, 35 and perhaps even 40 per cent will have been paid in.

A drastic reduction in the taxes ranging from 40 to 60 per cent, is regarded as the chief reason for the gain in percentage, but this has also resulted in the amount that the amount is less. A total of \$27,412.90 had been collected, up to March 10, as compared with about \$38,000 received up to April 8 of last year. With many late payers every year, it is thought likely that \$35,000 will be in this year before closing time.

Pay in Full Now
One striking circumstance is that unlike the past three years, every taxpayer is paying in full. Thus far not a single partial payment has been received.

Taxes generally throughout the Township are about 50 per cent lower, with some reductions greater than others. The cuts vary due to the differences in school taxes among various districts.

Dog taxes are still payable without penalty, Mrs. Cox emphasizes, contrary to rumors that the penalty is already in effect.

City Receipts Lower
City taxes collected thus far have not reached the 1933 total. Treasurer L. C. Thayer reports that percentage and amount being lower. However, it is quite possible that before the end of the collection period the sum will be increased sharply. Many city taxpayers habitually wait until near the time for closing of the books.

Funeral services for Miss Elizabeth Holcomb were held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal Church with burial in Oakwood Cemetery. Rev. Floyd C. Johnson of Pontiac and Rev. F. A. Lendrum of Farmington officiated. Spencer J. Heene was in charge of arrangements. Pall bearers were: Dr. Elmer Switzer, Dr. J. W. Norton, Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, Dr. G. F. Weaver and Mayor Howard Warner of Farmington and Dr. David Lynn of Detroit.

Death occurred Monday after a long illness. Miss Holcomb developed tuberculosis about two years ago and was taken to the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Union Lake. Later she underwent an operation for cancer at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

After returning home, her condition grew worse and she had been seriously ill for some time.

Miss Holcomb was born January 22, 1911. She attended school in Farmington and Northern High School in Detroit. Later graduated from Redford High School. She graduated from Ward-Bellum School for Girls in Tennessee in 1931.

Miss Holcomb then entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, but was forced to leave on account of illness. She was a member of the Detroit High School of the Kappa Alpha Phi Sorority.

Surviving are: her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb, and a brother, Dr. Elmer F. Holcomb, died December 19, 1931.

LONG UNANIMOUS
CHOICE AGAIN OF
COMMERCE G. O. P.

The Republican Caucus for the Township of Commerce was held at the school on Saturday afternoon. Miss Margaret Tuttle was chairman of the meeting.

Joseph Long was unanimously nominated supervisor. Earl Garner and Ray Riley competed for the office of clerk and Earl Garner received the nomination. Tim Roach received 113 votes for treasurer out of 120 votes cast.

The balance of the votes were scattered. Elmer McQueen and Bob Young competed for highway supervisor. McQueen received 74 votes and Robert Young 46 votes. Arthur Wimmer and Fred Ruggles ran for Justice of Peace. Arthur Wimmer received the nomination. Fred Ruggles received the nomination for Board of review.

Walter Lewis, James Smith, Charles Stuart and Arthur Richardson, for constables; Mrs. Mabel Smith, Mrs. Jeanette Riley, Miss Margaret Tuttle, Sam Smith and Charles Hayes for Township committee.

FORMER UNDERWORLD
CHARACTER TO BE HERE

A former underworld character will speak at the Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:30. He is Rev. Louis D. Hill, who for years was a member of Chicago's gangland.

He is now a noted big game hunter and is now a big game hunter of national reputation.

The people of this community are urged to hear him tell his life story, "From Racketeer to Pulper."

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Taylor will entertain their bridge club Friday evening.

Official Steps Begun for Bank; Need \$3,000 in Stock

Court Directs Hearing On Loan Petition; U. S. Sends Its
Stock Commitment; Help Of Depositors Yet
Unsigned Will Achieve Goal

Return of banking facilities to Farmington has moved an important step nearer within the past few days, with taking of the first legal steps toward organization of the new institution and the accompanying distribution of a 35 per cent dividend to depositors. This first step taken Monday, was filing in Circuit Court at Pontiac of a request for a hearing on the plan. An order for the hearing, on March 31 was signed by Judge Frank L. Covert.

Although the requirement of stock to be raised in Farmington has not yet been reached, a start was made toward going through with the legal technicalities, in confidence that the additional subscriptions needed will be forthcoming, and in order not to delay the bank opening and the dividend.

A little over \$2,000 is still needed to meet the Government's requirement of \$37,500 to be raised in the community. Howard C. Knickerbocker, Receiver of the Bank said in an interview Wednesday, "We are doing ahead because we are certain that the people of Farmington and the depositors realize how lack of a bank is holding back the community and what a great benefit a bank will be," said Mr. Knickerbocker. "We are sure that all of the depositors who have not yet brought in their subscriptions will not hesitate any longer to do their part, after the rest have done so well, and the goal is so near. There have been a lot of difficulties but we've overcome all of the others so far, and it is inconceivable that it should be allowed to fail now, with success so near."

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has carried through its portion of the stock subscription program by sending through its commitment for \$25,000 in preferred stock. The R. F. C. office in Detroit has notified Mr. Knickerbocker that the commitment has been received from Washington and is on file at the Detroit office.

Some of those who have not yet sent in their subscriptions are small depositors who may feel that their portions are so small as to be of little importance. This is a mistake, said Mr. Knickerbocker, as the co-operation of all depositors, big and little, has been counted upon to make the new bank possible.

A few of those having good-sized deposits have been holding back, being undecided as to the amount they will subscribe for. If only classes, realizing the responsibilities of the situation and what it means to the community's future, will come forward in a spirit of full and ready co-operation, the new bank can be made a reality in a few weeks, Mr. Knickerbocker said.

SERVICE IS HELD
FOR JAMES SHAW,
EXPERT FARMER

Died at his home on Ten Mile Road, Monday, March 12th, 1934. James Shaw, aged 87 years, 3 months, 17 days. He came to Farmington in 1869, and resided at the home of Benjamin Grace for a time. He was a cousin of Mrs. Grace. His wife was Ann Kent, of Farmington Township girl. She died February 6, 1930.

For years he lived on Power Ave. on the property now owned by A. C. McDonald. A very efficient farmer, he made this small place of 13 acres produce more than farms with many times its acreage. Thrifty, industrious, far-seeing he was known as one of the successful farmers of this community. He had been an invalid and lived in retirement for a number of years.

A burial occurred at Oakwood Cemetery Wednesday.

BOY SCOUTS FORM PATROL
At the last meeting, the Boy Scouts organized into four patrols. Three new scouts have joined from what was formerly Troop 44 of Clarencville. They are Carl Smith, who has been made Assistant Scoutmaster here, Wayne Smith and Bob DeLue. A new tenderfoot John Schultz, Farmington has also joined. Registration for the coming year is to be made before March 31st.

FIRE EXTINGUISHED
Fire Wednesday evening at the residence of Clarence Aldrich, Grand River and Middle Belt Road, was subdued with little damage.

Work Begun on
New Interceptor

Crew Of Fifteen Starts At Lower End

Work on the new sewer interceptor line approved as a CWA project in Farmington City is now under way. Workmen began this week. Fifteen men recruited from other projects nearing completion in the City, are engaged on the interceptor job.

The first work is being done near the lower end of the line, where the proposed sewage disposal plant is to be located some time in the future. The men will dig trench westward from the point of beginning, toward Grand River avenue.

At the bridge the interceptor will go under the arch spanning the stream, then follow the general line of the creek.

It is expected the project will require scores of men when work gets fully under way.

25th ANNIVERSARY
IS CELEBRATED BY
FORMER RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Stearns formerly of Farmington now living at 79 Edith Street, Pontiac, were pleasantly surprised when about 30 friends and relatives dropped in to help them celebrate the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

One of the interesting features of the evening was the story told by Mrs. Louis Wasek, who at that time was "the ripe old" age of 100.

Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. John Rabb, Mr. and Mrs. Flock and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chambers of Royal Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Robb and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wasek of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Watts of Ortonville, Norma Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Farrand and family of Farmington.

Miss Ruth Watts and Clark Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Robb of Pontiac.

Many beautiful gifts were received.

M. S. N. Professor Will
Speak In Farmington

The third meeting of the Farmer's Union was held in the Farmington Town Hall, last Thursday evening. Wesley Reid, a farmer from Scofield, Michigan and formerly on the sales committee of the Milk Producers Association, talked on the national and international aspects of the farmers' condition, and national farm legislation, both enacted and proposed. He also discussed the debt situation and the money question.

The next meeting will be held Thursday evening, March 22, at the Town Hall, Prof. Hoyer of Michigan State Normal College has been invited to speak.

MAY ENTER FLOWER SHOW
Farmington may again have an entry in the North American Flower show opening Saturday in Detroit. Mrs. Karl Ritter, who was second prize for artistic arrangement at last year's show, has been considering entering the competition.

Mrs. Ritter wishes to announce to all members of Garden Clubs and Flower enthusiasts that exhibition in the show, to be held at Orchestra Hall, March 17 to 23, are open to any person interested and must be staged by noon March 17. Classification may be had by telephoning Farmington 169-F11.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hunt and family were Sunday dinner guests of J. A. Doreaux at Walled Lake.