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TALKS ON THE FORCE OF FICTION

Farmington Ministerial Association Argues from Biblical Standpoint

The Ministerial Union of Farmington met last week Wednesday at the home of Rev. Mr. Gregg at Clarencville. The host read a paper on "Fiction as a Life Force" in a sweeping and scholarly survey of the world's matter fiction. The novel was presented as a power to instruct, guide and inspire the struggling souls of men. The Rev. Mr. Townsend spoke of the novel as a power in education, in solace and in comforting the hearts of men and women. The Rev. Mr. Eva spoke of the short story as one of the most influential of all literary forms to-day. The Rev. Mr. Fee spoke of the novel as a power in social and social reform, especially citing "Uncle Tom's Cabin," no other single force did so much to preserve the Union and to emancipate a race. Dr. Beresford spoke of "Fiction in the Bible," saying that the Bible like the great national literature, has every literary form within its covers, except perhaps wit and humor. The Jewish temperament was too strenuous and serious for these. The Bible has many novels, for such are the book of Ruth, Esther, Jonah, Daniel—Ecclesiastes is a dramatic monologue; Job is not history but an epic poem, unsurpassed in the world's literature. But the foremost feature of its influence and power is in the Gospels, the parables of Christ are pure fiction—characters and situations invented and imagined to carry to the mind supreme moral and spiritual truths. Charles Dickenson, himself a world famous story teller, said, "The parable of the Prodigal Son" is the greatest story in the possession of man. The speaker said, "Had Christ not been the bringer-in of a New Dispensation, He would have been the world's greatest novelist, for his creative imagination He has never surpassed."

Dr. Beresford presided at the meeting, in the absence of the president, Rev. J. Bollens at whose home the May meeting will be held.

R. O. SOLDAN LEAVES BANK

R. O. Soldan, who has for the past five years filled the position of assistant cashier, at the Farmington State Savings Bank, has tendered his resignation to the board of directors to take effect May 1st.

Mr. Soldan goes to Marquette, Mich., where he has purchased a Ford agency. Mr. Soldan has many friends here who will regret his leaving Farmington, but wish him abundant success in his new undertaking.

Walter Arnold, who has resigned as city engineer, enters Mr. Soldan's employ and goes to Marquette with him.

NEW HUPP OFFICES

W. H. Hart has moved his Hupp mobile and Chevrolet office from the Lee Garage to rooms over the Peoples State Bank.

ARBOR AND BIRD DAY

In his proclamation designating May 2, 1924 as Arbor and Bird Day, Governor Groesbeck says:

"Arbor Day signifies but one thing, the day on which a tree should be planted. In the past it has been the custom of many schools to observe the day by planting trees. Expect the commendable observance of educational institutions Arbor Day has meant but little to our citizenship. 'Every human is a lover of trees. In lands where trees do not grow naturally, tireless efforts are made by inhabitants to grow them because there is something about their sturdiness and beauty that appeals to every race. 'In this wonderful state where trees grow without the slightest cultivation why not make Arbor Day of 1924 the beginning of an effort to plant a million trees in Michigan before the spring is over? If every school would, not only plant one tree but many, if every home owner would plant both fruit and shade trees, our county highway officials would place along the roads young trees and if the various communities would make the day one of general tree planting, Michigan could easily have one million trees growing when the spring gives way to summer sun."

UNION GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

In recent years there has been a growing sentiment for the observance of Good Friday. The three hours when the Son of God hung upon the cross were the most significant hours of history. It is very fitting therefore that we should remember the crucifixion as a community. This service will begin promptly at 12 noon and continue until 3 p. m. If you can't come for the entire period feel free to come or go between the various parts of the program.

Dr. A. B. Beresford will speak on "Jesus' Words of Forgiveness from the Cross." Rev. S. D. Eva on "The Cross in Filial Relations." Rev. George Fee on "The Anguish of the Cross." Rev. John Bollens of "The Deepest Cravings of the Master." Rev. T. J. Gregg on "The Saviour's Completed Task."

These addresses will be interspersed with prayer and special music.

MRS. JOHN HATTEN PASSED AWAY

Elizabeth Pilleban Hatten, widow of the late John Hatten, died Thursday afternoon, April 10th at the home of her sister Mrs. Westcott at Northville. Mrs. Hatten was born in Ridgeway, Mich., November 10th, 1862, being the second child of Ed. Hatten and Susannah Pilleban. She began to teach school when she was 16. On Feb. 7th, 1884 she was united in marriage to John Hatten who preceded her to the life immortal on Nov. 6th, 1888. After Mr. Hatten's death she resumed her teaching and for 17 years taught at Ypsilanti, resigning in 1906 and going to Chicago where she was engaged in educational work. Five years ago she returned to Michigan to spend her remaining years among her kinsfolk and friends. She was a sister-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hatten of Farmington. Her grandfather was the revered Dr. H. H. Hatten, who held a century ago was resident Universalist minister of Farmington. Dr. Beresford officiated at the funeral. The interment was in Oakwood cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

"The Bible teaches her epitaph: 'They that be teachers shall shine as the stars forever.'"

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES AT THE CHURCH

At the M. E. church Easter Sunday services, both morning and evening, will be of unusual interest. A special musical program will be given in the evening. You are especially urged and invited to attend these services.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor
10:30 Subject, "A Grave in a Garden."
11:45 Sunday School.
6:30 Praise Service.
7:30 Program of Easter music

Clarencville Community
M. E. Church
Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.
10:30 Sermon, "Death Swallowed up in Victory." Followed by baptism and reception of members. Special Easter music by the choir.
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 Special Easter program by the Sunday School.

First Baptist Church
C. W. Townsend, Minister.
10:30 Easter Prayer and Praise service.
11:00 Special program by the church and school.
12:00 Class period; "Northwood and English." Topic, "Northwood and English."
6:30 Praise Service.
7:30 Baptismal service.
Wednesday—7:30 Mid-week meeting.
Thursday—10:00 Willing Workers' annual meeting at the church.

Universalist Church
A. B. Beresford, Minister.
10:30 Worship and sermon Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "Our Citizenship is in Heaven." Officers of the Life Guard will sing "End of the Road."
12:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible class.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15 Easter services in German and English. Holy Communion. (English).
11:45 Sunday School.

IN THE DAYS OF LOW TAX RATE

Bottomless Mud Holes Marked the Highways of Farmington

James L. Hogle was elected supervisor in 1891 succeeding James W. Hatten. Mr. Hogle was re-elected for the years 1892 and 93. In 1894 Carl E. Hatten, democrat, was the choice of the voters, defeating Chauncey Wolcott by a vote of 182 to 172 for Wolcott.

The usual routine of township affairs consisting of bills allowed, the appointment of non-elective officers; the assessing collecting of taxes and the usual business of the day occupied the attention of the township officials.

In the year 1894 an event of unusual character occurred. In the month of June of that year a case of malignant smallpox occurred at Clarencville. The victim was James Rhodes. At a special meeting of the township board called June 20 measures were taken to combat the disease. The schools were closed, all public meetings were forbidden and a quarantine was ordered. The patient remained around the home of the patient. The case had a fatal termination June 26. The quarantine was not raised until July 3. Bills accruing from this case to the amount of \$276.36 were paid by the township. Free vaccination was offered and urged upon the people. The doctors were paid 50 cents for each vaccination.

The township board at that time consisted of the following officers: Supervisor—James L. Hogle; Clerk—White, clerk; Hudson Wilcox and John Power, justices of the peace and Dr. E. F. Holcomb, health officer. The township budget voted that year was as follows: Officers' salaries, \$1,000.00; township expense, \$675.00; total, \$1,675.00. James L. Hogle was the supervisor in 1895-96-97 and 98. Lewis D. Owen was his successor in 1899. T. H. McGee, democrat, was elected to the office of township treasurer in the years 1895 and 1896. He was succeeded by one of the same political faith, Clyde McDermott, who occupied the office in 1897 and 98. John Power was elected supervisor in 1900 and was succeeded by John T. Thayer in 1905. Older residents of Farmington easily remember M. A. White. For years his home was the one now owned and occupied by Charles R. Talbot on Shawwassee street. He had conducted a business of a blacksmith in a shop that stood on the site now occupied by the Grace hotel. A man of rugged frame and kindly disposition, with a pleasant word for all who met him in the office or at his home, friends who year after year elected him to the office of clerk. First given the office in 1878 he held it until 1885 when he was succeeded by James L. Hogle. Again in 1889 he was elected to the office and held it continuously until 1899 when he was succeeded by J. J. Webster. Mr. White died May 22, 1899. His record of 17 years in this office is closely approached by the present incumbents, Herman A. White, whose popularity as an official is indicated by his election to the same office for a period of years nearly as long.

The record for length of service in any township office is held, I think, by Mr. Hogle who filled the office of supervisor for 20 years at different times.

Sept. 24, 1898 the township board granted to James A. Randall a franchise to build and operate a street railway through the town. The life of this concession is 50 years. Unquestionably this meant more for the advancement of the town in growth and business and in every way than any other event in its history. Rich in material things, its people intelligent, educated and enterprising, became more and more dissatisfied because of their isolation and lack of communication with the outside world. The Detroit Lansing and Northern Railroad's original survey was thru Farmington. It was unexpectedly changed and built through Plymouth. The F. & P. M. R. R. surveyed a route from Novi thru Farmington to Detroit at least twice. On the last occasion going so far as to file a map of the route with the Commission on Railroads at Lansing. This project failed. Other surveys were made only to fail as this had done. Because of these repeated failures the people had become discouraged and pessimistic in regard to railroads. Great was their joy and

LADIES NIGHT AT NORTHVILLE COMMANDRY

Tuesday evening was ladies night at Northville Commandry. After a social hour a group that crowded the spacious halls sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was followed by installation of officers, music and speeches. Among the Farmington Sir Knights and their ladies present were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGee, Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Holcomb, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hogle, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hogle, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bicking, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee, Mr. Howard Elenor, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Otis, Dr. and Mrs. H. Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gamus, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hogle, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page.

The occasion was closed by an address by Dr. Beresford on "A Chapter in Knight Templarism."

CENTENNIAL NOTES

Will all of our citizens who have friends and relatives that were former residents of the town write to them without delay, give them the correct dates and inform them about the fine program and urge them to come. This is something that is very important and can help make successful. Attend to this without delay. There are some that live at a considerable distance. They may require time to make necessary arrangements to enable them to be with us. Write to them without delay and tell them that we want to see them back in old Farmington in the glad June days.

Do not forget the meeting of the centennial association at the town hall Tuesday, April 22 at 8 p. m. Let us have a good attendance. We want reports from the following committees:

- Committee on Parade.
- Committee on Refreshments.
- Committee on House Show.
- Committee on Decorations.
- Committee on Band and Music.
- Committee on Speakers.
- Committee on Sports.
- Committee on Pageant.
- Committee on House Show.

Some of us may have friends or acquaintances who left the town some years ago, and whose addresses are unknown to us at the present time. If so write down their names and bring the list to which is affixed with the name of those present who can give their location at the present time.

NEW BLOCK GOING UP

Henry Lee is getting ready to commence work on his new building to be erected on the site of the Lee Garage. It will be two stories with an attractive pressed brick front. Arthur Lamb will have charge of the construction.

GARDEN WEEK APRIL 20-26

Garden Week, inaugurated last year by the National Federation of Women's clubs, will be observed this year under the direction of the Farmington Woman's club which is affiliated with the national association through the Detroit Federation of Women's clubs. The Farmington Woman's club request that the merchants of our city make appropriate displays in their window during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Otis and Dr. and Mrs. Beresford were special guests of Detroit Commandry of Knights Templar. The occasion was the installation of Sir Knight Henry Otis, brother of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Otis, as Emment Commander. This is a distinction that stands shinningly forth in American Templardom. After the installation there was a program of speech and music, followed by a Templar ball. It was an evening and a spectacle not soon to be forgotten.

They kept their delight when this franchise was given and the actual work of construction began. Sometimes we grumble about the service we get from the D. U. R. No doubt there is chance for improvement. But those of us who remember the old day when it took four or five hours to drive to Detroit, at least three hours to Pontiac, and nearly two hours to Northville (over roads) that were one continuous bottomless mud-hole, believe that the cause for complaint. Officers of the township board that granted this franchise were: James L. Hogle, supervisor; John T. Thayer, justice of the peace; Horace Green, justice of the peace; and M. A. White, clerk. N. H. P.

LUMBER SAWED BY NEW METHOD

Making One Log Serve Where Two Were Required Before

By methods new to large scale lumbering and woodworking the Ford Motor Company has installed a new wood sawing system which has demonstrated savings of from 35 to 50 per cent in the cutting of fine hardwood for automobile body parts by sawing them direct from unedged planks as they come from the log. This is an achievement in wood conservation as important as the generation has produced. The system is already on a production basis at the saw mills and woodworking plants of the Ford Motor Company at Iron Mountain, L'Anso and River Rouge.

In the past body parts have been made out of kiln dried boards, which were sawn to uniform size and grade. Much of the youngest and best wood was wasted in this process, and in cases where the log was curved or irregularly shaped the scrap often exceeded the merchantable timber obtained.

The Ford system is absurdly simple. Planks with the bark left on are cut from a log in parallel planes, varying according to the shape of the log. These are sent to layout tables where patterns for various parts are marked out until the plank is completely covered with patterns regularly, such as the swell at the but, are taken advantage of in laying out curved or irregular parts. Instead of trimming off a large piece to avoid a knot or check for like men simply around it. This method increases the utilization of nearly all the wood, the scrap being extremely small. The various parts are then cut out with a high speed band saw.

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BANKS TO CLOSE

The Farmington banks will close tomorrow at noon on account of Good Friday observance and will not reopen at 9 o'clock.

THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLE

The new staff for April has been appointed. It is our desire to put the best into our work, if possible. In doing this we hope to make the "Tattle" one of the most interesting parts of the "Enterprise" and to bring the school affairs closer to the parents.

The staff is as follows:
Editor—Mabel Mahaney;
Editor—Alice Arnold;
Athletics—John Veitch;
Society—Gladys Landau;
Business Manager—Florence Ross.
—Editor—

Kindergarten—
The younger children have been making objects of clay, some of which were trees and nests with eggs in.

Painted pictures of flowers have been made by the children for Easter.

Several people in the room had made paper baskets filled with paper Easter eggs.

Everyone is learning to recognize the different birds when they see them.

The pupils have been talking about the bunny painting his eggs.

The block box has been painted a pale green, this was its first coat.

The children are learning new songs and rhymes.

First Grade—
Tendall and Lucy McGregory are new pupils in this room.

The pupils have been drawing rabbits and Easter pictures.

Tree-buds have been brought to school for the children to watch develop into leaves.

The children have been reviewing the picture study of animals in reading.

The book, "The Bobsey Twins at School" was brought to school by Dick Russell to be read for opening exercises.

The children have learned the poem "The Bird's Question."

Third Grade—
Miss Huff has been out of school on account of the death of her cousin. Mrs. Conroy is taking her place.

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The F. W. C. met Wednesday, April 9th at the home of Mrs. S. D. Eva. Twelve members and one guest were present. The following committees were appointed for president's day: entertainment, Mesdames Pierce, C. W. Wilcox and Schroeder; refreshments, Mesdames Cook, Doherty, Irish, Wesley and Hatton. The business meeting was followed by the program for the afternoon.

Biography of Richard Brinsley Sheridan—Mrs. Clyde Chamberlain.

Review of Sheridan's two plays, "The Rivals" and "School for Scandal"—Mrs. Bertha Steele.

Miss Maude Frush of the Salvation Army gave a short talk on the work and hopes of that well known organization.

The club adjourned to hold their next meeting April 23 with Mrs. Fred L. Cook.

PAGEL-SHEAR

In the presence of the immediate family Miss Clara Shear became the bride of Harry Pagel at a home wedding, Thursday, April 17th at 3 o'clock. Rev. Sidney D. Eva performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Helen Halloway as maid of honor and Harry Pagel, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride was very lovely in a gown of blue canton crepe. She carried a shower bouquet of roses.

Miss Willing's town was brown canton crepe. Her flowers were roses.

A wedding supper followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shear of Bedford, after which Mr. and Mrs. Pagel left immediately for a boat trip. A brown tailored suit with hat to match was the traveling gown of the bride.

The gifts were numerous and beautiful.

They will reside in the Owen Apartments.

Miss Virginia Hughes of Ypsilanti, spent the Easter vacation with her cousin Miss Maryjane Wixom.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Russell are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Robert Burke, Sunday, April 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sprague and the children of L. H. Sprague of Detroit, attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Anna Noble in Northville Tuesday.

Fourth Grade—
The A class drew pictures of Isabod Crane's school house for reading.

Edward Fink won the oral, outside, reading contest.

An examination was given Wednesday in geography over the states studied so far this year.

Fifth Grade—
This grade has just finished having a deportment and behavior contest. The pupils, Frederick Mahaney, Davis Snook, Jean Clark, Ivan Cox, June Johnson, Leroy Taggart and Emma Ische, in row two won the contest.

The fifth grade has been studying flies the week so far. In Farmington will not have so many of the little creatures to contend with this summer.

The geography class is going to have a few baseball games. The cause being that the high school boys are going to begin the games of the season soon.

Sixth Grade—
The reading of this grade is entirely silent reading.

In this room stories of "The Early History of New England" are being read by the children.

For language the sixth grade is memorizing quotations from Longfellow's "Birds of Killingworth."

Eighth Grade—
The pupils in this grade have some new plants in the windows to help make the room more pleasant.

It has been definitely decided that the boys will play on Warren's field while the school field is being prepared.

The seniors have secured Professor Pittman of Ypsilanti, to speak at the commencement exercises. He is at the head of the rural education there.

A bird walk will be taken Thursday morning if the weather is favorable. The seventh and eighth pupils and the high school pupils may go.

The pupils in the grades are making good health posters. The best ones are to go to Lansing.

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