

The Farmington Enterprise

VOL. XXXIX No. 17

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1925

5 Cents Single Copy \$1.50 A YEAR

ALLEGED BANK BANDIT NOW ON TRIAL

In the trial of Samuel Vecchio at Detroit, in the circuit court at Pontiac now in progress, the story of the holdup of the Farmington State Savings Bank on November 19, last, is again being told. Vecchio is charged with being one of the six bandits who got away with nearly \$20,000 in cash and \$10,000 in securities on that occasion. Vecchio, it is claimed was the driver of the bandit car and remained in the auto while his confederates were pulling off the job. The jurors chosen to decide the case are:

Floyd Smith, Isaac Newton, John Davidson, L. D. Gunn, Mary A. Mooney, Ernest D. Wallace, A. B. Kinney, Samuel Kilpatrick, Bert Levenworth, Andrew Hulet, William Billitt, and Frank Dowling. President Howard Warner and Cashier Edgar Pierce were witnesses to establish the fact that the bank had been robbed on the date alleged. They related their experiences on that occasion, but as they did not see the driver of the car could not identify Vecchio as one of the party.

Because Warner and Pierce had not identified Vecchio counsel for the respondent moved that the proceedings be dismissed on the ground that they had no knowledge that Vecchio was connected with the bank robbery. Judge Covert overruled the motion and directed the trial to proceed.

Miss Daisy Cairns, telephone operator in the bank block testified that she had been to the post office the morning of the bank robbery and returned just as the robbery was in progress.

Miss Cairns identified Vecchio as the man seated in the bandit car, but became somewhat confused on cross examination as to descriptions and identity.

F. D. Fleming testified that Vecchio was the man he saw driving the bandit car out of Farmington after the robbery. He was not certain as to the clothes worn by the driver, Vincent Evans, Howard Bloomquist, and James Shearer identified Vecchio as the driver, but their testimony failed to tally exactly as to the description of the car or to the clothing worn by the driver. The car was a dirty gray, described in color as a dirty gray, olive green, black and green.

Benjamin Myers, deputy sheriff, told of his gun battle with the departing bandits. As he did not get a good look at the driver of the car he did not positively identify Vecchio as such.

Claude Wilson, deputy sheriff, described how he and a Burns detective worked up the case against Vecchio and took the Italian's picture to Farmington after finding it among others in Detroit. He was one of a number of pictures that were laid before Farmington people to see if they could recognize any of the faces. It was Wilson who found the abandoned car of the bandits on the Telegraph road near Reptford a short time after it had been deserted.

A. E. Wallbank of the firm of English & Wallbank, proprietors of the Auto Shop, proved a star witness for the prosecution. He positively identified Vecchio as the driver of the car, and one of five men who came to his shop in a large sedan on the Friday before the robbery. They turned in a battery to be charged and borrowed one from him saying they would be back in an hour. They were in the shop about 15 minutes he said and he had plenty of opportunity to see and talk with Vecchio. He did not see them again until the morning of the robbery when the same car stopped at the shop this time, with four men and they obtained the battery. He said Vecchio was one of the four.

A half hour later Wallbank said he heard shots fired on the street and went to the front of the store just in time to see the sedan driven by him. He recognized it as the same one that had stopped in front of his shop a short time before.

The prosecution closed with the testimony of these witnesses. Allan W. Kent, attorney for the defendant announced that an alibi would be established as a defense.

BETTER LADS AND BETTER DADS

The popularity of the Father and Son movement in Farmington was forcibly demonstrated by two banquets held here last week, one under the auspices of the Evangelical Church Society and the other sponsored by the local branch of the Y. M. C. A. Both were notable gatherings of fathers and sons and were inspiring occasions.

Of the many movements inaugurated within the past few years for the express purpose of getting in closer touch with the boys none seems to have so nearly reached the mark as the getting together of fathers and sons around a banquet table, where wholesome by-play and a flow of wit and wisdom brings to the surface the best mental qualities and social accomplishments of both old and young.

That these gatherings have made a favorable impression is evident; that they tend to point out more clearly both paternal and filial duties and obligations is acknowledged by all who attended them and that their continuance will bring a rich reward is certain.

Better dads and better lads.

WALKER-TAYLOR

The wedding of Miss Marguerite Hazel Walker to Mr. George Taylor of Northville was quietly solemnized at 4:00 p. m. Wednesday, March 4 at the First M. E. Church at Pontiac, Mich. by Rev. D. N. Lacy, pastor.

The bride, who was attired in a pretty white georgette crepe, over satin with silver brocade slippers to match and bandeau of orange blossoms made a very charming appearance.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stillwell of Northville.

A reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Walker, about fifty invited guests being present. The house was prettily decorated in pink and white.

A buffet lunch was served. Dancing and music furnished the amusement for the evening. The couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts of silverware, cut glass, table linen and other useful articles.

Miss Walker was given a shower prior to her marriage by Mrs. Olga Hoffman, where she was presented with a number of gifts. The well wishes of their many friends go with them.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Clarenceville Community M. E. Church

Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor
10:30 Morning Service.
2:30—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening Service.

Farmington Methodist Church

S. D. Eva, Pastor
10:30—"Thou Shalt Love." Part III.
11:45—The growing Sunday school.
6:30—The Grenfell League.
7:30—A story sermon—"The Miracle and Message of March 4th."

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bolleas, Pastor
10:15—Services—German.
11:45—Sunday School.
7:30—Lenten services—English, illustrated.
Wednesday, March 11—
2:00 p. m.—Ladies' Aid Society.
8:00 p. m.—Y. P. A. meeting.

First Baptist Church

R. F. Willson, Pastor.
10:30—"The Prodigal's Return."
11:45—Sunday School.
6:30—E. Y. P. U.
7:30—"The Cross in Reality."
Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.—Mid-week service for prayer and praise.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road).
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor.
9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—Regular services, 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in German; 2nd and 4th in English.

STATION F. H. S.

This is the beginning of March, the seventh month of school. Again the newspaper staff has been changed, and each member desires to give the people of Farmington as much satisfaction and pleasure as have the members of the staff which have preceded the present one. The staff for the following month is:

Editor-in-Chief.....Irene Vader
News Editor.....Effie Scates
Athletics.....Cedric Harger
Business Manager.....Adaline Wixom

Kindergarten

The little girls have been making doll clothes. At present they have a dress, a pair of bloomers, and a nightgown, which the new doll is proud to wear. While the girls are working at this, the boys are making sail boats.

Many new songs and nursery rhymes have been learned. They have also studied "Scrapfoot" and "The Three Bears," two interesting stories.

Miss Hartz.

First Grade
While reading "The Dutch Twins," a Dutch scene is being made in the sand table. Windmills made by the children make the scene more real.

The children are learning the poem "Waiting to Grow."

Miss Schiffer.

This division has also been reading "The Dutch Twins" and is making a Dutch village. In a few days, the children will make some butter as the Dutch people did in the story.

The new first readers have been started and are enjoyed by all.

Miss Percy.

Second Grade
Last Friday the second grade entertained the Kindergarten. Teddy's class dramatized "The Foolish Goose." The children printed the invitations, and the best one was sent to the Kindergarten.

Third Grade

The children are reading "Bunny Brown and His Sister Sue in the Big Woods" for reading class. In language class, they are learning the poem, "The Bluebird" in the hopes that it will bring spring quickly.

Miss Huff.

Wonders will never cease! Why? The fourth grade is really interested in arithmetic! Again! Why? Because they are playing store. Two pupils act as "storekeepers," and the rest are the buyers. Each one makes his own money with which he can buy almost anything he likes at the "General Store." This gives the pupils an understanding of the value of money and they learn how to change money from one piece of silver into several other pieces.

In hygiene they have had health exercises from the victrola. In reading they are studying Longfellow and his "Hiawatha Fishing."

Last Friday they entertained the third grade. The boys gave an exhibition, the nature of which is kept a secret.

Miss Hunter.

Fifth Grade
Many clippings brought by the boys and girls from newspapers are making the study of Greece and the rest are very interesting. They have studied and learned Arthur Moe's "The Flag" and are now learning the ways of showing respect to the American flag. They have also studied the story of "Ali Baba" and drew pictures to illustrate it.

Miss Tapio.

Sixth Grade
For supplementary reading the class has been studying elegant literary history stories. In arithmetic the study is now of postal savings banks.

Miss Hudson.

Freshmen Class
Each Freshman, way down in his or her heart, is glad there are only three months more of school. But then, they're not the only ones who are glad.

Sophomore Class

Because of the illness of Effie Scates, the news editor for this coming month, this week's news is rather "harum scarum," to everyone's regret.

Junior Class

Each Junior is hoping they will have all his money next year to go to Washington with. They don't say so, but all the rest of us think they are a bit envious of the Seniors.

Senior Class

They are at Washington at last, thanks to the large returns of the carnival of last Friday night.

Commercial Department

Typewriting awards:
Helen Phelps and Grace Chamberlain were presented with pins from the Underwood Typewriter Company for writing at the rate of forty words a minute.

Mable Mahaney, Byron Lapham, Alice Arnold and Alma Weston of the first year's class, were presented with diplomas for typing at the rate of twenty-five words a minute.

A new class in Business English has just been organized.

Athletics

There has been pitching and catching practice in the gymnasium rooms, also bunting practice for the baseball season. There was some sensation when one of the fellows tossed a swift ball against one of the screens breaking the window with a crash just after being warned that there would be a negative five dollars in anyone's pocket who happened to do the fatal deed.

No games in basket ball this week. They must have gone on a strike. This Friday we expect to play Plymouth and next Friday Dearborn. If we win these two games we are tied for the league championship. The High School wishes a good turnout to these games, because much hangs in the balance. The standing of the teams are as follows:

Boys

Won	Lost	Pct.
Dearborn.....5	0	1.000
Farmington.....5	1	.833
Northville.....4	4	.423
Plymouth.....1	5	.166
Redford.....1	6	.112

Girls

Won	Lost	Pct.
Northville.....6	1	.875
Dearborn.....4	1 1/2	.727
Plymouth.....3	2 1/2	.545
Farmington.....1	5	.166
Redford.....1	6	.112

Splice of Life

Harold Seely—"So we have a new orchestra in our class!"
Thurman Newboud—"Oh, who is it?"

Harold—"The tar ladies with their high heels and no rubber heels."
Thurman—"Well, who are they?"

Harold—"Just Avis Coers and Milly Adams."

NEW CASINO SHORE PAVILION

The new pavilion and dance hall at Casino Shore, Wall Lake, being constructed by L. P. Toletone, on the site of the old hall, is nearing completion and will be thrown open to the public with a grand opening dance on the evening of Monday, April 13.

The building, one of the largest of its kind in this section is a handsome structure, substantially built, the great roof being supported by heavy iron trusses which permit of a spacious dancing floor without pillars. The floor of highly polished hardwood will be the delight of the thousands who visit the lake resorts every season for recreation and an outing. The building is 90x140 feet in dimensions with a ball room 70x105.

Ray Keller, Jr.

Ray Keller, Jr. is confined to his home with a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Crim have moved from the Otis Johnson house to Seminole Woods. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rodgers will occupy the house they vacated as a permanent home.

FORGETTERS' ARE BREEDING A NEW WAR, SAYS PALMER

Maj. Frederick Palmer, famous war writer, says that pacifists seem to think that a veteran says to his son: "War is great sport. You will enjoy it. We must start another war soon, so you'll have your chance at a good time."

But, asserts Palmer, what the world war veteran really says to his boy is: "Boy, I know. We don't want another war. Help keep your country out of any unnecessary quarrel. But if we have another war, go in and you will have something in your heart which you will always want to forget and never can forget."

"To forget the late war," Palmer warns, "facilitates entering another one thoughtlessly. The 'Forgetters' are breeding a new war. Those who view Michigan Under Fire," starting at the Com Under Fire" at the Community Hall, Saturday night, will see war as their own fighters, the Red Arrows, saw it. And they will not forget."

The American Legion endorses this picture.

FRIENDSHIP THAT OUTLIVED YEARS

Fifty-nine years ago Sunday five young women stood on the timbers which had been drawn to build a schoolhouse at Four Towns, Oakland County. There they decided to meet or write to each other every March 1 as long as they lived.

Every one of them kept the bargain. Sunday Mrs. Mary Dewey Simpson, Mrs. Ella Hillier Voorheis and Mrs. Ella Colvin Carpenter held their reunion at the Simpson home at Union Lake. They each had a letter to read from Mrs. Emma Colvin Heath, of Pomona, Calif., the only other living member of the group. Mrs. Margaret Hunt Hollingshead died in California several years ago.

The oldest member of the group is 81 and the youngest 76.

FARMINGTON AT BUILDERS' EXPOSITION

According to reports of those who have been in attendance at the Builders' Exposition at Detroit and in charge of the booth maintained by the Exchange Club of Farmington, large crowds are daily attendance and much interest is being taken by visitors in what Farmington has to offer as a home town.

Thousands of pamphlets have been printed which list the many advantages of Farmington as a suburban residential village. In it are shown pictures of several fine suburban residences, many of them overlooking beautiful valleys which abound here between wooded hills, making ideal locations as home sites for those who prefer picturesque spots and settings.

In order that those interested may get a ready grasp of Farmington's location and residential advantages, a large map has been made showing Grand River super-highway as it intersects the state from lake to lake with the location of Farmington 18 miles from Detroit city hall and surrounded on every side by lakes, golf links and pleasure resorts. This map has proven a wonderful magnet in attracting attention to the booth.

The exposition will continue several more days. All should make it a point to visit the show in the General Motors building. It is the greatest exposition yet held by the Builders' Association of Detroit and much can be learned by a day's visit there.

The Exchange Club booth is the only one of the kind in the hall.

The O. E. S. will give an old-time dancing party at Farmington Town Hall, Friday evening, March 13. The waltz, virginia reel and quadrille, will be featured of the occasion.

"Merton of the Movies" is one of the new pictures of the year, and will be seen at the Community Hall next Tuesday. Glenn Hunter takes the leading part. Those who have read the book will anticipate an enjoyable picture. A news reel and comedy will begin the program.

GRAND RIVER AVENUE PROBLEM

Is the course of the proposed Grand River super-highway to pass directly through the business section of Farmington or will it leave the present line at a point just east of the village limits, again connecting with the present road at a point just west of the limits?

This is the big question now permitted in the minds of Farmington citizens. If a detour, or more correctly, if the road is to be strightened, how far south of the intersection of Grand River avenue and Division street in Farmington will the road be located? One plan calls for a line from the intersection of Tuck road and Grand River to a point just east of the Smith farm, which line would necessitate a slight bend to the north at the west end of the cut-off. Such a line would intersect Division street at a point about two blocks south of Grand River avenue, and providing a new line is decided upon, is the one most generally favored by the business interests of the village. There are those who claim that if the road is to be changed a straight line should be followed, commencing at Farmington Junction and terminating at a point on Grand River avenue about two miles west of the limits passing directly through the C. F. Smith farm and private golf grounds.

Another proposition is to leave Grand River on the east at the Base Line Road running directly to Grand River on the west, passing through the Smith farm. This line would leave the business district of Farmington considerably to the north of the super-highway which plan seems to be decidedly unpopular with those interested in business property.

The reason for the change in the road is not due to the slight curve which now exists in the highway, but it appears the only way to avoid the great cost of widening the avenue through the business district. It is claimed that a 204 highway directly through the village will call for an expenditure of \$1,500,000 in excess of what a similar roadway to the south would cost. The state being principally interested in a super-highway, its officials in carrying out the project will, it is claimed, follow the line of least resistance.

According to reports Governor Groesbeck and other state officials are anxious to co-operate with Farmington citizens in solving the road location problem and will favor the village in every way possible. An early decision as to the location of the road is important. No permanent building. Improvement in the business district can be looked for until definite action is taken.

F. W. C.

The Farmington Women's Club held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, March 4 with Mrs. Nola Switzer as hostess. Twelve members and two guests responded to roll call by naming a former president.

The program consisted of the Biography of George William Curtis by Nellie Dickinson. A George William Curtis essay "True and I" was read by Anna Brown.

"Explanations in Interior Egypt" was the subject of a paper by Imogene Hicking.

The club adjourned to meet in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Iva Hutton.

NOW THE BLUEBIRD

S. Billings reports the arrival of a pair of bluebirds at his place on Tuesday morning. He states that the pair has been coming to his yard for the past eight years, always using the same nest.

METHODIST ANNIVERSARY

On the week of March 15th the 96th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Church, together with the third anniversary of the dedication of the new church will be celebrated with fitting events. Special speakers will occupy the pulpit on Sunday, a concert, banquet, young peoples' party and other events will be held during the week. A full program of the anniversary will be published next week.