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Bandits Foiled At Gas Station Held For Trial

Young Men In Hold-Up West Of
Farmington To Have Exam-
ination Aug. 20

Four young men implicated in an attempted hold-up of "Mammy's" barbecue and gasoline station just west of Farmington last Sunday night, were held for examination Thursday morning arraigned before Judge John J. Schulte, three on charges of grand larceny and the fourth as an accessory.

The young men came to grief when three of them attempted to hi-jack Jo Henri, Shoemaker, the proprietor. For dramatic action, the hold-up and its surprise ending rivalled Western thrillers on the movie screen.

At 10:15, two men rushed in to the place. While one covered the proprietor, ostensibly with a concealed pistol, his fellow bandit picked up a mint machine and started to carry it to the sedan which, with the motor running, stood just outside with the third member of the stick-up gang at the wheel.

But, at 10:20, the tables were turned. Mr. Shoemaker, a former member of the U. S. Navy, and a veteran of the Vera Cruz engagement in the face of what looked like certain suicide, drew his own gun, covered the man, and compelled him to lay down his burden. Then he forced the bandit at the wheel to get out of his car and line up against the wall alongside his two scowling partners in crime. When the law, in the person of Deputies William Tamm and Joseph DeVriendt came on the scene, the three were still lined up three pairs of hands still reaching for the sky "Little Jo" Shoemaker was leaning against a gas pump covering them with his automatic.

Besides the three, a fourth alleged accomplice was arrested later. Those held are John A. Cole, 23, and Chris Burns, both of 4540 Buchanan, Hamlin Hamway, 5601 23rd st., and Charles Smith, 14020 Liberal, all of Detroit.

The car is owned police say by Cole. He was arrested later in Detroit, as an accessory. Police say he was familiar with the stand and was in Farmington when it was held up. Bail for the four was set at \$1,500 each.

A resident of the community suggested that a stanza of Kipling might be paraphrased to describe the hold up, thus:
"Es a daisy," "es a ducky," "es a lamb,
"Es 5 foot 6 and weighs but 133
But 'es poison to the bandits,
in a jamb,
And 'e single 'anded went an' captured three.

Farmington Volunteers Help Detroit Firemen

Farmington's volunteer firemen felt quite complimented last Friday when the Detroit Department called them to help put out a fire at Eight Mile and Berg Roads. The Detroit trucks did not have sufficient hose to reach the flames. Redford Township fire department also went to the blaze, but nothing could be done.

Farmington's department was called to Franklin Golf Club at thirteen Mile and Franklin roads, Monday evening, when a cool shed burned. A quantity of dynamite exploded and several tractors were burned.

SCHOOL HEAD ARRIVES

A. B. Prescott, new superintendent at Clareville, has arrived to prepare for the opening of school next month. The complete faculty will be announced soon.

Virgil Button, who has been spending several weeks in the northern part of the state, returned on Sunday.

Will Discuss Town Hall Friday Night

Efforts to settle the Farmington Town Hall question will be made at a meeting of Township and City officials and representatives of Farmington Masonic Lodge, called for Friday evening.

The conference will be held in the Warner Dairy Co. office in Farmington about 8 o'clock. It is understood that unless some progress is made at this meeting the matter will be taken to court by the Township.

Boys In Fatal Crash Recover

Two Out of Danger After Accident That Killed Couple;
Bodies Sent Home

Two boys feared to have been critically injured in an accident on Grand River that took the lives of both parents of one of the lads, were reported out of danger Thursday at Redford Receiving Hospital. Warren Peterson, 9, and Ralph Olsen, 17, Muskegon, are on the way to recovery.

The bodies of Roy G. and Mrs. Mildred Peterson, Warren's father and mother, who were instantly killed Monday afternoon a mile and a half west of Farmington, have been shipped to their home state, Minnesota, by Spencer J. Heeneey, Farmington undertaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were riding in their small coupe, east on Grand River Ave. Their son and Ralph Olsen, together with the latter's brother, Roland, were in the rumble seat.

Loses Control

Mrs. Peterson was driving. Suddenly she lost control while the car was traveling fast. It went off the road to the right, back on the concrete and head-on into a truck driven by Don Johnson, Fowlerville. The car apparently ran part way up on the front of the truck, then turned over on the pavement. It was smashed to bits and both Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were crushed. Their bodies lay side by side across the pavement at the rear of the truck.

Chief of Police Lee Doyle and Judge J. J. Schulte answered a call. Judge Schulte, acting as coroner, ordered the bodies removed. The injured boys were rushed to Redford, and the road cleared for traffic. The bodies were taken to the Heeneey funeral home in Farmington.

Denies Criticism

Following the accident, Prosecutor Norman C. Orr was quoted as criticizing Chief Doyle and Judge Schulte for removing the bodies without awaiting the arrival of a coroner.

Prosecutor Orr, who was in Farmington Wednesday, denied making such criticism, and on the contrary, highly commended Chief Doyle and Judge Schulte for their handling of the case.

The bodies were lying across the pavement with the truck on one side and the wrecked car at the other, making it impossible for traffic to pass, following the accident. Motorists in a hurry were running up on the bank beside the road to get by, officials said endangering the lives of themselves and others as long as the bodies and vehicles remained there.

Lived In Detroit

The Petersons lived in Detroit and had picked up the Olson boys, who were hitch-hiking. Neither Johnson, in the truck, nor a boy with him, were hurt. Johnson had had the truck only a few days.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary will hold their next meeting at the home of Miss Mary Green at Elizabeth Lake, August 19. Supper will be served.

MRS. C. GRAHAM,
Farmington, Mich.

Enterprise Liners bring results

City Gains \$385 On Second Offer Of Sewer Bonds

City Receives Premium of \$1,311;
First Detroit Company is
Buyer of Bonds

Although some delay was caused in Farmington's sewer project by legal technicalities which developed after the first bids were received on the sewer bonds, the delay has resulted profitably for the city. On Monday evening the sewer bonds were sold at a premium \$385 higher than the best offer that had been made in the earlier bidding.

The First Detroit Company, successful bidder, will pay the city for its \$52,000 sewer bonds the full value, plus a premium of \$1,311, the bonds to bear interest at 4 1/2 per cent. The highest offer made previously was a premium of \$925, at the same rate of interest.

The increase is made more notable by the fact that the \$325 premium was offered on \$55,000 in bonds, whereas the \$1,311 bid received Monday night is on \$32,000 in bonds.

Four bids were received from three companies Monday evening. Two offered to buy the bonds at 4 1/2 per cent. The First Detroit Company offered a premium of \$187 at 4 1/2 per cent interest.

The First Detroit Company was high bidder at both rates, and the Commission decided to accept the higher premium offer. The interest to be paid on the bonds would be about \$97 less at the lower rate, but by accepting the greater premium the city has the use of \$1,124 for nearly 20 years, which, it was estimated, is worth about \$1,000.

Pay 5 1/2 Per Cent

As a means of comparison, it was pointed out Tuesday that while Farmington was getting money on bonds at 4 1/2 per cent Monday evening, the city of Monroe at the same time sold bonds for \$45,000 on which it is to pay one per cent more interest, 5 1/2 per cent, receiving a premium of \$78.

FUNERAL SERVICE TO BE HELD FOR MRS. ROGGENKAMP

Resident of Twelve Mile Road
Will Be Buried On
Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Harriett Roggenkamp, at the home on Twelve Mile Road, northwest of Farmington.

Mrs. Roggenkamp, wife of Charles Roggenkamp, died Tuesday after an illness of some duration. She was 57 years old. Surviving, besides the husband, are four daughters and a son, Charlotte, Ruth, Louise, Dorothy and Rev. Elmer W. Palmer will officiate at the services, with Miss Lettore Brader singing, and Spencer J. Heeneey in charge of funeral arrangements.

Four More Girls Are Entered In Contest

Four new entrants were announced this week in the popularity contest sponsored by the American Legion of Farmington in connection with Gala Day. They are Virginia Hibern, Viola Lamb, Virginia Otis and Roberta Russell.

The prizes to be offered, a diamond ring and a wrist watch, will be on display at the Lee Hardware Co.

Announcement is also made of the two ball games on Labor Day. Novel merchants will play North-western A. C. in the morning, and West Point Park will play Groesse Pointe in the afternoon.

NOVI MAN DIES

Charles Vogt, a life-long resident of Novi, better known as "Hooker Vogt," died suddenly at his home on Monday morning.

Signs And Banner On Grand River Cause Debate Between Officials

They may not "believe in signs," but officials of this community and the county held and expressed some very definite beliefs in certain signs in Farmington last week-end. Their several beliefs did not, exactly, coincide. Some of the signs went and some of them still remain, and the officials still hold their various beliefs, so far as is known. It all began a week ago last Monday when a sign was placed in the center of Grand River Ave. at Farmington Road, bearing the words, "Road Closed, Detour," and directing traffic down Farmington Road to the cut-off, although Grand River was and is still open as far as Truck Road. Business men to the east on Grand River, particularly at Farmington Junction, complained, protested and appealed in vain. It was reported that they couldn't even find out who put it there.

Redford Man Is Killed In Crash

"Cut-In" Driver Causes Fatal
Accident West of Novi;
Victim Man of 72

A reckless young driver in a small car caused the death Sunday of William Hutchins, 72, 16820 Rockdale Ave., Redford, in an accident west of Novi. The driver at fault did not stop.

Hutchins was riding to Howell with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Newman of Howell. Not far from Novi the driver of the small car cut in ahead of Newman's machine, hooking the left front wheel and throwing Newman's car into the path of traffic both ways. It was struck both in the front and rear by other machines.

Hutchins apparently had opened the door, intending to jump. He was part way out of the car and his head was crushed. He died in Deputy Joseph DeVriendt's automobile near Farmington Junction, on the way to Redford Hospital.

Newman and his wife escaped serious injury. Mrs. Newman had changed seats with Hutchins at Farmington Junction, a few minutes before the accident. Hutchins was going to Howell because he was "tired of life in the city."

CLARENCEVILLE YOUNG MAN WED TO REDFORD GIRL

Eugene Hallman Takes Miss
Marion L. Kurtz As Bride
Tuesday

Miss Marion L. Kurtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kurtz of Wadon Ave was united in marriage to Eugene Hallman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hallman formerly of Clarenceville, now of Detroit, at a pretty ceremony performed on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock at the Christ The King Church in Redford. Rev. Father Leo F. Gaffney officiated.

The vows were spoken before a semi-circle of palms, interspersed with tall vases and baskets of Gladioli, Asters and Gypsophila.

The bride advancing on the arm of her father was attractive in a gown of white satin. Her slippers were white satin and she wore a long wedding veil. She carried a shower bouquet of white and pink roses, lilies of Valley and baby breath.

Adelaide Padock, acting as first maid of honor was charmingly gowned in peach net with hat and satin slippers to match. She carried rose buds and daisies. Rowie Barr who acted as second maid of honor was gowned in green net with green hat and satin slippers. Carrying a bouquet of white roses and daisies tied with green tulle.

Marquette Kurtz, the bride's sister acted as matron of honor. She was gowned in orchid net over orchid satin with hat and slippers to match, carrying a bouquet of white roses tied with orchid tulle.

John Hallman performed the duties of best man with the bride's brother, Alfred Kurtz, acting as second best man.

Walley McDonough sang a beautiful solo.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast for 80 relatives took place at the home of the bride's

Lowest Price On Sewer Is \$49,756; 18 Put In Bids

Offers Range As High As \$75,000;
Contract To Be Let Next
Monday

With eighteen contractors competing for the City of Farmington's sewer job, the price for construction was driven down below \$50,000 Monday evening, when bids for the work were opened by the City Commission.

The low bid was an offer to do the work for \$49,752.50 by Carle and Tomasini, of Flint. Four others made offers within \$4,000 of the low figure.

The bids and checks of the five lowest bidders were held by the Commission while a check-up is made of the contractors and details of the bids. It is probable that the contract will be awarded at the meeting of the Commission next Monday evening.

All of the contractors agreed to start the work within 20 days and finish it before January 1.

Among the contractors bidding were some located as far distant as Aurora, Ill., the company from that city being Kuehn Brothers. Other contractors who made offers were from Detroit, Royal Oak, Roseville, Center Line, Grosse Pointe Park and Pontiac.

The highest bid was more than 50 per cent above that of the lowest, being \$75,057.05.

The city may accept an alternate bid on slightly different specifications, which provide for a larger trunk line sewer parallel with Grand River Ave. and about a block south. This would cost about \$900 more, at the figure of the low bidder.

BUSINESS WOMEN OF FARMINGTON GATHER AT LAKE

Club Members Enjoy Breakfast
Meeting, Hear Address of
State President

The breakfast held by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Farmington last Sunday morning at Middle Straits Lake was a very enjoyable one. Six members of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Redford were also present.

Tuesday evening, August 12th, the Farmington Club was the guest of the Redford Club at a picnic at Lake Como. Farmington had nine representatives. The Wayne and Royal Oak Clubs were also guests and those present enjoyed hearing Miss Mary Brumfield, State President of the B. & P. W. C.

Miss Brumfield recently attended the national offices of the alliance and briefly told of the aims of the national club for the year. Steps are being taken to aid the business women who are unfortunate in losing either their professions or business through mergers. Ways and means must be found for this class to readjust themselves through the aid of all others.

The legislative committee is ready to present bills to the national body for tax exempting of single women who maintain homes, where the laws are now too strict and greatly favor the married man.

An occupational census is to be taken in the states which will greatly benefit all working girls and women.

The State B. & P. W. C. a few years ago undertook to have an occupational drive for research which was financed by the University of Michigan and in September the volume will be off the press giving different views after a long study.

Monday evening at the regular business meeting, to be held at the home of Miss Leola Ike on Oakland Road, it is hoped to have all members present. Games will be played.

Mr. and Mrs. William Slocum spent the week end with Mrs. Howard Warner at Macatawa.

TO MEET TUESDAY

Trustees of eleven school districts wholly or partly in Farmington Township are expected to meet next Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Farmington Township board to discuss the problem created by inability of the Township to pay the districts tax money which is due.

The table was centered with a wedding cake which was flanked by lighted white tapers.

In the evening a reception was tendered to about 150 relatives and friends.