

Light Terms For Firing Work Camp

Of the five men who pleaded guilty to setting fire to buildings at the Workers' Camp on Twelve Mile road in Farmington Township four were released on probation for three years but must spend the first six months of the sentence in the county jail. The fifth was given the three-year probation without jail sentence.

The men, who were tried in the Circuit Court by Judge George H. Hartwick, who handed down the sentences, are: Harry P. Davis, 40 years old, 550 Linden avenue, Flint.

James E. Brader, 51 years old, 30 Whitmore street, Pontiac.

Randall Wilson, 28 years old, 92 West Hopkins street, Pontiac.

Gordon Smith, 23 years old, 59 Ridgeway avenue, Pontiac.

George Bader, 23 years old, 439 North Judson avenue, Pontiac, was not given the jail sentence, because he was only 20 years old at the time the "arson squad" set fire to two large buildings belonging to the Workers' Educational Association, on or about April 5, 1935.

Mr. Hartwick, who handed down these first sentences to members of the Black Legion, said that he was sending the men to jail instead of to prison in order to have them easily available in case the grand jury decides to call them for further testimony.

The sentencing of the five men marks the first conviction for crimes discovered by the Oakland county grand jury investigation. The probe, which has been in progress for four weeks, was headed by Assistant Attorney General Buell A. Doelle and Special Prosecutor Clinton McGehe.

Mr. Doelle said that Davis was a regimental adjutant in the Black Legion, formerly in charge of the local area. Smith was a headquarters staff captain and James E. Bader a major. The only Pontiac member of the legion under the legal age of 21 was the boy, George Bader, who was then but 20 years old.

He was permitted to accompany the "arson squad" although he did not know what its plans were. It was revealed that the men were driven to the Workers' Camp by Sergeant Walker, chief of the vice-squad of the Pontiac Police Department. The plans for the fire were discussed in his garage, Doelle said.

In handing down his decision the court said: "There are several circumstances in your favor. You have been very helpful to those in charge of the grand jury investigation inquiring into the Black Legion in this country. You have been helpful to the court and gave freely of your information. You confessions you have saved the county and state considerable money."

"I am not unimpaired by your gentlemen were not the prime movers in this crime which you stand convicted. You were working under orders from the higher ups. Before we have completed this investigation we hope to obtain information which will lead to the conviction of those who instigated the crime in which you find yourselves involved."

"I want you to understand in American life there is no place for race prejudice or religious bias and every man of every creed or race is entitled to the same protection under the laws of the United States. I want to impress on you further you must remember under all circumstances you must never take the law into your own hands. It is the duty of every citizen to cooperate with law enforcement agencies. All of you bear a good reputation."

Band Concerts Enjoy Increasing Attendance

Enjoying increasing attendance at the weekly band concerts in the town hall park, the Farmington High School band announces its program for Thursday night, July 16, as follows:

"East vs. West March," by Ludwig, "Harmony King Overture," by De Luca, "Heads Up March," by Kleber, "Selections from the Minnie" by Sullivan, "Over Land and Sea March," by Barton, "Gaiety Polka," by Harley, with a trombone solo by Harry Lapham, "Harvardiana March," by Williams, "Blue Worn," by Lucke, "Gears of the Corps March," by Hall, "A Hunting Scene," by Bucalossi, "Flamboyant Triumphant March," by Stambaugh, and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Lyman A. Bush To Be Buried Friday

The funeral service of Lyman A. Bush, 41, Halstead road, will be held at 2:00 P. M. at his home on Friday. Mr. Bush died Tuesday.

Surviving him is his widow and three children, Lyman, Jr., Harvey, and Evelyn. The burial will be in the West Farmington cemetery.

Singing Evangelist To Continue Tent Meetings

The tent meetings, which have been in progress since the first week, under the direction of the Baptist church, will continue until July 26th.

Singing Evangelist Albert E. Hesketh, who is a young man but who is rapidly becoming known throughout America for his forceful and logical presentation of the gospel message and for his unusual musical ability, will conduct the meetings for the coming week, concluding his stay in Farmington on July 19th.

Dr. W. G. Cottom of the Highland Park Baptist church, known as one of America's great preachers, will speak at least once and perhaps several nights during the last week of the meetings.

The Highland Park Gospel Teams will be in charge of that week.

Miss Mary Burrows and Mrs. Hill are leaving Friday to spend a few days in Milwaukee.

Runaway Thrills City, But Brings Double Trouble to Owner of Team

Emil Gitzel is disgusted. But it isn't because he couldn't kill two birds with one stone. Some people may do that but Emil isn't interested. He is disgusted because he lost two loads of hay with one team of horses.

Most people in Farmington who saw the sensational dash of Emil's runaway horses think that he lost just one load of hay. They think that because they saw it scattered all over Farmington's streets. But that is only half the story. The rest is even sadder.

They start at the beginning. Mr. Gitzel was working hard. He was loading hay which he had raked from the Farmington high school's athletic field. Steadily, he worked, pitching forkful after forkful on his wagon.

It might have been bees or "B.B.s." Emil doesn't know. But his team, which had been contentedly standing by for the hay home-ward, suddenly bolted away. They made a complete circuit of the athletic field, just as near as any made by thoroughbreds at the Kentucky Derby.

Out—And Away! Then the runaways headed for the players' benches at one side of the field. Gitzel did everything a lone man was able to do in trying to change their course or stop them. He didn't stop them, though. They merely swerved, bolted out, and continued their race west on Shilwaukee road.

"Now I'll get them," thought the owner as his team slowed in climbing the steep hill. So he ran faster than ever. And they ran slower. But not slow enough. They reached the top of the hill, ran a block and then tore down Farmington road.

It was just another home stretch for the horses. What did it matter if there was a Grand River highway in their path? What did it matter if there were hundreds of "horrible cartwheels" on the road every hour? What did it matter if there was a foalish red light in their path? It didn't matter at all.

They raced merrily through it all, leaving a trail of the newly called Farmington streets, for the boys to use in their nests. They were interested solely in spreading hay while the sun was shining. On Farmington Road the team ran over freshly-seeded lawns. They were promising young trees in one lawn.

By this time they had a growing audience. Townstall on foot, in cars, and on bicycles were hot on their trail.

The Here Two young men in a car soon caught them. One drove while the other jumped from the running board of the car onto the team. He brought them to a halt and to a standstill.

But, runaways or no runaways, Mr. Gitzel wanted to get that hay home. He got one load there. Another his team had given to the city. But the third load—alas!

It rained the next day. Everyone was glad of that. So Mr. Gitzel decided to get the rest of the hay a few days later. Monday he drove back with the team and wagon to the field to get the rest of the hay; was nowhere in sight. Someone had stolen it.

Harry Wolfe, Jr. Pitches Shut Out Game

Harry Wolfe, Jr., former star pitcher on the Farmington High School baseball team, who is now playing with the Charleroi, Pennsylvania team, pitched a shut-out game last Sunday against the McKeesport Orphans.

The Charleroi Tigers, said the Charleroi team, "scored their first shut out of the season yesterday at the local park 3 to 0 when Harry Wolfe pitched the rest of the day. The Tiger infield had three double plays to help Wolfe get his shut-out victory."

Harry has won five games and lost four but he has pitched with the Tigers. Among those who saw the game were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolfe, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Wilson, and Miss Helen Major of Detroit.

DANCE IS PLANNED

All employees of the Farmington Manufacturing Company and their friends are invited to a dance being held at the new plant at Nine Mile road and Middle Belt road Friday night, July tenth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lowery of Wilmarth avenue, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cummins of Detroit, have just returned from a four day tour of Canada. This trip included a visit to the Dionne quintuplets and North Bay.

Miss Mary Louise Worsfold and Miss Dona Lowery, both of Farmington, spent Friday in Detroit where they attended a theater. On returning home they went to Mary Louise's cottage at Willed Lake where Dona was a guest until Monday evening.

Mrs. Perry Wilson and son Kenneth and Miss Ida Stebbins and relatives are attending at Bennington, Ovid and St. Johns streets.

FARMER-LABORITES MEET

The Farmer-Labor party of Michigan is holding an organization conference for Oakland county, Wednesday evening, July 15, at 8 o'clock, at the Universalist church in Farmington. This meeting is open to all who are interested.

On Thursday evening, June 25, 30 members of the 1935 class of Farmington high school and four guests enjoyed their first reunion at a dinner-dance at the Botoford Tavern. The sponsors on this pleasant occasion were Superintendent Mrs. John Dalrymple and Mrs. Robert Burns and Mrs. Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eaton of Detroit. Mr. Eaton was the sponsor for this class. Arrangements for this meeting were made by Eileen Power, who is president of the class of '35, Harry Lapham, Doug Parker and Jack Glasford.

Annual Meetings To Be Held

Electors of 11 school districts in the Farmington area will hold their annual meetings and elections of members of the school boards next Monday evening.

Although in past years stirring issues have been present in some districts with opposing candidates representing differing opinions among the electors, this year there appears little likelihood of contests in any of the districts. Administration of school affairs in the various units by boards and chairs appear to have met with the full satisfaction of the electors, and reelection of present members is anticipated in most of the districts.

Whether re-election to school board membership is desirable remains a problem, for practically all governing bodies in this area are faced with a perplexing problem—that of space and facilities to accommodate growing enrollment. It is already taxing accommodations to the utmost.

In Farmington District No. 5, the terms of Arthur Lamb, treasurer of the board, and Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, trustee, expire.

At Farmington No. 5, 5 Fractional, the terms of Fred Lahr, secretary, and Setrak Utujan, treasurer, come to an end.

Novi district No. 8, comprising the village of Novi and surrounding territory, faces its next problem in board membership. For a number of years the board president, Archie C. Atkinson, had sought retirement from his position, but his "no" was always turned down by a reluctant majority of insistent citizens. Now death has written the final answer that Mr. Atkinson could not give when his friends refused to stop urging. Besides the vacancy left by the death of Mr. Atkinson a few months ago, the expiration of the terms of William Mairs, secretary, and J. D. Mungo, treasurer, leaves three places to be filled.

Two places are to be filled at the Willed Lake district meeting. The terms of Cecil Cox, president, and William Glover, secretary, expire.

Bond School Meets

Bond School District No. 5 Fractional will hold its meeting Monday evening, July 13, at 8 o'clock, at the Detroit district meeting. The meeting will be held Monday evening.

Thomas Gibson, director in Fairview No. 4 district, Erie Banks in Novi, and A. H. Eaton and A. Y. Barber in Thayer No. 3 district all conclude three-year terms.

Another district which has three officers to fill is Noble district No. 6. The terms of Charles Ervin, president, and Mrs. Martha Noble, secretary, expire, and Mrs. Irene Hanley, trustee, is moving out of the district.

Vacation Bible School Comes To A Close

The Vacation Bible School conducted by the Baptist Church will come to a close with the close of the Friday morning session. The enrollment has been over 200 and the school in every way has been successful. The children of the school will attend the tent meeting Friday night and will have a part on the program. There will also be a demonstration of the work done during the two weeks.

Clinton W. Wilber Recovering Slowly

An X-ray photograph has disclosed that the right shoulder blade of Clinton W. Wilber was fractured when he fell a distance of 18 feet while painting on his farm house near Aosta two weeks ago. The accident occurred when a ladder, which had been applied to the house, collapsed.

Although he is able to sit up in bed, Mr. Wilber has not recovered sufficiently to be moved. Mrs. Wilber is with him.

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Station W8NCY--Farmington's Own Radio Station Is Calling

"W8NCY calling CQ. W8NCY calling CQ." Have you heard that on your radio? If so, did you know that you were listening to an amateur radio station, owned and operated by Forest Durham of Farmington?

The call letters of his station are "W8NCY". If you should ask him what those letters mean, he will merely shrug his shoulders and say, "nothing in general—just let them call that." But if you should happen to spend an evening with him sometime at his station in the basement of his home at 33505 Grand River avenue in Farmington, you probably would hear something of his plans for W8NCY.

"W8NCY, New Connecticut Yankee. Can you hear me W8NCY?" Forest hastens to explain that he really isn't a "New Connecticut Yankee" but that it is difficult to distinguish some of the letters from others—thus the addition of the distinguishing words. The "W" is the call-letter for all United States short wave stations. The "CQ" is

just as it sounds—seek you. That means seeking anyone who will answer.

Forest is, to use his own description, "just another ham." "Ham" is but another name for an amateur radio broadcaster. He is one of 40,000 in the United States, but is distinguished from the rest of the amateurs by his youthful appearance and touselled hair.

To say that his station is located in the basement of his home is to belittle the facts. It is sprawled all over the whole neighborhood. His antenna ranges from his house and back yard over those of several neighbors. And he is still dissatisfied. He wants more room.

Started Young Forest became interested in radios when he was a freshman in Farmington high school. He built a two-tube receiving set in that first year and has built several since.

In April, 1934, he started building his first transmitter. It was finished in March of the following year and on the third day of March he made his first broadcast. By that time he had taken his examination for a broadcasting license and had passed the requirements. He was granted a Class B license.

That first transmitter didn't outlast Forest for very long. He built another one, and still another. He is using the third one now. It is completely home-made and is valued at nearly \$200—but he would not sell it.

Most of his broadcasting is done in the late afternoon or early evening. He broadcasts in the 160-meter band on a frequency of 1946 kilocycles. Some people in Farmington think that he broadcasts all over the band. They can hear his voice on stations all over the country.

"That is the fault of my aerial," Forest says. "It is too close to the power lines in back of our house. The power lines pick up the waves which are being sent out. It is then carried into the homes of other people and comes out in their radios."

Forest is trying to eliminate that trouble now. He is considering the use of a different station aerial, which will be far above the power lines, or the erecting of a new one in the wheat field behind his home. But in the meantime he will not be much trouble for the power lines at a station.

W8NCY is off the air. Forest is building a new high fidelity speech amplifier.

Summer Is Off-Season

"The summer is not good for broadcasting anyway," he explained. "For one thing, there is too much static from the highly-charged air. And then the sun spots are getting worse. Some people wonder what sun spots have to do with the earth. Well, they have everything to do with our amateur broadcasting. When the spots are at their maximum intensity we are put almost completely out of business. The year 1937 will be our worst, concerning the sun spots. The Northern Lights are equally as bad. From September to April is the best broadcasting season."

Modern Dancing Not Graceful

The occasion of M. B. Pierce of Farmington entertaining two old friends, Mr. Volney Gunnung of Leona, and Mr. John Tinsman of Northville, at dinner last Thursday evening, has developed some interesting reminiscences.

In the fall of 1878, a group of boys and girls of Farmington organized a dancing club which they named the "Lotus Club." They held parties every two weeks in their town. The music for these dances was furnished by a quartet of which Mr. Tinsman was the first violinist, his brother Joseph Tinsman the second violinist, Mr. Gunnung the bass viol, and James Savage, cornetist.

Mr. Gunnung also "milled off" for the square dances. Only a few remain of the Lotus Club, but Mr. Pierce says that he speaks for all of them when he contends that the boys and girls of today don't know what good times are or what good music is.

He says that "the strains of the beautiful Blue Danube waltz have never been excelled by a jazz orchestra. Fox trots and two-steps cannot compare in grace with the rhythmic waltz of fifty years ago."

The Old Time Dancing Club is well acquainted with the music of Mr. Tinsman and Mr. Gunnung and, says Mr. Pierce, willing to substitute his contention about the modern jazz music.

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City To Cut Bond Rates, Save \$5,500

Taking advantage of the existing happy combination of excellent financial standing possessed by the City of Farmington, and the current low interest rates on municipal bonds, the City Commission is taking steps to refund the entire municipal bonded debt, by which a saving of \$5,000 in fifteen years may be realized.

The present total bonded indebtedness of the city amounts to \$76,500 but it is expected that \$6,500 of this will be retired before the proposed refunding bonds are issued. The total of the new refunding bonds would then amount to \$70,000.

According to Mayor Howard Warner, a saving of approximately \$5,500 will be made for the city if the refunding plans are carried through. This saving is based upon the issuance of new bonds at interest rates 1 per cent lower than the rates on the present bonds. It is hoped that even lower interest rates may be obtained.

It was pointed out that the credit of the City of Farmington is a great advantage in obtaining the lowest rates on bonds. The cost of paying off bonds amounting to \$4,000 a year, as was planned, the city has been able to retire approximately \$11,000 worth in the last two years. Thus, almost three years' principal has been paid off in two.

The present outstanding bonds consist of \$23,500 Waterworks Refunding bonds bearing 4 1/2 percent interest, \$100,000 Waterworks Refunding bonds bearing 4 1/4 percent interest, and \$18,000 Sewer Refunding bonds bearing 4 1/2 percent interest. All of the bonds are callable upon sixty days notice.

Before bids for the new refunding bonds are advertised, permission must be obtained from the Public Debt Commission of the State of Michigan. If this permission is granted by August 15th, it is planned to notify the present bond holders that their bonds are to be called on October 15th. These bonds will be redeemed at par value plus any accrued interest.

The new refunding bonds will be issued in one series, it is planned, consisting of seventy bonds of \$1,000 each. These serial bonds will be retired in \$4,000 amounts for the first five years, and \$5,000 amounts in the succeeding ten years. At the end of that time, in 1951, the city would be free of debt unless further indebtedness is incurred in that time.

According to the law, the new refunding bonds cannot be callable such as the present ones are. Also, a saving of at least 1/2 percent must be made in order to carry through the refunding.

Conditions set out at that point are very favorable for the issuance of new bonds. Very few municipalities are now issuing bonds and the banks have no invested surpluses on hand. However, should the bids not meet the Commission approval the city is under no obligation to accept any of the bids. In that case, the debt situation of the city would remain unchanged from its present form.

ELLIS RANDALL DIES FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

Ellis Randall, 55, one-time resident of Farmington, was buried at Ann Arbor, Sunday, July 5th, following his death at the Ypsilanti hospital early Thursday morning.

Mr. Randall was prominent in Farmington business when he resided here fifteen years ago. At that time he owned and operated a grocery store. He moved to Ann Arbor, engaging in the grocery business there.

He is survived by his wife, Edna, and two sons, Leland and Alvin.

T. Graham Overcome By Heat On Farm

Thomas Graham, well-known farmer of Fourteen Mile Road, North Farmington, is recovering from a sunstroke suffered in the extreme heat Wednesday.

Mr. Graham was stricken while working on his farm.

Mrs. Graham assisted her husband and helped get him in the shade of a tree, where he was given first aid treatment. He was much improved Wednesday evening.

Fight For Rights

Most of the "hams" in the United States belong to this organization and not without reason. It is this league which has fought the professional broadcast for rights on the air. The "hams" are thankful to have the seven per cent of

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