

## Back Broken In Crash On Grand River

One woman is slowly recovering from a broken back and another woman is being treated for a fractured shoulder as the result of an automobile accident on Grand River, one-half mile west of Novi Sunday morning. Fog, rain and slippery pavement were contributing factors to the crash, according to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt.

William Morgan, 50 years old, of 470 South Ashland avenue, Detroit, suffered a broken back when the car in which she was a passenger collided head-on with an automobile being driven by Fred Carmack, 21 years old, of Novi. Mrs. Morgan, 48, of 483 South Ashland, Detroit, suffered a fractured shoulder. Both were taken to Highland Park hospital.

According to Deputy DeVriendt, the car which was being driven by Carmack on Grand River by Mrs. Lucy Meek, 55 years old, 483 South Ashland, Detroit, skidded on the icy pavement into Carmack's automobile which was parked on the other side of the road. Mrs. Meek's automobile was descending the hill at the time. Carmack, who was wearing the windshield of his car at the time, was not injured.

Mrs. Meek, driver of the car in which the two women were injured, was not hurt. The front of Carmack's car and the front and left side of Mrs. Meek's automobile were damaged.

Crashes Into Truck  
Grand River highway west of Farmington was the scene of another accident Sunday when a car driven by Jack Parker of Ottisville, crashed into the rear end of a large truck which was also westbound. Parker, according to Deputy DeVriendt, attempted to pass the truck but was unable to do so because of an oncoming car. The front of his car was pinned under the trailer of the truck as he tried to get back in the right lane.

No one was injured in the accident but the front of Parker's automobile was damaged.

In making a left-hand turn at the junction of Grand River and Orchard Lake roads on Wednesday evening, the automobile driven by Paul Schulkin of Farmington collided with another being driven by George Selby of Walled Lake. Schulkin was turning from Grand River onto Orchard Lake and Selby was driving west.

Damage was done to the car of Fred Rutenhulst when he ran off the road at the junction of Twelve Mile and Middle Belt roads Tuesday evening in order to avoid hitting two horses which were loose on the road. Mr. Rutenhulst was driving west on Twelve Mile Road toward his home which is located at the corner of that road and Orchard Lake.

**FARM PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED JANUARY 16**

Farmers in the vicinity of Farmington will be afforded the opportunity for consultation on farm problems with A. J. Schroth, tester for the Dairy Herd Improvement association, and Karl D. Bailey, Oakland County Agricultural agent, at the offices of Farmington, Michigan, on Saturday afternoon, January 16.

The conference is one of a series of conferences being held throughout Oakland County regarding the co-operative extension work in Agriculture and Home Economics department. Mr. Schroth and Mr. Bailey will answer questions about the various extension projects in which farmers are interested. These include farm account records, horse and control, soil, insect and pest control, and management recommendations to dairy herds.

The two officials will begin conferences in the offices of Farmington Mills at 1:30 in the afternoon.

## Frank Rices Hold Fortieth Anniversary

Warren Rice and wife (former Miss Perry of Farmington) were entertained at their home in Novi recently 60 friends of Mr. Rice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rice, also of Novi, in honor of their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Ellen Perry Rice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry of Switzer Road, and is 1927 graduate of the Farmington high school.

## Donkey Basketball Game Holds Sport Fans' Interest

"Something new, something different, something happening all the time." The old cry of the circus Barker is being heard on the streets of Farmington as challenges and boasts are hurled back and forth between members of the Exchange club and the faculty of the Farmington school.

The center of the controversy is a who will be the victor in the "sensational show of the year," the donkey basketball game which will be played in the evening school gym on Tuesday evening, January 12, at 7:30.

That their boasts are in reality nothing but attempts to bolster up their own confidence is realized when it is learned that practically none of the members of the two teams has played basketball for several years, much less played the game while riding on the back of a donkey!

Special rubber shoes are worn by the donkeys to prevent any damage being done to the hardwood floor of the gymnasium. Farmington Goodfellows.

Preparations are being made for Farmington's participation in the fourth nation-wide Birthday Ball for the President which will be held in 10,000 cities and towns throughout the United States on Saturday, January 30.

Paul A. Pare is general chairman in charge of arrangements for the ball. He will be assisted by Mayor Warner, Robert C. Burns, Hyman Levinson, Albert Koss, and Fred Wilkinson.

The American Legion will also be invited to select a member for the central committee. A general meeting of the committee will be held Friday evening, January 8, in the offices of the American Legion at eight o'clock, Chairman Pare states.

The purpose of the Birthday Ball for the President is to create, through the direct help of the citizens of the country, funds with which to help victims of infantile paralysis and to assist efforts to wipe out the disease itself. Infantile paralysis continues to menace the children of the nation, adding thousands of new victims annually to the several hundred thousands already crippled.

Need of continued efforts in their behalf is greater than ever, and once more the call is made to all citizens of the country to share in the humanitarian work as has been the custom for the past three years.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt again has committed the Birthday to this nation-wide series of benefit balls. He has also given approval again to the plan that 70 per cent of the proceeds raised by each local Birthday Ball be kept in the community to be disbursed to local or adjacent croup hospitals, or for the treatment of infantile paralysis cripples. The remaining 30 per cent of the proceeds will be turned over to the national committee for delivery to the President by the Birthday Ball each year.

More than \$1,000,000 has been raised for national and local distribution by the Birthday Ball each year. Seventy-eight of the foremost leaders of the various walks of life of the country comprise the national committee, which is headed by Colonel Henry L. Doherty.

## Eastern Star To Hold School of Instruction

A school of instruction will be a special feature of the regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, Farmington Chapter No. 239, on Tuesday evening, January 12. The meeting will follow a pot-luck dinner at six o'clock.

The instructor will be Mrs. Ida Ellstone of Detroit. She is now the Grand Organist.

## Auxiliary Sponsors Card Party

A card party, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will be held at the Legion home on Friday evening, January 8. Mrs. Homer Elenfeldt and Mrs. Charles Haggerty will be the hostesses. Bridge and pedro will be played.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ritter of Port Huron were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ritter.

## Many Benefited By Goodfellows

Farmington Goodfellows distributed an abundance of Yuletide cheer and good will in their successful campaigns held in recent years for the needy of the Farmington area, according to a report made by Floyd Nichols, treasurer of the Goodfellows committee, at the Exchange Club Wednesday noon.

A generous response to the request for funds was made by contributors who gave a total of \$102.28, all of which was used in the purchase of food and clothing, which was distributed to the underprivileged of the community on the afternoon preceding Christmas Day.

Donation of sixteen baskets of food were made to the needy, which included 95 cans of beef and 192 pounds of prunes. Thirty-three children were given articles of clothing and 50 toys were distributed to the baskets along with 50 dolls and scarfs.

## Farmington Teachers Return From Vacations

Teachers in the Farmington schools spent their Christmas vacation period in many different ways. Ralph Banta, director of the band, and Mrs. Banta report a delightful trip to Niagara. Ralph Banta had been in a weakened condition for several months. Mr. Edwards was born in Redford in 1856. He married Lydia White of Farmington 57 years ago. They had two daughters, one of whom died at the age of two, and Mrs. Maude Edwards Follett of Detroit. Mrs. Follett came to visit her parents on Sunday and was present at her father's death.

Others who survive him, in addition to his wife and daughter, are a sister, Mrs. Frank (Louise) White of Bellflower, California, who lived in Farmington many years. Mrs. Miss Vivian Coons of California; a nephew, Frank Edwards of Orchard street, Farmington; and several grand nephews and nieces.

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## Curtis Barker Joins Federal Bureau

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The young couple were married in the autumn of 1936. Mr. Barker is a B. S. graduate and Mrs. Barker was a student at Ypsilanti.

## Sixty Chickens and Hog Taken By Thieves

Thieves are again busy in the Farmington area, two thefts being reported to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt during the week. Sixty chickens were stolen from the farm of Mrs. Bill Adams on Nine Mile Road, the theft taking place Sunday evening. A 250-pound hog was stolen from the garage of Clyde Bates on Grand River west of the Cut-Off. No trace of the stolen property has been found.

## Urges City To Enlarge Facilities

An addition to the facilities for housing Farmington's public works equipment may be undertaken in the near future if a proposal made by Commissioner Emory Hutton at the meeting of the city commission Monday night is adopted. Commissioner Hutton proposed that the city purchase the two lots south of the present building which houses the fire engines belonging to Farmington City and Township and the city's road repair and miscellaneous other equipment. On the property another structure and probably an enclosed yard could be used to shelter the city's maintenance equipment, the commissioner said.

The property is owned by the J. W. Lathrop estate. Additional underground cover and open yard space is needed now for the city's machines and materials, states Commissioner Hutton. "We must make some provision for future additions. Our present structure is filled and there is little, if any room for storing anything else," he said.

In the one part of the structure the city and township fire engines are kept. There are also two cells and a vault in the building. The remainder of the room is used to store the large city truck, a pickup truck, a road builder, a tractor, a sweeper and a scraper. Various tools, water mains and other materials are also kept in the building. The storing of all these machines makes for considerable congestion, Commissioner Hutton states, making the addition of any more equipment for storage extremely difficult.

## LAST RITES TO BE HELD FOR EUGENE EDWARDS

Last rites will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Heene Funeral Home for Eugene Edwards, who passed away at the age of 81 at his home on Shawwassee Road last Wednesday afternoon. His death was due to a bronchial condition aggravated by a severe cold contracted at Christmas time. He had been in a weakened condition for several months.

Mr. Edwards was born in Redford in 1856. He married Lydia White of Farmington 57 years ago. They had two daughters, one of whom died at the age of two, and Mrs. Maude Edwards Follett of Detroit. Mrs. Follett came to visit her parents on Sunday and was present at her father's death.

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## Dr. Norton Succeeds Gullen As Exchange Club President

Dr. J. W. Norton will serve as president of the Farmington Exchange club for the next six months, his election to that office having taken place at the weekly luncheon meeting of the club held Wednesday. Lloyd Gullen is the retiring president.

Howard Otis was chosen to succeed Dr. Norton as vice-president. Two officers re-elected were Geo. Chavetta secretary, and E. O. Hutton as treasurer.

The board of control will consist of Paul A. Pare, William VanAvery, and Arthur Power, who will serve the second portion of their one year terms, and Rev. Delmore Stubbs, Lloyd Gullen, and Howard Warner.

It was originally intended to have the nominations for officers at the meeting of the club last week and to hold the election of officers this week. It was later decided, however, to suspend the by-laws of the club for the first time in holding both the nomination and election of officers at the same meeting, which was held Wednesday of this week.

All nominations were made orally and every candidate received a unanimous vote to place him in the office for which he was nominated.

## Farmington To Play Clarkston

Farmington's blue and white quintet will play the first game of the new year on Friday night when they meet the basketball team from Clarkston on the Farmington floor.

Clarkston will bring a team handicapped by lack of experience as all of last year's first string men were lost by graduation. The team has benefitted from the games they have played this season and expects to give Farmington a good fight.

Clarkston will have one unforeseen advantage in the loss to the Farmington team of Turner and Collins, both of whom are ineligible. Howard Turner is a regular forward and Red Collins is a substitute guard. With the loss earlier in the season of Halsey Miller, due to a broken wrist, reduces the regular squad to only seven men.

"Bill Stocum will be brought from the second squad to bolster the reserve strength," Coach Kammerer says. "The team certainly faces the game in a weakened condition."

The starting line-up will probably be Bob Davis and Duane Hoffman, guards, Louis Newlin, center, and Ralph Bantel and Don Lee, forwards. Ralph Bantel may be shifted to center position and Lloyd Gerald Greco or Carl Hunt may be placed in forward position.

## J. H. Thom of Detroit Killed By Death

Mrs. David Prindle of Farmington received word this week of the death of her sister Nellie's husband, J. H. Thom of Detroit at Melbourne, Florida, where Mr. and Mrs. Thom were spending the winter. Death came as the result of a stroke, from which Mr. Thom never regained consciousness.

Born in 1859 in Quebec, he came to Detroit in 1887 and was connected with the Standard Accident Insurance company, of which he was vice-president at the time of his death.

Arrangements were completed Wednesday for the funeral services Thursday at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Detroit and burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Harry McCracken Hurt As Step Ladder Slips

Harry McCracken, Farmington Township clerk, is recovering at his home on Twelve Mile Road from injuries received when he fell from a step ladder while working on his farm Tuesday. Mr. McCracken was descending from the ladder with several empty apple crates when the ladder slipped, throwing him backwards upon other crates. Five stitches were taken to close the cut on his scalp.

**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**  
Mr. and Mrs. Loren Downey of Highland Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Enid, to Charles Button, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Button, Twelve Mile Road. The marriage is scheduled for early spring.



LOYD S. GULLEN

## Sand To Be Used On Icy Roads

Although there have been few accidents in the Farmington area this winter caused by icy roads and streets, precautions against the possibility of serious accidents on the slick road surfaces have been undertaken by City of Farmington in the placing of barrels of sand by the side of steep-grade roads in and near the city.

The barrels are painted bright yellow in order to attract attention of motorists to the convenience. To prevent the freezing of the sand in the barrels, salt has been added to the sand.

The barrels are located on roads where a number of serious accidents have occurred in the past. Among these places are the McGee Hill, Grand River by the C. F. Smith estate, and on Shawwassee Road near Our Lady of Sorrows Church and on the steep grade west end of Shawwassee near the junction of Warner avenue.

## MRS. FRED WARNER WILL BE HOSTESS TO WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Fred Warner will be hostess to the Farmington Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon, January 13, when the topic, "Michigan Day" will be the feature of the program of which Mrs. Isaac Bond, Mrs. M. B. Pierce, and Mrs. Elmer Dohany are in charge. The response to the roll call is to be "Current Events in Michigan."

An unusual program, an "old-fashioned school," was held at the last meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. Fred Barnall. "School" was called in the recreation room of the home, about 20 costumed "girls and boys" answering the bell. Mrs. Karl Ritter was school mistress. Mrs. Paul Schreier was special instructor in reading and Miss Helen Hard was the school inspector. At "recess" all the pupils received box lunches. Pictures of the group were taken by Will Way at the close of the session.

Guests at the meeting included Mrs. C. N. Grews, Mrs. Mary Rollins and Mrs. Ina Moore, Mrs. Lamont Hamlin and Mrs. Lloyd N. Way.

## Tracy Broughton Fatally Injured

Tracy Broughton, 44, of Walnut Lake Road, near Birmingham, a well-known fruit grower in this section, was fatally injured on Saturday morning when cranking his truck, which had evidently been left in gear. It moved forward and struck him as he was immediately from his farm home to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where he died early Monday morning.

**WILL ENTERTAIN GOLDEN RULE CIRCLE**  
Mrs. Henry West will be hostess on Thursday afternoon, January 14 to the Golden Rule Circle of the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church. There will be a pot-luck luncheon at 1:00 o'clock. At this meeting, the capsule friends will be revealed and new names drawn for the coming year.

Charles Pettibone has been another victim of the influenza.

## City Asked to Cancel Tax On Ely Farm

Efforts are being made to clear up a tax controversy of eight years' standing on the largest single piece of property in the City of Farmington, with the prospect being that this will result in an extensive subdivision development on which a number of homes may be erected in the near future.

The City is being asked to cancel its portion of the 1928 taxes amounting to about \$6,000 on the Ely farm lying between Shawwassee and Ten Mile Roads, and between Power avenue and Orchard Lake Road. The inducement offered the City for cancelling the levy is that thereby it will be possible to put this land on the market again, and through the sale of lots, pay up taxes due on the property beginning with 1930 and down to date. The property involved consists of 129 acres, and it is proposed to subdivide this into parcels of one acre and up.

Already the City has been two lawsuits over assessments on the property, with one victory for the owners and the other for the City. There is outstanding about \$27,000 in taxes, municipal, county and State, against the property, more than half of the total is the 1928 levy, of which about \$6,000 was for city taxes and \$10,000 for the County and State.

The remaining \$10,000 due covers the years from 1930 on, and this amount it is proposed to pay in the near future, of which the city would receive approximately one-third. Representatives of Carl Ely, administrator of the Charles H. Ely estate, and Mrs. Addie Ely, the widow, pointed out that if the requested cancellation were approved, the City would be placed in a position to receive its portion of the \$10,000 that would be paid over a period of time as the lots were sold, and that the property would be returned to the "tax-paying" rolls with increased value due to the cancellation.

Settlement among the City Commission, before whom the request was placed Monday evening, seemed to be favorable to the cancellation of the 1928 levy if it could legally be done. The petitioners indicated that they hope for legislation at the next session of the Lansing which would permit similar action concerning the county and state tax for 1928.

**Some Opposition**  
While most of the Commission informally expressed the opinion that it "would be a good thing," some opposition was offered on the basis that the City for one property owner might start a demand from others for similar consideration, and that it could not be done without unfairness to other property-owners. To this the petitioners made the suggestion that adjustment is the only way by which the property can be returned to paying basis, and that unless concessions are made, the property must remain on the delinquent tax list for an indefinite time.

It was suggested by Commissioner Hutton that a previous tax settlement with the city, under which one-half of the 1926, 1927, and 1928 city taxes or approximately \$8,000 was to be paid, should be used as a basis instead of making a cancellation of all the 1928 city taxes on the land.

The Commission agreed to referring the matter to Schulte and Pare, municipal counsel, for an opinion as to the legality of the City wiping out the levy.

Since 1927 the assessments have been the occasion of more or less difficulty. In 1929, with taxes on the property mounting to huge sums and the real estate situation a difficult one, the late Mr. Ely protested the assessments as excessive. In April of that year an agreement was made between the City Commission and Mr. Ely. (Continued on back page)

## Farmington Stores To Close Earlier

A number of Farmington stores are now closing at 6:30 in the evening instead of remaining open until nine o'clock as has been the custom during the summer and the holiday shopping season. The plan was proposed to other merchants by E. O. Hutton. It is thought that the early closing of the stores may continue until sometime in the spring.