

Early journals tell of pain, suffering for Farmington pioneer and minister

Until eight years ago, there wasn't a family of white people in town. The town was occupied only by the Indians and the wild beasts in the forests. Dr. Prince, a Presbyterian missionary, described his new post in a letter to his supervisor written in 1832.

Rev. Prince was assigned to Farmington. He was the first white man to settle in the area.

Historical commission, used letters, maps and postmarks to illustrate the history of the early days of Oakland County before the Farmington Historical Society recently.

THE POOR ROADS in the county made a 12-mile trip a major undertaking. There was a semi-weekly stage to Howell. Cole said. Every eight to 10 miles along the way, there was an inn. That's how far they could go in one day on the rugged roads.

If the stage became stuck, the men were expected to get out and help pull it out of the rut.

"I've BEEN quoted upon in all directions to a distance of 12-15 miles," Mr. Prince wrote on another occasion.

It's impossible for me to describe the difficulties in the country in a moral manner," he complained. "The Sabbath is more regarded than when I first came."

Mr. Prince had some disagreement with the townspeople and was forced to find an other pulp.

Owing to difficulties with the people in Farmington, Mr. Prince left that place and preached of Jry Sunday in Plymouth.

Rev. Amel, Hildeman, another missionary reported.

Mr. Prince's replacement, the Rev. George Easton, wrote in 1851 that "the physical resources of this town is an encouragement. The agricultural resources in this town are such that the town is regarded as the most wealthy in the state."

In 1828, a branch of the post office was established in the town. It was the sixth one to be established in the county.

The post office marked letters with two different postmarks, one was a half circle with the words "Farmington, Michigan" stamped above it. The other was a small circular postmark.

AFTER ANDREW JACKSON'S election in 1828, wildcat banks sprung up in the state. The founders of these banks were encouraged by the loose regulations which governed the establishment of banks.

Forty-one such banks were established in Michigan. While the banks were inspected by the government, the board of directors of these banks found it convenient to fool the government inspector by passing money from one branch to another. This game of musical funds convinced the inspectors that the banks had the amount of money in their vaults that they claimed.

Six of the banks were in Oakland County. Each bank was allowed to print its own bank notes. The Farmer's Bank of Royal Oak printed a note for \$1.75. Why a bank would issue a note for \$1.75 is beyond me, Cole said, shaking his head.



Spreading the word

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The Pioneer Women 50th Jubilee Conference Tour to Israel departed Monday with 30 Detroit area residents participating.

The group will visit several of the 1300 Pioneer Women installations which provide 40 per cent of all social services for women and children in Israel. Old care centers, academic and vocational schools, Arab Women Clubs and immigrant absorption centers will be visited. The travelers will also explore the free legal aid, psychological counseling and vacation programs for mothers of large families and children who live in threatened border kibbutzim.

A special effort will be made to observe the steps taken to close the socio-economic gap between women from the Western World and those who came as refugees from Arab countries.

Highlights will include a visit to the Knesset (Parliament) on Thursday (May 6), followed by a reception at the home of the President of Israel, Ephraim Katzir; a visit to Ben Gurion University in Beer-sheva, where a new chair for Women's Studies has been established by Pioneer Women; the dedication of the Pioneer Women Bible Isolation World Center in Tel-Aviv and a celebration of Israel Independence Day in Jerusalem.

The following persons are among those making the trip:

From Southfield: Lily Raaboch; Mr. and Mrs. Boris Shapiro; Jovita Melamed; Sylvia Isaacs; Rose Burg; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kay; Frances Jones; Ann Elman; Rose Scher; and Adele Mendy.

From Farmington: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Leemon and son Mark and Rose Mandelbaum.

From Birmingham: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller.

From Troy: Lidia Mariona.

From West Bloomfield: Billie Kramer.

Ruth Miller, Birmingham, is president of

the Pioneer Women, Greater Detroit Council and Chana Michlin, Oak Park, is tour director.

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