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Belcher To Serve 5 to 15 Years

Marlin Belcher, 25, of Farmington Township, will spend from five to fifteen years in prison, following his sentencing by Judge George B. Hartwick in circuit court this week.

Belcher was convicted recently following a jury trial on a charge of breaking and entering in the night time. He was arrested for stealing a quantity of hams and bacon from the smoke house on the William B. Chase farm in Novi township last August.

Sheriff's officers allege Belcher had been guilty of numerous cottage robberies around Farmington. Following his arrest the sheriff's officers brought in a truck load of alleged stolen goods.

"I regret to say your previous conduct and your attitude since you have been in jail have not been good," Judge Hartwick commented. "You have made statements about what you are going to do when you get out. Your release from prison will be entirely dependent on when you change your attitude and conduct yourself so you can gain credit. There is no intention on my part to be hard with you."

Belcher tried to run away from prisoners who were being taken from the jail to the court house on the opening day of the present term. He managed to slip from his wrist a handcuff with which he had been fastened to a chain to which a number of other prisoners had been handcuffed. He walked a short distance on Huron street before deputy Ward Cornell caught up with him and took him into custody.

Belcher has a wife and a baby born last fall.

CATHERINE GAUL TO PRESENT PIANO RECITAL

J. Bertram Bell, Director of the Detroit Conservatory of Music, will present Catherine Gaul in a piano recital, assisted by the Sacred Evangelical Choir and Miss Quatrine on Wednesday evening, May 1, beginning at 8:30 in the Sacred Evangelical church.

Mrs. Gaul will play Beethoven Sonata op. 27 No. 2, Liebestraum by Liszt, Mazurka in B flat and Prelude in D flat by Chopin, Scherzo in E minor by Rachmaninoff and Grieg's Concerto in A minor, Allegro Moderato.

Vocal selections will include "Welcome, Sweet Springtime," "The Spacious Firmament," "O Morn of Beauty" (from Finlandia), "Omn As the Night, Fairly Moonlight and Sweet and Soft."

Choir members participating in the concert are Mrs. Lenore Gildmeister, Mrs. Elliot Foster, Mrs. N. Barrons, Mrs. Ella Foster, Mrs. Emma Gildmeister, Mrs. B. Foster, Mrs. N. Esch, Mrs. Henry S. Low, Elliot Tyler, Leo Gildmeister, Norman Barrons, George Gildmeister and Edward Way. Mrs. Lenore Gildmeister is the Director of the choir.

The public is cordially invited to this recital.

GARDEN CLUB TO SPONSOR TREE PLANTING

The Farmington Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association are sponsoring the planting of one thousand evergreen seedlings, secured through the State Reforestation Department, on the South hill by the athletic field by the Farmington Girl Scouts. Mrs. Howard Richards, Conservation chairman, assisted by Mrs. E. Whitman, Mrs. Henry Otis and Mrs. W. J. Spicer are planning a special program when planting day.

P.T.A. Bake Sale At Pauline's Market

The Farmington Parent Teachers' Association will hold a bake sale on Saturday morning, May 3, at Pauline's Market. The sale will begin at nine o'clock and there will be a large assortment of baked goods to choose from. At your Saturday morning baking, it's easy way this week.

Ten More Farmington Men To Leave for Army Camp

Ten more men from Farmington and the surrounding area will leave Thursday, May 2, to be inducted into the army. Those who will start their year of military training are Harold F. Duffell, Joseph Jackson, Ernest W. Ham, John S. Considine, Roy A. Rosenbloom, Peter Doble, Clarence H. Manzel, Allen G. Mroek, Frank Vugrin and George H. Davis.

A number of draftees from Walled Lake will also be inducted on May 3. Included are Archie L. Marsh, a volunteer, Benjamin T. Green, Joseph Jednak, Claude L. Harcourt, Joseph W. Chuhman, Bruce Campion, Raymond G. Seeley, Howard J. Beagle, John L. Hilliard, and George O. Arahamb.

Novi residents are John H. Moyer and Herman A. Smith.

Draft Board No. 8, in which all

eligible men of Farmington and the surrounding area are registered, is continuing to send out questionnaires at a faster than average rate. This week questionnaires were sent to the following men, order numbers 3,776 through 3,925:

Louis L. Charbonneau, William A. Miller, Edwin L. Hyatt, George Zenn, Leo F. Stites, Edward Barnes, Albert L. Smith, Schuyler George, Jr., William H. Dye, Julius W. Kreuzer, Ernest R. Sulkowski, Leo Enall Krause, Robert Elmer Gray, Jesse F. Grimm, Arthur E. Ryckman, Harold J. Vance, Omar J. Breyer, Robert J. Ben-Isur G. Anderson, William H. Madill, Ronald F. Tousseau, Arthur R. Russ, Clarence E. Kerr, Arthur C. Goffin, William G. Léa-ville, Herschel O. Asbury, James C. Peagles, Leo Frederic Boe, Lytle E. See, Charles B. Perry, Jr., Edward H. Shafer, Edwin Dunn, Jack G. Gray, Joseph Seddon, W. C. La-Montagne, Jr., Earl Wilton, Basil W. Farley, Warren F. Cloutier, Jack L. Kinsey, Ray L. Carpenter, Roy E. Barmes, Morey W. Lipke, Ross E. Gilman, William H. Wohl, Don Smith, Alfred A. J. Doll, Donald A. Huxon, Harold P. Jensen, Eldon E. Huff, John C. Lemon, Jr., Lester J. Shelters, Alwyn N. White, David L. Deneen, Wilbur Shilp, Paul R. Fitzpatrick, Willie M. Swanson, William C. Kigley, Francis W. Gohl, Harry J. Tiffany, Jr., Vernon F. Richards.

George W. Smith, Harold R. Armstrong, Chester P. Wolfe, Lyle E. Dedman, Arthur A. Koglin, John F. Helster, Elbert F. Strain, George W. Kinney, Charles H. Tollenear, Martin Worbl, Robert R. Smith, Arthur N. Phillips, Edward J. Slentz, Orrville H. Potter, Ira S. Cheeseman, Mathias Winkler, Fred G. Menke, Robert L. Reynolds, Edwin L. Welch, Joseph C. Collins, Paul E. Nelson, Leslie H. Parrish, Malcolm R. McArthur, Clarence R. Schmidt, Wilbur E. Kelster, Wendell H. Green, William B. Campbell, Arthur T. Graham, Eldrick T. Drocher, Frank J. M. Sheppard, Robert B. Poole, Richard Barrow, Vernon R. Kay, Don A. McCallum, Harold C. Melloy, Howard A. Benedict, Robert M. Ehlert, Paul H. Biller, Bert Losko, August Moss, Jr., Marvin Left, Robert Charles J. Andrews, Neil McPherson, Launcs, M. McR. Clossett, Francis H. Green, Leon R. Marsh, Lloyd L. Nicolay, Eamer Left, Digsby, Clayton A. Curian, Chester R. Huntley, William Reynolds, Claude R. Lay, William B. McIntyre, Donald D. Miller, Walter A. Lane.

Ronald Clarence Hoy, Charles E. Jehle, Loda G. Lewis, Harry R. Dean, Gilbert M. Reid, Hector C. Doungall, Louis C. Goodrich, W. Ryan, Carl P. Stevens, Alfred C. W. H. Arterburn, Robert W. Craig, Merwyn G. Winton, Elmer J. Kandi, Tauno Alatalo, Ossyion G. Lee, James O. Brock, Jr., William McGraw, Archie L. Marsh, Cyril B. Rodman, Hampton D. G. Jones, D. H. Willis, Oscar W. Henderson, Otto Hundley, Jerome P. Cloutier, Otto M. Witt, Harold E. Tott, Milton J. Opie, Jr., Martin E. Glick, John Struhenshl, Jr., George E. Colles, Wilbur A. Ross and Milton J. Fowler.

McKay, who has taught at Farmington high school for the past four years, has accepted a job as salesman with the Brown, Bigelow Advertising Company of Minneapolis. He will work out of the Detroit agency.

Griffith resigned to accept a teaching position with a junior college in Vermont. He had taught Mathematics at the school here for the past three years.

Both men had received contracts to teach next year at Farmington, Superintendent Dunkel disclosed. Both plan to remain here until the close of school this spring.

Robert Smallwood Enlists in Marines

The Marine Corps Recruiting Office announces the enlistment this week of Robert James Smallwood of 20388 Louise street, Farmington. He is the ward of Mrs. Katharine Bourke.

Having been trained in demolition work while serving with the Civilian Conservation Corps, Private Smallwood will request assignment to one of the Engineer Units of the Marine Corps when he has completed recruit training. While serving with the Marines, he will have the opportunity to enroll in the Marine Corps Institute and study any of 125 different divisions of knowledge to attain one of the Marine service trade schools. This educational opportunity is available to all men serving with the Marine Corps.

Private Smallwood has been transferred to the Recruit Depot, Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C. where he will receive the basic training for all Marines, completing his training in rifle and pistol marksmanship.

Farmington Stores Are Getting Ready for Summer

It won't be long before you are scratching your head over what to buy for the graduate. The occasion calls for a very special gift and the place to find them is Van Burg's jewelry shop in Farmington. They have a large selection of quality watches—handsome gifts for either boy or girl.

What to do on a spring evening, the Civic Theatre and the play will be royally entertained. The shows are always good and those luxurious seats assure you perfect comfort. On Friday and Saturday the Civic will show a double feature program consisting of "The Vigilantes" with Franchot Tone and Andy Devine and "The Lone Wolf Keeps a Date" with Warren William in the title role. Coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday is "Western Union" in Technicolor, with Randolph Scott and Robert Young, plus Ann Southern in another "Mafie" picture, "Mafie" was a Lady. A special article "Greece Fights Back" will also be shown on these three days.

The musical show "No, No, Nanette" is the feature attraction on Wednesday and Thursday, which are merchants family nights. Starred in the show are Anna Neagle and Richard Carlson. Coming Saturday, Monday and Tuesday is "The Great Train Robbery" with Bob Steele and Monte Blue.

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Fire Damages Factory At Novi

The combination of roaring flames and water from fire hoses caused damages Monday afternoon at the Novi Equipment Co. estimated at \$50,000. Four fire departments, including Farmington's, combined to fight the blaze. A gas mask squad from Detroit was also called in an effort to extinguish the fire.

Firemen and company officials said a spark from the machinery ignited a paint vat. Fumes from the burning paint department hampered the efforts of the firemen.

Fire departments answering the call were from Plymouth, Northville, Walled Lake and Farmington. Members of the Detroit department, equipped with gas masks, succeeded in working flames to the main blaze.

Water Curses Damage Officials reported much of the damage resulted from water. They said the plant would be reopened by Friday or Saturday of this week. It manufactures heaters and small parts for the Ford Motor Company.

One fire fighter, Michael Smith, was overcome with fumes and moved to Seasons hospital at Northville for treatment.

DOTY OUTLINES DANGERS WHICH THREATEN AMERICA

Program for the meeting of the Exchange Club Wednesday noon at the Methodist church will be under the direction of Dr. G. Frank Weaver. His plans have not been completed for the meeting. Dr. Weaver said.

Members of the club heard a highly interesting talk at their meeting Wednesday by Judge Frank L. Doty, senior judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, Pontiac.

The trials and hardships which threaten the Democracy of America were discussed by Judge Doty in his talk. What Americans can do to assure the strength of the American way of life, now being threatened by totalitarianism, was explained by Judge Doty in his talk entitled "Can Democracy Survive?"

J-HOP "GOES NAUTICAL" FRIDAY NIGHT

The Junior Class of Farmington High School will present their annual J-Hop on Friday evening, May 2, at the High School Gymnasium.

A particular interest in the J-Hop is shown this year, due to the novel decorations being used. The theme of a ship will be carried throughout, with life boats, anchors, wheels, etc. It is even hinted that strange monsters of the dark depths will be there! All decorations have been made in the school.

Music will be furnished by the Savoy Club Orchestra, a very fine group of ten musicians and two vocalists. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Junior Class, or at the door.

Remember the date—Friday night, May 2, with dancing beginning at nine o'clock. All hands on deck for the J-Hop.

Altar Society Holds Breakfast May 11

The ladies of the Altar Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish are serving a breakfast on Mother's Day, May 11, in the School Hall on Grand River avenue. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 until 12 o'clock, and everyone is invited.

Civic Theatre to Crown Two More Yo-Yo Champions

Two more "yo-yo" champions will be awarded prizes of a sweater each at the Civic Theatre Saturday afternoon, according to master E. J. Hohler. In addition the world's champion "yo-yo" twirler will appear on the stage, Hohler said.

"Greece Fights Back" to Be Shown at Civic

A timely new arrival entitled "Greece Fights Back" will be shown Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Civic Theatre. The new arrival gives a first-hand account of the battle put up by the Greeks against the invading Hitler forces.

Students to Receive Aid In Securing Employment

Students of Farmington high school who wish training in either retail selling or office work will have an opportunity to receive this training next year, according to an announcement made this week by Superintendent O. E. Dunkel. Students who desire to take the regular commercial courses offered in the four high schools may continue their training in their fourth year to learn by actual selling experience under the new set up.

The course will be similar to the one offered during the past three years by Grady McKay. The new course will be extended however, to include actual office work training for those students who desire such jobs after they leave high school.

The students will study regular commercial subjects such as general business, business arithmetic, business English, typing and bookkeeping, until they reach the eleventh grade. Those students who want to take the special cooperative courses in the twelfth grade will be given an aptitude course, and if they qualify will be allowed to take up this work under a special co-ordinator.

Will Be Given Jobs They will be placed in actual selling or office jobs and will also receive instructions at school at certain hours of the day. The co-operative retail selling and office practice programs will be continued in one year of post-graduate work under the co-ordinator, Mr. Dunkel said.

The four-year curriculum will be arranged as follows: Ninth grade—general business and business arithmetic; Tenth grade—business English and economical geography; Eleventh grade—business shorthand, bookkeeping and retail selling and Twelfth grade—co-operative retail selling and co-operative office practice.

Snyder in Army Medical Unit

Robert F. Snyder, a private in the army since his induction on April 7, has been transferred to the Medical Department of the 121st Field Artillery, where he will receive an X-ray Technician's course. According to word received by his parents here, Bob was one of thirteen picked from his entire company to take the course.

Snyder was inducted at Detroit, went to Camp Grant, Illinois, and was transferred to Camp Livingston, Louisiana. His interest and experience in medicine, gained through training at the Ford hospital, influenced army officials to select him as one of those to take the intensive medical training course. He received high recommendation from doctors at Ford hospital.

Snyder is taking the course at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, one of the largest army hospitals in the United States.

MARY JOHNSON TO HEAD PAST MATRONS' CLUB

The Past Matrons Club of Farmington Chapter No. 229, O.E.S., held their annual meeting at DeWitt's on Thursday, with Mrs. Josephine McGee, Mrs. Georgia Walters and Mrs. Mae West in charge of arrangements. The retiring president concluded her duties, and announced the officers for the following year as follows: President, Mrs. Mary Johnson; Vice-president, Mrs. Mae West; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Webster. Mrs. Georgia Walters will have charge of transportation.

Mrs. Ada Clark of Detroit invited the club to her home for the meeting on May 22.

Catholic Children Take Part in May Crowning

Two hundred school children took part in a very impressive coronation Thursday evening in Our Lady of Sorrows church. The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady and to show their love for the Mother of God these children came dressed in Blue and White to sing the hymn "Hail Mary."

Because she has been outstanding in her devotion to Mary, Carmen Brunette, a student from the eighth grade was chosen to do the crowning. Joseph Regan of the same class led the Act of Consecration. Donald Stephen, a little first grader carried the pillow and crown and the pages were James Hoefel and Robert Dompiere.

Father John Larkin gave an inspiring talk on "Mary and the part she plays in our lives."

The services ended with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pierson P.T.A. Holds Quiz Program

The Pierson Parent Teachers Association meeting held last Thursday evening was the scene of a quiz activity. A quiz program was held, and Mrs. Margaret Martin was the happy winner of the basket of groceries donated by Charlie's Market. Several other prizes were awarded to runners-up.

The next Parent Teachers meeting will be held a week earlier than usual, because of the summer vacation. The meeting will be Thursday evening, May 15.

Date Set For School Election

The annual election of the Farmington School Board, District No. 5, will be held Monday, June 9, according to Mrs. Norman C. Lee, secretary.

The term of Spencer J. Heene expires this year.

Qualified electors must register before they will be eligible to vote. Registrations will be accepted at the office of Superintendent O. E. Dunkel on school day after May 1 and until May 31.

Hours for registration are between 1 p. m. and 4 p. m. On May 31 the registration place will be moved to the office of City Clerk Harry W. Moore, where persons may register between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Candidates for election to the Board of Education must be nominated by a petition signed by not less than 50 registered school electors. These petitions must be filed with Mrs. Lee between the dates of May 10 and May 24. Petitions will not be accepted before or after these dates. Mrs. Lee said.

Nominating petitions can be obtained from Mrs. Lee. Registration officials are Superintendent O. E. Dunkel, Eleanor Meaher, Harry Moore and members of the School Board. Other members of the Board are Howard M. Warner, Dr. Z. R. Ascheil-Brenner and Paul Schreiber.

ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB IS WEDNESDAY

The Woman's Club held a well attended meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred L. Cook last week. The meeting observed Girl Scout Day, and a wonderful program was given by the Kilecamp family, who presented a varied musical program.

The next meeting will be a pot luck luncheon, and annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Frances Way on Wednesday, May 7. Members are asked to bring their own table service. The luncheon will be held at one o'clock.

The 9th annual Adult Education Institute opened Monday at Ann Arbor, at the Horace Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan. Sessions will continue through Friday evening. One of the highlights was the appearance of Carl Sandburg, who spoke Tuesday morning and again at the noon luncheon. Other prominent people will be in attendance for the 50th anniversary of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs.

Sea Scouts Plan Dance And Program at Pontiac

Farmington Sea Scout troop will participate in a Sea Scout Ball on Friday, May 9, at Pontiac, announces John W. Hunt, neighborhood scout commissioner.

The affair, to take place in the Pontiac Elks' Club, is held annually in order that members of the various Sea Scout Ships in Oakland and Macomb counties may meet in a social and musical event.

Excellent orchestras are procured and the Sea Scouts attend in full uniform while their "lady friends" attend in formal dress. The Ball is presented by what is known as a Bridge of Honor, which is the regular ship boarding ceremony, after which the Council Commodore presents the various skippers with their ship advancement awards and the Sea Scouts with their individual advancement badges.

Because the tickets are widely in demand only a small number are available in Farmington. Commissioner Hunt said. Individuals desiring to attend should contact Skipper Wesley Goodfellow or telephone Mr. Hunt for reservations.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS MEET MONDAY EVENING

The Farmington Young Republican Club will meet on Monday evening, May 5, at the home of the president, Gordon Vacker.

Last week, on Thursday, the members and their friends enjoyed the showing of movies by the Michigan State Police, at the High School Cafeteria.

Gildmeister Barn Damaged by Fire

Fire Sunday afternoon destroyed a large storage barn on the rear of the Gildmeister property back of the Farmington Mills. The barn was used for storage purposes by both the Detroit Edison Co., and the Precise Tool and Manufacturing Co.

A fire started on the roof of the building. How it started is not known but it is believed that sparks from a nearby trash burner were carried by the wind to the roof. Most of the contents of the barn were destroyed or damaged.