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Police Seeking 4 After Armed Holdup Attempt

Street Car Operator Fights Off
Armed Bandit With
Switch-Bar

Police of Farmington and Detroit are seeking four young men who attempted to hold up the operator of a D. S. R. street car on the switch just off Farmington road in Farmington early Sunday morning. The quartette escaped in a small roadster after one of them had been struck over the head with a switch-bar by the trolley operator.

William H. Willett, 13411 Littlefield avenue, Detroit, was the operator of the car. His was not a regular trip for passengers, but he had made the run to do some maintenance work. He arrived in Farmington about 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

Willett halted the switch in back of the trolley terminal, and as he was about to start back to Detroit, the four young men approached the car. The trolley operator, who was paid by Willett to have been carrying a gun, leaped against the car doors and forced them open. Willett seized his switch-bar and struck the man over the head. He and his three companions fled, while Willett backed the car around and started for Detroit as fast as the car would go.

Goed To Detroit
In his excitement, Willett failed to note a light burning in the Farmington police booth, and thought it closed for the night. He ran the car all the way to Coldridge Highway before stopping and reported the attempted hold-up to Lieut. J. McRobbie at Coldridge Highway police station. Detectives Mikulak and Bubb were assigned to the case and came immediately to Farmington after telephoning to Constable Earl Pettibone. The three officers investigated and found marks in the snow beside the switch, indicating that someone had fallen in the snow.

Stop For Gas
The would-be robbers might have been captured had Willett reported at once to the Farmington police. Shortly after the incident, four young men in a light roadster, believed to be the same quartette, drove to the Park Grange on Grand River and bought gasoline. They told the attendant that they had driven from Toledo, and had run out of gasoline. After getting gasoline, they drove off at high speed toward Detroit.

Willett had little money with him at the time. He described the four as all being in their early twenties.

NEW BODIES BUT NO MECHANICAL CHANGE IN FORD

Variety Colors Offered, Stream
Line Effect In New
Body

A showing of new bodies for the Model A Ford, each of which will soon be available in a variety of new colors, was made Tuesday by Olin Russell, local Ford dealer.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that the car is unchanged mechanically; that the 3,000-000 Model A type Fords are now on the highways proving that they are thoroughly dependable.

The policy of the Ford Motor Company in this respect has been to make minor alterations whenever a new device has shown itself worthy to be included in the mechanical plan of the car, but not to bring out a new car as a whole.

Grocery Is Entered 4th Time In Month

Thieves, who broke "into" an A. and P. Tea Co. store at Grand River and Base Line road early Monday morning had a taste for butter. They carried off 213 pounds of it, along with 20 cartons of cigarettes.

The entry was the fourth in that store within a month.

Entrance was gained by breaking a window.

Police Recover Surveyors' Tools

Instruments Valued At \$570
Pawnee In Detroit For \$35;
Stolen 3 Months Ago

Three months after surveying tools valued at \$570 had been stolen from Grand Oaks Memorial Park, Twelve Mile and Novi-Walled Lake roads, the instruments were located in a Detroit pawnshop, through co-operation of Chief of Police Leo Doyle of Farmington and the Detroit police.

The instruments, a transit and level, disappeared from the construction office at the Memorial Park on October 3. A reward of \$50 was advertised in the Enterprise by L. Granzow of Novi for return of the transit and level. "No questions asked."

Chief Doyle took the numbers of the instruments and forwarded them to the Detroit police, anticipating they might be located in a pawnshop. On their rounds Detroit officers assigned to the pawnshops came upon the stolen tools in a shop at Michigan avenue and Fourth street. They had been pawned for \$35.

The owner was notified and paid the \$35 to release the instruments from pawn. Four electric heaters stolen at the same time have not been recovered.

BASKETBALL TILTS ARE SCHEDULED BY NORTHWESTERN

Club Cage Team Begins Contests
With Game At Farmington
High School

Northwestern Athletic Club has begun its basketball activities with an ambitious schedule, including games with Farmington High School and strong outside teams. The schedule calls for three games within five days.

Following a game with Farmington High School scheduled for Thursday evening at the High School gymnasium, Northwestern goes to St. Johns Saturday evening. On Monday evening the Campbell Tires team of Royal Oak plays at Northwestern Hall.

Northwestern has a fast team. Eight two-pound bouts among members of the Club were held Monday evening, an open meeting at which a good time was enjoyed. Particularly interesting bouts were between Bob Salvo and Pat W. heavyweights, and "Kid" Newcombe and John Cox, lightweights. Another meeting of the club will be held on Monday evening, January 6.

A dance is planned by the Club for Wednesday, January 15, at the City Club's hall. Music will be furnished by "Irv" Unger's orchestra.

School Library Asks Return Of Magazines

The Farmington Schools library begs your assistance in helping them secure these missing copies of current magazines: Atlantic Monthly, 1928-July, February and June, 1929-March, August, September, October, 1928-July, November, 1929-July, November, Current History, 1929-September, 1929-January, 1929-July and December, National Geographic, 1929-February and March, 1928-January, February, July, August, 1927-April, May, July, August, October and November.

Any assistance as to locating these copies will be appreciated greatly and will relieve the school of quite an expense.

Record Of Events Of 1929 Marked By The Passing Of Old Residents

Death of a number of well-known residents of Farmington and vicinity marked the year 1929. An unusual number of older folks who had lived in this vicinity for many years passed away.

Other events of interest are recorded in the roll for the year just closed. A resume of these events includes the following: John Clark elected president, Farmington Exchange Club, Jan. 2.

Mrs. James Erwin expired, January 3.
Mrs. Beulah Noble dies at 100, Jan. 3.
Herman Schroeder dies, Jan. 4.
Pasadena Park school case taken to circuit court, Jan. 12.

Heeney Becomes Exchange Leader

Officers Elected And Installed By
Farmington Exchange Club
This Week

New officers were elected and installed by the Farmington Exchange Club at this week's meeting of the Club, held Monday noon in the Methodist dining hall. All officers were elected by unanimous vote.

Spencer J. Heeney took the office of president, relinquishing to Edgar S. Pierce. Other officers elected were:

Thomas McGee, first vice-president; Harrison Johnson, second vice-president; Dr. Z. R. Aschen-Brenner, third vice president; Elmer W. Palmer, secretary; Herman G. Nichols, treasurer. Members elected to the board of control were Edgar S. Pierce, Edward Baker, Earl Grosvenor. The Club will resume its meetings on Wednesday noon next week, having met on Monday this week because of New Year's Day falling on Wednesday.

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD THURSDAY FOR MRS. SEELEY

Old Resident Of This Section
Dies At Home Of Daughter
In Ypsilanti

Funeral services were held on Thursday for Mrs. M. R. Seeley, 68 years old, Northville, who died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Larue, 302 Brower street, Ypsilanti. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Larue, three sisters, Mrs. Ernest Miller and Mrs. Ada Johnson, of Northville, and Mrs. Carrie Lammman, of Plymouth, one brother Elsie Simmons Plymouth.

Mrs. Seeley's maiden name was Metta Simmons. Her younger days were spent with her parents at their farm home on the Eight Mile road near Northville. She was the daughter of Morell Simmons and the granddaughter of Joshua Simmons, one of the early pioneer settlers of this vicinity.

She and her husband, Mark Seeley were well and favorably known in Farmington. Mr. Seeley and their children have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

Large Gathering At O. E. S. New Year Party

Many Farmington residents celebrated the advent of the New Year by attending the New Years Eve party given by Farmington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Tuesday evening in Farmington Town Hall. The hall was crowded until the closing hour, 2 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Besides music for dancing, there was entertainment by Miss Gladys Baker's singing and dancing classes, and refreshments, served upstairs. The event was reported a social and financial success.

NOT MUCH LONGER

Farmington residents who have failed to get their 1930 automobile licenses have not been bothered thus far, but are advised to get them within the next day or two. Chief of Police Leo Doyle says he believes all motorists should and will have their licenses by the first part of next week.

Snowball Breaks A Big Electric Sign

Throwing snowballs is fun—most of the time. But it may become serious, and it looks as if it may be serious for at least one Farmington boy—providing it can be definitely determined who the boy is.

Half a dozen lads were throwing snowballs and cracking around George K. Chicketts' garage Thursday. One threw a snowball that hit a large electric sign in front of the garage. The glass broke and three raised-glass letters will have to be replaced.

Community Fund Total Over \$400

Contributions Exceed Previous
Year's Amount By \$69;
Baskets Filled

Farmington came forward and responded generously to the appeal for the 1929 Christmas Community Fund, surpassing the total contributed a year ago, according to a report made Monday noon to the Farmington Exchange Club. According to Mr. Lamb, the members of the American Legion and Exchange Club received a total of \$401 and a quantity of supplies for the needy.

The amount collected exceeded the previous year's total by \$69, the sum contributed in 1928 being \$332. Every person who promised to aid the movement did so, contributing to Mr. Lamb.

The committee in charge were as generous in allotting supplies to needy families as the community was in giving the report showed. Bushel baskets were used and every basket contained the following: two large cans each of tomatoes, peas and corn; a sack of flour and of pancake flour; 6 pounds of apples; one pound of butter; two chickens (for large family) or one large chicken for family of five or less; fresh vegetables; 3 loaves of bread (for large families) or two loaves for families of five or less; five pounds of granulated sugar; two pair of Jersey gloves. The gloves were an unexpected and welcome donation from C. G. Collins, who though not a resident of Farmington, was interested in the success of the fund.

Four hundred sacks of candy were distributed by the committee.

The committee in charge of collections for the fund were E. A. Wagner and Earl Pettibone of the American Legion and Leo Gildemeister and Herman Nichols of the Exchange Club.

Many Improvements Made; Cars
To Be On Display Here
Saturday

For the past ten days deliveries of the new, 1930 models have been made to Chevrolet dealers in the various parts of the country. They will be on display in the thousands of showrooms on Saturday, January 4th. This new 1930 model will be known as "The Greatest Chevrolet in Chevrolet history."

NEW CHEVROLET ANNOUNCED FOR SHOWING JAN. 4th

The new car will, according to Chevrolet officials, create a volume of business that will equal if not surpass the phenomenal record of 1929. In order to accommodate the early demand, production is being speeded with all haste consistent with the precision methods for which Chevrolet manufacturing operations are famous.

Scores of distinct improvements have been made with greater beauty, added safety factors, improved riding comfort and better all-around performance with added power, and faster acceleration as features of the new line.

The new Chevrolet models will be on display Saturday at the Farmington Motor Sales showrooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson and family moved Saturday to Redford where they will make their home for the winter.

Drive Begins To Plant Pine Trees For Farmington

Pupils In Schools Institute Move-
ment To Take Part In Re-
forestation Plan

Pupils of Farmington Schools and a committee of the Parent-Teacher Association will begin Friday morning a drive, which they hope will result in the planting of 40 acres of pine tree to bear the name of Farmington Schools as the donor, and to be forever set aside as a forest reserve. The project is part of the State-wide permanent reforestation plan to give Michigan "rebirth as a forest state."

One hundred dollars is the amount required. The drive will last one week. The committee in charge, selected by the Parent-Teachers Association after the Association had voted unanimously to approve and sponsor the movement, are as follows:

A. R. Crawford, High School; Helen Westfall, Student Council; Curtis Hall, Junior High School, and Josephine Roe, grades. An effort will be made to interest the alumni. Any member of the committee will receive contributions from Alumni members or any interested persons who do not have children in school.

8,000 Acres Paid For
The purpose is to plant pine trees on the thousands of acres stripped of trees during the years of intensive lumbering in Michigan. The plan sponsored by the Detroit News, is meeting with great success and already enough money has been obtained to plant 9,000 acres in the Spring. School children foresters continue to hold a commanding lead in making possible the reclamation of these idle acres. Many tree suburban as well as Detroit schools have raised \$100, enough to plant 40 acres.

Pupils Take Lead
Early in the year a number of pupils in the Farmington schools went to their teachers' with the request that they be allowed to join this rapidly growing army of juvenile tree planters. The Student Council offered to take charge of the project.

State Holdings Large
The State of Michigan already owns 1,390,000 acres of barren cut over land to which is being added 250,000 acres a year resulting to the State because of non-payment of taxes. The State is making a great effort to reclaim this land but is financially able to plant only 15,000 acres a year.

The News plan gives every school an opportunity to plant 40 acres or more at the rate of \$2.50 an acre. This merely covers the planting labor cost while the land seedling trees, and other expenses will be borne by the State.

When the planting is completed, the donor will be notified of the exact location. The Detroit News will erect heavy steel signs to bear the name of the school and the number of acres planted. The State promises that the acres thus planted shall be forever set aside as a forest reserve. If a fire should destroy the trees, the State will replant the area without any cost to the school.

Supported By Green
The plan has the support of Governor Fred W. Green who said: "The economic results will be great, but greater still will be the value of the children's enlightened interest in Michigan's rebirth as a forest state. As a school boy, like the children of today, I sang of our 'tall whispering pines.' Though the phrase had meaning. Today it has practicality. But our children will see the forests back again, in the State Reserves at least, thanks to the pennies of the school children and the inspired leadership of their teachers."

EPWORTH LEAGUE PLANS

This Sunday night, there will be no League, but watch for the announcement next week in this paper. We plan very interesting programs for the coming year and cordially invite the young people to attend and see what we are doing.

Emie Seger,
1st vice president.