

Traffic Officer Fired By Board At Southfield

Dismissal Of Shooting Case Applauded By Crowd Of 500; Officer Rebuked

Following the trial Monday night of Ralph Spaller, 16-year old Farmington High school senior, on a traffic violation charge, resulting in dismissal on a technicality, the case has had its reaction on Constable Walter G. Kent of Southfield Township, who fired three shots when Spaller ran away after Kent had stopped and questioned him.

Kent's resignation Tuesday afternoon as a special traffic officer for the Southfield Township Board preceded by only a few minutes the decision of the Board to dismiss him. It has been reported that the Detroit Automobile Club is preparing to ask Governor Brucker to remove Kent as constable.

A crowd of between 400 and 500 packed the Clarenceville Oddfellows' Hall to hear the trial of Spaller, half of them standing for an hour and a half until the end.

The case was called at 8 o'clock and Norman C. Orr of Pontiac, attorney for Spaller, entered a not guilty plea for his client.

Constable Kent took the stand first. He told of stopping Spaller at 10:45 a. m. Sunday, October 9, after Spaller had crossed Telegraph road at Eleven Mile Road without stopping. When Spaller could not produce a driver's license, Kent told him to pull to the side of the road so that they could go to Spaller's home and get his license, the officer testified.

When Kent started back to his car, Spaller drove away at full speed, however, "I hollered 'halt' Kent said. "When he failed to obey I fired three shots in the air."

Kent then chased him, at 55 miles an hour, to Harry Miller's farm, several miles away.

"Mr. Miller told me who the boy was and that he was all right. Then I gave him a ticket for failure to stop at a stop street," Kent concluded.

At this point Orr began cross-examination of Kent, and Justice Roberts was forced several times to rebuke several.

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"We Must Stop War To Avert World Disaster", Wayne Judge Tells Club



ORMOND F. HUNT
Circuit Judge
Of Wayne County, speaker at
tonight meeting of Farmington
Exchange Club Wednesday.

Republicans To Rally On Monday

Lieut. Governor Of Nebraska, County Candidates, Coming To Meeting

Farmington will be the gathering point for a Republican rally for party members of all south-western Oakland County Monday evening, when a mass meeting will be held in M. E. Community Hall, Farmington will be honored in Seventeenth District area in Michigan in which a speaker of national reputation has been secured to address a Republican meeting.

Lieutenant-Governor George W. Williams of Nebraska, three times the choice of his State for its second-highest office, will address the gathering. Republican candidates of Oakland County, and the Seventeenth District are to attend. Large delegations are expected from Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, and other nearby townships, as well as from Pontiac. The State Governor's Brucker committee will be represented.

Archie G. Leonard will be chairman of the evening, and will be introduced by City Clerk N. H. Power. Music will be furnished by the Farmington High School band.

Prior to the meeting, which begins at 8:00 p. m., there will be a reception for the candidates. The clubrooms, from 7:30 to 8:00 p. m. Nathan H. Power and Miss Meriah Andrews are co-chairmen of the reception committee.

A meeting to arrange for the rally was held Tuesday evening, the following being in attendance: Arthur Lamb, Edgar S. Pierce, Nathan H. Power, Dr. G. F. Weaver, Miss Meriah Andrews, Miss C. Ernestine Pierce, Floyd Nichols.

MRS. STODGELL DIES THURSDAY AT AGE OF 68

Was Resident Many Years; Injuries Suffered in Fall Lead To Death

Mrs. Eli Stodgell, 23001 Maple Street, one of Farmington's best known and loved inhabitants died at 3 o'clock Thursday morning.

Mrs. Stodgell, who was 68 years old, was born in Somersetshire, England; the daughter of Joseph and Mary Carey. Since she came to this country as a girl she lived in Oakland County, first in Royal Oak and then, ever since her marriage, in Farmington Township.

Mr. Stodgell, to whom she was married about 40 years ago, died in 1919. Mrs. Stodgell survived by a sister, Mrs. Charlotte Nye of Pontiac, and a brother, John Carey, of Washington, Michigan.

The funeral will be Saturday at 2 o'clock at the Spencer Heeneey funeral home. Burial will be in North Farmington.

Harvest Festival To Be Held On Friday Night

The annual Harvest Festival given by the Farmington M. E. Ladies Aid will be held Friday at the church. The aid met at the home of Mrs. Robert Burns Thure for the festival.

A chicken supper will be served at the festival, beginning at 5:30 and continuing until all are taken care of.

Mrs. Gladys Boucher will give an O. E. S. card party next Tuesday.

That there is hope for the future of our civilization only will be of little solace, and will dare to be unpopular," was the assertion of Circuit Judge Ormond F. Hunt of Wayne County before Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon. Declaring that the debt burdens brought on by war have made every nation bankrupt, he asserted that "we must be courageous and even though unpopular having applied to the unpopular term, 'pacifist,' we must see and assert the truth.

"Every nation on the face of the earth is bankrupt, I absolutely bankrupt," declared Judge Hunt. "There is not a single one of them that can pay its debts. Why is it? Here is the reason why. In 1917, before we went into the World war, our government debt was one and a half billion. In November, 1919, after only 19 months of war, our government debt was 35 billions of dollars. That's one country, in the war a year and a half. Now take all of the countries that were in the War, and for four years instead of one year and a half. Now you see why the whole world is bankrupt.

"All Lost In War" Judge Hunt declared as winning the war. But did England win? She can't possibly pay her debts. Thirty cents out of every dollar goes for taxes, and England had to spend all of the country's money to pay England, and England can't pay us. And so it goes. We might as well recognize the facts. The first thing we have got to do is to stop war. One more war and we're through."

"What I Really Think" Judge Hunt, known as the wit of the Wayne County Circuit bench, had come to the Exchange Club to speak, and as he said, "to talk for ten minutes and tell you what I really think, not what you would like to hear, but what I really think."

There is the most desperate need for Judge Hunt said for men today to speak out and say what they "really think," even though one's opinions may not meet with the favor of many. He spoke of the disturbing conditions prevailing throughout the world today, and plunged immediately into his analysis of the trouble. He said that undoubtedly there are many complex factors in the situation, but he asserted that the simple facts and figures on debt burdens, that he would relate would show that regardless of other factors, the world could not expect conditions to be as we would have them, while such circumstances prevail.

Judge Hunt said that the huge (Continued on page eight)

J. FITZPATRICK SPEAKS AT MEET FOR BONDHOLDERS

John Fitzpatrick Attends Governor's Conference On Defaulted Realty Issues

John Fitzpatrick, former cashier of the Peoples State Bank of Farmington, and now secretary of the Michigan Bankers Protective Committee, was a speaker at a meeting at Gov. Brucker's office in Lansing, Monday, called to discuss means of aiding holders of defaulted real estate bonds and land contracts. He was joined by some of the trust company officials, bondholders, and others interested in the problem attended the meeting.

Bonds on hundreds of apartments and other buildings in Detroit are in default. They are held by banks and individuals throughout the State. Plans thus far advanced for obtaining for the bondholders some sort of return on their money have not turned out satisfactory. The conference Monday was called to discuss the situation further.

The Bankers Protective Committee, of which Mr. Fitzpatrick is secretary, has for its object the protection and furtherance of the interests of bondholders. Most of the committee's work thus far has been in the interest of banks in various parts of the State. Mr. Fitzpatrick being well-known to bankers throughout Michigan. The Committee also represents and will look after the interests of individual bondholders.

Mr. Fitzpatrick has recently opened new offices in the Fidelity Trust Building, Detroit which will be the headquarters of the Protective Committee.

House, Barn, 2 Road Trucks Are Burned In Fire

Adams Place Destroyed As High Wind Flare Flames; Nearby Buildings Threatened

A spectacular fire Monday night burned to the ground the house and barn, the old Adams place on Grand River Road, a mile and a half west of Farmington. A large truck and grader, owned by Julius Porath and Son and being used on highway work, were also burned. They had been stored at the farm night's. Five other trucks were not in the path of the flames. An effort was made to move the grader, but the heat was so intense that it was occupied by John Thomas and family.

The fire, which started in the barn at 8:30, was fanned by a strong wind, and had destroyed both large buildings by 10:30. A large crowd was attracted by the flames, whose glow was visible for many miles. Cars clogged the road and added traffic hazards to fire dangers.

Nearby buildings were also threatened by the fire. Sparks and burning debris, blown by the wind, set fire to the C. F. Smith barn, but the fire department was able to put this blaze out. Ernest Blanchard reported that burning shingles were blown over his haystacks, half a mile to the west.

The farm is owned by a Mr. Bendorf of Dearborn, who carried no insurance on it. Clyde Adams sold the about 12 years ago for one of the oldest houses in the vicinity of Farmington, it stood on a hill overlooking Grand River.

The fire was discovered at 8:30 soon after it started, by Roy Thomas, Mr. Thomas' son. The light in the barn, he thought he had left the lights on his car burning. Going out to the barn, he discovered the blaze.

Stopping to tell his father about the fire, he drove to Farmington for the fire department. Alarm was also telephoned. When the firemen arrived the barn was already in flames. The house, 100 feet away had caught fire in several places. The firemen checked the flames until the contents could be removed but could not save it, due to the wind.

Protective measures prevented the fire from destroying the Smith barn and the schoolhouse. Everything except the furniture and clothing in one bedroom, and 190 bushels of potatoes and other foodstuffs in the basement.

There was no livestock or grain in the barn. Forty tons of hay, the last of which was put in two weeks ago, was the chief loss to Mr. Thomas.

The cause of the fire could not be definitely ascertained. The hay had been in long enough to be cured, so that it was doubted that spontaneous combustion had occurred. Probably, Chief Norman Lee said, a tramp had been smoking in the hay and had set it on fire.

BOY RUNS INTO SIDE OF AUTO; LEG IS BROKEN

Fred Humphrey Hurt Crossing Grand River Avenue At Noon On Thursday

Fred Humphrey, 9, suffered a complete fracture of two bones in his right leg below the knee when he ran into the side of a car on Grand River Avenue at School Street on his way home from school Thursday morning.

The accident took place at 11:30 as the boy was going home to lunch from school.

Fred Stemann had hold of the child's hand as he was guiding him across the street, when the boy jerked away and ran with his head down into a car driven by Harry Page of Farmington. Mr. Page was enroute to all blame.

Mr. Stemann had stopped in the middle of the street and was waiting for traffic to clear before taking the boy the rest of the way across.

The boy was treated by Dr. J. W. Norton and taken home. The State Highway department has refused to allow a stop light to be placed at School Street, as it will traffic enters Grand River there.

Farmington Mayor's Brother On G. T. Case



JUDGE FRED LAMB

Lamb Judge In Woodward Case

Brother Of Farmington Mayor Hears Important Suit With Oakland Jurists

Circuit Judge Fred Lamb of Cadillac, brother of Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington, and superintendent of schools here many years ago when the first graduating-class received their diplomas, is the outside circuit judge, hearing the Grand Trunk-Woodward case, will return Friday morning, when hearing is resumed on the State's motion for dismissal of a temporary injunction.

Judge Lamb, called in frequently by both Oakland and Wayne county jurists when an outside judge is considered desirable, has presided in many important cases in this part of the State, but the present suit purports to involve probably the largest sum—a half million dollars' worth of land.

What Does "Adjacent" Mean? Upon the meaning of one word of only eight letters, "adjacent," may rest the entire outcome of the suit. Attorney-General Paul Voorheis, answering the claim of the plaintiffs that the State had no right to acquire property owned by the new 100-foot right-of-way and deed it to the Grand Trunk, pointed out that the contract approved by the Legislature in 1927 authorized the purchase of such property.

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BENEFIT TICKETS WILL SELL FOR 25 CENTS EACH

Price Change Announced; Wood's Orchestra Engaged For Dance; Other Entertainment Added

Tickets for the benefit affair October 28 for needy Farmington Township school children are priced at 25 cents, per person instead of 50 cents, as previously announced. Tickets sold already at the higher price, and marked "No. One," will still mix a couple instead, Chairman Willis T. Roberts states.

Additional attractions and contributions have been announced. Entertainers from a Detroit radio station are also being arranged for by the committee. The state heavyweight wrestling champion two weeks ago agreed to donate his services in an exhibition match at the affair, which will take place October 28.

Donations received in lieu of fines and costs from traffic offenders amounting to \$17.75 were turned over to the Treasurer, Ward Eagle Tuesday night by Judge Willis T. Roberts. One Detroit man, who said he was himself on the verge of needing welfare aid, gave 25 cents; all but five cent of the money he donated. A prominent Detroit doctor donated five dollars and the other contributions ranged between these sums.

With the date for the affair drawing near, ticket sales are reported increasing in volume.

Officers Upheld By Farmington Township Board

Traffic Men To Be Retained; Future Meetings Will Be At Oddfellows Hall

Farmington Township traffic officers will be retained and will continue their work. This question was settled for the present when the Township Board long on action Tuesday night to change the officers' status, after a thorough discussion of the methods being used in traffic regulation in the Township.

Meetings of the Board will be held in Clarenceville Oddfellows' Hall in the future, instead of in the home of Clerk Willard Campbell.

Justice Ward Eagle opened the discussion by saying that he had opposed the appointment of the traffic officers and that he believed evidence had proved that he was right. Justice Roberts said that nothing had occurred to the discredit of Farmington Township officers. Mr. Eagle replied that he believed that the Township was getting much unpleasant notoriety because of officers being in wait at intersections to catch unwary motorists for slight violations of the law.

Mr. Roberts declared the things that are being said about traffic officers are untrue, as far as the Farmington men are concerned. He asserted that they do not pounce on drivers for unimportant infractions of the law. However, he declared, dangerous driving is common on many roads in the Township. The officers have explicit instructions, he said, not to give a ticket to any driver who slows his car enough at a stop road to shift his gears. Only those who "burn across" stop roads at 30 and 40 miles an hour or faster are cited to court, he stated. At signal-lights when the light is red, but the driver (Continued on page five)

GET MAN WANTED FOR PASSING BAD CHECKS IN 1930

North Dakota Sheriff Holds Man Who Cheated Farmington Merchants

The long arm of the law reached out into North Dakota this week for Farmington and a man who passed four bad checks in the city two years ago may soon be back—in custody of officers.

Additional word is being awaited now from Bismarck, North Dakota, where he is being held, before sending for Denver Lake, alias L. F. Wegner, who is charged with passing checks totaling \$25 on Farmington merchants November 28, 1930.

A telegram was received from the sheriff at Bismarck Saturday, saying that Lake is under arrest there, and inquiring whether Farmington officials still want him. By Van Latta, of Farmington in 1930 he stayed at a rooming house a few days before cashing any checks. While there he made two calls to Detroit, and one of these was for investigation, and proved to be his daughter, Elsie Lake through whom the man's name was learned. The checks, signed L. F. Wegner, and drawn on the National Bank of Commerce, Detroit, came back stamped "no account."

A description of Lake by merchants who cashed his checks was sent to State Police Capt. Marston of the Bureau of Identification, Chicago. A photograph, fingerprints, and a record of Lake's having served a term at Rockford Penitentiary, Rockford, Illinois, were turned over to Capt. Marston, and the photograph was identified by the merchants as that of the man whose checks they had cashed.

A copy of the identification records was sent to Washington and it was through the United States Bureau of Identification that the Bismarck police discovered that he was wanted in Farmington. Until then, no record of Lake had been found since Christmas, 1930 when Chief Lee Doyle located Lake's wife in Hemlock, Michigan, but was unable to find the suspect after a search.

Lake is being held in Bismarck on a charge of "jumping" a board bill and passing bad checks. Chief Doyle has consulted with Prosecutors Loren Smith, and says it is likely that Lake will be brought back for trial.