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## SECOND OLDEST BAPTIST CHURCH

In Michigan About to be Re-suscitated in Farmington, Following Inactivity.

(E. P. Bates.)

Ever and anon in every community there rises from the ashes of some conflagration or ruins incident to abandonment or disuse, a towering super-structure of steel and timbers and concrete that speaks of new life, enlarged vision and purpose to accomplish in due time a thing of beauty and utility is completed and occupied by others who have caught the vision of upward trend and with spirit unafraid, venture fearlessly where the pioneering forebears, brave hearted as they were for the most part, would fear to tread.

Notable instances of this trend are being multiplied in the village of Farmington where for several decades the unusual or extraordinary in progressive thought and action has been frowned upon by the villagers who by thought them rather of a quiet, peaceful existence, than the distracting sound of hammer and saw, steel shovels, street cars and the purring horseless carriage.

Marked indeed is the twentieth century transition which is the privilege of a passing generation to witness. But interesting as they are in themselves—new massive, beautiful imposing—there is lacking that richness which comes with mellowing age, and even the soul that thrills responsively to twentieth century venture, pauses reverently by times to contemplate the history that inevitably associates itself with the displacement of things old and hoary, rich in association and settings that defy the passing of time and live on in the memories of countless thousands who in their day connect the past with the present and are made the better by reason of retrospection.

The Methodist church of Farmington had passed through the experience of loss of its house of worship by fire, forcing a temporary occupancy of another historic church property while they snatched victory from apparent defeat, and out of the ashes of their loss have built larger, more adequately for present and future need, a magnificent temple of worship. And now that they no longer are in need of the Baptist church building, the Baptist State Board and Detroit Baptist Union, with far and timely vision, have deemed it wise to reclaim, not a property, which they have in fee simple, but the historic organization which records reveal was the first for the single exception of the First Baptist church of Pontiac, which was a centenary in 1921, the oldest Baptist church in the State of Michigan.

Caught in the universal rush for metropolitan centers a few years since, the Farmington Baptist church in common with all denominations, yielded largely of its congregation, resulting in ultimate surrender of its identity. With the enlarging of Detroit's borders Farmington in common with all adjacent suburbs, has sensed the pulsation of renewed life and is making provision for the return of prosperity and increasing population.

Rev. H. H. Ford, Ph. D., D. D. of Traverse City, a wise pastor of large and varied experience, has been placed in charge of the re-suscitation program and the public administration of the ordinance of baptism and Lord's supper to be held in the church Sunday next at 3 p. m., is evidence of the effectiveness of his two week's endeavor.

Farmington is fortunate indeed to have within her corporate limits four adequate houses of worship against the time of great need, which doubtless is not far distant, where opportunity is afforded for the exercise of individual preference in church affiliation and worship, which is every man's inherent and constitutional privilege.

## NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

**First Baptist Church Notes.**  
10:30 P. M. Preaching. Subject: "The Stone Roll Away."  
3:00 P. M. Baptismal service.  
3:30 Communion service.  
7:30 Evangelistic service.  
Subject: "The Profit of Allowing God to Manage Our Affairs."  
Every evening, except Saturday, at eight o'clock next week Evangelistic services.  
The public is invited to all of our services.

**Universalist Church.**  
Special Good Friday Services.  
At the Universalist church at eight in the evening there will be special services on Friday. Dr. Beresford will preach, subject: "Paying the Ransom for Many." The public is cordially invited.

**The Four Dreams of Man.**  
Dr. Beresford will deliver the concluding lecture of this season's series at the Universalist church on Thursday evening, April 20th, at eight o'clock. The subject: "The Four Dreams of Man and the Weird Awakenings." This lecture will be far and the public is invited.

**THE METHODIST PARISH.**  
—Farmington—  
EASTER SUNDAY.  
7:30 Sunrise prayer meeting.  
10:30 "Taking Breakfast with God," and Easter meditation.  
5:30 Young people's happy hour and lunch.  
6:30 Epworth League.  
7:30 "The Man that Had No Easter."

—North Farmington—  
2:00 Preaching service.  
3:00 Sunday School.  
—Clarenceville—  
10:30 Preaching service Rev. W. W. Dale, preacher.  
11:45 Sunday School.  
7:30 Evening service.  
Singing by Mrs. Pastor.  
W. W. Dale, Associate Pastor.

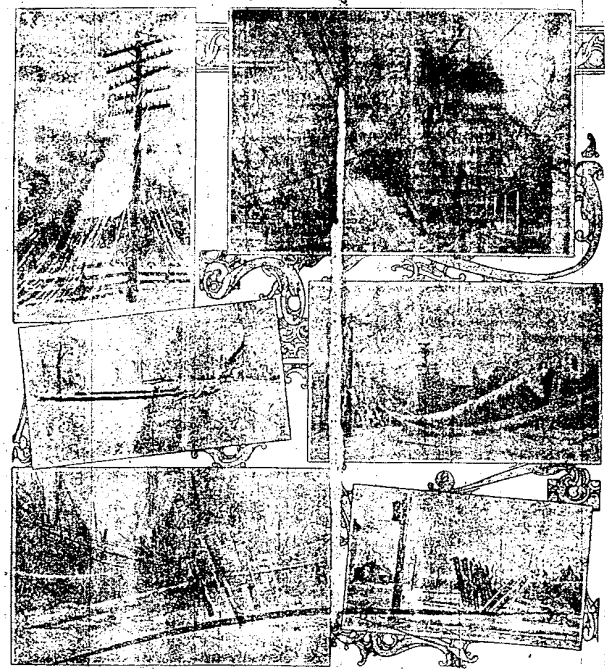
**Family Church Night.**  
Unique and interesting feature in community service by the church will be put into operation on Wednesday next at the Methodist church when the first program of the family church night will be held. The whole family in church on a week night for a social and education program is the aim. A very carefully planned program has been laid with an eye to the religious and educational needs of children and adults. The social need is not forgotten, and ample provision is made in that direction.

At 6:30 supper will be served at a nominal cost. At 7:00 a short devotional meeting will be held at the supper table. Following this, at 7:20 various groups will be formed for study as follows:  
A primary story telling class, conducted by Mrs. S. D. Harger.  
A young people's study group under the leadership of Miss Emily Butterfield. "Paths of Making" will be the book used.  
Mr. W. E. Forsythe's study class. Directed by Mrs. Emil Roos, a Bible and teacher training class will be held.  
Boys group of play and study under the leadership of Mr. S. D. Harger.

A study class in "Christian Fundamentals" will be conducted by Mr. E. A. ...  
After a forty minute study period the groups will again unite for a special feature which will consist of music, lecture, pictures or other forms of entertainment and education. This family church night will give opportunity for families to come to the church for sociability and education. In many cases fathers and mothers cannot attend church together and are barred from many interesting events by reason of family ties and the care of children. The family church night provides the opportunity for all the family to come to church together where ample provision will be made for the care and entertainment of all ages. The supper charge will be small, just enough to cover expenses.

The family church night is open to all who desire to avail themselves of this comprehensive program of service.  
Try A. L. Iner—They Will Satisfy.

## When a Giant Cut the Wires



The two late spring sleet storms that swept across the southern peninsula of Michigan and caused many millions of dollars of damage, suspension of rail service and completely wrecked the wire systems, were the worst the state ever suffered. Total loss to business cannot be estimated, of course. Loss to the wire system is estimated at one and a half million dollars. Miles of telephone poles were crushed to the ground and whole exchange plants at many towns were put out of business. Many of the smaller companies were unable to resume business because of their losses. Rural service through a great portion of the state was completely wrecked. The blow was the most severe any wire system of the middle west ever has sustained. Thousands of men were sent out into the storm zone to re-establish the lines of communication, working day and night to put up the poles and wires, but were enabled to establish only temporary lines after days of work, so widespread was the damage. Permanent reconstruction is going ahead rapidly, however, both on long distance lines and in the exchange plants. The Michigan State Telephone company ordered additional equipment, poles by the train-load and miles of wire to make repairs. Its linemen braved zero weather and untold hardships. It is estimated, closely, that the two storms cost the company 13,000 poles and 12,000 circuit miles of wire, which will be replaced from the depreciation reserve.

## ANOTHER BUSINESS BUILDING OPENED

D. U. R. \$15,000 Waiting Room Now Open to the Public—Appreciated Improvement

The beautiful and substantial \$15,000.00 structure recently erected by the D. U. R. for use as a waiting room and freight depot in Farmington was thrown open to the public Wednesday morning. The structure is not only substantially built but handsome in design, adding materially to the business appearance of our thriving and progressive community. It is built of brick with the front of mahogany tinted finishing brick attractively designed. The interior is finished with Georgia pine, finished in its natural state, lighted by plenty of windows for the daytime and handsome electric fixtures for night illumination. Everything has been arranged for the comfort and convenience of the patrons. There are toilets for both ladies and gentlemen. The arrangement for the handling of freight business for the company is the last word in convenience and efficiency.

The office equipment was removed to the new structure from the old location Wednesday and Mrs. L. A. Gourley, the agent, is now becoming accustomed to the change in surroundings and greets the patrons in her usual pleasant manner.

J. C. Clark, division superintendent of the road, superintended the moving, but was not too busy to courteously give us the information desired to make this write-up. Mr. Clark has been with the company for 11 years and has proved to be a very capable man for the place.

The people of our community are surely pleased to note the business given the company is appreciated to the extent that it has given us this handsome structure as an addition to the appearance of the village. Later the grounds surrounding the building will be sodded and otherwise beautified.

In mentioning that this new waiting room will be open from 6 a. m. until midnight, we can not overlook the fact that until the opening of the company's waiting room, for the past two years Olin Russell has furnished the public with a warm and well lighted waiting room in his sales room on the opposite side of the street and we are positive his generosity and public spirit has been appreciated by those taking the cars at this point.

## "Triplets", Birthday Party.

Ida and Zaida Steele, Dorothy Wixom and Alfred Smith spent Sunday with Mrs. Winnifred Brace Browne of Redford, it being the birthday anniversary of Miss Zaida Steele, Miss Wixom, and Mrs. Browne.

During the dinner hour the company had the pleasure of listening over the radio to the Detroit Symphony orchestra and in the evening to all the services held in St. Paul's cathedral, corner of Hancock and Woodward avenues. The choristers gave the cantata, "Victory Divine" and Mrs. Wixom Kennedy Snyder took the contralto part, which could easily be distinguished by the guests.

## He's All Right.

S. Utjian of Clarenceville, was a pleasant caller at The Enterprise office Tuesday and had his name entered as a member of our growing reading circle. Mr. Utjian is an Armenian by birth, but take it from us he is a pretty well awake citizen of this country, being interested in matters of community welfare.

## Free Concerts.

Eisenlord & Son, electricians in the bank block, have recently installed a Kennedy radio receiving set in their salesroom and they very generously invite the public to call and listen to the evening concerts, without cost. A set of this kind costs a nice sum but the enjoyment makes up for the cost.

Mrs. Leon Green and son Forest, visited the former's aunt, Miss Kelley, in Detroit, Friday.

## PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEET

All Interested in Child Welfare and Education Should Attend this Meeting.

The organization committee of the Parent-Teachers' Association announces a Mass Meeting for Thursday evening, April 20th, in the assembly room of the school house, 8 o'clock.  
Dr. W. E. Forsythe, director of the University of Michigan, health service, will speak upon an important phase of association work. Election of officers; adoption of constitution and by-laws, and other matters of business. The Parent-Teachers' Association

## —What is it?

1. A means by which the community can come into constructive relationship with the school.
2. A clearing house of information between parents and teachers, looking toward a better understanding between them.
3. A means through which the teacher can come into a more helpful and sympathetic attitude toward her individual pupils through contact with their parents.
4. An organization to which three distinct lines of effort are open. First—To work for the school. Second—To work for general community betterment. Third—Serious study of the nature of childhood and problems pertaining to it.

## What the Parent-Teachers' Association is Not.

1. A social club.
2. A court of judgement on the academic work of the school.
3. A political organization to control school elections.

## ANCIENT MAIDEN WAS A FLAPPER

Modern Flapper Has Nothing New, Science Learns, by Investigation.

Maybe grandma didn't bob her hair, but there were folks long before grandma's time who bobbed theirs. Precedent hasn't been snapped by this modern flapper, at least in this respect. For instance, there's Maud, the white-faced mummy of the Commercial Museum here, so says a press dispatch from Philadelphia, of April 8th. Maud's hair, bobbed about 2,000 years ago, remains bobbed and shorter than most of the present generation of girls bob theirs.

## Note Their Display.

We cannot refrain from a mention of the grand display of aluminum ware in the show window of the Farmington Hardware Co. B., referring to our advertising columns you will note the firm is advertising a special sale of these goods for Saturday, at wonderful low prices. In their other window the company is showing two different kinds of electric washers, also the latest in an ink stove, the housewife's hot weather friend. Drop in and talk it over.

## New Business Firm.

James & Bristol is a new business firm in Farmington. They are manufacturers and wholesale dealers in candy and ice cream. The members of the firm are James and Bristol. The company has been connected with the D. U. R. for some time. They are getting their goods in readiness to start after business. The company trusts their venture will prove all they would have it.

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