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FIRST CENTURY OF B. P. SOCIETY

Close of First Century of this Organization to be Celebrated Here February 24

During the past hundred years there have been more scientific achievements, inventions, research and enlargements, than in all previous centuries of the world's history. One hundred years ago James Monroe was president of the United States. His presidency was called "the era of good feeling." It also was the period when great missionary movements had their inception in this country.

What changes have taken place in the development of our country during the past century! Great new territories have been opened. Large additions have been made to our national domain, such as Alaska, which cost us about two dollars an acre, but it now a source of untold wealth to our national life. Too great honor cannot be given to our forefathers who had in their souls the pioneer spirit.

In the year 1824 during the presidency of Mr. Monroe, an interesting incident occurred. The pastor of the little Baptist church in Alexandria, Va., was energetic and evangelistic. He wore the large beaver hat fashionable in those days, and tucked away within this hat were religious tracts. On removing his hat some of the tracts would occasionally flutter out, and was a source of amusement for some people, but it also resulted in much earnest conversation on the part of others. One young preacher of the day, named Noah Davis, about 26 years old, saw the tracts fall from the hat of the energetic Sague, Corbellus and it gave him the idea of an organization which should publish and distribute tracts of its own.

On Feb. 25, 1824 a meeting was called in Washington, D. C., by these two preachers which resulted in the organization now known as the American Baptist Publication society. God has blessed the society as we see when we consider how during the first year contributions to the amount of only \$375 were received, while last year the income from all sources was over \$2,000,000. And no concern of private individual receives a cent of this income; the entire amount going for religious work.

The scope of the society's work has enlarged during the century, until it includes distribution of the Bible, publication of the best possible literature, devotional, religious and theological books, establishing Sunday School, conducting colporteur-missionary work and religious education. Of a hymnal and also a juvenile story, over 1,000,000 each have been sold. Tracts in English and in 16 foreign languages; hymn books in nine languages; Sunday School libraries; and young peoples' study books; works on theology, ethics, church policy and history, missions and social service; biographies, sermons lectures and whatever form of publication has been called for by the needs of the day is represented in the society's list.

The Sunday school periodicals, of 63 varieties, edited by 14 editors with their assistants, have an astonishing circulation of 50,000,000 copies per year. But the magnitude of the work is seen when the matter of distribution of this vast literature is considered, first by colporters on foot, then on horseback, by colporteur wagons, including special cars, of which there are seven continually rolling over the railroad tracks, churches on wheels to unchurched communities, 30 automobiles, motorboats and the latest achievement—a chapel a car. Airplane service is already assured for isolated regions.

This great achievement will be celebrated at the local Baptist church on the evening of Feb. 24 by 74 pupils of the Sunday School.

Miss Althe Schiesler, the first grade teacher, is confined to the home of Mrs. Louis Thayer with the measles.

"NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH"

The Golden Key class of the M. E. Sunday school will present the play, "Nothing But the Truth," at the M. E. community hall on Feb. 22 and 23. They presented, "Mrs. Tubbs of Shantytown" very creditably last year. "Nothing But the Truth" has a large royalty attached so you may be sure the plot will be well worth seeing.

WILL HOLD WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY SOCIAL

George and Martha, will be at the Baptist church Friday evening, Feb. 22, and all the stunts that go to make a real celebration. Everybody will be welcome.

CENTENNIAL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Centennial association at the town hall, Feb. 27th at 7:30 p. m. Important matters are to come before us and a large attendance is greatly desired. N. H. Power.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL BANQUET OF OAKLAND COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The fiftieth annual banquet of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical society, which will be held at Pontiac, on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, promises to be of more than usual interest to Farmington. Not only will this take on the nature of a semi-centenary celebration of the organization, but it will commemorate by means of an appropriate program the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Farmington township.

The banquet will be held on that day at the First M. E. church hall at Pontiac, at noon. Rev. Sidney D. Eva of Farmington, will act as toastmaster. N. H. Powers, president of the Farmington Centennial association, and Frank Steele, a principal in Detroit schools, both of whom are familiar with the early history of Farmington will read papers.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church

S. D. Eva, Pastor

10-30 "Blessed are the Hungry and Thirsty." Fourth number of the series on, "The Sermon on the Mount."

11-45 Sunday School. 6:30 Epworth League.

7:30 "The Men of Today and Tomorrow." Father and Son service.

Clarenceville Community

M. C. Church

Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor. 10-30 "Inquiring the Way." 11-45 Sunday School. 7:30 At the evening service we observe Father and Son's Go-To-Church-Day. We shall seek to interest both dads and lads. Two or three fathers and as many sons to assist.

First Baptist Church

C. W. Townsend, Minister.

11-30 Sermon, "Which Shall We Magnify, Christ or a Church?" 11-45 Church School. Adult lesson, "Joshua and the Conquest of Canaan."

6:30 B. Y. P. U. Topic, "The Leadership of Young People." Doris Agar, leader. 7:30 Address by Dr. A. LeGrand, leader of Baptist work for Wisconsin.

10-40-Friday. Ladies all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Orville Taggart.

7-9 Wednesday Neighborhood meeting at the home of H. O. Sanderson.

Universalist Church

A. E. Beresford, Minister.

10-30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "When Jesus Met Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus Road" being on the series on "Persons whom Jesus Met."

12-00 Noon Sunday School and Adult Bible class.

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor

10-15 Services in English. 11-45 Sunday School. Friday choir rehearsal.

WEATHER FAILS TO STOP FARM CROWDS

Thousands Gather for M. A. C. Farm Week in Spite of Snow and Cold

Adverse weather conditions and snow-banked roads failed to prevent the thousands of Michigan Farmers from gathering at East Lansing from Feb. 4 to 8 for the annual Farmers week and Housewives Congress at the Michigan Agricultural college.

The attendance figure was placed somewhat below the record for similar conferences at the college, but exceeded expectations of the committee in charge in view of the terms which swept the state early in the week. Registration at the meeting of more than 30 state agricultural associations and groups held during the week equaled the average of previous years and in many cases ran ahead of the best former years. The Michigan state farm bureau and the Michigan improved livestock breeders and feeders associations in particular drew hundreds to their conferences.

One group especially noticeable during the week's events was the delegation of more than 500 boys and girls who judged in the various classes open to students in Smith-Hughes vocation work in high schools of the state.

Interest in the extensive agricultural exhibits on display in different M. A. C. buildings during the week was general. Farmers found abundant material for entertainment and information in these exhibits and evidenced a desire to study out the messages carried in the different graphic displays.

Michigan's rural folks were especially leary the latest developments in scientific agricultural methods and practices, and they took intelligent advantage of the opportunities offered in the farmers week features.

MORE SCHOOL ROOM AT CLARENCEVILLE

Clarenceville is to have additional school facilities in the construction of a commodious addition to the present school building. This move was decided upon at a recent meeting. The school board is now advertising for bids for a five-room addition.

OBITUARY

Edward Conroy

was born on January 16, 1845 in Redford and died at his home in Farmington February 6, at the age of 79 years. He was married to Emma D. White December 31, 1866. To this union were born three sons, Omer M. of Farmington; George V. of Farmington and Don M. of Detroit, who with their mother survive. He has spent his entire life in and around Farmington.

SHOW OPTIMISM OVER AGRICULTURAL FUTURE

Real optimism for the future of agriculture in Michigan was expressed by the various speakers who addressed the general sessions of the annual Farmers week conference at M. A. C. last week. Authorities discussed production problems. Others went into questions of marketing; while still others dealt with the social and general economic phases of rural life, each emphasizing the future in a particular field. The general consensus of opinion brought forth by all, however, pointed to improved conditions and carried a message of hope and confidence.

Dr. R. S. Shaw, acting president of M. A. C., touched the keynote of the week when he showed the comparatively satisfactory conditions of Michigan agriculture, as contrasted with that of states in section where diversified farming has not been the general practice.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pauline entertained the Five Hundred club at their home on Oakland avenue. About 25 guests enjoyed the occasion. Dainty refreshments were served in conclusion.

DEATH OF GRACE I. LORD

Grace I. Lord, aged 53, relict of Willis E. Lord, died at Harper hospital, Detroit, at 10:00 p. m. February 12. The funeral will be held from her late home here on Oakland avenue today, Friday, at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. Sidney D. Eva, pastor of the M. E. church of which she was a member. Burial beside her husband in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Lord was a resident of Farmington for the past eight years, coming here with her husband who in 1915 purchased The Enterprise. Together they conducted the business until Mr. Lord's death in the spring of 1920. For a time Mrs. Lord carried on the work but later in that year disposed of the business. Almost continually from the time she came to Farmington Mrs. Lord was in some capacity connected with The Enterprise, and for the past two years was its local reporter. As such she formed a wide acquaintance, among whom were many warm personal friends, most from the war are given everything possible by way of a square deal. We know that the people as a whole want everything possible done for the disabled or those broken in health. But there are some minor government employees who seem to delight in delaying justice as long as they are able. The American Legion's job is to see that the will of the people prevails, and that justice is done.

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The Farmington boys had an easy time at Walled Lake Tuesday, trimming them 28 to 17. In the first half the second team was given a chance to place, but when the score stood 12 to 8 at the half, with Walled-Lake leading the regulars were puffed in and soon quieted their ambition.

The girls worked hard for their victory, and won by only two points, 25 to 23. The game was slow, and dragged along with considerable fouls. They will have better opponents Friday and a hard game is expected. Farmington won one of the most important games of the season when they defeated Dearborn Friday night, 17 to 9. This gives Farmington and Noviville an even break for the league leadership with an average of 750 each. The playing was close in, the first half, each side dropping only one basket, but five points by Farmington from the free line gave them the lead at the end of the half, 7 to 2. Dearborn had an equal chance to fouts but they still held a little more practice. The playing in the second period was a little better, and Farmington secured ten points to Dearborn's seven, clinching the game.

Next week Redford will be here with bells on ready to paint the red if they win. Come down and see them get trimmed.

The lineup: Quinn, F.; Bryan, F.; Salow, C.; Wixon, G.; Cousins, G.

When the girls won at Walled Lake Tuesday, it seemed as if they were beginning to show some life, but they had a slight relapse Friday night and lost to Dearborn 15 to 44. The girls showed good spirit and did their best, but Dearborn was too much for them, although Spaller, Farmington's new jumping center, is no midget, Dearborn secured the majority in the tip-offs and kept the ball at their end of the court.

Redford will be here Friday—we wonder if the girls remember Redford and what happened there. Let's hope Redford's team are all sick—

Line-up: Millard, F.; Reynolds, F.; Spaller, J. G.; Nichols, R. C.; Pickett, G.; Chamberlain, G. Substitutions: Adams for Spaller Spaller for Adams; Steele for Chamberlain; Putnam for Nichols.

CAMPAIGN FOR LARGER LEGION

Dates for Drive are from Lincoln's to Washington's Birthdays—Work Now On

Ten days of intensive campaigning for a larger American Legion in this city is announced by M. B. Owen, commander of Groves-Walker Post.

The dates are set from Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, to Washington's birthday, February 22nd. This drive of the local post is a part of a campaign which is being staged in every city of Michigan, and which is expected by Legion leader to double the organization's strength over the figure of 1923.

"The work of the American Legion in Michigan," said Commander Owen, "is to see that the men and women who suffered most from the war are given everything possible by way of a square deal. We know that the people as a whole want everything possible done for the disabled or those broken in health. But there are some minor government employees who seem to delight in delaying justice as long as they are able. The American Legion's job is to see that the will of the people prevails, and that justice is done.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLER

The staff appointed for the month of February is as follows: Editor—Elizabeth Clark. Athletics—John Veitch. News—Mabel Mahaney. Society—Pearl Starkey. Business Manager—Alice Arnold.

Notice to Parents of School Children

Because measles are beginning to spread in the school, the nurse wishes the parents to read the following instructions and cooperate with her as much as possible:

School children having measles—The child will be excluded from school for a period of at least seven days, and until all abnormal discharges from the nose and the throat have ceased. The child should receive a thorough bath and change of clothing when the period of isolation has terminated.

Other children in the household that have not had measles shall be excluded from school for fourteen days from the date the person is isolated, or from the last exposure.

Children in the household having a physician's certificate or other reliable information stating that they have previously had measles may continue in school.

News

Kindergarten

The bridge project has been completed and a building is now being built by the kindergarten.

Most of these little girls are very busy making valentines. They are very artistic in this work.

Last week the kiddies enjoyed dramatizing the story, "The Little Red Hen."

Bob Mills and Bob Davis made skills from their blocks and string, and enjoyed skiing in the kindergarten room.

First Grade—Betty Adams, Norman Barrons, Louis Kahri, Charles Lee and Raymond Smith are the first graders that were promoted from the "B" to the "A" class in numbers.

TO FORM MUSICAL CLUBS

The Tuesday Musicals of Pontiac, is endeavoring to form musical clubs in the neighboring towns, and is desirous of forming such a club in Farmington, which will be eligible to affiliate with the state federation of musical clubs. Miss Irene T. Kremer of Pontiac, who teaches music here, has been asked to organize this club in Farmington.

All musicians, as well as those who enjoy musical programs are requested to be present at a meeting which through the kind invitation of Mrs. Martha Warner will be held at her home on next Monday evening, Feb. 19th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. S. A. Kessel, president of the Pontiac Musicals will be present, and will explain in detail the object and work of the club, after which those present may decide whether or not they wish to organize.

If there are any who will find it inconvenient to attend the meeting they may notify Miss Kremer and she will place their names on the membership list.

All high school pupils who are studying music are eligible to membership.

VILLAGE TICKET NOMINATED

At caucus held Wednesday evening the following nominations were made for village offices to be voted on at the annual election, March 10th.

President—C. W. Wilber. Clerk—R. O. Soldan.

Treasurer—George C. Gilde-meister.

Assessor—John H. Johnson. Trustees—Harrison Johnson, Clarence Bicking, Olin Russell.

These little workers have been making hearts to help decorate their room for Valentine's day. Second Grade—

The second graders are beginning the task of mastering the tables in arithmetics.

These young actors and actresses have enjoyed dramatizing several of the stories they have read.

The little fingers in this grade are busy preparing for the party. The attendance has been more regular this month than last. This is probably due to the fact that mumps are decreasing.

Third Grade—

The third grade pupils are able to divide numbers by three by using short division. We are glad they are progressing so well.

A very interesting study of the Eskimos is being carried on in the geography class.

The poem, "Winkum, Binkum and Nod," has been memorized in this grade.

Fourth Grade—

A general review of the life of Abraham Lincoln is being studied. Stanley Arnold's side won the spelling match last week.

A Valentine party is being planned by this grade and a program was planned by one of the girls.

Fifth Grade—

Wednesday was lag day. For every error in English the pupil was given a horrid yellow tag. On one side was given his favorite mistake, and on the other the correction.

In penmanship class they have illustrated the story of Robinson Crusoe by arm movement pictures.

They have been studying about the groceryman and his store. The other day they dramatized his work over the telephone. Some of them were telephone operators, some were waitresses, some were customers.

Sixth Grade—

Work on Lincoln and Washington is being taken up in the sixth grade language class. The children are enjoying the story of "Huckleberry Finn," as told by Mark Twain.

Seventh Grade—

The girls' side is now ahead of the boys' in the seventh grade arithmetic contest. The science class is testing foods at present. The poems of Edgar Guest were read in an English class last week. They called this special class, "Laughing with Eddie Guest."

Along with many others the following people from the seventh (Continued on Page 3.)