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## Hold Last Rites For Charles Ely, Leading Citizen

Decensed Was Active In Movement To Secure City Charter For Farmington

Funeral services for the late Charles H. Ely who died Saturday, were held at his home on Grand River avenue, Monday. Interment was at Oakwood cemetery, Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson officiating.

Mr. Ely had been in ill health for several months and last week his condition became serious when he contracted pneumonia. His condition grew rapidly grave until his death Saturday noon.

The deceased had been a resident of Farmington and vicinity for 62 years, being numbered among the oldest citizens of the community. He came to Farmington from Plymouth, his birthplace, when 12 years of age and since then had been prominent in Farmington public life.

Was Councilman

He was at one time a member of the Farmington Village Council before Farmington became incorporated as a city, and served at the time the water system and electricity was installed in Farmington. He was an ardent advocate for Farmington to secure a charter as a city and was closely identified with that movement until the time the charter was secured. He served on the Board of Education for several years and since the founding of the Peoples State Bank, he acted as chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. Ely was always known as a public-spirited citizen but he never sought office. His home and his friends had more appeal to him than a public office but he never shirked his duties as a citizen when called upon to serve.

Born In 1857

Charles Henry Ely was born February 12, 1857, at Plymouth. He was the fifth child of eleven children born to William and Mary Jane Ely. At the age of 12 years he moved with his parents to Farmington and the remaining years of his life were spent in the immediate vicinity of Farmington.

He died Saturday, September 26, at the age of 74 years, seven months and 14 days. He leaves his wife, a companion of over 50 years, five children, Carl Ely and Jennie Melior of Northville, Mary Johnson and Imogene Bickling of Farmington, and Alma Hogle of Detroit. The sixth child, William, died at the age of two years. He also leaves eight grandchildren.

Of his ten brothers and sisters only two remain, Mrs. Martha Hutton of Ypsilanti and Mrs. Betsey Armstrong MacFee of California.

## Athletic Club Loses First Game Of Season

Northwestern Athletic Club lost its fourth football game in six years Sunday when the Albright eleven of Detroit nosed out the N. W. A. C. gridgers in the last two minutes of play, 2-0. A pass, intercepted by Northwestern halfback in the end zone paved the way for the Albright victory. He was tackled before he could get back to the goal line and the resulting safety was the margin of victory.

Albright was runner up in the Detroit Federation last year and proved to its followers that it had lost none of its former power. Though N. W. A. C. outplayed the visitors in the first half, once having the ball on the nine yard line.

Patterson, Albright right guard suffered a broken leg. Muma, guard, Rife, left half, and Gates, left end, were outstanding for N. W. A. C.

N. W. A. C. has a game scheduled for Sunday in its home field with the Royal Oak Athletic club.

Mrs. Bernard Banfield, who has been ill the past week, is greatly improved.

## Farmington Men Gather For Final Public Tribute To Harley Warner



DR. JAMES MCGEE

## Parent-Teachers Meet Thursday

Program Planned For First Meeting Of School Year At High School

Farmington Parent-Teachers association will hold its first meeting of the school year Thursday night, October 7 at 8 o'clock in the high school gymnasium. A program is planned which is to be followed by an informal reception for the teachers.

A selection by the high school band under the direction of Edward Eaton will open the program. Other numbers include a tap dance by Mary Louise and Betty Jane Worsfold, a short talk by a member of the Board of Education, two selections by pupils of Mrs. Gladys Boucher, and music by the Methodist church quartet, which includes Norman Barrons, Edward Eaton, Robert Cook and King Harger.

Superintendent J. A. Dalrymple and Principal Robert Burns will give short addresses and present the teachers to the parents.

The officers of the P. T. A. are: Mrs. Lee Hill, president, Mrs. Will Pagel, first vice-president, Robert Burns, second vice-president, Mrs. Ralph Auten, recording secretary, Mrs. Carl Harrison, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Eldora McCaskell, treasurer.

## REID DENNISON KILLED IN CRASH AT INTERSECTION

Three Others Seriously Injured In Accident On Middle Belt Road

One person is dead from injuries received in an automobile collision on Middle Belt road at Plymouth road early Sunday morning and three others were so badly hurt they were taken to hospitals.

Reid E. Dennison, 26 years old, 29155 Charleston boulevard, south east of Farmington, was killed and his wife, Elsie, 21, suffered serious injuries and was taken to Eloise hospital.

Miss Lucille Barnaby, of Lansing, a passenger in the other car, driven by James E. Lowe, of Clinton, is in the Redford branch of Receiving hospital with a fractured skull and internal injuries.

Lowe, who is a project engineer for the State Highway department employed on the construction of M52 out of Adrian, suffered fractures of his left arm and wrist, and is in Eloise hospital. Dennison is survived by his wife, and two children, Francis, 4, and Vanita, 7.

## 5,000 ATTEND DEDICATION OF LUTHERAN CEMETERY

Five thousand persons gathered at Glen Eden Memorial Park on Eight Mile road, west of Grand River road Sunday, for the dedication of the Lutheran division. The project is sponsored by the Lutheran Cemetery Association representing 16 West Side congregations of the Missouri Synod.

## Enrollment At Clarenceville Schools Large

Economies Effected By Eliminating Instruction In Kindergarten, Music And Art

An increased attendance over past years marked the opening of the public schools of Clarenceville this week. A gain of more than 25 students was recorded, excluding the kindergarten which has been eliminated this year. Jay Prescott, superintendent of schools, expects that the present enrollment will be slightly increased by the end of the week as new pupils have been enrolling each day.

The heaviest gain in enrollment has been recorded in the grades below the Junior high school, Mr. Prescott stated. The initial enrollment for last year was 498 plus 42 in the kindergarten. This year's figure, as given by Mr. Prescott is 523. A few of the pupils, who ordinarily would have entered the kindergarten this year, have reported for first grade instruction.

Drop Music And Art Besides elimination of the kindergarten this year, further economies have been introduced by the dropping of courses in music and art.

Fifteen instructors are listed on the Clarenceville faculty. Headed by Jay L. Prescott, they are Ethel Chase, Junior high principal, Helen Barnes, Vida Walker, Anthony Lowki and Marvin Mittlestat, Junior high school; Loretta Nugent, sixth grade, Mildred Kircher, fifth grade, Catherine Vinila, fourth grade, Mita Mark, third grade, Ruby Monroe, second grade, Ruth Penzotti, first grade, Edna Fischer, first grade at Edgewood school, Hattie Burt, substitute in second grade and Mary Brady, third grade at Edgewood school.

One New Teacher Marvin Mittlestat is the only new teacher added this year. Ruth McLean, who was injured in an automobile accident last June, is not fully recovered but it is expected she will return to the Edgewood school later in the fall.

Tabulation of enrollment in the schools follow:

First grade, both schools	83
Second grade, both schools	72
Third grade, both schools	67
Fourth grade	58
Fifth grade	60
Sixth grade	49
Seventh grade	52
Eighth grade	30
Ninth grade	33
Tenth grade	29
Total enrollment	523

## BARN DESTROYED BY MORNING FIRE, ORIGIN UNKNOWN

Resident On Farm Aroused By Passing Motorists Who Discover Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a large barn on the Louis Salow farm, three miles west of Farmington on Grand River road, early Tuesday morning. The fire, according to George McCree, who recently bought the farmhouse on the property, was discovered by passing motorists who roused McCree and his family. The Farmington fire department was called but could do nothing to save the barn which was nearly down at the time the blaze was discovered.

Salow, who lives at Northville, could not be reached and it is not known whether insurance covered the loss or not. McCree estimated that there were 20 or 25 tons of hay stored in the barn but said there was no livestock or farm implements in the building.

The only explanation for the fire that McCree could give was that there might have been someone sleeping in the barn. The building was not wired and it is thought unlikely that spontaneous combustion was the cause.

## Starts Another Year



Supt. Jay B. Prescott of Clarenceville Schools has begun another year with a record enrollment of pupils under his direction. First day figures showed an increase of 25 students over last year.

## Court Releases Township Money

Garnishment Writ Obtained By School District No. 1 Fractional Is Dismissed

Farmington Township's bank account, which has been tied up for many weeks through garnishment proceedings instituted by one of the Township school districts, No. 1 Fractional, has been released by a decree of Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty, Pontiac. All of the Township's money available for payment of bills, about \$800 was involved.

Township officials cannot yet make use of the money, inasmuch as 20 days is granted for appeal. Appeal by the school district to the Supreme Court is regarded as unlikely, however, in view of the expense. It is probable that unless the funds are released so the Township can use them within the next few days, the Township's attorney, James H. Lynch, will go into court and ask an order requiring release of the money.

The school district some time ago obtained a judgment against the Township, but was unable to collect and the garnishment followed. Judge Doty, in his decision, ruled that garnishment is not the proper method of collecting from a township, that it should be done by collection on bonds.

## COURSE OF ELEVEN LECTURES WILL BE GIVEN AT CHURCH

Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson Sees Need For Discussing Topics Of Practical Nature

A course of 11 lectures will be given by Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson at the Methodist church beginning next Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock. It is felt by Rev. Johnson that there is a great need for these lectures because of the inability of many persons to put to a practical use their religion and also because of the rise of special needs of living.

These studies will be conducted every week at the same hour. Any person interested is invited to attend, no matter what one's church affiliation may be.

Below are listed the themes to be discussed. Rev. Johnson urges that all who attend do so regularly because of the continuity of thought which will be carried from one lecture to the next.

1. An Accessible God.
2. Realizing God.
3. The Reach of Prayer.
4. Ruling Ourselves.
5. The Power of Faith.
6. Spiritualized Imagination.
7. Emotions Which Destroy Health.
8. Emotions Which Build Health.
9. Possibilities of Spiritual Healing.
10. Religion and Success.
11. Spiritual Dynamics.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Eaton Rapids visited her sisters, Mrs. David Ross and Mrs. Anglin, from Sunday until Tuesday.

## State Will Aid City in Building New Sidewalks

Approximately 700 Feet Of Sidewalk Completed On North Side Of Grand River

Construction of sidewalks, the cost of which is to be paid by the State, will probably be started Friday on the south side of Grand River avenue. Mayor Arthur Lamb received notice from Henry Oakes, divisional engineer of the Michigan State Highway Department, Monday that the 'report was approved as submitted.'

The proposition submitted to the Highway department provides that the State pay for building the sidewalks along the south side of Grand River and the City for the walks on the north side the City to obtain releases of right-of-way along the south side.

Officials Pleased

Word of the State Highway Department's official approval of the sidewalk agreement was received with much satisfaction by City officials. Not only does it mean that the State will participate in the cost of the sidewalk to the extent of \$1,527.60, but it assures that the work will be done under City supervision, with all Farmington labor employed.

The Highway Department's approval expressly provided that the City must obtain releases of property on the south side of the street, but the State's hearty cooperation has encouraged City officials in the belief that the required releases may be obtained in the near future.

Construction on the south side of the street is to start at Brookdale avenue and proceed west. Leo Glendmeister, chairman of the Commission sidewalk committee, states that a representative of the State Highway department will be sent here to aid the committee in securing the releases. This work will probably start the first of the week.

To Aid Children

Mayor Lamb pointed out that another reason for starting the construction on Brookdale and working west is that it will help solve the problem of safety for school children. With the completion of this stretch of walk the necessity of having a guard at Power street will be removed and children now using that crossing will be able to cross at School street.

Work Goes Fast

Approximately 700 feet of sidewalk was built on the north side of Grand River this week by the contractors, Fred Mans and Maurice Sechald, extending from the Olin Russell garage to the Steele property. It was found necessary to remove two walnut trees in front of the Farmington Cleaners that protruded a foot or more into the line of construction.

The Commission is still undecided whether to build retaining walls or terrace where the property levels are above the sidewalks on the north side. It has been pointed out that if retaining walls are built, either of block or of concrete, water will seep in behind the walls and cause cracking which in time may either have to be repaired or reconstructed. Those who favor terraces in preference to retaining walls point out their permanence and beauty. This question may be decided at the next meeting of the Commission Monday night.

## LIVE IN THE CITY—BUT ENJOY COUNTRY FRUITS

One may live in the city and still enjoy the fruits of country life. And the word "fruits" in this instance is used literally, applying to Commissioner Fred Stemann of Farmington. Neighbors and friends of Mr. Stemann have for the past week been enjoying baskets of grapes and peaches that in flavor and appearance would do credit to any orchard or vineyard anywhere.

Unfortunately, some of the peaches are the last that will come from one tree on Mr. Stemann's property, as the tree was struck and badly damaged by lightning recently.