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Motorcycle Hits Car On Gd. River, Youth Is Killed

Preston Bradford, 20 of Detroit, fatally injured when motorcycle hits car

Preston Bradford, 20 years old of 242 Beresford avenue, Highland Park, died Monday afternoon in Redford Receiving Hospital of injuries incurred when the motorcycle which he was driving crashed into an automobile on Grand River, two miles west of Novi, Sunday afternoon. Bradford had a fractured skull, fractured leg and internal injuries.

The youth was driving west on Grand River, and his motorcycle crashed broadside into the automobile driven by Joseph Davidson of 11-mile road, Novi. Davidson was riding on the 11-mile road and was attempting to cross Grand River avenue, when the motorcycle ran into his car according to police. Davidson was driving a Ford pickup. He was not injured.

The accident was investigated by Deputy Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington and Deputy John Marek of New Hudson.

Third Victim Dies

Daniel Robinson, 21 years old, of Detroit, died Saturday in Redford Receiving Hospital of injuries received in an automobile accident last Thursday morning at Telegraph and Northwestern Highway. Robinson was the third victim of the crash, two Pontiac people having been killed almost instantly.

Robinson was riding in the car driven by Rollin Relis, which collided with the automobile of Charles A. Bowen of Pontiac. Bowen and his wife were killed.

Funeral services for the auto victim were held Tuesday morning at the home and St. Leo's church in Detroit. He is survived by his parents, a brother and a sister.

Rollin Relis, companion of Robinson will recover. He was removed to his home Friday. Francis McDonald, the third occupant of the car, was not seriously hurt and taken home Friday.

Reunion Of Steele

Family Held Sunday

The Steele reunion, consisting of the descendants of the late Carlsson and Ella Steele, was held last Sunday at the home of Mr. La Rue Steele at Redford. The seven brothers and sisters with their children and grandchildren were in attendance, numbering 53. Outside guests were cousins, Mrs. Frank Cook and son and family of Ovid. Dinner was served on the lawn.

A short business meeting followed with Frank Steele being elected president and Mrs. Sarah Everett of Redford, secretary and treasurer.

The family will meet again the third Sunday in June next year.

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City Finishes Year

With \$6,600 In Bank

The City of Farmington will conclude the fiscal year June 30 in the best condition of its history. With all expenditures made for the year the City has a balance of \$6,252.22. In addition, the municipality has \$8,000 in certificates of deposit, received from the State as compensation on construction of the Grand River avenue sewer.

In some years the City has had to borrow toward the end of the year to meet its bills. Farmington's condition is in distinct and favorable contrast to that of many other towns in this area, some of which are in serious financial straits.

Cherry Queen Visits Farmington



Farmington received a visitor of distinction Wednesday morning America's "Cherry Queen", Miss Maxine Weaver of Traverse City, paid this community a call in the course of her tour preliminary to the annual "Cherry Festival" to be held in "the heart of cherryland" next month.

But it was not such a call as she paid to any of the numerous other and larger cities within the past week. It was not a formal call at all—it was a homecoming—a joyous reunion and a glad return to childhood days. From the moment she stepped from the motor car which was taking her to Traverse City, until she waved goodbye, it was evident that Farmington meant more than just another stop, with a round of introductions to strange peoples, formal welcomes, and a speech of acknowledgement to be made. It was home.

An Old Friend

Dr. J. A. Miller she spied first, and never did an old family friend receive warmer or more joyous greeting from a little girl he had known since her birth, than did Dr. Miller and Mrs. Miller. While the Farmington High School band played, Miss Weaver and her mother renewed old acquaintances among Farmington residents gathered to greet the "Cherry Queen".

The welcome took place at the Town Hall at 9:45 and a number of Farmington residents who had not previously known Miss Weaver were introduced to her.

SUSPENSION OF DRIVER'S SENTENCE EXTENDED 2 WEEKS

Additional Two Weeks' Time Given To Pay Damages In Grand River Accident

An additional two weeks' extension was granted Harold Darrow, 29 of Farmington, Saturday by Judge John J. Schutte, during which time an attempt is to be made at settlement of expense caused by a collision between the car Darrow was driving and another driven by Drayton Holcomb, also of Farmington, last week.

Darrow pleaded guilty to reckless driving and paid a fine of \$50. A sentence of 60 days, in addition, was suspended until Saturday, providing that Darrow paid for the damages to the Holcomb car.

The repairing of Grand River avenue figured in the accident, at Maple St. Holcomb was driving east and Darrow west. Darrow claimed Holcomb was at fault in driving east on Grand River, that the avenue had been closed to eastbound traffic by a barrier at Farmington and Grand River

Among those presented was W. H. Winstead Civil War veteran who taught school in Farmington 60 years ago, who was introduced to the "Cherry Queen" as "a Civil War veteran 86 years old, who can drive his own automobile". Mr. Winstead proved he could make a speech as well as drive a machine, for as he held Miss Weaver's hand he looked keenly at her and said graciously, "Well, I can say, I'm sure, that the judges made no mistake". And the "Cherry Queen" declared it one of the most pleasant compliments she had received on her tour.

Responds To Welcome

Mayor Arthur Lamb expressed the sentiment of the community in a few words spoken from the Town Hall steps, and Miss Weaver responded that her stop in Farmington would remain for her as one of the most precious memories of her tour.

Miss Weaver was returning from a trip to Eastern and mid-west cities, mostly by airplane, and from Farmington was to journey to Lansing and Grand Rapids. The national cherry festival, at which Miss Weaver will preside, will be held July 15, 16, 17 in Traverse City.

Miss Weaver and her mother particularly expressed the hope that a number of Farmington residents would be able to go to Traverse City for the festival. Arrangements for Miss Weaver's stop in Farmington were made hurriedly Tuesday after her arrival in Detroit from the East.

LAST RITES HELD ON THURSDAY FOR MRS. BEN MEYERS

Farmington Woman Succumbs To Long Illness At Age Of 57 Years

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Phoebe Rush Meyers, who died Monday at her home, 33115 Grand River avenue, Farmington after an illness of one year. She was 57 years old.

Mrs. Meyers was born in Germany and came to this country when 4 years old. She spent the early part of her life in West Farmington, being married to Ben Meyers in 1900.

She is survived, besides her husband, by one daughter, Mrs. Sherman Yerkes, and a grand-daughter, Isabelle.

Rev. Floyd Johnson of the Methodist church officiated at the final rites with interment in Oakwood cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of Spencer Hoeney.

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Judge-Elect May Not Take Office, Due To Illness

Illness Of John Thayer May Cause Vacancy; Commission Would Appoint

Farmington officials may have before them within the next week or two the problem of a judgeship in the City, due to the illness of John H. Thayer, who was elected justice of the peace at the biennial city election last April 6. While he has recovered somewhat from the effects of a stroke he suffered shortly after the election, doubt is expressed whether Mr. Thayer will be well enough to take up the active duties of the judgeship.

Elected For 4 Years

Mr. Thayer's term would begin on July 4, to run for four years, under the State law. He qualified following the election, in which he defeated the present incumbent, Judge John J. Schulte, by 19 votes, the result being 213 to 194.

Farmington's other justice, E. A. Fink, has also suffered a serious illness recently, from which he is now recuperating. Mr. Fink has heard comparatively few cases, having been occupied with his law practice in Detroit.

Appointment Provided

In case Judge-elect Thayer is unable to serve, the City Commission would appoint someone in his place. The City Charter provides specifically for such appointment, in the section providing for election of justices. The section reads:

"In case of vacancy in the office of justice of peace, by reason of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the Commission of the City shall fill any vacancy by an eligible elector of the City, by appointing such elector of the city who shall hold the office of justice of the peace by the virtue of such appointment only, until the next succeeding city election." The appointee's term would thus expire in two years.

Should Mr. Thayer be unable to assume the duties of his office, it would be the first time an official elected by the City could not serve. Appointments have been made to fill vacancies, but none caused by illness.

VERDICT SETTLES NEIGHBORS' FIGHT OVER WATER FLOW

Court Decree Decides Controversy Between Citizens which Involved Township

A dispute which has raged between two neighbors and former close friends for more than a year, and which involved Farmington Township in a court struggle, has been ended by a decree handed down by Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty of Pontiac. Under the decree both citizens gain points in dispute, but the Township was made the unavoidable sufferer through the litigation, having been forced to pay attorney's fees for a suit in which it was joined without choice. (Continued on page five)

Teacher Rings Bell Again For His Pupils of Sixty Years Ago

The calendar turned back more than half a century Tuesday afternoon for seven who were happy pupils and teacher in the old Nichols School three score years ago. Old books were opened anew, the teacher rang the bell for supper as he used to do for the starting of school in the olden days, and together they ate their repast from the dinner pails with a zest reminiscent of the time long past.

It was a birthday for Mrs. Ella Darr Irish, 32911 Grand River avenue, Farmington, but to her and to the others the gathering was more—a re-creating of childhood occasions. Gathered at the Irish residence were W. H. Winstead, 86, Civil War veteran of

On Township Board



Willis T. Roberts of Clarenceville will become a member of the Farmington Township board July 1, succeeding Walter Hendrick. Mr. Roberts will serve until July 1, 1933.

Harmon Boice Is New Alumni Head

Elected At Annual Banquet Held Friday. Harvey Winstead Main Speaker

Harmon Boice is the new president of the Farmington High School Alumni Association. He was elected at the annual banquet held Friday evening in the parlors of the Salem Evangelical Church.

Other officers chosen are: Frances Brown, vice-president; M. Marie Walling, secretary; Avis Coe treasurer.

The program was opened by Miss Mildred Adams, president, welcoming the Seniors as members of the Association. Ivan Cox responded for the graduating class. Mrs. Mary Johnson acted as toastmistress.

Harvey Winstead of Coldwater, Civil War veteran, who taught school in and around Farmington more than 60 years ago, was a special guest and principal speaker. His address consisted of his experiences, not only as a teacher, but as a resident of this community.

Other guests included several of his pupils, who went to the school when Mr. Winstead taught. Miss Ernestine Pierce and P. Owen Pauling had charge of the music. Mrs. Imogene Bickling read an interesting article on the organization and building of the schools in Farmington since 1859, and Cecil Cox gave a talk on "My Experiences Since Leaving Farmington High School".

A short business meeting was held following the program.

NOTICE!

City of Farmington taxes may be paid starting July 1st and up to and including July 31st without penalty.

Collections will be made at the Farmington State Savings Bank. Hinman G. Nicols, City Treas.

GIVE SOCIAL

An ice cream social and garden party for the benefit of the Junior Class will be given at the home of Arthur Lamb, Friday evening, June 26, at 8:30 p. m. Bridge and pedro will be played. Everybody is invited.

All Farmington Crash Victims To Recover; Man Dies

Several Crash Victims Released From Hospital, Detroit Youth Succumbs

Residents of Farmington and vicinity, who were injured in automobile accidents last week, are all on the road to recovery, several of them having left the hospital.

Miss Ruth McLean, teacher in the Edgewood school, Clarenceville was removed to the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital this week. Her chances of recovery are good. Miss McLean is suffering from a fractured skull and broken right collarbone, which will keep her in danger until a ten-day period has elapsed.

Return Home

Mrs. Ruth Fox and Mrs. Mona Hanchett, two Farmington mothers who were involved in an auto accident at Ten Mile road and Telegraph roads, were removed to their homes last Thursday, as was Ronald, 7 year old son of Mrs. Hanchett. Two other children of Mrs. Hanchett, Irene, 4 and Merritt, 5, are still in Redford Receiving Hospital, but well on the road to recovery. The two children of Mrs. Fox, Charles and Irene, are also improving. Charles was the most seriously injured of the group, but will recover, it is said.

William White of Grand Rapids, who was injured when his car crashed into a telephone pole in Clarenceville, was released from the hospital the same day.

Samuel Hines, 6 years old of Wixom, hurt in an automobile accident at Novi and Ten Mile roads, was brought home Friday.

GOERS IN FORM, WEST POINT PARK DEFEATS FIREMEN

Parkers' Mound Ace Allows Bat 6 Safeties, As Mates Hit Hard

With Carl Goers displaying the form of the past seasons, West Point Park went back into third place in the Triple A loop of the Detroit Baseball Federation by pounding out an easy 8 to 1 win over Detroit Firemen, Sunday. Goers hurled a steady brand of ball, holding the visitors to six hits.

West Point Park pounced on the offerings of A. Bolde and Burrell for 13 hits, several for extra bases. The winners jumped into a two run lead in the first inning and added four more in the second to put the game safely away. Bolde was driven from the mound in the second after allowing six hits.

Hobbins and R. Wolford led the winner's attack with three hits apiece.

The victory boosted the Parkers to third place, behind Herman LaS and Skrzycki.

NOTICE!

A special communication of Farmington Lodge No. 151 F. & A. M. will be held Monday evening June 29th for work in the second degree, by order of the Worshipful Master.

June 30 Final Day To Pay Back Taxes

Property owners of Oakland County have until July 1 to pay taxes due in 1929 and 1930, and thus avoid the penalties and all the interest accruing since the taxes were returned.

The State by the Miller-McBride bill has made it possible to escape payment of the penalties and interest by setting these taxes before July 1. Not many have taken advantage of the state's extension, and Treasurer A. W. Willson urges the payment of delinquent taxes this month.