

FINE SHOWING FOR SEWER SYSTEM

Farmington Has Some Good Sewers, More Needed, Says President Wilber

The noon lunch meeting of the Exchange Club of Farmington on Tuesday of this week was marked by an increased number of members in attendance. C. W. Wilber, president of the village, made a short address on village affairs dealing principally with the matter of sewer and water works improvements. He stated that health conditions of a community are determined to a large extent by them and that this village had started out wisely in adopting a plan calling for deep and adequate sewers which anticipated future needs. Some excellent sewers, he said, have been constructed in accordance with this plan and he urged that the business men get back of a movement for further extensions. He thought that funds for construction could be provided out of current taxes without resorting to a bond issue and without materially increasing the present tax rate. Anticipating that in the near future all villages will be required by the state health department to provide for filtration of sewage before it can be turned into the streams the council had bargained with Henry Salow for the purchase of two and one half acres of land, suitably located, on which to erect such filter plant, when required. The land, he said, was secured at a price much lower than property can now be bought in the immediate vicinity and probably at a fraction of the price it will be held at a few years hence.

The two new wells are now being pumped from six to eight hours daily, furnishing 250,000 gallons of water. When the daily demand for water materially exceeds this amount it will be necessary to turn down more wells, he said.

Rev. John Bollens in a short address, informed the members that the fame of Farmington had extended from sea to sea and then some. He related that while on the Atlantic coast a few years ago he overheard two New York business men discussing apple production in this country. One of the men inquired of the other: "Where do the best apples come from?" To which the other gentleman replied: "The best apples that come to the New York market are raised on the Halsted farm, Farmington, Michigan."

A particularly pleasing feature of the entertainment program was a solo by Pearl Pauline. Mr. Pauline has a voice of fine volume and timbre and he was given a hearty round of applause.

STATE COMMANDER TO BE HERE AT SMOKE AND PEP MEETING

The members of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, are not letting up in their drive to increase the membership of the post and at the same time put a new thrill of life in it. The results so far are very satisfactory, but the boys are still driving.

A smoker and pep meeting has been arranged for Thursday evening, March 20, at the town hall, where Department Commander Dr. C. W. Spawer of Benton Harbor will be present and address the meeting on "Legion Activities." Past Commander August Gansser is also expected to be present.

Light refreshments will be served. All members of the post are urged to attend.

SECOND DEDICATORY BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Next Wednesday, March 19th, registers the second birthday of the dedication of the Methodist church. A membership supper will mark the event. The past two years have witnessed a splendid advance of the work and departments of the church. The splendid church is not only a decoration from an architectural standpoint, but one of which Farmington has occasion to be proud, but its facilities for Christian work is its chief advantage. The church has aimed to do the work of God in the channels of human service and spiritual ministry has attempted to interpret the best things of life and religion. It stands to serve in the essential things of life.

The girl scouts met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Sherlock.

OAKLAND COUNTY S. S. INSTITUTE

A three day instruction institute for Sunday school teachers will be held in the First Congregational church, Pontiac, Mich., March 17, 18 and 19, 1924, under the auspices of the Council of Religious Education.

Practical instruction will be given by skilled leaders, among whom are J. H. Engle, state executive secretary, Young People's Division; Irene Rockenbach, state superintendent of the Children's Division; Mrs. Georgia Lee Young, Ohio state superintendent of the Adult Division, Adult Division, and Ben T. Leonard, Detroit, Bible Study.

A silk flag will be given to the Sunday school having the largest per cent of its teachers and officers enrolled.

Those delegates wishing to remain over night will be entertained with lodging and breakfast in Pontiac homes.

REV. LORENZ ACCEPTS A PROFESSORSHIP

Rev. Karl Lorenz for nine and one half years pastor of the Clarencville Lutheran church and teacher of its school children, is moving his family to Portland, Oregon, where he has accepted a professorship in Concordia college. He preached his farewell sermon Sunday, March 9, to a large audience who regret much to see him go. He was well liked by his congregation and the community at large and all wish him success in his new position. Together with Mrs. Lorenz, Theodore and Walter, daughters Alma and Irene, they will spend a few days in Detroit, then motor to Decatur and Chicago for short visits. Will ship their auto from Chicago and take train to Portland where they are informed that the roads over the northern route are impassable at this time of year and to go by way of Los Angeles would be 1500 miles farther.

The son Theodore, was in his college year beginning a five-year course in landscape gardening which he will continue in Portland and may return to connect with our local nurseryman here.

When James Cruze, the maker of the "Covered Wagon" produced "Hollywood," he gave one of his best pictures to the world. This story shows Hollywood, the home of the "movies," and a long list of movie stars on the streets, in their homes and elsewhere amid the informalities of their daily life. This wonderful picture so full of fun and "real" life is one of the best pictures seen on the screen at the M. J. "Hollywood" comes next Tuesday accompanied by a "Hodgepodge" Comedy and Aesop's Fables.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church S. D. Eva, Pastor

10:30 "Rewards and Victories." The ninth sermon of the Sermon on the Mount series.

11:45 Sunday School.

7:30 "The Silvery Voice" and Golden Deed.

Wednesday—Anniversary Membership Supper.

Friday—Junior League.

Clarencville Community M. E. Church

Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.

10:30 Subject, "The Divine Dependence."

11:45 Sunday School.

7:30 Subject, "Our Helpers, the Angels."

First Baptist Church

C. W. Townsend, Minister.

10:30 Sermon, "What the Trees Say." Children's sermon.

11:45 Sunday School. Adult lesson, "The Reign of David."

6:30 B. Y. P. U. Young People's Plans and Programs for Young People.

Alma Weston, leader.

7:30 "Sacrifices, Vain and Vital."

7:30 Wednesday—Neighborhood meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Townsend on Lakeview avenue.

Universalist Church

A. B. Beresford, Minister.

10:30 Worship and sermon Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "The Judgment of Life and the Last Judgment—Christ's Teachings on 'Fundamentalism and Modernism.'" A. Lenter, meditation.

12:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible class.

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor.

10:15 Services in English.

11:45 Sunday School.

7:30 Lenten service in German

WAR AND STAGE VETERAN AT REST

John Power, Sailor, Actor and Business Man Dies at Age of 80 Years

In the death of John Power which occurred at his home here last Thursday, Farmington loses one of its oldest citizens, he having been born in Farmington township January 5, 1844. He was the son of Abram Power and a grandson of Arthur Power, one of the original settlers here. The funeral services were held from the home Sunday at 1 p. m., at which Homer Watkins, spiritualist medium of Detroit, officiated. The remains were taken to the Detroit Crematory. Groves-Walker Post, American Legion attended the funeral in a body and members of that organization acted as pallbearers.



John Power

Mr. Power is survived by his wife, who was previous to her marriage, Miss Martha Hendry of Farmington, and one son Percy J. Power of Detroit, who is associated with the legal firm of Warren, Cady, Hill and Hombler. Mr. Power had a somewhat remarkable career, the various activities in which he was engaged taking him over a wide range of country, giving him an extensive knowledge of the many states and provinces, and a knowledge of men, events and places. Naturally of an observing disposition and retentive mind he gathered and stored knowledge of the stirring events of his day that in later years proved the subjects of many of his interesting stories and articles for magazines and newspapers.

At the outbreak of the Civil war he attempted to enlist in the military service but was prevented from doing so by his father. He went to New York and under the alias of John Wilcox enlisted in the naval service. He served under Admiral Farragut in the West Gulf Blockading Squadron. He was promoted to the rank of Steward by the U. S. S. Monongahela. He was present at the battle of Mobile Bay and at the evacuations of Fort Morgan and Fort Gaines. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war. A relic which he prized highly was a fragment of a shell he picked up from the deck of the Tennessee after the engagement. He brought it home and carefully kept it all these years.

Shortly after close of the war he became connected with a troupe of actors and followed the theatrical profession for many years. He traveled all over the United States, taking leading parts in heavy dramas and Shakespearean plays. For a time he successfully portrayed the character of Rip Van Winkle, made immortal by Rip Van Winkle. Back in the latter part of the nineteenth century the John Power Comedy Co. was well and favorably known theatrical aggregation, of which, as the name implies, Mr. Power was the head. The company, with an extensive repertoire of popular comedies and melodramas of the day, made long stands at the principal theatres in the cities of the country.

After retiring from the stage Mr. Power returned to Farmington where for a time he operated a grocery store. He was engaged in various activities here and took an active interest in state, county and village affairs. He held the office of the John Power Comedy Co., was well and favorably known theatrical aggregation, of which, as the name implies, Mr. Power was the head. The company, with an extensive repertoire of popular comedies and melodramas of the day, made long stands at the principal theatres in the cities of the country.

At the time of his death he was president of the Michigan Home Mutual Insurance Co. of Oakland

THE ROMANCE OF THE LA CUISINE DES MERES

(Contributed)

Once upon a time there was a Parent-Teachers association that was something like the old woman in the shoe, in that it thought it had so much money (gained by its membership dues) it didn't know what to do with it. So the mother members got together and said, "Behold! How can we best spend this money?" You know the ladies just hate to save any! So they thought and thought and finally decided that a soup kitchen was the very finest investment for their "huge sum." A utility committee headed by Mrs. Woodruff was formed to investigate lunch rooms, soup kitchens, equipment etc., and great was the commotion in the P. T. A. camp when expenses began to loom amazingly high and the huge sum of coins dwindled to a mere pittance. "What shall we do?", was the cry. Well, you know where the mothers are if they want some money, don't you? Yes, they went to some fathers, otherwise known as the school board, and presented their predicament, saying, "Behold! We need a soup kitchen in our school and our money will last for only a few things!" Where is the stove, the sink, the soup containers, the cupboards coming from?

So then the school board got together and scratched their heads, many of them then decided said, "Go ahead with your plans, you'll get all you asked for." Great was the joy of the utility committee when they heard these words and the tongues wagged merrily and sang how happy all the mothers would be. The school mothers soon met for a get-together talk and this plan evolved. Get one mother to order supplies and manage cooking. Only serve one hot dish daily adding sandwiches, cookies or apples as the need proved. The chief problem was to find the one person to be depended upon for daily work and our chairman produced just the right one and our troubles were over. Since the La Cuisine became a reality instead of a dream, wonderful has been the aromas that have ascended to the study rooms above whetting the already growing appetites of the many students.

If you want to get a real thrill that lasts, you want to come to the La Cuisine Des Meres at noon and see the tables full of happy hungry kids all enjoying the hospitality of their school.

It really is a shame to bring practical things into this fairy story but the P. T. A. wants its members and friends to have the benefit of this report which is respectfully submitted.

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BURGULARS BUSY SUNDAY NIGHT

On Sunday evening someone entered the home of David Prindle on Wilmarth street while members of the family were away and stole a few dollars in money, a watch, several articles of jewelry and a satchel. A neighbor saw a stranger hurriedly leaving the house carrying a satchel, the description of which answered to the one stolen. The man wore a light colored coat and a cap. No other details were reported as having been entered.

On the same night some thirty individuals broke into a building on the J. W. Lathrup place a mile west of here and carted away eleven barrels of cider.

STATEMENT

I have been criticized because in the brief historical sketch that I made at the banquet March 7th I made no mention of the German church in our village. I did not understand was that I considered it a pioneer organization in the sense that the other churches were. The other churches have a history that dates back some of them at least 90 years or more. My understanding was that the age of the German church did not exceed 35 years. Rev. Bollens tells me that it is fifty years old. I regret this omission on my part. I acted in good faith, with no intention of denying recognition to any organization whose history dates back to pioneer days.

N. H. POWER.

Wayne and Macomb counties and a director in the Peoples State Bank of Farmington which institution he helped to organize. He affiliated with the republican party and always took an interest in its affairs. He was one of the early commanders of the Farmington G. A. R. Post.

It is said that Mr. Power was the last of Michigan's naval Civil war veterans.

STATE'S INDUSTRIES BACK EXPOSITION

Wide Variety of Exhibits Already Assured by Space Sales and Reservations

So wide spread has been the support of manufacturers and other business men, that the Michigan Industrial Exposition, to be held in Detroit May 8-17, has already secured a position where it can promise its patrons a wide diversity of display. The amazing scope of Michigan's industries already indicated in the space taken by manufacturers, includes leather, furniture, stoves, canned goods, farm machinery, chemicals, electrical appliances, office furnishings, business devices, jewelry, candy, radio equipment, motor trucks, electric motors, copper and brass products, steel tubes, motor car wheels, wheel chains, belt lacers, and paper products.

Meetings of business interests in various Michigan cities are now being held or have been held and municipal exhibits are being arranged for from the Upper Peninsula to the extreme South Eastern part of the state. Some of the municipalities have asked for reservation of as many as twelve booths, while others are seeking to arrange a combined showing in a single booth.

Earl Fraser Newberry and his famous Exposition Band is coming up from Tampa, Florida, to play during the exposition, and with him are coming six soloists including two famous sopranos. Other entertainment features to be announced within a few days are of unusual interest, and will include features that will be of national interest.

ST. PATRICK'S ENTERTAINMENT AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The young people are arranging an Irish entertainment to be followed by a box supper Monday night. The unique program will afford an enjoyable time for everyone.

THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLER

The staff appointed for this month is as follows: Editor, Elizabeth Clark. Society, Ruth Schroeder. News, Mabel Mahoney. Athletics, Albert Manley. Business Manager, Clara Tredway.

Kindergarten

The kindergarten children have learned several little dances. Among them are, "How Do You Do, My Partner," "Bohemian Children's Dance," "Klogg Dance," and "Gustavian Hop Dance."

During the week days the children talked about the robins and other birds they were familiar with.

A spring song was learned, using pictures of birds and naming them.

First Grade

The first-grade children are observing all the signs of spring that are disclosed at the season. In connection with this study Raymond Smith brought a hyacinth to radiate its cheerfulness.

For March a Dutch project is being carried out. For this study Lucy Fitch Perkins, "Dutch Twins," is being used as a basis. Dutch pictures are being made from study of story. The two pictures "Going Fishing," and "Going to Market," have been made.

A blackboard border of tulips is near completion to help their study.

For pennmanship such words as Holland, Dutch, dykes, canals going fishing and going to market are being written.

Second Grade

A poem "Stars and Daisies," was learned by the second grade pupils.

The story of "A Lion" and that of "The Speaking Cave" were read.

A season of story telling was enjoyed by all last week.

A Dutch project is being carried out in this grade also. "Two Little Wooden Shoes," a story, was enjoyed in connection with this study.

Third Grade

The third grade arithmetic class is studying short division.

The geography class is making a study of corn. The pupils are examining among other things its many uses and where it is grown.

Section one of reading has enjoyed reading the "Water Babies."

A poem, "Jack Frost," was learned in this grade.

FIRST EVENT OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The first in a series of public events commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Farmington, was the Centennial Celebration, which was held at the M. E. church community dining hall last Friday evening. It was a success in every particular and the spirit of enthusiasm manifested on this occasion portends a big success for the main celebration which comes in June next. The dining hall, which has a seating capacity for nearly 400 was taxed to its limits. Farmington people were there in numbers and many who once lived here and still call Farmington "home" were there.

The national colors were used in the room decorations while the long white tables were relieved by a stripe of green down the center. On the tables were 100 lighted candles, their number representing the toll of years and their fitting flames a reminder of bygone days.

The banquet, preceded by an invocation by Rev. J. Bollens pastor of the local Evangelical church, was of excellent quality and an unlimited quantity which put the banquet in splendid mood for the wit, wisdom and song of the after dinner program. Charles R. Talbot was toastmaster and his introductory remarks were happy.

Nathan H. Power, chairman of the centennial celebration committee, gave a brief review of the pioneer history of Farmington. Dr. W. H. Phelps, editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, was the principal speaker of the occasion and held the close attention of the banqueters for a half hour. W. J. Cameron, editor of the Dearborn Independent, was unable to be present, but the banqueters were kept in good humor by a few remarks from Rev. Sidney D. Eva.

That beautiful old song, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," as rendered by Miss Ernestine Pierce, Mrs. F. L. Cook, Clarence (Continued on Page 4.)

The arithmetic class of this room is studying measures of time, weight and length.

Bennie Starkey and Edward Pink came out victors in the contest waged in the "C" class for outside reading. Bennie read 82 hours and 45 minutes and Edward read 26 hours and 15 minutes during the month of February. A similar contest is to be held during this month.

Fifth Grade

Johnny Lapham, Genevieve Geers, Emma Ische, Jean Clark and Francis Drake are leading their classmates on the "Road to God's Kingdom."

A picture study of the "Aurora" by Remi was part of the study of lighting in this grade.

The children were so influenced by the story of the blind woman who could tell fruit or a nut by feeling of it, in the story, "Agnes and Her Fruit Stand," that they brought fruit and nuts to school and tried their skill.

Sixth Grade

Indian stories are being read for opening exercises.

Appropriate pictures of spring are being gathered to decorate the room with.

Reading class pupils are enjoying the story of "Hercules."

The girls of the sixth grade seem to appreciate this weather for they may be seen roller skating and skipping the rope.

Eighth Grade

In the debate which was held in the eighth grade on "Resolved: The South had more advantage than the North during the Civil War," and the negative side won by one-half point.

The character sketches of important people of the town, written by the eighth grade English students, were a source of enjoyment to all.

Everyone is interested in the story, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom: Come."

Musical Art

The high school art class spent the week before the 7th of March making place cards for the centennial banquet.

The first graders made pictures of windmills.

The second grade is studying all about maple sugar. Some of the children are going to tap trees for they have learned how to do it and how to gather the sap, and many of the other things relating to that subject.

The fourth grade has completed the March border for the room.

The seventh and eighth grade pupils have handed in their houses which they drew and colored in their study of perspective.

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