

# The Farmington Enterprise

## Slot Machine Drive Is Under Way

A drive on slot machines and punch boards has been started by Deputy Sheriff Joe DeVriendt, Acting under orders from County Sheriff Spencer C. Howarth, the officer has visited the establishments which have had the prohibited machines and boards, and instructed them to remove the devices. Only in one instance did he find it necessary to make a second call to enforce the order, he reports.

Slot machines and like gambling materials are prohibited by State law and those who have machines are subject to the penalties imposed by the provisions of the law.

### Drive County-Wide

The drive under way is in connection with a county-wide campaign started by the county sheriff. Warnings are issued to the merchants with such machines in their places of business and they are given an opportunity to comply with the removal order, if they fail to remove the machines, legal action is taken.

Due to slot machines and other gambling devices being a highly profitable form of revenue, the drivers on these have to be removed frequently. In the past operators have waited for a time after law enforcement agencies have been active, and then started in again, seemingly on a greater scale than before.

## ARTHUR GREEN AND MARY MOORE ARE MARRIED

Arthur Wendell Green, son of Arthur and Mrs. Green of Walled Lake, and Mary Catherine Moore, daughter of George and Mrs. Moore of Romulus, are on a motor trip in the west, following their marriage Friday in Methodist Episcopal Church at Wayne. Rev. Littlejohn officiated at the ceremony.

The bride wore a gown of white satin, with a long veil, and carried a bouquet of white roses and forget-me-nots. Gwendene Roat, of St. Johns, the bridesmaid, wore white lace and had a mixed bouquet. Glenna Wolfe, of Centerline, was the flower girl. Alden Green, brother of the groom, was best man.

Following the ceremony, 80 guests attended a supper at the church. The newlyweds left the same night for their trip.

When they return they will make their home on 14 Mile road.

## "Grandpa" German To Pitch at Pontiac

Harry "Grandpa" German, 69-year-old pitcher, Farmington, well known in the Farmington area, will hurl a part of the game to be played when the Detroit Old Timers Baseball Team makes an appearance at the State Hospital at Pontiac, on July 16. The Old Timers, a traveling baseball club, whose lineup is dotted with former major leaguers, will play an All Star Team that will be chosen from the local Class A Recreation Baseball league by team managers and league officials.

Four former Detroit Tigers are included in the Old Timers roster. They are: Bobby Veach and Bob Fothergill, outfielders, Marj Cavanaugh and Frankie Fuller, infielders.

## Planned Shopping Saves; Gives More Playtime

Typical hot weather specials are the theme of this Farmington business week. Merchants offer a wide variety of real money saving values in the pages of this issue and in their stores. Read their advertisements and then plan your shopping trip. A planned trip will save you time and give you greater opportunity to enjoy yourself on pleasant summer days.

Fred L. Cook and Company feature special summer wearing apparel, just the things you need on those trips to the lakes. Blakeslee Motor Sales have the car in which to enjoy these trips, the new "chevrolet," the only completely priced so low. The Farmington State Bank offers a convenient money service for travelers. Details may be found in their ad on page three.

## Oakland County Man Begins Second Term In State Post



MURRAY D. VAN WAGONER

### Holiday Period Free of Accidents

A fourth of July free of motor accidents, the first in a number of years, is reported in the Farmington area by Deputy Sheriff Joe DeVriendt. A likely reason for the record, the Deputy suggests, is that the volume of traffic in the area was so great as to make travel at a high rate of speed impractical, thereby reducing the probability of accidents. He stated the traffic passing through Farmington City was the heaviest in history.

State Leads Nation For the second consecutive year, Michigan led the states in the number of holiday deaths. Auto accidents claimed the lives of 29 persons in the state. The toll of the nation for the holiday reached 57. This number includes deaths from drownings and firework. In addition to traffic fatalities, 40 automobile accidents were reported in Oakland County for the Independence Day holiday. The average number of accidents in the City of Pontiac: Twenty-five persons received treatment for injuries as a result of the accidents.

### Dean Parker to Head Two Owosso Churches

Dean Parker, of Farmington, was appointed to the Ashbury and Cornwall Avenue churches at Owosso, at the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Marquette recently.

Rev. N. Miner was appointed to the Walled Lake Methodist Church. Appointment of Rev. S. S. Cline to the Plymouth Methodist Church was announced at the meeting. Rev. M. L. Stevens was named to the First Church of Pontiac.

### Five Farmington Boys Enter "Soap-Box" Derby

Five Farmington entries in the annual "Soap-Box" Derby, to be held in Detroit on September 10th, were announced by the Detroit Motor Company shortly, are Elmer McCurdy, 10, Roy Nichols, 7, William E. Dalas, 12, Ray McCurdy, 12, and Bob Craft, 13.

The above-named boys have registered with Wil Blakeslee, Farmington Chevrolet Dealer, to enter the derby in Detroit. Winners at the Detroit event will travel to Akron, Ohio, for the national finals to be held in August.

## Postoffice Steps up to Second Class

Farmington Postoffice now holds second class rating in the third class, having been officially advanced to the higher classification on July 1. The raise in status accorded Farmington Postoffice is the result of increased post receipts. Receipts for the year 1936 totaled well above the \$8,000 requirement set for second class offices.

In becoming a second class office, the post office resumes that rating held from 1927 until 1932, when the office dropped back to third class. Postoffices in Farmington and Milford were raised, Oakland County having two of the eight advances in Michigan.

Employees of the post office are greatly benefited by the higher rating. For instance, they enjoy the latest personal admission and affection of a man whom millions of others throughout the world have acclaimed. And in his own home town he achieved, that well-nigh impossible distinction—was without an enemy, at least leaving behind one man, woman or child who for a moment had disliked him.

Certainly there has not been in the history of this community, or any other, a mark of more gentle and friendly regard than that which a bachelor had within him the power to do almost anything he wanted, and an insatiable eagerness to be doing a variety of things well. Whether in vacation or avocation, he applied a rare capacity for getting things done with a surprising suddenness that Will Way was doing this or that, or had a new hobby; and was doing remarkable things at it.

Known for Masonry For many years Will's hobby was Masonry, and his name and Masonry were synonymous in Farmington, Northville, and other nearby communities. His memory of lengthy rituals was little short of phenomenal, and his handling of involved degree work was a source of great pride to Farmington Masons.

Not long ago he turned to photography as a new hobby, and in a short time was making, developing and printing pictures that together formed an exhibit which would do credit to the most accomplished experts. He possessed one of the finest and most modern equipment, and was familiar with the newest developments in amateur and amateur photographic countries in foreign countries.

As with his play, so it was with his work, and it was in connection with his work that he came to win, along with another late Farmington citizen, Elmer Weston, the greatest honor of man to whom millions have paid homage, Henry Ford.

Mr. Way worked with Mr. Weston in the latter's business of plumbing. The story is told of the time when Bobford Taverner was modernizing his home some time ago. Mr. Weston and Mr. Way were selected by Mr. Ford to do the work. But it was no ordinary plumbing job. Probably the motor magazine whose acquaintances in the area, around Grand River and Eight Mile are modernizing their homes in Bobford Taverner there were to be steam-boilers for hot food, and the steam was to be taken from the boilers, and not made specially, in accordance with Mr. Ford's well-known ideas of conservation of energy and economy of space.

There were other problems, numerous and difficult ones, of kindred nature, to be solved in carrying out Mr. Ford's ideas. A Long Task So for over a year the two men (Continued on Page 4)

## Two Citizens Say 'The Fourth Is The Fourth'—and Display Flags on Sunday

When residents of the neighborhood and passing motorists along West Grand River in Farmington Sunday saw American flags flying in front of two of the homes on the avenue, it caused curiosity for in no other place were flags to be seen. Although Sunday was July 4, no one else seemed to regard it also as the Fourth of July, the anniversary of the Nation's independence, because under State law the following day, Monday, is designated as a legal holiday.

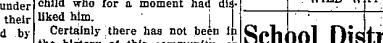
Thus it seemed strange to pass by and see the two lone banners flying in front of the homes of Clinton Wilber, 3934 Grand River, and his north side, and Herman Dietrich who lives in the last row of houses on the south side, half a block farther out. On turning the matter over in one's mind, however, one had to admit that perhaps it wasn't Mr. Wilber and Mr. Dietrich who were out of step, but

"all were out of step but them". After all, wasn't Sunday July 4, and wasn't it the anniversary of American independence, regardless of the day of the week? It is the custom to display the flag, "Yes sir," said Mr. Dietrich Sunday afternoon, "This is the Fourth of July, whether it's Sunday or any other day. The Fourth of July is the Fourth of July, and because people decided to celebrate it on Monday doesn't make any difference. We're flying our flag today, July 4, and we'll fly it tomorrow—I guess we can't display the flag too many too often, anyway; good citizens, can we?"

Exactly similar sentiments were expressed by Mr. Wilber, who likewise had his flag up both days. "It happens," said Mr. Wilber, "that when legal holidays fall on Sundays, the State law provides that Monday is observed as a legal holiday, and courts and banks and post-offices are closed. But that doesn't affect the anniversary date. We put our flag up Sunday. For one thing, we want folks to know we are good Americans, and proud to be citizens of the United States. Meanwhile, the display of flags in the business section seemed, as the saying goes, to have fallen between two stools." With either or both of the days on which flags might have been put, the display made by placid flagpoles in the holders provided along the sidewalks in the business section on each national holiday was missing both days. How the slip-up occurred no one seems to know.

## Community Mourns Loss Of Beloved 'Will' Way

Farmington is mourning the loss of one of the best loved, most capable and versatile citizens in its history—the man known to everybody affectionately as "Will" Way. His death might be chronicled as but the passing of an obscure, even though extraordinarily capable artisan and craftsman, one of the almost disappeared type of men who could "do anything," and loved to. But though he was known only in a few communities outside his own, his fame was not so obscure either, though it was of an unusual kind. For instance, he enjoyed the lasting personal admiration and affection of a man whom millions of others throughout the world have acclaimed. And in his own home town he achieved, that well-nigh impossible distinction—was without an enemy, at least leaving behind one man, woman or child who for a moment had disliked him.



WILL WAY

## School Districts Prepare To Meet

Absence of any controversial issues in any of the 11 school districts holding meetings Monday, July 12, is expected to result in short sessions of all electors. No. 2 Southfield District, in Farmington No. 1 School District, No. 5 fractional Clarenceville, one trustee is to be elected. The Walled Lake district will select one trustee, while Noble District No. 6, is to name two. No. 2 Livonia Township District, Pleasanton School, is also meeting to elect two trustees. In No. 1 Novi District a treasurer's position is to be decided.

Two trustee positions will be decided in No. 8 Novi District. In No. 9 Southfield District two trustees are also to be chosen. In No. 6 fractional, Bond District, two trustees are to be named. A treasurer's position is to be filled in No. 4 Fairview District. The position of moderator is to be decided at the meeting of No. 3 (Thayer) District.

Annual meetings of the electors of the school districts besides naming new members to the school boards of the various districts, also take up any vital issue relative to the school.

## City Streets Receiving Oil Treatment

Farmington City streets are being given an oil treatment in an effort to curb the annual summer dust menace. Commissioner of Streets Harry Hutton announces that 10,000 gallons of oil are being used at present, with an additional 10,000 gallons ordered to be used later. The work is being done by city employees. Oil treating the streets is an annual practice in Farmington.

## Vic Blakeslee To Donate Bicycle

Vic Blakeslee, Farmington Chevrolet dealer, is to donate a bicycle or its equivalent in cash to the boy or girl selling the most tickets for the American Legion annual Gala Day. The contest ends September 2, and in order to qualify for the award, the entrant must sell at least 75 tickets.

Tickets may be secured at the homes of Commander Erwin F. Plettenberg, 23031 Maple avenue, and from Edward J. Miller.

## Big Trailer Plant Burns To Ground

Burned to the ground by fire of unknown origin Wednesday night, the ultra-modern plant of the Traveler Company on Eight Mile road east of Grand River, one of the largest factories in this area, is a mass of smoking ruins, while plans are rushed for building of a new structure to replace the one lost. The same site, on Eight Mile and Evergreen roads, will be utilized.

A score of new, recently-completed trailers which were in the plant at the time, forms one of the largest items of the loss, which is only partially covered by insurance.

Parking by numerous curious motorists of their cars in some places four rows deep, so blocked Eight Mile road that when Redford Fire Department arrived, the men were unable to reach the blaze with their trucks, and had to stand helplessly and see the factory burn. Many drivers had not only parked their cars along the highway, preventing ingress to the company's property, but many drivers had locked the doors of their machines could not be pushed out of the way.

"Called Fireproof" Despite the fact that the building was new and of construction called "fire-proof," not a wall was left standing Thursday morning. J. P. Malley, president, and C. P. Stranahan, vice-president, immediately announced plans to re-build and go forward with as little interruption of business as possible.

## LEADS DEPUTY ON 16 MILE CHASE; PAYS \$15 FINE

Arrested after a 16-mile chase from Farmington past South Lyon, and later pleading guilty to charge of reckless driving, Vernon E. Priest, 324 E. Lake road, South Lyon, was fined \$15 at his trial held Tuesday in Municipal Judge Schutte's court.

Deputy Sheriff Joe DeVriendt arrested Priest Wednesday June 30, and ordered him to appear the latter part of that week. Priest failed to make an appearance and DeVriendt had to go to South Lyon Tuesday to bring him in.

Priest was arrested after a start-up by Deputy DeVriendt starting in Farmington on Grand River avenue, and ending just south of the railroad tracks beyond South Lyon. During the chase over a gravel stretch, the stones raised by the wheels of the speeding car broke the lenses in the headlights of the deputy's machine. Priest was traveling at 80 miles per hour on most of the 16-mile stretch. When finally overtaken by DeVriendt, he offered the explanation that he did not know it was a police car following him and said he thought it was just another driver trying to pass him. Rather than "eat someone else's dust" he decided to stay ahead of the pursuing car and he had an 80-mile speed passing thru stop signs. It all cost him \$15.

Fined \$5 George Bonner, of Detroit, was fined \$5 at his trial also held Tuesday in Judge Schutte's court. Bonner was arrested Sunday, June 27, while attempting to pass a line of cars on a hill. He pleaded guilty to the charge and paid the fine rather than serve a jail sentence.

## Garden Club Holds Last Summer Meeting

Members of the Farmington Garden Club gathered at the home of Mrs. Frank Zeboralek, "Shady Nook," Tuesday for their last meeting of the summer.

A picnic luncheon was served on the spacious grounds of the residence. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Clarence Johnson, club president, Mrs. Max Hueltl presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Elmer Dohany, of Base Line road, extended an invitation to members of the club to visit the pool at her home and see the water lilies in bloom. The members accepted and Wednesday, July 14, was set as the date of the visit.

The first autumn meeting of the organization will be held at the home of Mrs. Warren Joy, 30735 Grand River avenue, on October 4.

Construction of a new home is under way west of Farmington for Frederick E. Searle "of Detroit. All mason, sewerage, and cement work is being done by Charles Miller and William Greger.



REV. DELMER STUBBS

Rev. Delmer Stubbs will continue as pastor of Farmington M. E. Church for another year, having been re-appointed to that position at the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Marquette recently, in addition to receiving the Farmington appointment. Rev. Stubbs was re-elected treasurer of the conference. This makes his eighth year in that office.

Rev. Stubbs replaced Rev. Fred A. Lendrum in the pulpit of the Farmington M. E. Church on July 12. Prior to receiving the Farmington appointment he had pastored at both South Lyon and New Hudson for five years. The Methodist Church in Farmington is his third charge since entering the ministry.