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Mother Of Six Admits Passing Of Bad Checks

Long Trail Of Forgeries Believed Ended With Arrest Of Plymouth Woman

A mother of six children is in jail awaiting sentence on a charge of forgery, and police believe that they have found in Farmington at the last end of a long trail of worthless checks, passed in Northville, Plymouth, Xpilianti and Wayne, as well as Farmington within the past few months.

Mrs. Gladys Mowry, 36 years old, 805 Ann street, Plymouth, will be sentenced Monday, having confessed to Farmington and Plymouth police that she had been passing bad checks. She is held in Oakland County jail at Pontiac, in default of \$1,500 bond. Her youngest child is 14 months old.

Caught On Street

Mrs. Mowry was arrested last Friday in front of the Detroit Edison Company office in Farmington, after having hurriedly left the Farmington State Savings Bank, where she attempted to cash a forged check, according to police. Misspelling of a name contributed to her arrest.

Mrs. Mowry walked into the Farmington State Savings Bank just before closing time Friday afternoon and presented a check to Miss Winnifred Walling, teller. The check was for \$36, and was drawn on the Plymouth United Savings Bank, payable to "Miss Ruth Butler." The check was signed with the name of Fred Schrader. It was endorsed "Miss Ruth Butler, 803 Wing street, Plymouth, and "Mrs. George Powell."

Miss Walling told Mrs. Mowry that she would have to be identified in order to obtain the money. Mrs. Mowry left the bank, and returned a few minutes later with another endorsement on the check, "Ollen Russell," evidently intended to appear as an endorsement by Olin Russell, Farmington Ford dealer.

Leaves Bank

The misspelling of Mr. Russell's name aroused Miss Walling's suspicions. She telephoned Mr. Russell, who came over to the bank, and declared the signature was not his. While the matter was being discussed, Mrs. Mowry walked out of the bank and down Farmington road toward the place her car was parked.

Hinman G. Nichols, assistant cashier of the bank, followed Mrs. Mowry, at the same time calling to Chief of Police Lee Doyle, across the corner on traffic duty. They stopped Mrs. Mowry. (Continued on page four)

ADMITS RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY; PUT ON PROBATION

Ralph Bidwell Escapes Jail Sentence Because Of Wife And Child

Because his wife and child are dependent upon him for support, Ralph Bidwell, who lives south of Wixom in Novi Township, escaped a jail sentence when he pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property worth about \$50, from the home of William Riley, of Wixom, last October. Instead Bidwell was placed on two years probation by Judge Frank L. Covert in Circuit Court, Tuesday.

Bidwell was arrested at his home December 10 by Deputy Willis Coe of Walled Lake, and released on \$500 bond.

According to police, Bidwell claimed that the alleged stolen property was brought to his home in Wixom by Wesley Sinclair and his son, Ford of Flint, who roomed there for a time. Deputies then arrested Sinclair and his son in Flint last week, but they were released, following the plea of guilty by Bidwell, Monday.

Banks Hold Annual Meetings, Elections

Farmington State Savings Bank and Peoples State Bank of Farmington held their annual meetings Tuesday evening, and re-elected directors and officers.

William W. Slocum of Farmington was re-elected a vice-president at the annual meeting of the United Savings Bank in Detroit, with the title of "executive vice-president," both Mr. Slocum and Howard M. Warner being re-elected directors.

Legion Plans To Dedicate Home

Farmington War Veterans To Officially Open Clubhouse On January 29, 30

Groves-Walker Post, American Legion of Farmington will formally dedicate the new home of the Post on Grand River avenue with a two-day program, on January 29 and 30. It was announced this week.

Thursday, January 29, has been designated as "open-house day" for the people of Farmington and vicinity. On that day all citizens of the community are invited to visit the Legion house and become better acquainted with members of the Post and its aims. The dedication will take place that evening, with a program including speeches and music.

On the dedication program it is intended to have as speakers Department Vice Commander F. C. Mittel of Detroit and Rev. Stuart W. McClellan of Monroe. Besides these State officers, other speakers may be secured.

Friday, January 30, will be visiting day for other posts of the sixth district. A program will be held Friday evening.

Details of the programs will be announced later.

BROAD WORK OF KIMBALL TOLD BY SPEAKER AT CLUB

Roll Call For Support Of County Y. M. C. A. Outlined By Spindler

The widespread influence of George H. Kimball, County Y. M. C. A. secretary, in building up various activities of boys aside from the "Y," was described before Farmington Exchange club Wednesday noon by Robert M. Spindler of Pontiac, who is much interested in County Y. M. C. A. activities.

The very breadth and extent of Mr. Kimball's activities, Mr. Spindler said, in building up 4-H clubs, H-Y groups, Boy Scout troops and other divisions of work among boys, has taken away the financial support upon which it has rested, Mr. Spindler said. These activities to which Mr. Kimball has lent his time have grown so that they are now separate units, supported by the State and Federal governments.

As a result, Y. M. C. A. work throughout the County must raise its funds in the small towns and rural sections to which its work is now confined, the speaker stated. For this purpose a roll-call is planned, somewhat similar to the Red Cross annual roll-call. Citizens in each community will be asked to take memberships at \$2 each in the Y. M. C. A., these memberships according membership privileges in the Y. M. C. A. throughout the county.

The roll call has begun in several towns, Mr. Spindler said, and will be organized here soon. Members of the Pontiac Kiwanis club orchestra of country-wide fame were present and offered several selections. The visitors were guests of Isaac Bond.

Plan To Start Suit For School Money On Feb. 3

Clarenceville District Board Sets Final Date Before Court Action

Unless the money due from Farmington Township out of taxes collected last year is paid by February 3, at least one school district board in the Township will immediately start suit for the funds, it developed at a meeting of the school district boards Wednesday evening.

The declaration that they would delay no longer than February 3 before starting court action was made by members of Clarenceville Board of Education, District No. 5 Fractional. They set February 3 as the date in order to give the other boards time to decide whether they will join in the suit, and also to allow time in which the Township might get results in its recent appeal to the former treasurer's bonding company.

Consult Others

Members of the other school boards will consult their fellow-members before February 3, but it is regarded as unlikely that all of the others will join in the suit, District No. 6, whose situation is almost as serious as that of Clarenceville, if not equally so, is regarded as one district which might join the action.

The Clarenceville board asked the others to join the suit as the easiest and best way out of the situation. The Clarenceville board's suggestion was that if all the boards joined the suit, a judgment bond might be obtained. Then, with members of all school boards in the Township supporting it, a bond issue might be passed, bonding the Township to make up the deficit over perhaps a ten-year period.

Might Make Special Levy

The view of the Clarenceville board was that if that board alone would sue, it might be difficult to get a bond issue passed by the voters and a special assessment might be levied, all to be raised at once. Members of other boards discussed the phase at length but did not indicate any action they would take.

The Clarenceville board members feel that if their board starts suit alone, they will be almost certain of obtaining a verdict which will cause a special assessment to be made. The amount due that district is over \$12,000. In order to raise that much, it is pointed out, a special tax of \$25,000 would have to be levied on the Township, because delinquencies must be calculated at 50 per cent.

A tax on the township amounting to \$25,000 would mean a rate of \$5 per thousand valuation. The meeting Wednesday evening was held at Clarenceville School.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary will hold their next meeting in the West Bloomfield Town Hall, January 20. Dinner will be served at noon. Everyone is invited.

Boy Is Brushed From Machine; Ribs Broken

While standing on the running board of his father's machine, Francis Woodley, 15, a pupil at Pierson school, was brushed from the car by another automobile, last Thursday evening, at Farmington, and Eight-Mile roads. One of his ribs was broken and another was cracked, and he also suffered bruises.

The boy was peddling papers, riding outside the car and jumping off to deliver them. He has not recovered sufficiently to return to school.

Vaccination For

All Recommended

Vaccination of everyone in this community is strongly recommended by Dr. J. A. Miller, Farmington City Health officer, in accordance with a warning issued by Dr. John D. Monroe, County Health Commissioner.

Dr. Miller said that with smallpox existing in the County, as recently reported, all adults as well as children should be vaccinated at once as a safety measure. Persons vaccinated more than five years ago should be re-vaccinated, he stated, the vaccination lasting not over five years.

Two More Taken In Jitney Drive

Only One Or Two Cars Without License Believed Running On Grand River

Two more jitney drivers on Grand River avenue were arrested during the past week by Chief of Police Lee Doyle of Farmington in the effort to keep the unlicensed vehicles from carrying passengers for hire. It is thought that one or two may still be operating.

Vincent Hughes, 2416 Five Points avenue, Detroit, was held on the customary three charges of operating without a Public Utilities Commission permit, chauffeur's license or commercial plates. He pleaded guilty before Judge J. J. Schulte and was placed on probation for six months.

Archie L. Johnson, Route 2, Plymouth, was the second driver arrested. He was driving a light car of 1925 vintage, Chief Doyle said. He was also placed on probation after pleading guilty to three charges.

Each driver accepted 20 cents from Chief Doyle, after he had alighted in front of the General Garage.

UNIVERSITY MAN WILL SPEAK AT MEETING OF P. T. A.

Professor Joseph A. Maddy To Address Meeting On January 22

Farmington P. T. A. has arranged an interesting meeting to be held at the High School next Thursday, January 22 at 8 p. m. The high school band and the double quartette will furnish the music.

The guest speaker is Professor Joseph A. Maddy, State Director of Music of Ann Arbor. Professor Maddy directs the National High School Orchestra at Camp Interlochen every summer. His subject has not been announced but will pertain to music.

Professor Maddy will bring picture slides, probably of life at Camp Interlochen in which he is very much interested.

Supt. J. A. Dairymple will have a short message for the parents and there will be a short business session with the chairman, Mrs. Lee Hill conducting.

A social hour and refreshments will follow. The Association cordially invites everyone who is interested in music to hear Prof. Maddy.

Plans Arranged For Father And Son Banquet

Plans and committees have been arranged for the Evangelical church of Farmington Father and Son banquet to be held in the church dining room, Wednesday, February 18. Tickets may be secured at F. L. Cook & Co's store, Farmington, Dairy, Farmington, Rolling Mills and Rev. A. A. Schoen's residence. Also from Mrs. Ida Nacker, secretary at Clarenceville.

State Board Votes To Take Up Track; Cars Run To Feb. 1

Decision Reached By State Administrative Board After Consulting City Of Detroit; Vote Is Unanimous; Injunction Talk Heard

What appears to be the final decision on the question of the car tracks remaining on Grand River in the Farmington area was made Monday afternoon by the State Administrative Board, when that body voted to take up the tracks.

Boy Scout Troops Win Efficiency Streamers

Both Clarenceville Boy Scout Troop No. 44, and Farmington Troop No. 45, won troop efficiency streamers awarded by the Oakland County Area Council during December, it was learned this week.

The two troops are rapidly forging to the front among leading troops of the County.

Pick Committees On Benefit Dance

Tasks Assigned For Event On January 29; Hallock General Chairman

A meeting of four organizations of the Clarenceville area, planning to aid children of the unemployed through the dance to be held January 29 in Oddfellows Hall, Clarenceville, was held Saturday evening. Officers were chosen to have charge of arrangements, as follows:

General chairman, Floyd Hallock, Boy Scouts.

Assistant chairman, Mrs. Wm. Norris, Rebekahs.

Secretary, H. Vatcher, Northwestern Athletic Club.

Treasurer, John McCarthy, Oddfellows.

Ticket committee: Chairman, Frank Merry, Northwestern Athletic Club; Mr. Watts, Oddfellows lodge; John Wagner, Boy Scouts; Mr. Case, Boy Scouts; Mrs. Olive Parks, Rebekah lodge; Mrs. Geo. Parmenter, Middle Belt Pedro club.

Entertainment: Chairman, Wm. Shepherd, Oddfellows lodge; Geo. Robinson, Northwestern Athletic club; Robert Jones, Boy Scouts; Mrs. John McCarthy, Rebekah lodge; Mrs. Floyd DeWitt, Middle Belt Pedro club; Clarence Witte, Boy Scouts.

This is the first big relief affair to be sponsored by the united organizations in Clarenceville and all are urged to help make it a big success.

Willis T. Roberts, who originated the idea of the dance for the needy children, acted as chairman pro tem of the meeting, until the election of Mr. Hallock as chairman. Mr. Roberts has been temporarily prevented from participating further in the preparations by a call to St. Louis, where his mother is ill. He left Sunday morning.

Middlewood-Gillis

Wedding A Surprise

A few Farmington friends learned with surprise Wednesday of the marriage on December 19 of Howard Middlewood and Miss Grace Gillis of Detroit. The couple were married at Bowling Green, Ohio, and returned the same evening to attend the Senior Prom at Meadowbrook Country Club, without telling of the event.

The couple will make their home in Farmington. A shower was given for the bride last Friday evening by her sister, Mrs. Arthur Kenster of Detroit.

CAR OVERTURNS

While William Zwahlen and daughter, Shirley, were returning from Howell last Friday morning, their car slipped on the icy pavement, turning over and breaking two windows. The occupants escaped with a few minor bruises.

Announcement of the decision was made Wednesday noon at the Farmington Exchange club meeting by Road Commissioner Isaac Bond. Mr. Bond stated that he had been asked by a member of the State Highway Department to inform the Club of the Administrative Board's action.

The Board, Mr. Bond said, had "received the resolution unanimously passed by this Club asking them to retain the tracks, and at its meeting Monday afternoon, after consideration of the proposition, voted unanimously to take up the tracks."

Consult Detroit

Mr. Bond said that the Highway Department official told him the Grand River car tracks problem was one of the most difficult they have had to decide in a long time. The State official told him, Mr. Bond said, that before reaching their decision the State authorities called City of Detroit officials, and inquired as to their views. The reply was, he said, that the City of Detroit would give service only so long as there was no deficit, and would not maintain the tracks. This apparently determined the decision of the State Board, members of which appeared to believe that car service would not continue more than two or three years.

Run Through January

Mr. Bond said that as soon as the decision of the State Board was known, an appeal was made to the Eastern Michigan Railways to continue service for a short additional time at least. That company agreed, he stated, to keep the cars running until the first of next month.

Talk Of Injunctions

There has been some talk of possible injunctions being asked in an effort to prevent removal of the tracks, but few appeared to believe that such steps would be taken.

LEGION AUXILIARY MAKES PLANS FOR YEAR AT MEETING

Regular Meeting Held At Home Of Mrs. Louise Maas, Monday

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary of Farmington was held at the home of Mrs. Louise Maas, Monday.

Plans were made for the new year were started. Mrs. Isabelle Lueke was appointed chairman of the "Poppy Poster Contest," assisted by Elizabeth Schauder. Details will be published later in regard to the contest.

A house committee of two members was appointed by the president, Mrs. Isabelle Lueke and Mrs. Margaret Hill, who are to confer with Legionnaires on any matters pertaining to the new home and entertainment.

A committee of three members, was also appointed to see about bringing a moving picture, "Out of the Maelstrom," to Farmington in the near future.

A social hour followed the meeting and lunch was served by the hostess.

—I. Lueke, Historian.

THIEVES TAKE TWENTY CHICKENS THIS WEEK

Chicken thieves were again active in this section this week. On Monday night, 20 chickens were stolen from John Gow, of the South Lyon road, one-half mile west of the Novi-Northville road.

Fortunately for Mr. Gow the poultry was covered by insurance.