

OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS

Instead of receiving \$25,001.55 remaining due on a land contract for the sale of Troy Township by Mrs. Anna Elizabeth McBride, will receive only her widow's dower in it. Judge Glenn C. Gillespie decided Friday in an order handed down in the circuit court. The lands belong in the estate of Joseph McBride, the court ruled. The case had been appealed from the Probate Court.

Cyril Burling, 22 years old, of Millersville, was to appear for trial today in the court of Justice Harry B. Kinney on a charge of striking a neighbor, Mrs. W. Musick. Burling, who was arrested by Deputy Fred McFarland, pleaded not guilty Friday upon his arraignment before Justice Kinney. His wife was held in bond of \$300.

Oakland County deputy sheriffs today were searching for thieves who broke into a barbeque stand, on the Elizabeth Lake road and stole cigars, candy, cigarettes and a radio, valued at \$150.

A thief who leisurely ransacked the Clarkson Variety Store Thursday night, stealing several items, including a pair of mer- chandise, escaped, leaving only a beeper chain, deputy sheriffs investigating the theft report. The report of the theft was made by H. Soubly, the store manager.

Mrs. Sarah Vinton Sutton, a resident of Holly most of her life, died Thursday night at the age of 76. Funeral services were held Monday at the home of Mrs. Sutton. Her daughter, Mrs. Earl Gordon, was in the Rose Center Cemetery.

Lieut. Bert Horle of the Ferndale fire department is in Highland Park General hospital, with a compound fracture of the right leg, just above the ankle, sustained Saturday when he fell from a fire truck while answering an alarm.

Boats were riding the rear of the truck which was answering an alarm to an automobile fire at Woodward avenue and Nine-mile road.

Collection of 1930-1931 Oak Park village taxes started Monday, the first time in the short history of the village that tax collections have started on time. The taxes are due Aug. 15.

Following an illness of the last eight years, Stephen A. Reid, 82 years old, resident of Oxford for more than 50 years, died June 12 in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Charles Bloomer. Mr. Reid was known as one of the county's staunchest Democrats, and at various times held public office in Oxford. He was also a farmer for many years in the vicinity of Lake Orion.

Five playgrounds in southern Oakland County, two of them in Royal Oak, will be opened next Monday for children of the southern Oakland County communities. The playgrounds will be financed through the Couzens' Children Fund of Michigan. Robert L. Fowl, director of recreation in Ferndale, has been appointed director of the playgrounds.

The largest class in history of Rochester High School Friday night received diplomas in the course of commencement exercises held in the school auditorium with more than 700 in attendance. Thirty-six seniors received diplomas.

Prof. W. D. Henderson of the University of Michigan was the speaker.

Lewis J. Mitchell, a prominent Holly township farmer, was fatally injured, and his wife and Mrs. Mary Beckhoven, of Flint, were seriously injured in an automobile accident near Rockford, 12 miles north of Grand Rapids, Friday afternoon.

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At a meeting of Community House Board of Directors, of Rochester last week it was decided to do away with the services of a director for the summer months. This decision was brought about in an effort to economize at the House and to decide whether or not the services of a director are needed at all times.

Ell Shaver, age 72, 603 South Washington avenue, Royal Oak, was killed at 4:15 p. m. Friday when he was struck by a Grand Trunk railroad freight train while crossing the railroad tracks between Center and Fourth streets.

Demands for the return of \$3,600 or one half of the township improvement highway tax levied and collected on village property have been decided by the Rochester village council Monday night. According to recent state laws, the township has been illegally collecting and retaining money from taxpayers for nearly four years.

Farmington's City tax rate will be the same for 1930 as it was during the past year, \$16 a thousand, it was decided by vote of the City Commission.

The Commission also has approved the proposed City budget for the coming year.

The \$16 tax rate will bring

the City less revenue than a year ago, since there has been a loss in the valuation of the city. The valuation this year is \$2,632,739, as compared with \$2,630,760, a loss of \$19,979. However, it is expected that the revenue will be ample to cover the City's needs.

John Harrington, who pleaded guilty in circuit court two weeks ago to murdering his brother-in-law, Edward Harrison, in Southfield township, was sentenced to from 10 to 15 years in Jackson by Judge Frank L. Covert today. The charge was changed to manslaughter after Judge Covert heard testimony from witnesses this morning. Harrison died in a Redford hospital several days after he was shot during a family quarrel.

A sensational finish of a highly successful season was made when the Rochester high school track team walked over all opponents at the Tri-County track and field meet held at Oxford, and gathered in a total of 62 1/2 points while the nearest competitor, Lapeer, finished with 28 points. Oxford brought in third place with 26 1/2 points.

The Royal Oak police department will have a new Ford phaeton in which to catch those who break the speed laws of the city and George Landgraf, assistant city engineer in charge of water supply, will have another car to use in pursuit of his duties.

St. James of Ferndale won the baseball championship of the third division of the Southern Michigan Catholic High School League when it defeated St. Mary's of Royal Oak, 7 to 5, in a post-season game.

FRANKLIN

Harry Bayner, who underwent an operation recently at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at Pontiac, has returned to his home.

The Franklin Girl Scouts gave a demonstration of the work of the Little Mother's League, a branch of the county health organization, Tuesday in the store building, formerly occupied by the Robinson Co. of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bingham and family attended a picnic of the Birmingham Post Office employees, at the Michigan State Park No. 10 near Highland, Sunday.

The Franklin Girl Scouts will sponsor a bake sale, Saturday, at a special booth at the Community Hall.

Mary Ethel Bingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bingham, has returned from the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, at Pontiac where she underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mason and family attended the funeral of Mr. Mason's uncle, William Chapman, of Detroit, Saturday.

Mrs. Archie Gray and children, have returned to their home here, after spending several weeks at the home of Mrs. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson, at Oak, 7 to 5, in a post-season game.

BIG BEAVER

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daley, formerly of Big Beaver, are now residing on Virginia avenue, Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Button of Port Huron are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren James of Rochester road.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Clarke Eckfield and son, Kenyon, and Mrs. N. Owens of Royal Oak were Monday evening guests at the Howell home on Rochester road.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ford, Mr. Palmer Howlett, Mr. Robert Ford, Milton and Melvin Ford, and Dixie Macom spent the week end at the Ford summer home at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hunt Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClellan and Mrs. L. M. Maiter and daughter, Frances were recent guests of Mrs. Theresa Harris and family.

Miss Mildred Howlett of Rochester road was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hinchman of Ferndale Thursday evening. After spending the winter at Tampa, Fla. They were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Ford at the latter's home on the Sixteen-Mile road.

Mrs. Jean Martin of Detroit and Mrs. Carl Tellshaw, of Pontiac, were Sunday guests

of Mr. and Mrs. Warren James of Rochester road.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Maiter and daughter, Vivian, of Clawson, were Sunday guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. Manier, of Boyd avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry James attended the latter's brother's wedding at Port Huron Saturday afternoon.

The Misses Ethel Howlett and Ruth Popkey will leave Thursday morning with the Oak Ridge senior class for an eight or 10-day tour to Washington, D. C. and several places of interest.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold a picnic at the Bloomer State Park Wednesday. All women are invited. They will meet at the church at 10 a. m.

Children's Day exercises were held Sunday at 10 o'clock at the Methodist Church. The program was very interesting, consisting of solos, recitations, and dialogues. The program was followed by a

parade of Sunday School children led by the Boy Scouts of Oak Ridge and Big Beaver schools.

The same faculty will remain at the Big Beaver school next semester, beginning Sept. 2. They are: The Misses Helen Schairer, Helen Biles, Ruth Conrad, Lottie Rice, Ethel Simms, Mildred Christensen, Elizabeth Baker, and Mrs. Hester McCulloch; Nyle H. Jessup, principal, and Stuart K. Baker, superintendent.

The Eckstein-Lakie baseball team defeated the Miller and Lorve Beavers, 7-6, in their Sunday contest. The visitors scored six runs in the eighth inning. Glenn Jones, visiting pitcher, allowed six hits. Eckstein-Lakie—7 runs, 9 hits, 3 errors; Big Beaver—6 runs, 6 hits, and 3 errors.

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