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Sends Wife For Doctor; Kills Self

Virgil M. Wellbaum, 34, took his own life by cutting his throat with a razor blade in his home at 25857 Farmington Drive, Clarenceville, at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Believing his statement to the effect that he was ill after taking poison by mistake, Mrs. Wellbaum left her husband at home with their two children who were sleeping while she went for a doctor. During his wife's absence, Wellbaum procured a razor blade and went to his bedroom, and cut his throat.

After having around Dr. A. P. Warthman, Mrs. Wellbaum returned to her home shortly after three o'clock Tuesday morning and found her husband in his bed. An examination by Dr. Warthman revealed that Wellbaum had committed suicide.

Clarence County Coroner G. Dewey Kinball was summoned to make a further examination of the body before it was removed to the S. J. Ivey Undertaking establishment in Farmington.

Mrs. Wellbaum, while she was unable to cite a definite motive for her husband's action, was of the belief that he was suffering from worry as a result of recent financial reverses. However, she claims to have given her no basis to suspect that he was suffering to the extent that his suicide may be assumed to indicate.

Wellbaum and his family moved to his Farmington Drive home several months ago. He is survived by his widow, Margaret, and two young children.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the Ivey Undertaking establishment, 25750 Farmington Road, Farmington. Burial was in the North Farmington Cemetery.

RESIDENTS ATTEND CHURCH MEETING AT BAY CITY

Many church followers of Farmington have been attending the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session this week in the Madison Avenue church, Bay City. Dr. Harold E. Luce, of Yale University, lectures each afternoon at 2 o'clock on "The Gospel in a Changing Social Order." Mrs. Dunning Idle and Mrs. Edgar Blake were in the city at the anniversary of the missionary societies last Thursday afternoon. Dr. Joseph M. Gray, chancellor of American University, will lecture Thursday evening.

Friday noon the ministers' wives will have a luncheon at which Mrs. Edgar Blake will give an address on "Elders from Italy." Friday evening Dr. M. S. Rice will lecture on "Lonely Lincoln."

The joint sessions of ministers and laymen will be held Friday and Saturday with Bishop Charles L. Mead of Denver as speaker.

Sunday morning Bishop Blake will preach. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the Ordination of Deacons and Elders will take place.

It is expected that the appointment for the next conference year will be read Monday morning, July 1.

Friends Surprise Cairns With Party

David Cairns will long remember the surprise party given for him in honor of his birthday Saturday, June 22, in his Lakeway home. Unlike most surprise parties, the Cairns' party was held without any previous knowledge of it on the part of the person in whose honor it was given. The clever scheming and careful planning of Mrs. Cairns and her friends made the birthday party a memorable occasion for those who attended.

During the course of the evening the twenty-seven celebrants played "bums" and other games. Mrs. Bill Tomlin won ladies' first prize, while the first prize for men was won by Russell Hayes.

A delicious cake, furnished by Mrs. J. L. Jackson, added to the enjoyment of the lunch which was served in the evening.

Congratulations to Cairns for supplying the occasion for a party and congratulations to those persons who were responsible for its success.

Mrs. Delos Hamilton and children are spending several days with Mrs. Hamilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hart, of Bay City.

Retiring President



JOSEPH HIMMELSPACH

Himmelspach Completes Term

One of the most actively constructive and enjoyable six month terms the Farmington Exchange Club has completed in recent years will end July 1. Throughout the first six months of 1935, more interest has been taken in the club due to its increased activity, the members have shown more enthusiasm in the projects undertaken by the club and there has been a marked improvement in the attendance of the regular luncheon meetings.

To Joseph Himmelspach, retiring president, should go a good deal of the credit for the success of the recent undertakings of the club. Almost without exception during the last six months, anything sponsored, assisted or given by the Exchangee has been a "howling" success. The results achieved speak for themselves.

The Exchange Club dinner dances were "the talk of the town." Each time one was announced, the requests for reservations were far in excess of the limited number of tickets. One of the most commendable accomplishments of Mr. Himmelspach was the ever-changing program for each week's regular luncheon. Consistently during his term, there was a variety of speeches, movies and other forms of entertainment to sustain interest in the meetings.

The activity on the part of the Club as a whole was so marked that a personal letter of encouragement complimenting the Club on its fine work was received from National Exchange Club headquarters.

Holiday Alters Band's Schedule

The Farmington Band, under the direction of Edward Eaton, will give its regular concert next Wednesday in Town Hall Park at 8 o'clock in the evening. The band is regularly scheduled to play on Thursday evening but it is obliged to depart from its schedule next week owing to the holiday on July 4.

The Wednesday evening concert will be the last concert which will be given until the band returns from its two week's vacation. Concerts will be resumed Thursday evening at 8 o'clock July 26.

HEADERIE'S TERM ON FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD ENDS JULY 1



WALTER HEADERIE

Walter Headerie, for the last two years a member of the Farmington Township Board, will complete his term on the governing body on July 1 to be succeeded by Frank N. Steele who was chosen Justice of the Peace at the April, 1933 election.

Steele will serve a two year term and will then be succeeded by Headerie who will come back on the Board by virtue of his re-election. Steele will take office at the next regular meeting of the Board on July 16.

Headerie, at the time of his election in 1933, became the first democrat elected to hold an office in the Township governing board in nearly 25 years. Another democrat, elected the same year, was Joseph Graham, chosen as highway commissioner.

Dolson Given 2-5 Years At Jackson

From two to five years in the Michigan State prison at Jackson is the penalty Frank Dolson, 22, of Detroit, formerly of Farmington, will pay for the theft of an electric cooking range and two electric motors from the home of Edwin Meyer on Drake Road.

Sentence was pronounced by Circuit Judge Glenn C. Gillespie on Monday after it had been remanded for one week so that Dolson's record could be examined at the probation office. Dolson pleaded guilty to the charges on Monday, June 17, after being arrested at Nardin Field on Decoration Day.

Dolson is believed to be the perpetrator of several breaking and entering in and around Farmington during the past month. Following his confession to Deputy Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington as to where he had pawned the stolen articles, Deputy DeVriendt discovered that other articles missing in recent breaking and entering in Farmington had also been pawned by Dolson. With the aid of the Detroit Police Department, Deputy DeVriendt recovered the stove and electric motors stolen from Meyers. In addition he recovered three and an electric motor taken from the service station at Farmington Road and the Cut-Off, a radio and guns that were taken from the home of Frank Schweiden, and tools that were stolen from Claude Lee's garage.

MRS. SCHROEDER TO HAVE BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Mrs. Louis F. Schroeder, of Farmington, is expected to return to her home at 3326 Grand River within a short time.

It was expected that Mrs. Schroeder would be submitted to a transfusion of a pint of blood to day to speed her recovery. Several persons, including friends and relatives, were tested to determine if the purpose of the transfusion, but their types were found to be unsatisfactory.

The results of the tests of Charles Lee and Elmer Carter, who were to be tested Thursday for the purpose of corresponding to the type required for the transfusion, but their types were found to be unsatisfactory.

Fish Fry Planned For Joint Meeting

A fish fry will be served to the members of the Farmington Women's Auxiliary and to the members of American Legion Post No. 346 at a joint meeting to be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Legion's headquarters on Grand River Avenue.

Mrs. Fred L. Cook and Mrs. John Harlan spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Thayer of Pontiac.

Alce Marie Casey of Detroit, spent the week end with her grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Westphal.

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Dr. Sergius P. Grace

Home Town Citizen Pays Genius A Tribute As Fine As Any

"He won high place and distinction, and became widely known, but he didn't forget his own little town."

These words, given in tribute to Dr. Sergius P. Grace, a native of Farmington, were spoken by Dr. Grace at the dedication of the new laboratories in New York, in a short time that the doctor spent there to see and to teach her people to use the contraption so that she lived to bless him.

And there was the woman who came to the World's Fair and had made a mistake in the date she was to call her dying sister in California—and the strictest rule of all was "only one call to a person"—and Dr. Grace kept the rule but supplied the human need out of his own pocket, so that before the paralyzed woman out West died, she and her sister heard each other's voices, and spoke, not three minutes but as long as they wished. The sister in the West died happier, the one in Illinois still lives, both blessing the kindly man who made possible the achievement of their greatest heart's desire—a man whose neither of them had ever known.

Dr. Grace, who was 59, had spent a long time in the South in an effort to overcome ill health, and suffered from it. His break of New York was a return to his old home, where he was assistant vice-president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc. He had been in charge of research work there since 1924, directing the activities of 5,000 research workers and being responsible for annual expenditures as high as \$20,000,000.

FARMINGTON GIRL WED AT M. E. CHURCH

Miss Dorothea McCully, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCully of Oakland Avenue, became the bride of Gerald Leonard, son of Mrs. Emma Leonard of Woodlawn Drive, Detroit, Saturday evening in Farmington Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Fred Lundrum performed the ceremony.

The bride's gown was of ivory satin with train and veil. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

Miss Geraldine McCully, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a yellow gown with green picture hats. Her flowers were yellow roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Turner and Miss Charlotte Leonard. They wore pink dresses with picture hats and carried pink roses.

Joane Turner, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Turner of Grand River Avenue was the flower girl. She was dressed in pale yellow and carried a basket of flowers.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother Roland Leonard and the bride party was ushered in by Mr. James Brown of Detroit and Mr. Horace Nelson of Northville. The groom was escorted by Harlan and Norman Barrons. Miss Carolyn Hager sang, "I love you truly," accompanied by Emily Mass.

After the ceremony an informal luncheon was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard will make their home in Southfield.

Scientific World Mourns Loss of Dr. Sergius P. Grace

Deep regret in the scientific world mingled with the sorrowing of his Michigan "home-folk" as last rites were said Thursday morning in Pittsburgh, Pa., for Dr. Sergius P. Grace, Farmington's most distinguished native son. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in the Pennsylvania city, the home of Dr. Grace's wife.

His death on Sunday in the East came almost three years to the day after he had returned to Farmington to be feted at a dinner in his honor. It was on the evening of June 21, 1932, that Dr. Grace came back to his native community and the people of his home town were afforded, in his presence and through his demonstrations, an opportunity to gather an idea of the genius of the man born on Farmington Road near State street.

It was at that time that a Detroit familiar with scientific achievements commented: "We in Michigan have no appreciation of the greatness of Dr. Grace—we don't understand at all how big a man he is in the scientific world, unless one happens to talk with someone from New York, or some one active in the electrical engineering world."

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Born in 1875

Dr. Grace was born October 11, 1875, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Grace, in a home which stood until a few years ago on the east side of Farmington Road, opposite the end of State Street, just south of the building familiarly known as "the bowling alley" building. The house caught fire a few years ago, and what remains of the fire has been torn down.

Dr. Grace attended school in Farmington and at an early age gave indications of the unusual career that was ahead of him. He is well remembered by schoolmates as a precocious child, shy in the extreme. Understated physically, yet at the same time far ahead mentally of other boys of his age, he was left by himself much of the time. So contentedly did he ask questions of older boys and girls that they came to regard him as a "little nuisance," whom they didn't care to bother with. Thus, much of what he learned was by himself, a method which he later developed to achieve great things in the field of science and invention. So the difficulties he met in Farmington proved valuable, for in overcoming them he found a training. He overcame, too, the physical handicap, and developing a fine physique, became a fine-built man of striking appearance.

In Class of 1896

He attended the University of Michigan, where he was a classmate of Lunan W. Goodenough of Farmington, both being graduated in the Class of 1896. Dr. Grace was an engineer and Mr. Goodenough as a lawyer.

For several years after his graduation he made inventive contributions to the development of the telephone. His first position was with the Detroit Telephone Company, and within a short time he was made chief engineer.

Helped Perfect Switchboard

Particularly notable during this early period of his career was his work in perfecting the switchboard in small towns and rural areas, in substituting central cable distribution for the old-fashioned wire strung on poles above ground, and in connecting cables with outside wires by gadgets which since have become known as "Grace terminals."

He worked first with the Detroit Telephone Company, which was then in competition with the Bell System. Early in his career he built the large New Orleans underground.

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Russells Take League Lead

Farmington indoor baseball league fans are as far from being able to pick the ultimate winner of the league title as they were before the season opened.

This week took its usual toll among the leaders. Cooks were tipped from the coveted "500" position by the last game. The Cook-Hamlin game Monday evening furnished the crowd with plenty of thrills. With the league leaders Cooks ahead 6-2 at the start of the sixth inning, the Hamlins displayed a withering attack and before the rally was over, eleven runs had crossed the plate. The final score was 14-7 in Hamlin's favor.

Tuesday evening the Russell and Vivier teams battled it out for second position. Before the game both had won two games and lost one. The Russells, fielding better and with a shade better pitching, defeated the Vivers 8-6. It was a nip and tuck affair with the lead constantly changing hands.

The victory sent Russells into undisputed first place with a record of three games won and one lost for a percentage of .775. Cook occupies second place with two games won and one lost for a percentage of .666. Vivers are playing .500 percent ball to hold third place, having won two games and lost two. Morticians are fourth with one win and two lost for a .333 percentage and the Hamlins remain in the "cellar" with one game won and three lost for .225.

CLARENCEVILLE BOYS START BASEBALL LEAGUE

Four baseball teams have been organized among the boys under eighteen years of age in Clarenceville and Redford. Each team will play a total of 24 league games during the season, with each team playing two games a week on Thursdays and Mondays at one of the following lots: Middlebelt and Grand River, Eight Mile at Edgewood School, Seven Mile at Goodenough School, and at Redford Town Hall and Seven Mile.

The "Junior Baseball League" is made up of the Clarenceville A. C., managed by Dumus; The Levonia Cubs, managed by Jehan; The Middlebelt Stars, managed by Townsend; and the Redford Nine Duces, managed by Thomas.

Standings		
	W	L
Redford Nine Duces	1	0
Middlebelt Stars	1	0
Clarenceville A. C.	0	0
Levonia Cubs	1	0
Games Played Monday		
Redford Nine Duces	11	1
Clarenceville A. C.	3	2
Levonia Cubs	4	1
Games Thursday		
Clarenceville A. C. vs Levonia Cubs		
Middlebelt Stars vs Redford Nine Duces		
Games Monday		
Redford Nine Duces vs Levonia Cubs		
Middlebelt Stars vs Clarenceville A. C.		