

West Point Park Boy Drowned As Ice Gives Way

Alvin Owen, 15, Victim Of First
Skating Tragedy Of Year;
Companion Escapes

The first ice tragedy of the season in this section occurred last Friday evening when a West Point Park boy was drowned and another saved through the good fortune of catching hold of the ice, and hanging on until rescued a few minutes later by a companion. All the boys were from West Point Park.

Alvin Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen, a 15-year-old Pierson High School student, was drowned at 10:30 p. m. Friday when he skated into an air hole on Waterford pond, near Plymouth. The body was recovered about 2:30 a. m. by a Northville searching party and a dozen West Point Park youths, members of the skating party.

George Berger, 15, also of West Point Park, went down with Alvin but came up, caught hold of the ice and tread water until he was rescued by the heroic efforts of Homer Middlewood, who pulled him out, then went for help to get Alvin out. George was taken home and put to bed, and as yet is none the worse for his icy bath.

The pond where the tragedy occurred is a small body of water, with practically no current. The water is believed to be about eight feet deep.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. at the West Point Park Church. George Gulien officiating.

"Lead Me Savior" was sung by the senior class of which Alvin was a member. Mrs. Earl Wolfe also sang a solo.

The body was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery, in Farmington.

Alvin was a boy whom all loved. His unflinching cheerfulness, his willingness, to help made him a universal favorite. His home, his Sunday School class, C. E. group, school and community mourn his untimely death.

FINES IN ARRESTS BY DEPUTIES OVER \$8,000 DURING YEAR

Arrests Average Exactly One Per Day; 65 Automobiles Recovered For Owners

Over eight thousand dollars was collected in fines through arrests made by deputy sheriffs stationed in Farmington during the past year, according to a report made by Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes, in charge of the Farmington booth.

The report follows:

No. arrests	365
Transporting liquor	36
Reckless driving	76
Breaking and entering	6
Grand larceny	2
Simple larceny	24
Forgery	2
Abandonment	2
Fraud	2
Drunk and disorderly	63
Driving while drunk	37
Keeping disorderly house	3
For investigation	23
Violation liquor laws	4
Carrying concealed weapons	6
Assault and battery	5
Non support	7
Stealing autos	3
Manufacturing liquor	2
Transferring license plates	8
Speeding	1
Bigamy	1

MOORE-THORNTON

Miss Florence Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Moore, of Farmington, became the bride of Charles H. Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Thornton, of Northville, on January 3. Miss Moore was attended by her sister, Miss Marquerite Moore and Murray A. Moore acted as best man. The ceremony was performed at 12:00 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, after which a wedding luncheon was served. The guests consisted of the immediate families.

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

Farmington Schools will open next Monday morning, January 7. It is announced, the Christmas vacation having been extended. The opening was originally set for Thursday morning, but it was decided to eliminate the short session of two days this week.

'Year of Beginnings' Characterized 1928; Deaths by Accident Numerous

Nineteen hundred twenty-eight was a "year of beginnings," in Farmington, witnessing the inception of several important developments for the community, most of which are to be realized, it is hoped, during 1929.

The year was marked, too by deaths of a number of residents in and around Farmington particularly through accidents.

A review of important events of the past year follows:

Clarence Bickley, A. L. Comstock and Ralph Auten escape with slight injuries when auto rolls over embankment on Grand River road, January 7.

George K. Chetkett's automobile agency formally opened, January 7th.

Donald Banfield, 24, fatally injured in auto crash on Grand River road; Fred Maas unhurt, January 8.

Fire at home of Mrs. W. H. H. Smith, widow of last surviving Civil War veteran in Farmington. Mrs. Smith carried from home, January 11.

Dr. Lynn Harold Hough speaks in Farmington on "Great Americans," January 12.

County officers places in charge of City police work; recommendation of Mayor for drawing of a paving program adopted by City Commission; first department survey begun, January 16.

Home of Ed. Hefeleister, Orchard Lake road, destroyed by fire, January 22.

James B. Halstead dies, January 23.

Savings bank plan instituted in Farmington Schools, January 24.

One dead, three seriously ill at Children's Hospital of Michigan, following "corn meal" supper, January 25.

Report shows Grand River in Farmington Junction, third busiest corner in Oakland County, January 26.

William Robinson, Secretary, National Playground Association, speaks before Parent-Teacher Association, January 26.

Rev. A. A. Schenck takes up residence in Farmington, January 28.

Fred Maas, Melville Steele, Austin Haberfeld of Farmington rescue driver of car which plunged through ice in Lake Michigan, drowning three, January 29.

Miss Patricia Culbert, 17, Providence Hospital, Home, fatally injured when struck by automobile while coasting on 12-Mile road, January 29.

John D. Harger dies, February 5th.

Widening of Grand River avenue in City from Farmington Junction to lumber yard approved by State Highway Committee, February 6.

Samuel Locke passes away, February 7.

Dr. W. D. Henderson, director of U. of M. Extension Department speaks in Farmington, February 9th.

Safety Patrol organized at Farmington Schools, February 10.

New inn at Farmington Junction formally opened by S. A. Engel, February 13.

Father and Son banquets at various churches, week of February 18 to February 23.

State Administrative Board refers widening of Grand River avenue in City of Farmington to State Highway Department, with power to act, February 20.

Farmington High School basketball team wins league championship, February 24.

Businessmen, officials take up work of securing signatures to Farmington Drain petition, February 29.

Insurance and bond firm of Schulte and Kralik announced, March 8.

Township caucus, March 10. Isaac O'Neil unanimously renominated for tenth term as Supervisor; Elmer Simpson victor over Mark Bachellor for treasurer.

Joseph Graham over Clyde Seely for highway commissioner. Clerk Willard Campbell renominated unanimously. Recommendation for nine-man Commission of Town Hall question, by Harry N. Cracken approved by caucus.

Estimate of \$47,000 for Grand River right-of-way in City filed with State officials, March 12.

Farmington's first centenarian, Mrs. Beulah Noble, reaches hundred birthday, March 13.

Widening of Grand River avenue to 130 feet in Farmington approved by State Highway Committee, March 19.

Announcement of termination

of Supt. A. G. Leonard's connection with Farmington Schools and resignation of Trustee of F. L. Cook, both effective July 1, on March 22.

Mrs. Norman Lee elected president of Farmington P. T. A. March 29.

Formal opening of new Oakland-Pontiac Sales building, March 31.

Caucus nominees all win in Township election, April 2.

Norman Lee elected Eminent Commander Northville Commandery, April 3.

Farmington Drain declared necessary by Board of Determination, April 6.

Farmington merchants hold first "Better Business Day," April 7.

Kenneth Loomis injured when his car hits freight-car in St. Louis, Mich., April 8.

Ralph B. Baker chosen as superintendent of Farmington Schools by Board of Education, April 9.

Emory Walker 32, Clarenceville, killed when run over by trolley car in Detroit, April 12.

Notice from State that City must make up \$1,200 in unpaid 1925 taxes, April 16.

Alfred Gagnon appointed City police officer, April 16.

Dr. M. S. Rice, Detroit Metropolitan M. E. Church, speaks in Farmington on "Famous Men," April 23.

City Commission votes purchase of new fire truck, April 24.

Exchange Club votes to sponsor reorganization of Boy Scout troop, April 25.

Mrs. Ina L. Storms elected head of Farmington C. E. S. at annual meeting, April 27.

Thirty persons initiated into Farmington Lodge before 1900 presented with lambskin aprons at annual Past Master's Night, April 30.

Town Hall committees have first meeting, decide to ask Township to put price on its share, May 3.

County Road Commission visits Farmington and indicates plan to start extension of Ten-Mile road during construction season, May 9th.

Commissioner Fred W. Staman seriously hurt in accident on car, May 11.

Inquest into "poison death" at Children's Hospital of Michigan, held at Pontiac May 15.

Survey started for extension of Ten-Mile road, May 16.

Mother and Daughter dinners in several churches, May 16-23.

Testimonial dinner honoring Trustee of Schools A. G. Leonard, May 18.

Mrs. Eliza Smith, widow of Farmington's last Civil War veteran, W. H. H. Smith, dies, May 23rd.

Mrs. Elmer Switzer elected president of Farmington Women's Club, May 23.

Obtaining releases for widening Grand River begun at Eight-Mile road, May 24.

Town Hall joint committees recommend Township share be set at 64.75 per cent, May 24.

Farmington High School baseball team win league championship, May 24.

Chauncey Wolcott, 82, former Farmington Township treasurer, dies at son's home in Detroit; Michael Walkowski, 80, passes away, May 25.

Arden Benestel, president Clarenceville graduating class, dies after short illness, May 30.

Mrs. Jennie Dart, former resident, dies at Grand Rapids, June 5.

Mrs. Emil Roos, Mrs. Norman Lee, Lloyd S. Gulien elected to Farmington District No. 5 Board of Education, at annual meeting attended by 200, June 11.

Farmington High School Golf Team wins league championship, June 12.

Fifty students honored at annual Farmington High School honor banquet, June 15.

Miss Nina Warner, dies, June 16th.

Annual Alumni Association banquet, June 23. Steps taken to strengthen scholarship fund.

Theodore Hodges dies, June 24. Coleman School District joined Farmington Bond School District, June 25.

Arthur Bond elected president of Farmington Exchange Club, June 27.

Thomas Lytle, County Road Commissioner dies, June 29.

(To Be Concluded Next Week)

No Reason For Alarm, Declares Health Officer

Many "Influenza" Cases Are Bad
Colds, Belief Of Dr. Miller;
Other Reports Vary

That there is little cause for alarm in the influenza wave in Farmington is the belief expressed by Dr. James Miller, City Health Officer, Wednesday. Dr. Miller is of the opinion that many, if not most of the cases believed to be influenza, are in reality severe colds, and that the peak of the wave has passed.

He does not believe there is a great deal of danger in the situation in this community," said Dr. Miller. "If those having colds will be careful, much trouble may be avoided. Of course a cold can lead to serious consequences, but as with other kinds of lesser illness, and should not be neglected."

The symptom of temperature, which prevails so greatly, Dr. Miller said, is present in a bad cold just as much as in cases of influenza, and temperature alone does not indicate a case of influenza.

Dr. Miller stressed, however, the importance of everyone being careful, and keeping in good condition.

Two other physicians appear to find the peak of the influenza wave has passed, but another believes that illness is rather on the increase, with the new cases more serious.

Dr. E. F. Holcomb and H. E. Boice report fewer cases this week, but Dr. Z. E. Aschenbrenner says that he believes there are more numerous throughout this section.

Dr. Holcomb reported a marked increase in new cases up to Wednesday, when a considerable number were reported a few hours later. This was regarded however, as a coincidence rather than as renewed upward trend in cases.

Dr. Boice reported a new aspect of the epidemic, this, in that almost all of the new cases coming to his attention this week have been children. Hitherto, the ages of patients varied from babies to people well along in years. This week, however, children seemed to have been particularly victims of illness.

No evidence of a break in the epidemic is seen by Dr. Aschenbrenner, who expressed that the newer cases are rather more than less serious than the earlier ones.

All the Farmington physicians have been kept busy May and night attending to keep up with their calls.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY
FARMINGTON EXCHANGE

New officers were installed by the Farmington Exchange Club at its weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday noon. John Clark assumed the office of president, succeeding Arthur Lamb.

No program was held. Attendance at the meeting was small, much absence being credited to illness.

EVANS IS IMPROVED

Mr. and Mrs. Erskine W. Evans wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown them during Mr. Evans' recent illness. At present he is much improved and hopes to be about soon.

Denial that Deputy Sheriff Marek received such advice. He stated also that there would be no let-up in the work of running down the transportation of liquor, and that the work will be carried on as vigorously as ever.

According to Deputy Stokes, 29 of 30 liquor arrests made in the entire Oakland County in one month last fall were made by the two officers. Not only Grand River, but the territory in all directions, east nearly to Woodward avenue, has been included in their activities against the bootleggers.

In denying that he had received a threatening letter, Deputy Stokes admitted that he would not make it public, or declare it publicly if he did receive such a mislaid, but repeated again that no such message had come to him.

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Hearing On Pasadena Park Case Postponed

Hearing on the appeal of Pasadena Park residents seeking to have their subdivision set over from Farmington School District No. 5, into the Issac Bond School District, has been indefinitely postponed, it is reported.

The hearing was originally scheduled in Oakland County Probate Court December 16 but twice postponed. At the last postponement, no date was set for continuance of the hearing but ample notice is to be given attorneys for both sides before a date is designated.

Illness Fatal To Mrs. James Erwin

Mother Of Four Children Passed
Away; Was Stricken While
Nursing Children

A well-known and highly esteemed resident of this section passed away Thursday morning, Mrs. James Erwin, 35, being taken by death at the Sessions Hospital, Northville. Mrs. Erwin was ill only a short time.

James Erwin, the husband, and four children, the oldest 13 years old, survive. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Erwin was taken seriously ill last Friday. Until that time, she had been occupied caring for her children, all of whom were ill, with colds and influenza. She refused to take to her bed, insisting on nursing the younger members of the family, until forced to yield to her illness, pneumonia setting in.

The two boys of the family, Edward and J. W., are reported still ill at their home. The daughters, Marian and Norine, have recovered somewhat.

The Erwins live on South Lyon road west of Grand River, in Novi township.

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Charge Of Fraud In Grand River Option Dismissed

Oscar L. Chaney, Clarenceville
Real Estate Broker, Is Absolved In Decision

Charge of misrepresentation in an attempt to obtain an option on frontage for the widening of Grand River avenue, against Oscar L. Chaney, were dismissed Thursday afternoon by Judge John J. Schulte Jr., of Farmington. Chaney was alleged to have represented himself as an agent of the State Highway Department.

Chaney was arrested November 13 by a State trooper, held overnight in the Oakland County Jail, being unable to obtain a surety bond, and released the next day when bond was furnished.

The hearing in the Chaney case was held December 1. Prosecutor Clyde Underwood appeared for the prosecution. Harry A. Mack of Clarenceville was the chief witness for the prosecution. Chaney testified in his own defense, and was corroborated by William Shaw.

George Lee, of the State Highway Department, was also called upon to testify.

Judge Schulte's resume of the case, finding there was not sufficient evidence to sustain a charge of conspiracy, is as follows:

This is a case in which there is charged misrepresentation on the part of one Oscar L. Chaney, late of Clarenceville, Mich., in the obtaining of releases for right-of-way on Grand River avenue, by holding himself out as having been authorized by the State Highway Department to obtain options for real estate.

This case came on for examination on December 13, 1928. Continued to December 20, 1928 and January 3, 1929.

After hearing the testimony and proofs submitted in open court, and after a careful perusal of the transcript of the evidence, the opinion that while technically there may be a scintilla of evidence that a crime was contemplated, yet I do not believe there is probable cause for holding the accused to trial in the Circuit Court. The defendant will be therefore discharged, the bond cancelled and the case dismissed.

The case as made by the People was in substance as follows: That Oscar L. Chaney did obtain from Harry R. Mack and Rhoda M. Mack an option for the purchase of real estate, the property of Harry R. Mack and Rhoda M. Mack by falsely representing himself to be an agent of the State Highway Department of the State of Michigan.

While the practice of the State Highway Department is the instant case in requesting a real estate broker to obtain an option in the name of the State Highway Commissioner, and the real estate broker in obtaining the option on an advance of \$100 over the price the State could obtain it should not be considered, yet I am convinced that no conspiracy existed between defendant Chaney and anyone connected with the Highway Department.