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## Police Work On Station Holdup Clews

Mike Hoffman, Farmington station proprietor, is still dazed from blows received from two armed bandits who held him up at 12:30 morning. Police are working on clews uncovered following the robbery.

According to reports given the police Hoffman was in his station on Farmington Road and the Cut-off, and a friend, Harold Thornton, also of Farmington, when the two bandits wearing arm and leg bands, cloth masks, and dark caps, entered the station through a rear entrance. After clubbing Hoffman with the side of a claw hammer, they took his bill fold, money changer and some cash from a desk drawer, amounting to \$104, the victims told officials. They drove away from the station in a Plymouth coupe owned by Thornton's mother.

The masks were made of flannel covers, with slits cut in for the eyes, nose and mouth, covered with charcoal. They were found along the side of Nine Mile Road near Drake, and also recovered were the caps, flannel arm and leg cloths, money changer, bill fold and hammer. The auto was found later in the morning in a dry field, the left rear fender near the Cut-off. Several excellent finger prints were found according to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt.

Police believe that the two robbers hid in waiting in the shrubbery along side of Farmington Road, across from the station before they accosted Hoffman. It is also their theory that a third person drove the pair to their hiding place, later met them near the dry field where the Plymouth was abandoned.

Hoffman suffered severe pains from two lumps on his head, and his spine, which has caused him considerable trouble in recent years, was dislocated. Thornton was unharmed.

## CIVIC AFFAIRS THRILLS THREE FARMINGTON BOYS

Donald Lee, Joseph "Bud" Norton and William Campbell, three Farmington boys, are telling their companions how it feels to be a city commissioner. They each experienced it at the Wolverine Boys State, in Lansing, which ended their ten day session Saturday, and they professed keen interest in their newly acquired knowledge of civic affairs.

Each of the 529 boys assembled was assigned to a mythical city located in a mythical county. "Don" was assigned to the mythical city of "Polk," "Bud" of "Tyrer," both located in "Blair" County, and William held office in Harrison, in Wisener County. They were elected to these positions Saturday.

As Commissioners of their respective cities the boys joined in discussion while ordinances were passed, and appointments were made. "Residents" of the elected cities were asked to comply with the enacted laws. Curious boys who violated the rules were brought before courts and some were placed in "jail."

Party Games Before the election, the entire group was divided into two mythical groups known as the Trojan and Athenian parties. The Farmington boys were Athenians. They found the games fun, and general kidding, one of the most enlightening phases of the entire session.

Among the prominent speakers heard by the Boys State were Gov. Frank Murphy, Dean Bates, of Michigan State College, and R. B. Blakeslee, vice-president. Don Lee was a member of the city baseball team, and "Bud" Norton played on the tennis squad. Menus were eaten in the College Union, and sleeping quarters were in Demonstration Hall.

Points of interest were visited by the boys. They professed particular interest in the Police Barracks, where the world's largest collection of confiscated guns are kept, and the second largest collection of fingerprints. There they were also inspired by the Marhuana weed, the pistol range, and the large automatic button equipped desk.

## STUBBS TO STAY

Farmington Methodist Church will have as its pastor for another year, Rev. D. C. Stubbs, as announced to the various churches in this district having been made Monday at the conclusion of the church conference.

## Girl Scout Leader Outlines Camp High Oaks Program

Girls from this area who attend Farmington's High Oaks Camp will find an interesting program awaiting them, according to Mrs. Robert G. Cale, director. The weekly Tuesday meetings are scheduled to begin July 5 at the camp, which are located on a seven acre plot of ground north of Shilavasse and Grand River Roads, owned by Mrs. Homer Warren.

Camp leaders believe it will be an ideal spot for the girl campers. The grounds are heavily wooded, and a log cabin located on the field can be used for shelter in the event of rain.

Active scout games will occupy the mornings from 10 to 12. An hour for lunch and another for complete rest or reading will follow. From 2 to 3:30 handicraft work is on the schedule.

## Franchise Wins By 28 Majority

Farmington Township voters decided in favor of renewing the Detroit Edison Co. franchise at a special election held Wednesday. The vote carried by 51 to 23.

"Yes" votes were cast by 42 voters in precinct No. 2 at the Township Offices, and by 19 in precinct No. 1 at the franchise renewal in precinct No. 1 and 23 in precinct No. 2.

H. R. Taylor, Detroit Edison representative, who has been in charge of 27 such townships in the past seven months, stated after the results had been announced that Farmington polled an unusually heavy "no" vote. In the previous elections less than two negative votes was the average.

According to the vote of the people the franchise has been renewed for 20 years, and grants the Detroit Edison Company authority to erect, construct and maintain poles, lines, mains, wires, pipes, conduits, and other apparatus requisite for the distribution of electricity for public and private use in the township.

## Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Marion Nelson

Friends of Mrs. Marion Nelson are grieved to hear of her death. After several years of poor health she passed away in a Detroit hospital Saturday afternoon. Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Crosby undertaking home.

Mrs. Nelson, who was 22 years old, was a resident of the Loser Corners community. She is survived by four small children and many relatives.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE CLUB MEN WIN PROGRAM PRIZES

Ed Pierce is listening to a new radio these days presented to him by the Farmington Exchange Club at the final meeting of the term Wednesday, when he was selected as the chairman who provided the organization with the best monthly program. Earl Grayson, the runner-up, was presented with Ripley's book, "Believe It or Not."

Automobile for Dr. Lee Hasted, Judge John J. Schulte, and the newly elected president Curtis Hall. They were members of Pierce's committee.

Candidates recommended by the board of control were unanimously elected at the meeting. Curtis Hall succeeds Dean Bates, of Michigan State College, and R. B. Blakeslee, vice-president. George Checketts, secretary; E. O. Hatten, treasurer. New members of the board of control are Robert Burns, Rev. Carl Schulte, and Dr. Lee Hasted.

Attending the "Sunshine Special" Tuesday were 250 Farmington children and 10 Exchange Club members. An afternoon of thrills was reported by the children, and the running concessions. The Farmington High School Band, under the direction of their leader, Alvin Benner, gave a special concert.

## NEW HEATING SYSTEM

Installation of a new heating system will soon be completed in the Salem Evangelical Church and the adjoining parsonage. The old boiler is being replaced, and a new boiler is being connected. This system will heat the parsonage and the church.

## Job Claim Filing To Begin July 1

Issuing of appointment cards to eligible unemployed for filing of claims will begin Friday, July 1, at the Michigan Job Insurance Commission registration office established at the Farmington Township Hall. Districts of benefit checks are scheduled to start August 1 in this area.

Persons applying for benefits will date their claims from the date of application, providing eligibility has been established. They will have to wait for three weeks before action can be taken.

Payments will be in definite weekly amounts and will last definite period of time, based upon past earnings of the individual. Recipients are not factors in the payment of unemployment compensation, the Commission stated.

## TREAT PASSENGERS FOR MINOR AUTO ACCIDENTS

Four people are nursing bruises received in two accidents in this area this week end.

A Royal Oak woman, Mrs. Burns, was treated for bruises on her arms and legs by Dr. Cottrell of Novi, following an accident in which two cars were completely demolished Saturday afternoon.

According to police a car driven by C. C. Cadey, 695 Kerby Street, Lansing, was hit head on by a car driven by Thomas Smith, 3219 Prairie avenue, Royal Oak, on Grand River west of the Cut-Off. Police were told that Thomas lost control of his car after he attempted to pass another car Mrs. Burns, was a passenger in Smith's car.

The second collision occurred Saturday at midnight, at the La-Salle Winery, on Grand River Road. According to police reports Walter Angell of Farmington, driving a truck and semi-trailer, towing the truck was struck by a car driven by William Hewison, 5531 Webb avenue, Detroit. The truck was driven by James Ladd of Pittsford, Michigan.

Henrich and two of his passengers were taken to the Passford branch of the Receiving Hospital, where they were treated for minor cuts. They are Clayton Pappas and Antoine Kohlus, both of Detroit.

When he appears at the employment office he will register for another job. His employment qualifications and past record will be recorded and placed on file. Any employer desiring to hire new employees may obtain his workers at no charge from the applications on this file.

After waiting three weeks, as required by law, plus a fourth week during which final eligibility for benefits is determined, the worker will, if still unemployed, begin to receive his weekly benefit check. This will be paid to the unemployed worker sometime during the fifth week and will compensate the worker for the unemployment occurring during the fourth week which he waits. The benefit will amount to approximately one-half of the worker's average wage, with a maximum of \$16 a week.

"As long as the worker remains unemployed," Larned pointed out, "he must continue to report to the employment office each week. The weekly benefit check will continue either until the worker gets a new job or exhausts his benefit rights."

"The maximum number of weeks a worker can draw benefits is 16 weeks in any one 52 week period."

## WOLFE REUNION

The Wolfe reunion, held Sunday in the West Point Community Hall, and 65 members were present to celebrate. Members of the family from Farmington, Detroit, Canada, New Hudson and Plymouth were in attendance. The reunion next year will be held in Canada.

Letters to the Editor MUST BE SIGNED.

## State Health Man Quiets Drain Fears

Farmington citizens who fear river pollution will result from the proposed Grand River drain project are assured by Col. Rich of the State Stream Commission, a division of the State Health Department with headquarters at Lansing, and by H. W. Wedge, Oakland County Drain Commissioner, of Pontiac, that they need have no worries.

The state and county official appeared at a special meeting called by the City Commission Monday night. Col. Rich informed the Commission and the few objectors present that 95 per cent of all county drains built in Michigan have been along the same plans as those called for in this project, known as the M-16 sewer.

It was further stated by Rich that the plans have already been approved by the State Stream Commission, P.W.A. officials, and the Oakland County Drain Commission.

The drain which aroused discussion is scheduled to be laid along the north side of Grand River, between one-quarter mile west of the city limits, to Shilavasse, and emptying into the River Rouge. First steps in the building of this drain are now underway.

According to an estimate made by the State Stream Commission the cost of the construction will be \$1,547,44. Materials are being furnished by the drainage district, and labor is being supplied by the county.

The project is expected to last three months, with more than 100 men working on the job. Wedge estimates that 5,520 feet of 12 inch to 30 inch pipes will be laid.

## THOMAS MORRIS RECEIVES TERM IN STATE PRISON

Six months to 2 1/2 years in the State Prison for Southern Michigan, with recommendation to serve the minimum term, in the sentence which Thomas Morris, 22, of Detroit, heard read in Circuit Court Monday afternoon. He pleaded guilty to charges of aiding on a gas station and restaurant, on Grand River and the Cut-Off, owned by James Fanzlin, with three other Detroit youths.

He confessed to the holdup when he was captured with two companions, and he had been after the robbery which took place early in the morning on December 2 of last year. Quick work by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt aided in the early apprehension.

Although DeVriendt was given the supposed license number of the bandit's car, a quick checkup showed that the numbers probably were incorrect. By ingenious maneuvering he ascertained the correct numbers, and probable correct names.

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## Seven Boys Attend Agawan, Clinton Valley Scout Camp

Agawan, Clinton Valley Scout Camp, located near Lake Orion, this summer will see the highest number of boys ever to represent Farmington. At least seven boys will have attended the summer camp, which will place the local troop well up with the leaders as to the total number of scouts per troop at camp.

Four boys who are scheduled to leave Monday include Robert Gullen, James Norton, Fred Sieg and Jack Sammons. John Edgar, James Youngblood, and Richard Snyder are returning this week. Six of Farmington, having secured the greatest number of points at the Camp-O-Ree is trying to obtain all possible experience in scouting, which they hope will fulfill plans to be one of the troops that will represent the Clinton Valley Council at the Regional Camp-O-Ree, to be held this fall at Grand Rapids. Intensive training, as well as fun is to be found at Camp Agawan, according to leaders, who hope that the experience gained there will put finishing touches to the local troop's efforts to secure national recognition.

## Judge Schulte Will Visit Europe As Contest Winner

Friends of John J. Schulte will soon bid him a "bon voyage" when he leaves Farmington next month for a trip to Europe to fulfill a dream of a lifetime.

Congratulations are descending upon the affable judge, who was one of 20 winners in a "Trip to Europe Contest" conducted by the German Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Schulte plans to leave Farmington July 25 and embark two days later on the fast liner, "Europa." He hasn't completed his itinerary, but has definitely decided that there will be no sport in dodging bombs, and hence will stay outside the Spanish border.

Verbal and printed reports of the charms of such famous Old World cities as Rome, Paris, Vienna, London and Berlin, intrigued the judge, and he hopes to visit each of them. He will return early in September on the "Bremen."

Judge Schulte received official notice of his award recently from William T. Funk, Supreme Secretary of the Pittsburgh organization. The two Detroit residents, who he ranked ninth on the list. Seven winners were declared from Michigan in the national contest, based on points accumulated each month. It began in November and ended May 31. Mr. Schulte was one of the winners by assisting agents in securing policies.

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The two Detroit residents, who have already taken initial steps toward building a home here are Harry P. Gilrow and W. G. Strickland. City employees completed the work of taping the sewer and water lines.

Gilrow plans to build his home on Maple avenue, on Lot No. 37, on the east side of the street, next to a lot owned by Joseph DeVriendt. Strickland will build his residence on the south side of Shilavasse, east of the property owned by Max Hulet. Mrs. Whitford was the former owner of the property.

Two houses are nearing completion on Pickett Avenue. They are being erected by Harold Oldenburg and Arthur Lamb.

## 4 LOCAL COUPLES PROVE JUNE IS STILL POPULAR

That June is still King of Romance was attested to by young couples of this area this past week, when marriage vows were spoken at four weddings.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cairns are at home on the See Homestead on Fourteen Mile Road, Walled Lake, following their return from their honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls.

Leola See, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer See of Walled Lake and Floyd Cairns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cairns of Farmington, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. W. Wheeler Pixley, pastor of the Walled Lake Baptist Church, officiated.

## Bride's Gown

The bride's gown was of white satin with a floorlength tulle veil and she carried a bouquet of white roses. She was attended by her sisters, Marian and Evelyn, Marian wore a satin dress covered with pink net, and Evelyn a satin gown covered with blue net. Each carried a bouquet of red roses. William Cairns, cousin of the bridegroom, was the best man. Irwin Wik, accompanied by Sally Heikert, sang two solos, "I Love You Truly" and "Home, Sweet Home." Following the ceremony 30 guests attended the reception.

A very pretty wedding took place Saturday night at 8:30 at the Salem Evangelical church when Miss Viola Bachelor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. Bachelor, of 25104 Farmington Road, became the bride of Walter H. Packman, of Spencer, Wisconsin. Rev. C. H. Schulte, pastor of the church, conducted the ceremonies.

The bride was dressed in a beautiful silk embroidered net and veil trimmed with orange blossoms. She marched into the church on the arm of her father, carrying a bouquet of white lilies. Her bridesmaids, Misses Helen and Mary, were dressed in white, and the bride and groom were escorted by the "Boy Problem" in this handling.



JUDGE JOHN J. SCHULTE

## Home Building Increase Seen

Various Detroit residents are casting eyes in the direction of building homes here, it was stated this week by City Clerk Harry Moore.

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## Ten School Districts To Meet July 11

Electors of ten school districts will hold their annual meetings in their respective school buildings Monday, July 11, when the election of school board members will take place.

Meetings will be held in the following school districts: Farmington No. 5, Clarenceville No. 5 fractional, Noble No. 6, Livonia No. 2, Novi No. 2, Novi No. 3, Southfield No. 9, Bond No. 6 fractional, Fairview No. 4 and Thayer No. 3.

Five board members were re-elected in four school districts which met June 13. They are: Harry McCracken, treasurer, Farmington No. 5 fractional; John Graham, moderator, Nichols No. 2; Ward Eagle treasurer, German No. 1 fractional; and Mrs. Clara Stoffie, treasurer and E. V. Mercer, trustee, Walled Lake District.

Board members of West Farmington No. 4 fractional, will hold a meeting at the home of Treasurer Harry McCracken, Tuesday, July 5, to discuss a decision reached at the annual meeting in June to build a new two-room addition to the present school. The estimated cost is \$12,000, requiring a \$9,000 bond issue. It is expected that a vote of the people of the school district will be called in the near future.

## TRAILER RECOVERED

Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt reported that a trailer reported stolen from a lot on Oxford avenue June 11 was recovered in Detroit this week.

## New Super Gas Station Will Open Saturday

Bill White, Farmington proprietor of the Hi-Speed service station, will move into his new quarters on Grand River at the corner of Grace, Saturday afternoon, July 2. The new building, which is a brick and the superservice station, is completely equipped with modern facilities. The floor is of green cement.

White has operated the station on Farmington Road, north of the Enterprise, for the past three years where he has witnessed a steady increase in trade. In his super station he will have completely new computing pumps, battery tender, grease trays and tire tools. The wing houses a grease rack and washing compartment. White will be assisted by Harold Rice.

## Township Fire Truck Receives First Call

Farmington's fire crew had their first opportunity to use the new township truck in action Saturday morning, and report was that the truck very satisfactory. Although they had some difficulty in starting the truck, due to a run down battery, the men reported they made up last time after they started.

The alarm was turned in by Margaret Cleaners, of Miller avenue, after a kitchen stove in the house exploded. The fire was out before the men reached the scene, and little damage was done.

## Six Girl Scouts Win Housekeeper Badges

Six girls are displaying this week their Girl Scout Housekeeper badges which they received recently for completing the requirements at the home of Mrs. F. J. Nash, consultant for the Farmington Homemaking Hall of Girl Scouts.

Included in this list are Betty Aschenbrenner, Mary Jo Cale, Dorothy Goers, Margaret Miles, Barbara Nash and Dorothy Paschke.

Mothers witnessed the demonstration, and were served refreshments prepared by the girls. Mrs. Nash announced that she plans to continue this training this fall.

## Gordon Hogle Earns Straight "A" Average

Gordon William Hogle, Freshman business administration student from Farmington, is among the 30 Michigan State College students who earned all "A's" in academic courses during the spring term. The honor roll, which was announced this week by the registrar's office did not include those who were graduated June 15. Gordon is the son of Mrs. Alma Hogle. He graduated from Farmington High School in 1937.