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MAN HIT BY AUTO, KILLED

Southfield Farmer Meets Death in Nightly Walk On Telegraph Road

Funeral services were held here Saturday afternoon for Ollie Frank Farmer, 43 years old, Southfield farmer, who was instantly killed when struck by an automobile when taking his night walk along Telegraph road near Thirteen Mile road, William A. Guiger, 130 Josephine street, Flint, the driver of the car, was not held.

The fatal accident occurred Wednesday night of last week. The body was brought to Birmingham by Coroner G. Dewey Kimball where it remained unidentified until early Friday morning, after Farmer's father, missing his son, had asked sheriff's deputies in Royal Oak to institute a search. According to the statement made by Guiger to Assistant Prosecutor (Turn to Page 5, this section)



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Europaragraphs

By W. Stoddard White

(The Eclectic's roving reporter recounts his observations up to the time he arrives in the British Isles.)

One of the most pleasant days of the Continent was spent on the dikes of Holland in a little steu-trip from Amsterdam north to Alkmaar along the edges of the Zuider Zee. For the most part the roads stretched along the tops of dikes, and we had a glorious afternoon in the soft sunshine on the grassy banks.

However, it was not until we reached the islands of the province of Zeeland that we realized we were really seeing Holland. Contrasted with the peoples of the Isle of Marken and of Volendam, the Zeelanders wear their costumes solely as everyday dress rather than to attract any tourist trade. Truly a trip over the two great ferries to the island's good brick roads is worth it to any motorist.

Here we saw the lands that in the 1400's, when they were inundated, earned the name of "Drowned lands," and the solid construction that looked like the one the little Dutch boy saved by placing a thumb in a hole. So careful are the Zeelanders that they receive a second inundation and they themselves are wiped out that they have built above railroad lines gates like canal lock gates, which can be closed to prevent the spread of a flood of water.

Before driving southwest to Zeeland we had spent two nights in The Hague, the little country's capital. We went, as a matter of course, to the great beach of Scheveningen, just a few miles outside the city, where there are beautiful sand beaches and second inland where railroad lines gates like canal lock gates, which can be closed to prevent the spread of a flood of water.

Let no one tell me henceforth that Belgium is a small country north of France which is level, uninteresting—for I know better. In the parts along the seashore we certainly found further and Holland-like life, but back inland, particularly toward France, we came across mountains, cliffs, and deep valleys. Along the Meuse we stopped for one especially fine view, and later spent the night by the side of that river after having seen our first traces of the war—ruined buildings of Belgians who piece of the march of the German army in 1914.

Our memories of Brussels will always be a bit tinged with pictures of our vain attempts to leave the city on the route to Verdun. We had our route well in mind, but did not have our city maps handy and so resorted to asking policemen the way out of the city. We got nearly to the sea and asked directions of a manly officer, who sent us back to the city. Here we played a busy game of hide-and-seek with traffic policemen along the main boulevard for nearly an hour—each of us telling us it was a different direction. Finally we paid a taxi driver to let us follow him to the main highway to Verdun.

But the most astounding and memorable thing was still to follow. When we reached the edge of the city the taxi driver insisted on adding to his services and pulling out a pencil and piece of paper, wrote in French (which language we had been using all night). "These people with their paper, wrote in French (which language we had been using all night)."

Though everywhere people told us we were no longer see traces of the war, I for one was loath to show them where they were for miles through scenes of the most utter desolation, battle-torn streets with rusting implements of the war, sections with signs marking them as dangerous places, implements of the sciences, dugouts, trenches, even bones of men in a few places, and everywhere monuments and towering rows of white crosses.

With the exception of the sector around Amiens we covered nearly all the principal area of the war in France in two and a half days. We started eastward at Verdun and proceeded through back districts and battlefields to Rheims to see the shell of the desecrated cathedral and other evidences of the terrific bombardments which struck the city; from there we went through Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Wood (now officially the Wood of the American Marine Brigade, in honor of the latter's heroic defense of that sector and consequent protection

Birmingham Boy Wins High Honors In State Coach Modeling Contest

A Birmingham boy—Ernest Pettypiece of 622 East Maple avenue—is receiving the congratulations of his friends on the high honor accorded him in the recent judging of miniature Napoleonic coach models in the \$500 competition sponsored by the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild. Ernest's model ranked third among all the models submitted by Michigan boys, belonging to his age group, and it was awarded not only honorable mention but also two cash prizes totalling \$15. It was found to embody the best metalcraft of any model submitted in its class, and the second-finest woodcraft, the one distinction entailing \$10 and the other \$5.

As friends of Ernest know, he had been at work on his model almost steadily since the announcement of the Guild program last fall. Several hundred hours' effort were required to bring it to completion. Outstanding skill not only in the manipulation of wood but also in metal, leather, glass, and various fabrics was involved in its construction, and the completed model, as his friends can attest, is as fine as a museum piece.

Arrangements are being completed now for the national meeting of state winners in the Guild competition, to be held in Detroit Aug. 24-27 inclusive. Two boys from each state and two from the District of Columbia will be brought in as guests of the Guild, and their models, as well as those made by second award winners in each state, will be re-judged in competition for the national Guild next year. The sum of four university scholarships of four years each, in any year, will be given to the winner elect to attend.

Ernest and any other boys earning letters of merit are awarded this year will be permitted to re-model in the Fisher Body Contest next year, as to re-enter their models, either improved or as they are, for the next year's awards as were provided this year.

Ernest, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Pettypiece, is 16 years old.

Burglars Enter 3 Homes, Garage

Property, Cash Stolen; Broken Windows Led To Entrances

One business place and three homes were broken into and small amounts of property and cash stolen a series of burglaries Wednesday and Thursday nights of last week, police report. Two homes, 729 South Woodward avenue, some time Thursday night, entrance was gained by forcing a window on the north side of the building.

The list of goods stolen from the home of Harry G. Robinson, 1029 Riverton road, Robinson, pending return of the family from its vacation. Discovery that the glass in three rear windows was broken and that the back door was unlocked was reported to police late Thursday night.

The home of E. R. Robinson, 1271 Herietta street, was entered Wednesday night while the occupants were away, but nothing was taken. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

A suitcase was the only article stolen at the home of O. B. Mattingly, 704 Tottenham drive, when a broken rear window also afforded means of entrance.

The similarity of circumstances connected with the three houses probably the work of others, he believes, leads Detective Joseph



Ernest Pettypiece

3 CHILDREN, MOTHER HURT

5-Year-Old Girl Suffers Fractured Skull In Auto Crash

Three small children and their mother were hurt, one of the children seriously, in an automobile collision at the corner of Maple and Telegraph roads at 6:12 P. M. Saturday.

Dorothy Roby, 5 years old, suffered a fractured skull, cuts on the lips, knees and back, and bruises about the shoulders and chest. Her sister, Phyllis, 4 years old, had both knees cut, and her brother, Billy, 8 years old, received two deep cuts on the right leg and several other cuts about the face.

The mother, Mrs. Jean Roby, 27 years old, suffered a cut on the right thumb. After emergency treatment was administered by Dr. C. P. Lawler in Birmingham the four were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where their condition is given as "good."

Their address is 2654 Grand avenue, Detroit. Hyman Hershkowitz, of Brooklyn, N. Y., with whom they were riding, received cuts about the forehead.

The collision occurred with another car driven by Mike Schmitt, 4299 W. Jefferson avenue, Monroe, Schmitt was not hurt. Sheriff's deputies investigated the accident, but no arrests were made.

Under the leadership of George H. E. Smith, well known to local people as formerly connected with world peace movements, a series of talks are being arranged for this month on the subject of "The Nation's Transportation Problems." The series will consist of two sessions, one August 17 and the other August 29. Both will begin at 7:30 P. M. at the Institute Headquarters in Detroit, at 1397 E. Jefferson.

Experts on several phases of modern transportation will be on the program, which is sponsored by many influential Detroit and nearby citizens," stated Mr. Smith.

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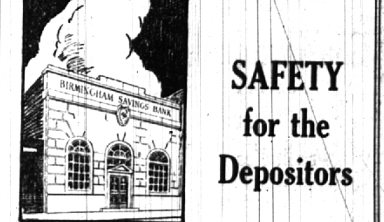
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REYNOLDS' VICTIM BOUND TO COURT

Man Accused Of Picking Fendal Chief's Pocket Held For Trial

Edward Murphy, 51 years old, 655 Charlotte avenue, Detroit, was bound over to the September term of Circuit Court on a charge of pocket picking following an examination by Judge Justice Floyd S. Buck Thursday afternoon. Bail was set at \$15,000 with two sureties.

Murphy was arrested on the afternoon of August 11 during the course of the celebration at the new Grand Trunk station when he was attempted to relieve Chief Reynolds of Fendal of his pocket-book.

When Reynolds noticed he was being jostled in the crowd and felt his hip pocket being unbuttoned, he turned around in time to grab Murphy before he could make away with the wallet.

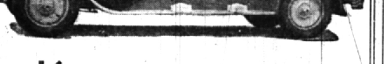
Murphy was turned over to Birmingham police and on his way to the station attempted to throw two checks in a pocketbook, containing a large amount of money and a small sum of cash. The pocketbook was identified by J. J. Little, 28 Miller street, Pontiac, who appeared as the complainant against Murphy at Thursday's examination.

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