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Girl Killed By Car, Father By Auto

Traffic tragedy has again stalked into the household of William Slingerland of Clarenceville, which has never ceased to grieve over the death of 12-year old Leona Slingerland, killed when run over at night by a trolley car on Grand River avenue.

The second of the household to die in traffic is the father, William Slingerland, who died Sunday morning in Providence Hospital in Detroit of injuries suffered Thursday afternoon in the collision of his car with another driven by John Smith of Prairie avenue, Detroit.

The accident occurred at the corner of Marquette and Stanton avenues, Detroit, Thursday afternoon. Mr. Slingerland suffered several fractured ribs and internal injuries when he was thrown from his automobile to the curb of the street.

The community was shocked by the tragic death of Mr. Slingerland, daughter, Leona, who was struck from behind by a Farmington-bound street car on the tracks on Grand River east of Middle Belt Road in 1928. She was dragged 100 feet by the car. Service on the western end of the line, between Seven Mile Road and Farmington, was discontinued following the fatality.

H. Smith, Jr. Recovers

Henry Smith, Jr., four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of "Villa Vista," on Grand River west of Farmington is recovering in Providence Hospital in Detroit from an appendectomy performed Tuesday, approximately on the eve of the anniversary of the death of Ralph Smith who was killed in an automobile accident last year. Henry Smith, Sr., is president of the C. F. Smith chain of grocery stores.

Mr. Slingerland was born in Ludington, December 22, 1880. After his marriage to Ellen Sprentall in 1908, they moved to Detroit, later making their home in Clarenceville.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, Ellen; two daughters, Mrs. Viola Westbrook of Clarenceville and June, 21 years old; two sons, William, Jr., of Clarenceville, and a 15-year-old son and a brother, Louis-Slingerland of Rockford.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mr. Slingerland, who was 56, at the home, 2115 Oxford street, Clarenceville.

Rev. Frisk of Detroit, formerly of Clarenceville, M. E. Church, was in charge of the services. Burial was in Grand Lawn cemetery.

Crashes Head-on
While attempting to pass another car also going west on Grand River one-half mile east of Farmington, the auto of Ronald Scott, 21, of Brighton, crashed head-on with another being driven by Ralph Royce Shelton of 1948 Westbrook, Detroit. The mishap occurred early Saturday evening. Scott was driving Shelton and had three passengers. Although the cars were considerably damaged, none of the occupants was hurt.

An accident of similar nature occurred Sunday evening on Grand River near Lakeway avenue when the auto driven by Grey Blamler of 2362 Grand River, crashed into the left rear of the car being driven by Henry Hauck, 2628 Dayton, Roseville. Mr. Blamler, according to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVoski, was attempting to pass another car also going west. The left front portion of the Blamler auto and the rear axle of the Hauck car were damaged. No one was seriously injured.

BACK BROKEN IN FALL FROM ROOF OF HOUSE

Willie Zingelmann, 62, of Cambridge street, Clarenceville, is slowly recovering in the Osteopathic Hospital in Detroit from a broken back which he suffered when he fell from the roof of a home in Rockford.

Zingelmann, who is a carpenter, was working on the roof of a one-story home Saturday when he lost his footing and fell in a sitting position upon a large cement block which was lying on the ground. He was taken to his home where he was given first-aid treatment for a fractured spine by Dr. Joseph W. Norton. He was later taken to the hospital.

Yesterday's Headlines—1936 Farmington Events Reviewed

"The old order changeth, yielding its place to the new." On the stroke of midnight, December 31, the year 1936 is ended and joyful bells peal a welcome to young 1937.

What is in store for residents in the Farmington area during the coming year is only a matter of conjecture, but what the past year brought is recorded below in brief summaries, "Yesterday's Headlines," the important events of 1936 to Farmington and vicinity as told in the columns of The Enterprise.

Ralph Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, killed in auto accident New Year's morning.

Committee headed by Commissioner Leo Oldemaster appointed Roy Warner to study acquisition of People's State Bank for Farmington City Hall, January 6.

Drive against chicken thieves planned by police and farmers.

Liquor ordinance regulating the sale of beer to one place within city limits, passed by City Commission, January 9.

Big gain in deposits, resources, and operating profit shown in annual report of Farmington State Bank, at stockholders' meeting on January 14.

Robbery by three young men at Marcus Rinegas gasoline station, Farmington Road at Cut-off, January 15.

Five-ten year sentence given Lewis H. Clover of Novi Township for attempting to murder Mrs. Ruby Canada.

Raymond Levandowski appointed Livonia Township clerk by township board, following the resignation of John Harlan, January 7.

Death of Dr. Burr Thomas, January 21.

President's Ball attended by more than 50 couples at Botsford Tavern, January 31.

Blue Goose bus service increased between Farmington and Detroit.

More than half of 1935 Farmington City tax collected, February 6.

Home of Harrison Fawcett on the Smith estate, "Villa Vista," burned to ground but five occupants escaped, February 11.

Death of Volney Blandard, 83, one of Farmington Township's oldest residents, February 9.

\$15,000 home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McCullough at Eight Mile and Newburg Roads, burned to ground during severe cold wave.

Forty-seven per cent of Farmington Township taxes paid as compared with 33 per cent paid by February 13, 1935.

Eighteenth birthday celebrated by Mrs. Charles Ely, February 10.

Robbery at per cent of Farmington Post Office.

Mrs. Isabel Chisholm and nine children made homeless by fire which destroyed their small home on Shaw avenue in east Farmington.

Children's Home Burned
Methodist Children's Home, valued at \$33,000, burned to ground, February 16. Eight firemen fought in sub-zero temperatures for three hours in an attempt to save the structure.

Robbery at C. Burns, Farmington High School Principal, listed in "Who's Who in American Education."

Death of Frank Lee, 75, a resident of Farmington for 70 years, February 14.

Robbery at Maxwell Smith store in Clarenceville, February 14.

Robbery at Auer Brothers grocery store, Grand River at Albion street, February 22.

Death of William Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cooper of Clarenceville, after he was fatally poisoned by eating 28 strychnine and belladonna tablets, February 23.

Victory of Jesse Ziegler, incumbent superior, in the largest vote in the history of Livonia Township. Also victorious, Harry Wolfe, for township clerk.

Increases in the percentages of taxes collected in both city and township, over previous year.

State Highway Department finds Cut-off traffic arrangement unsatisfactory.

Thirty to 50 year sentences given to two Detroit bandits for hijacking beer truck and tying driver to a tree.

Little damage done to fruit trees in orchards near Farmington in cold wave, March 19.

William Longfellow, Jr., 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Longfellow of Glen avenue, Farmington, killed in auto accident, March 18, sought by police and parents.

School Bonds Refunded
Refunding of \$60,000 bonds of Farmington school district, No. 5, completed.

Death of Mrs. Ruth McDermott,

New Officials Guiding Michigan Affairs



LEO A. NOWICKI
Lieutenant-Governor



GOVERNOR FRANK MURPHY



LEON L. CASE
Secretary of State



THEODORE L. FRY
Treasurer



RAYMOND I. STARR
Attorney-General



GEORGE T. GUNDRY
Auditor-General

Yule Shopping Has Increase

Evidence that shopping is sharing in the revival of business prosperity throughout the nation was shown during the past few weeks as Christmas shopping in Farmington stores reached peaks unequalled since the years of severe depression.

Comments from prominent Farmington business men substantiate the belief that the community is enjoying a greater measure of better times than it has during recent years.

"We are very well pleased with our share of the Christmas trade," says Fred L. Cook. "The sales at our store this year were considerably higher than those of the preceding year. There were a great number of shoppers and the purchases of each shopper, on the whole, were also greater."

"The Christmas season was an exceptionally good one this year," states E. O. Hatton. "Our sales preceding the holiday were far greater than they were last year. Our increased sales staff was kept busy from early in the morning until late in the evening waiting on the Christmas shoppers."

Buying at Mac's five cents to 11 store was also in keeping with the general trend. Although it was the first holiday season for the store, which opened this fall, many availed themselves of the opportunity to purchase gifts displayed all through the store.

"It was a good Christmas in Farmington," says Forester Dickerson. "Judging from the gifts purchased at our store, our customers were given a wide range of gifts from which to choose and our sales were gratifying."

"The public is showing an increased interest in better lighting in homes," according to Earl Grosvener, manager of the Farmington office of the Detroit Edison company. "Our sales of floor lamps and lighting equipment this year show an unmistakable trend toward the providing of better lighting for the home. Many gifts of floor lamps were purchased at our office."

Christmas buying at the Kenn Leach Hardware showed a considerable increase over the amount purchased the year previous, according to Mr. Loomis.

Many homes in the Farmington area now have new gas ranges and Electrolux refrigerators, following an increase in the sales of these articles at Consumers Power company.

Roy Baldwin of Detroit was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele.

New Member of State Supreme Court



SADIE McLELLAN
MARRIED TO
ALVIN NICHOLSON

Supreme Court Justice Bert D. Chandler of Hudson assumes his place as a member of Michigan's highest court at the beginning of the new year, succeeding Justice Harry S. Toy.

Alvin Arthur Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Nicholson, 32100 Nine Mile Road, and Sadie McLellan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack McCollan of Pontiac, spoke their nuptial vows at a wedding service at the home of the bride's parents on Saturday morning, December 19, Rev. Savage of the Fifth Baptist Church, Pontiac, officiating. The immediate families only were present.

The bride was attractive in a wine colored chiffon velvet gown, and carried a bridal bouquet of tea roses and forget-me-nots. The bridesmaid, Lila McCollan of Bay City, an aunt of the bride, wore a light golden chiffon velvet and carried a bouquet of roses of deep yellow hue. The groom was attended by Eddie Measell, son of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Measell of East Farmington.

Following the ceremony, a wedding dinner was served by the bride's parents. The home was attractively decorated with holly and silver. The young couple will be at home to their friends at 101 Pleasant street, Pontiac. Mr. Nicholson is employed at the Fisher Body Works.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Wilson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond on Christmas day.

Two Homes Being Built; Remodel 3

Reflecting increased prosperity and the desire of metropolitan dwellers to move to smaller communities, a number of homes are being built and remodeled in the Farmington area.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bailey are now located in their recently purchased farm house on Fourteen Mile Road. They are planning extensive remodeling and modernization of the building in the near future according to the plans made by Mr. Bailey when the property was purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey both teachers in the Detroit schools came to Farmington to live about two years ago and have lived in the home of Mrs. Frances Healey on Broadbald avenue until recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walters, Miss Viola Walters and Donald celebrated Christmas day by having their first Yuletide dinner in their new brick, English type home on Oakland avenue. Mr. Walters and Donald commute to their work at Novi.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Angel are now living in their new homes on Powers avenue, constructed during the late summer and fall. Mr. Beach is employed at Dickerson's Hardware. Mr. and Mrs. Angel moved to Farmington from Pontiac. Mrs. Beach and Mrs. Angel, in addition to being neighbors, are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Smith of Newburg Road near Base Line Road are remodeling their residence which was purchased several years ago. A large fireplace with a brick exterior and stone facing on the portico in the interior of the home is one of the outstanding features of the structure. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and children moved from Detroit following their purchase of what was the tenant house on the farm that was known as the Caleb Sprague property. Mr. Smith commutes daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coon of Detroit are building an attractive new house on a slightly hilly lot on Valley View avenue. They expect to move to the new home in the spring.

Due to the recent fire at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Andrews, remodeling to the extent of new flooring in the dining room and redecorating throughout the house is being undertaken.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trombley are expecting to be able to send out invitations soon for the housewarming of their new bungalow on Grace street. The residence is in the process of construction at present.

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NEW WINTER HIGHWAY MAPS READY FOR PUBLIC

Copies of the first Winter Edition of the Official Highway Map, prepared for the motoring public by the State Highway Department in recognition of the increasing volume of winter traffic, are now available for ordering to the State Highway Department, according to Murray D. VanWagoner, State Highway Commissioner.

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Farmington May Have New Factory

A factory for the manufacture of a new type of boat motor and also a starter-generator unit of wide application, of which 10,000 are already in use, may be established in Farmington by Judge John J. Schulte of Farmington and William H. Anderson of Detroit. Mr. Anderson is the inventor of the motor and accessory.

The electrical starting motor and generator could be used in tractors, coaches to operate radios, electric fans, lights, refrigeration, air conditioning equipment, and numerous other electrical devices, according to Judge Schulte. It could also be used on farms, tourist cabins, motor boats, summer homes, and motor coaches. It is planned to use standard storage batteries.

Judge Schulte, who is counsel and is financially interested, is applying to the Michigan Securities Commission for permission to issue stock to finance the plan. Judge Schulte first became interested in the invention several years ago when he was engaged by Anderson to take charge of the legal aspects of the patent and infringements.

The starter-generator unit has been manufactured for several years by the Owen-Dynco corporation of Syracuse, New York. Three leading manufacturers of outboard motors have purchased approximately 10,000 of the units in recent years. Manufacture of the device ceased when the concern was sold to a Toledo company as the manufacturing rights, held by the Owen-Dynco corporation, were not transferable to another company.

It is also planned to manufacture a four-cycle outboard motor for boats. Two of the motors are now on display in New York shows. According to Judge Schulte, more power would be generated in the new motor than is available in the two-cycle motors now on the market.

The starter-generator unit would be attached to all of the outboard motors manufactured, Judge Schulte states. It would eliminate the cranking by means of a rope pull, the first purpose of the unit being to crank the motor and the second to generate current.

A tentative name for the company is "Detroit Outboard Electric Units Corporation" but the name may be changed later. Judge Schulte says.

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Margaret Miles is visiting her cousin Marjorie Miller at Flint.