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## GARAGE AND SIX CARS ARE BURNED ON GRAND RIVER

### Explosion Follows Starting Of Fire In Clarenceville Garage; Owner Away

A garage building and six automobiles were destroyed by fire last Friday morning on Grand River avenue a short distance east of Fourth Gate, Clarenceville. The cause of the fire is unknown.

William Eno, operator of the garage, had left on the Tuesday previous for a vacation with his family. About 3:00 o'clock on Friday morning, fire broke out in the rear of the garage. This was followed by an explosion of oil, many barrels of the fluid being stored in the garage.

Three fire calls were said to have been sent in, but aid was not forthcoming. Witnesses expressed doubt as to whether the frame building, which burned fiercely, could have been saved by any department that might have responded.

### New Wrecker Burned

Among the six automobiles burned was a new towing car that had been purchased by Mr. Eno before he left for his vacation. He returned Tuesday, and learned for the first time of the blaze, which left only a brick chimney standing. The burned frames of the ruined cars are visible in the wreckage.

Information is to the effect that the building and cars were fully insured.

## JUBILEE DAY TO DRAW CROWDS TO WEST POINT PARK

### Program Includes Many Interesting Features For Celebration On September 24

With many new attractions and events added to the original program, indications are that large crowds from all over this section will attend the West Point Park "Jubilee Day" celebration on Saturday, September 24. The complete program includes many novel and interesting features, and will provide a full day and evening of enjoyment for all who attend.

The entire community at Seven-Mile and Farmington roads is working hard on the completion of preparations for the big event. West Point Park residents are determined to show their neighbors just how much can be done in the way of entertainment when every resident of an active community "puts his shoulder to the wheel."

Athletic events are first on the program, with horsehoe pitching contests, races, and other "stunts" included. Something for every age is provided in the program of athletics, which will start at 10:30 a. m. Cash prizes for all events are a feature of the program.

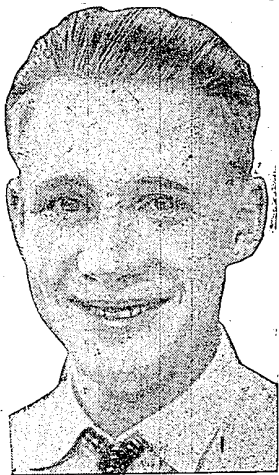
Will Provide Food  
For those who do not bring their lunches, there will be lunch service on the grounds. Early in the afternoon the first ball game will be started, with Clyde as the opponent of West Point Park. Plymouth Merchants, with which West Point Park has played two close games this season, will appear in the second contest. Carl Goers and Johnson are scheduled to pitch the games for West Point Park.

Immediately after the ball games, a bronzed pig will be let loose, to be won by whoever can catch him and hold him. Supper will then be served in the Corners Hall, and the drawing for a \$150 radio set. An automobile show will be in progress throughout the afternoon and evening.

West Point Park extends a cordial invitation to all to attend and have an enjoyable day, and to become acquainted with the people of the community.

It's a pretty good idea to so conduct yourself that you won't have to ask the town editor to keep the story out of the paper.

## Here's State Champion



KENNETH ROCKER

He's smiling—and why shouldn't he? For he's been proclaimed as the healthiest of all the hundreds of thousands of boys in Michigan, and is on his way to national honors—perhaps that of the healthiest boy in the whole United States!

But that "doesn't tell the half of it," about Kenneth Rocker, who lives on a farm near Wisom, and who was selected at the Michigan State Fair last Saturday as health champion of Michigan boys. This sixteen-year-old boy has won more recognition in recent weeks than many men do in an entire lifetime.

Kenneth's father, with Kenneth and a brother, operate the Walnut Row Farm. They sent some stock to the Milford Fair a few weeks ago, and the Hampshire hogs raised by the Rockers won a scant 15 prizes, including the Grand Champion. Eight first, four

second, and two third awards were made to the Rockers.

But that's hardly enough! The Wisom Handicraft Club entered exhibits at the Milford Fair also, and won five prizes—first and second in first year work, first and second places in fourth year class. And Kenneth Rocker happens to be president of the Wisom Handicraft Club.

Just a little more. Kenneth and his father and brother took over a milk route a few weeks ago, and within ten days they had so many customers for their Jersey milk that they were forced to stop taking new customers and scurry around for more cows.

Add to all this being told that he is the healthiest boy in the whole state of Michigan—well, we repeat, why shouldn't Kenneth smile?

## METHODIST'S HOPE FOR RETURN OF REV. E. DUNLAVY

### Assignments of Pulpits To Be Made At Conference In Port Huron

The Detroit Conference of the Methodist Church, which assigns the minister for the Farmington and other Methodist churches in this section, is holding its annual meeting in Port Huron this week. At the close of this session, ministers will be assigned, and members of the local church will learn whether or not Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, pastor of the Farmington Methodist Church, will be returned for the year beginning October 2nd next.

Rev. Dunlavy has made many friends during the two years he has been in Farmington, and they are all eager for his re-assignment to the local church. Rev. Dunlavy left on Monday to attend the conference. Mayor Wells and members of the local church are in attendance with S. D. Harger as alternate.

More than 300 ministers are assigned to pulpits throughout eastern and southern Michigan at this meeting, which will close on Monday, September 19. Assignments are announced near the close of the session.

HAULED 40 SACKS OF CEMENT FROM PAVING JOB, POLICE CHARGE

Charged with taking 40 bags of cement owned by the R. D. Baker Construction Company from Orchard Lake road, where they had been piled, Hurst Woodbridge, Commerce Township, was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes.

Woodbridge is said by police to have admitted taking the cement and to have returned it, being then set at liberty on bail. The sacks were reported by police to have been hauled away during the night.

## NEW COURSES ARE BEGUN IN SCHOOLS AT CLARENCEVILLE

### Large Attendance Recorded At Opening; Several New Teachers On Faculty

With an enrollment greatly increased over last year, Clarenceville school have been opened with one grade assigned to each room. A new system, with promotions semi-annually, has been put into effect.

Two new courses have been added to the curriculum, public speaking and manual arts. Academic credit is to be given in full for work in high school music.

Full 60-minute class hours are in effect in the junior high school, with supervised study for 20 minutes of the time. The fifth and sixth grades have been departmentalized with Mrs. Miller and Mr. Culver handling the work.

New teachers in the Clarenceville schools this year are as follows: Garth Underwood, 7th grade, Ridgeville; Gorman Culver, 5th and 6th grade departmental, Milan; Bernard Ansley, mathematics and science in junior high, Athens; Mrs. Alice Howard, 1st grade, Central, Highland; Mrs. Joyce Kandt, music and art, Mt. Clemens.

## THANK YOU!

The Enterprise wishes to thank its readers who have so generously responded to an appeal made last week for copies of the issue of August 25. So many answered the request that the Enterprise has been enabled to supply all the copies desired by those who sought extra papers.

Typical of the response was that of one subscriber, who brought a copy in from his farm a number of miles from Farmington, and returned the ten cents offered for each copy. Several mailed copies from Detroit and other cities.

## ERECTION OF WALLS OF BUICK BUILDING STARTS; BIG FORCE AT WORK

Construction work on the new building for the Buick agency in Farmington has proceeded rapidly, and the erection of the west wall was begun this week. A large number of men are at work on the new structure.

The contract calls for completion about the middle of November, but it is anticipated that the building may be finished ahead of schedule.

## WEST POINT PARK GREET'S TEACHERS AT A RECEPTION

### Parent-Teacher Association Holds Highly Successful Affair For All Teachers

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Pierson School entertained the faculty with an informal reception at the West Point Park Community Hall, Friday evening, September 9.

Fine community spirit and enthusiasm were displayed by the people of the community when a large crowd gathered to give their welcome.

The evening program was opened with a grand march which ended with the people forming the letters "P. T. A." After making this formation they sang the P. T. A. song. Marching from the letter formation they went to the receiving line to meet the faculty and the board of education. They then enjoyed a recitation by Jean Gullen and a solo by Mrs. Jorgenson, who was accompanied at the piano by her sister, Mrs. Thomas. Have Tract Meet

After this opening program everyone entered an indoor track meet. The people were divided (Continued on Page Seven)

## TAUGHT 65 YEARS AGO, PAYS VISIT TO FARMINGTON

### A. L. Dart, Now In Eighties, Was Farmington School Teacher In '60's

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dart of Grand Rapids, Mich., are visiting his brother, A. L. Dart of Millford, his sister, Mrs. Ella Irish of this city and L. N. Howard and family of West Farmington.

Mr. Dart is nearing his 81st birthday.

Sixty-one years ago this coming winter he taught the school in District No. 1, Farmington township, a stone schoolhouse, at that time called the "Ferry Smith District." The contract was signed by Robert C. West, director and Perry T. Pardee, moderator. His teacher's certificate was signed by J. L. Wilber and M. Augustus White.

Salary \$1.25 A Day  
The contract called for 96 days of school at \$1.25 per day, to board around the district and do his own winter work.

The girls volunteered to sweep the school room during the noon hour, taking turns.

Had 53 Pupils  
There were enrolled in the school register 53 pupils, 27 boys and 31 girls. The roll was called each morning as follows: Lewis Parkinson, Henry West, Albert Horns, Enoch Nichols, Elmer West, Eugene Utley, Martin Heliker, Grant Smith, Myron Parkinson, Charley Myers, Edgar Rockwell, Daniel Boyle, Orson (Continued on Page Ten)

## TWO BROTHERS FINED \$100 EACH FOR HAVING TRUCKS OVERLOADED

Probably the highest fines ever levied for motor vehicle law violations in this section were assessed by Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte Tuesday evening on Carroll and Howard Shook, Eleven-Mile and Franklin roads. The brothers were fined \$100 each for overloading trucks.

E. W. Wood of Detroit, employer of the Shook brothers, paid the fines for the two men.

Wednesday evening Deputies Stokes and Doyle started a campaign against motorists driving without lights. Eight were netted, fines totalling nearly \$50.

## WORK ON NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FARMINGTON BEGINS MONDAY

### GAS SERVICE OPENED IN FARMINGTON FIRST TIME ON WEDNESDAY

Gas service has been opened in Farmington. The first resident to obtain the much-desired service was Mrs. J. W. Laird, 242 Oakland avenue, who on Wednesday afternoon cooked dinner with gas.

From now on the extension of service is expected to go forward with increasing rapidity. Gas company men in large numbers are at work throughout the town. The entire city is expected to be served within a few weeks.

## BIG DRAIN PLAN IS OUTLINED BY COUNTY OFFICIAL

### Drain Commissioner A. W. Spencer Shows Exchange Club Details Of Project

An outline of the proposed Laing Drain, which would cover the city of Farmington and a large part of the Township, providing a framework for entire new sewer system in the city, was made for the members of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday by Arthur W. Spencer, County Drain Commissioner.

Mr. Spencer, speaking at the weekly luncheon meeting, sketched on a map the area covered by the proposed drain, which would have two trunk lines from the south of Farmington northward, and another along Grand River avenue. One of the north-and-south drains would run up Division street and the other along Powers avenue.

The Grand River trunk would run from near the Farmington Junction westward, possibly as far as Division street. Tearing up of Grand River avenue would be avoided, according to Mr. Spencer, by tunnelling, making the trunk deep enough for this purpose and for all future needs of the city.

Beginning Small  
Mr. Spencer reviewed the history of the Laing Drain, which was begun as a small project and gradually extended as the city desired improved sewerage facilities. Work is to be started early in the spring and completed within 90 days, according to present plans.

According to Mr. Spencer, the drain contracts will probably be let in two or three sections, to assure rapid completion. The disposal plant will be located far down in Wayne County, and be much larger than was at first planned.

Hearing Soon  
Information given out at the county drain office in Pontiac is to the effect that petitions showing the exact territory covered by the drain and locations of all lines will be circulated in the section affected within the near future. This will be followed by a hearing open to all in the territory to be covered.

## NEW CASINO AT WALLED LAKE TO BE RE-OPENED AFTER MANY REQUESTS

In response to hundreds of requests from all over this section, the New Casino at Walled Lake has been re-opened and will be open every Saturday and Sunday evening for dancing until further notice.

L. Toletine, who operates the New Casino, was the recipient of many messages, asking a re-opening after the New Casino was closed a short time ago. He was fortunate in securing an excellent orchestra, and the good music for which the New Casino has become known will continue to be a feature. Dancing begins at 7 o'clock on Sunday evenings.

Not that it makes any difference but had you noticed how many "touring Canada" signs one meets on the highway these days?

### Pastor of New Church Visits Farmington And Plans To Start Services

## Will Erect Temporary Church

Work on the construction of the new Catholic church to be built in Farmington will be started next Monday, September 19, according to information received Wednesday. Plans for the entire building project in Farmington Woods Subdivision, which includes the construction of 30 high-class homes, are practically completed, and will proceed without further delay.

In order that the church work may begin at once, services have been scheduled for this Sunday at the Providence Hospital Farm Chapel, at Twelve-Mile and Lahser roads. This arrangement will continue until a temporary church building can be completed. This is expected to be accomplished within six weeks.

## Pastor In Farmington

Rev. E. J. O'Mahoney, who will be pastor of the new church, was in Farmington Wednesday and made arrangements for temporary services. He will move into the Fly home on the site of the new church within a few weeks.

Rev. O'Mahoney has extended an invitation to all Catholics from the Seven-Mile road westward, including Farmington and the territory to the north and south, to attend the opening services Sunday, Mass will be at 8:00 o'clock. Rev. O'Mahoney is eager to meet all prospective members of his new congregation.

## Tract Is Large

The Catholic church property includes seven acres at Shiawasse street and Power avenue in Farmington.

Surveyors have been busy working on the Farmington Woods subdivision for several days. Reports are to the effect that the Burton Company, owners of the subdivision, will not only complete the layout of construction work, but will do some paving of streets in the subdivision within the next year.

## MAIL CARRIERS OF COUNTY GATHER AT WEST POINT PARK

### Members Of This District Will Be Hosts To County Group Saturday

Letter carriers from all over Oakland County will gather Saturday night in the Community Hall at West Point Park, Seven-Mile and Farmington roads, for their annual fall banquet. The visitors will be guests of the carriers of this district.

In addition to the banquet, which will start at 6:30 p. m., a splendid program has been arranged, including speeches by Special Inspector Wall of the Detroit Postoffice, and City Clerk N. H. Power of Farmington. Music will be furnished throughout the evening.

## 'DEATH AS MUCH TO BE DESIRED AS BIRTH' SAYS JUDGE J. B. MOORE

Age brings complacency and a placid outlook upon death, in the case of former Supreme Court Justice Joseph B. Moore, who was the principal speaker at the Walled Lake Homecoming last Saturday.

Judge Moore, who is in his eighty-third year, told his audience, many of them advanced in years, that "Death is an inevitable as birth, and as much to be desired."

"If it were not for death," said Judge Moore, "there would be no room in the sky, or in the sea, or on the earth, for the birds and the fishes and the men who are bound to come. Thus death is necessary and desirable."