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SECURED CASH AND FLOUR

Robbers Visit Bank and Roller Mills Last Thursday Night.

Another robbery, with some success occurred in our village last Thursday night or early Friday morning, the robbers securing about $30.00 in cash and about 400 pounds of flour.

The first attempt was made upon the vault of the Farmington State Savings bank, where a torch (thought to be electric) was used to get to the combination of the steel door of the vault, leaving the door blistered on both inside and out, but evidently they were frightened away or gave the job up as "too big for their size", and left, taking with them two small savings banks containing about $12.00 in nickels and dimes that had been secured from the sale of revenue stamps.

They entered the bank by a rear door by borring holes in the door next to the lock, cutting away about six inches, and reaching in and unlocking the door, first making an attempt to get into the basement through a rear window, but the space was evidently to small to admit them and they tried the door with better success. The awning was lowered probably by a "lookout," before work began.

Friday morning as Harold West came down the street he found lying on the walk one of the little steel banks, but thought nothing of the matter, figuring some one had dropped it, until George Cook came along and said that some one had been in his blacksmith shop and taken a sledge hammer and same other tools, when suspicions were aroused and a number of people had gathered and began looking the bank over, soon finding the rear door open and papers strewn about the floor.

After leaving the bank the robbers evidently went to the blacksmith shop, procured tools, and entering the mill proceeded to smash the safe, which was a total wreck when the left.

On entering the mill Friday morning Leo Gildemeister, manager, found everything ransacked in the office, papers laying all over. His mother, Mrs. L. Gildemeister, says she heard pounding early in the morning, but did not think much about it.

At the mill the thieves, besides taking about $17.00 from the safe cash drawer, which Mr. Gildemeister had taken in just before closing the night before, they loaded two 100-pound sacks of flour onto the little hand truck in the mill, and taking about a barrel in 25-pound sacks, carted it south on Division street, just below the residence of William Voss, where they evidently left their car and departed south. The truck was found in the ditch Friday morning.

The only clue left was a handkerchief with an initial letter "S," which was found, and it is thought the job was the work of amateurs, as at the bank no explosives were used in their attempt to open the vault door—evidently an electric or very strong blow-torch was their only tool there.

Had they gotten into the vault at the bank they would have then been confronted by a still bigger job, as a new burglar-proof safe had only just been installed ,and the only thing they would have gained would have been the scattering of papers around and making trouble for the cashier of the bank in reassembling.

Mr. Gildemeister tells us that the robbers took his insurance policies and burned them, their only object seemingly to have been to make trouble for the owner.

There has been much talk the past few days regarding a night watchman, which is very much needed, but talk won't accomplish anything. Lets get down to business and have some good man patrol our business streets. The amount of loot carried away in the last few weeks would pay a watchman's salary for many months.

Mrs. J. L. Hogle President.

The Oakland County Association O. E. S. met at Birmingham last Friday, October 17th, the following members being the local chapter attending: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allyn, Mesdames C. Murray, J. L. Hogle, H. W. Moore, John Thayer, Harry Harding, C. Seeley and C. Coe.

Farmington carried off the honors. Mrs. J. L. Hogle being elected as president of the association for the coming year.

The next meeting will be held in Farmington in May.

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newsy Items Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

This is fine weather for automobile spooning, but county roads were not made for holding the girl with one arm and steering with the other. The opportunity for accidents is too great. —Oxford Leader.

George H. Cummings has filed petition in circuit court to vacate lots 57, 58 and 59 of the Grand River Farms subdivision, in Farmington township. He desires to replat the property to make the streets conform to those on an adjoining addition platted by William Shaw. Pelton & McGee are the attorneys.—Pontiac Press.

County, village and district school officials of Wayne county have began to study methods of consolidating and unifying the local educational system. The rural sections are entitled to better educational facilities. Many sections are growing so rapidly that present buildings are wholly inadequate. The old fashioned country school with all grades in one room has become a back number and must pass away. The sons and daughters of Michigan farmers are entitled to better than they are getting today and it is up to the proper officials to keep busy.—Detroit Courier.

Charles Erwin, 12-year-old son of John Erwin, residing on the Manor road, north of Birmingham, sustained fatal injuries Monday afternoon when he fell under the wheels of a truck of the Slater Construction Co., on North Woodward avenue, while trying to get a ride, on his way home from school. The truck was loaded with crushed stone for use on a pavement. The boy took hold of the dumping apparatus on the truck, which turned over throwing him under the wheels. Both arms were broken, his head cut and he received internal injuries. The lad was taken to the Pontiac hospital, where he died Monday evening.—Birmingham Eccentric.

After the machinery had been cleaned out of the old Roberson mill at Stoney Creek, built upwards of a hundreds years, the old wooden "spur wheel" was left outside the mill. According to Joe Winkler, the veteran miller, who has just retired to rest and quiet, after a strenuous life of over 70 years as a miller, the "spur wheel" was made by hand over a hundred years ago. The cogs of the wheel were all worked by hand and but little iron entered into its make-up, save as a binders. The wheel is several feet across and weighs something near 500 pounds. It should be secured and sent to the state capitol to be kept among the old relics of the state pioneer and historical society.—Rochester Era.

A Bay City firm purchased the white oak and swamp elk trees on 30 acres of timber belonging to the Mackenroth sisters, for $3,500. When they started cutting there were over 500 such trees that measured 14 inches or more at the butt. These are being cut and hewn in the woods and hauled to Brighton by team for shipment. Some of the loads brought in by four-horse teams weigh about nine tons and there are only three or four logs to the load at that.—Brighton Argus.

Another nuisance which confronts Redford and Redford township is the automobilists who try to burn up the new pavement recently completed on Lahser avenue to the Seven Mile road. If a few of this class of racing maniacs were caught and given a heavy fine it would go a long ways towards having others obey the speed laws of our village.—Redford Record.

Council Proceedings

Farmington, Oct. 10, 1919.

A special meeting of the Village Council was called to order by the President.

The following trustees responded to roll call: Lamb, Woodruff, Durham, Ely and Hogle. Absent: Trustee Nichols.

President Francis appointed Trustee Ely, Woodruff and Durham as a committee to investigate claim of Mrs. Annie L. Shear for damages as filed against the Village of Farmington.

The President appointed Trustee Ely as delegate to represent the village of Farmington at a meeting of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission to be held at Lansing, October 23rd, 1919, at which time hearing will be held with reference to increase rates of the Michigan State Telephone Company.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

RALPH G. HOGLE, Village Clerk.

Annual meeting of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Birmingham, November 13th.

See what the Sheriff offers.

WEDDING RECEPTION

Redford Couple Enjoy Evening With Friends at Town Hall.

Last Tuesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Westlake, in Redford, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Enda Westlake to Mr. Trueman, of Detroit.

About 8 o'clock in the evening several auto loads of friends, accompanied by the bride and groom, drove to this village, where preparations had previously been made for the holding of a reception in the Town Hall.

The evening was spent in dancing, a good social time and a smoker, music being furnished by a violin and piano, there being about 150 guests present.

During the dancing there appeared two black-faced artists, (dressed as man and wife, although both were ladies), carrying a "Cupie" dressed as an infant; the bride was given the "baby," and compelled to carry it through a waltz, creating an unusual amount of amusement.

Supper was served during the evening and the whole affair was immensely enjoyed by all present until about 1 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Trueman are among Redford's best known and highly respected young people, the groom holding the position of Detroit's park and boulevard decorator, having charge of the decorations at Belle Isle and in the parks of the city.

They expects to make their home for about two months at the home of the bride's parents in Redford, after which they will reside in Detroit.

Local News

Jay Graham received nearly 4000 bushel of apples out of his orchard this fall.

Mrs. T. J. Alderman and sister, Miss Helen Bradley, were in Detroit Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Nook and Mrs. P. G. Killam, of Walled Lake, were guests Wednesday of Mrs. Alex Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell' living on the Bulkley farm, gave a party last Friday night—dancing and Pedro.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pagel entertained for supper Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pagel and Orene Habermehl.

F. C. Bradley, son Mahlon and two daughters, Mrs. Alderman and Miss Helen, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lapham, at Royal Oak, Sunday.

The D. U. R. last week went back to their old rates. The fare from here to Detroit city limits is now 20 cents; Northville and Redford 10 cents each.

Mrs. Anna Lapearl and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller, of Detroit, spent Sunday at the homes of Mrs. Florence Bachelor, Mrs. Laura Ranous and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wagner and two daughters, Alice and Clara, Louis Hake and wife, of Northville, and Mike Patroja and wife, of Wyandotte, visited with Ben Meyers and family Sunday.

Misses Elsie Martin and Emma Gildemeister spent last Sunday at the latter's home here. Miss Emma has a position with Parke, Davis in Detroit. Edwin Gildemeister was also home over the week-end.

Mrs. Annie Shear has filed notice of suit for damages sustained in falling down the embankment at the corner of School street and Grand River avenue some weeks ago. Mrs. Shear claims the step off at the above corner was not protected by light or barrier and she fell breaking as she was taking her husband's supper to him.

The North Farmington Ladies' Auxiliary held a most enjoyable meeting at the home of Mrs. Orpha Wells Tuesday. Mrs. Arthur Lamb and Mrs. John Mehrle, a charming duet, sang again, and [illegible] the latter [illegible] a reading [illegible] Mrs. Lamb [illegible] Mrs. Mehrle [illegible] Mrs. Lamb [illegible] Mrs. Mehrle [illegible] Mrs. Lamb [illegible] Mrs. Mehrle