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GERMANS FILL IMPORTANT NICHE

In the Religious History of Farmington and Its Environs

In 1846 there was organized among the Germans of the United States, in Missouri, a religious body called the Evangelical Synod of N. A. As early as 1862 members of that organization came to Farmington to make their homes, till the soil and worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. Some of these pioneers whose names are recorded in the annals of the church history are William Heise, Frank Waack, Fr. Nacker, Fred Bauman, Fr. Goers, Fred Fendt, Joachim Schroeder, Carl Sallow, Charles Mangel, William Wedow and O. Kienast. These men and some others held monthly meetings in the old school house in Clarenceville. Their first pastor was Rev. Schmidt, who came from Detroit to minister unto them. After two years he was succeeded by Rev. F. Watschet, who was then living in Plymouth but who in 1868 moved to Clarenceville and conducted services in the school house. His successor was the Rev. George Dockinger, who now resides in Adrian. About 1876 Rev. Bunge became pastor of the church and a new church building was erected at Clarenceville. Under the pastorate of Rev. Bunge difficulties arose and the church divided, a considerable portion of the congregation returning to the school house to hold their meetings. Rev. Alois Schmidt was the first minister graduated by the Evangelical Synod of N. A. He had taken up his residence in Farmington and lived in the house now occupied by John Mahaney. From 1880 services have been held regularly in Farmington. In 1883 Rev. E. G. Aldinger came to the young bride to take charge. A parsonage near where the power house now stands was secured for him. He served from 1883 to 1889.

In the latter year at Christmas time Rev. F. Mayer, now professor at Eden Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., was installed as pastor. During his stay the church at Clarenceville again became the place of worship. At the latter place he organized the societies and endeavored to spread the gospel among young and old. His successors were H. Scharf, L. Koelbing, L. Gross and W. Wilde.

July 1st, 1901 Rev. J. Bollens assumed charge of both congregations. October 20th of the same year the present parsonage and the church lot was bought from Gov. Warner. November 10th it was decided to build the present church. The contract for the stone mason work was let to the late John Habermehl and the brick and carpenter work to Amos Otis.

May 11th, 1902 the cornerstone was laid and October 20th of that year the church was dedicated. For the successful completion of this work much credit is due the building committee which worked with tireless energy and undaunted zeal to erect this pretty, commodious, comfortable edifice and dedicate it to the God in whom they believed and delighted to worship. This committee consisted of Fred Bauman, Charles Fendt, William Maas, Charles Schmidt, Louis Gildemeister and Karl Westfall. In 1903 Rev. Bollens moved to Indiana and A. Martin served as pastor until 1909. His successor was Rev. A. C. Stangane who was succeeded by Rev. C. W. Roth. After about two years Rev. J. Bollens returned from Chicago to Farmington and resumed the pastorate. His work among the people gives general satisfaction, not only to his own congregation, but to the community at large. His church is united and harmonious and unchallenged leadership is being given for the cause of the Master. Since 1922 the Clarenceville congregation has united with the Farmington church and the services are conducted in German and English. The Sunday School and Young Peoples League use the English language exclusively. N. H. P.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

There will be special communication of Farmington Lodge No. 1384 F. & A. M., Friday, April 1st, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., for work in the third degree. Super at 6:30. By order W. M.

Virginia Teagan is suffering from an infected ear.

MRS. MINNIE JOHNSON SPEAKS IN DETROIT

Last Friday the Ladies Union of Farmington sent 80 of its members to represent it at the foreign missionary meeting held in the Church of Our Father, Detroit. Among these were Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Mrs. Addie Platon, Miss Zeida Steele, Mrs. Charlotte Walter and Mrs. Evelyn R. Beresford. The Universalist missions in Japan were the special theme of discussion at the banquet. Mrs. Johnson spoke of the value of unselfish endeavors for the good of others—the worth of such meetings as these where the small and elect groups of women—for in each church the work is always done by the elect few—and these meetings for mutual counsel and encouragement are indispensable. The next meeting will be held in the Farmington Universalist church in May.

HOSNER SCHOOL NOTES

If mud is any indication, we are all agreed that spring is here. Those who had 90 per cent in all subjects last month were: Stewart Young and William Donnelly. These neither above nor below this month are as follows: Harvey Gatzke, Edwin Murray, Florence Beattie, Edward Gutzka, Harley Chamberlain and William Donnelly.

Last month we had cocoa at noon with our lunch. The dish washing teams worked fine, considering the fact that we have only three girls. Now that it is warm we will not have it. We are glad that we can eat outside now.

We have a new waste-paper basket. It is almost too large or the little ones to pass.

Our school grounds are kept neat by those interested in winning the contest. For such thing we pick up we get a point toward the prize. (Teacher will have to hustle to count up our points at the end of the year.)

The "no whispering" contest for the month ended in a tie between the two teams lead by Edward and Harvey Gatzka. Both sides were let out early as a reward.

The eighth grade has taken the annual examinations in civil government heading. All the pupils passed.

LEO GILDEMEISTER FALLS, STRIKING ON HEAD

Leo Gildemeister, manager of the Farmington Mills, met with an accident just before noon Tuesday that came near resulting in a vacant chair at the noon day lunch of the Exchange club. From a position on the platform at the mill he was assisting in unloading a truck when he slipped backward and fell to the ground, striking on his head. He was rendered unconscious by the blow, but fortunately received no serious injury.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor
10:30 Dr. W. L. Northridge, Belfast, Ireland.
11:45 Sunday School.
6:30 Epworth League.
7:30 "The Art of Seeing."

Clarenceville Community
M. E. Church
Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.
10:30 "Self Mastery as Applied to Business and Religion."
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 "The Thief on the Cross."

First Baptist Church
C. W. Townsend, Minister.
10:30 Sermon, "Anxiety, a Chronic Enemy."
11:45 Church School. Adult lesson, "Abraham to Soem."
7:30 B. P. T. Topic "The Benefits of Church Membership."
7:30 Sermon, "Ruts and Routes."
7:30 Wednesday — Neighborhood meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maas, corner Grove and Orchard streets.

Universalist Church
A. B. Beresford, Minister.
10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "God of Our Fathers, God of Old." A discourse in the series on the Fundamentals of Christianity.
12:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible class.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15 Services in German.
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 Lenten Services in English. Friday, choir rehearsal.
Wednesday April 2—Ladies Aid society.

TALKS AND TALES OF POST MATTERS

Groves-Walker Post Smoker and Pep Meeting "A Howling Success"

"A howling success," to use an expression of one who was present, most fittingly expresses the character of the Groves-Walker Post Smoker and Pep meeting held at the town hall last week Thursday evening. There were present about ninety post members and several business men of Farmington.

The meeting was called to order by Post Commander Owen who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to explain to the uninformed the real principles and activities of the American Legion. He then introduced Dr. V. Spaw of Benton Harbor, department commander of the American Legion who gave a very interesting talk on what the Legion has done in providing hospitals for the disabled and illits for the wives and children of disabled soldiers. He extended an invitation to all to visit the Legion hospital at Camp Guster, Battle Creek, and the Children's billet at Otter Lake. The visiting hours are any time it is convenient to call, he said.

Commander Owen then introduced Col. August H. Gansser, senator, a veteran of two wars, having served in the Spanish-American war, on the Mexican border in 1916 and during the World war with a record that justified his promotion from a private to a colonel. Being the first department commander of Michigan, he has a good understanding of Legion affairs and is well qualified to voice the opinions of a large percentage of ex-service men. Col. Gansser gave a good talk on war risk insurance, rest type in the Veterans bureau, and the bonus and the Mellon tax plan.

In memory of the soldier dead the audience stood at attention while the speaker recited "Flanders" and "The Soldier's Boy." Following the speaking came a lunch and smoker which proved a pleasant feature of the evening's entertainment. Some gathered about a "camp fire," where pleasant and pathetic memories were revived and never to be forgotten incidents of the big strife were recalled. Some indulged in card games and all put in a profitable and enjoyable time until 12:30.

DAINES—MOSHER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daines was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday afternoon of last week when their youngest son Mark A. Daines, was united in marriage to Dorothy C. Mosher of Dundee. Rev. Sidney D. Eva performed the ceremony in the presence of immediate relatives. The decorations were yellow and white. Yellow daffodils were in flowers used. The bride was gowned in grey silk trimmed with gold lace and carried pink butterfly roses and sweet peas. After a four course dinner the happy couple left for a short trip. Mrs. Daines has been complimented by several affairs in her honor during the past fortnight, both in her own town and here.

Mr. and Mrs. Daines intend to locate in Farmington.

INDEPENDENTS DEFEAT H. S.

In a basket ball game Wednesday night at the high school gym the Girls' Independent team defeated the Girls' H. S. team by a score of 21 to 18. It was a close contest with the result in doubt at all stages of the game until the last score.

ELOQUENT SPEAKER AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

Straight from Belfast, Ireland, comes the Rev. W. L. Northridge, M. A. Ph. D., and two others ministers for a three month's tour of America to tell the thrilling story of the conflicts and conquests of the Irish people during these days of struggle and strife.

Dr. Northridge will speak at the Methodist church on Sunday morning.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE JOHN POWER COMEDY CO. STILL LIVING

Mrs. Sarah A. Runion of Brighton, Mich., writes: The Enterprise that there are but two out of the 28 members of the John Power Dramatic Co. now living, herself and Dr. Darwin Smith of Marion, Indiana. Mrs. Runion is 83 years of age. She speaks highly of Mr. Power, who died here recently at the age of 80.

A MEETING FULL OF PEP

The Tuesday noonday lunch of the Farmington Exchange club was a 100 per cent pep affair. Thirty-three never-grow-old boys with glad-to-be-alive expressions smearing their countenances soon after a sorry looking mess of a tempting spread prepared by the ladies, and were put in fine fettle for what followed.

The speakers for the occasion were Dr. J. B. Wickham, superintendent of the East Lawn Sanatorium at Northville, who spoke briefly on the benefits of the club and Dr. Eli Forsythe of the Fort Street Congregational church of Detroit. For a good half hour the exchanges listened to a flow of wit and wisdom that held their closest attention and at times convulsed them with laughter.

The sheriff in his eagerness to play the Joshua act for a little more time, by plugging the alarm clock, knocked the clanging time piece to the floor which served to accentuate the hilarity of the period and caused no unwelcome interruption.

The club has now reached a membership which entitles it to a charter.

DETROIT EDUCATOR TO SPEAK HERE

At the Universalist church on Saturday evening of this week Mr. Burton Barnes, head of the department of "Visual Education" of the public school of Detroit, will give one of his notable "chalk talks." This will follow the supper which is being given by the Ladies Union. Music will intersperse the educational entertainment—Mrs. Charlotte Walter and Miss Mary Kennedy will sing. Mrs. Bessie Baker of Northville will render violin solos and Mrs. B. Forest Pierson will reside at the piano.

DR. GLEISS TO SPEAK AT BAPTIST ANNIVERSARY

Dr. H. C. Gleiss, director of Baptist work for the Detroit area, will be the guest of honor at the second anniversary supper of the local Baptist church next Tuesday evening. This will be a rare opportunity to hear at first hand an address on experiences and observations in Europe. Dr. Gleiss went as a representative of the Detroit Union last summer to the World Alliance held in Stockholm, Sweden. Following this: great fourteen days gathering of people from every corner of the world, he toured the other countries of Europe, and as a result, has a remarkable story to tell.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. George H. Riddle was a Detroit visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lapham spent Wednesday in Detroit.

Hugh McDermott, who is suffering from a broken leg, is getting better.

Mrs. John Harlan and daughter Katherine were Monday visitors in Detroit.

Mr. C. N. Wesley left Friday noon on a business trip to Atlantic City.

Miss Helen Bradley spent Thursday and Friday with friends in Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bradley attended the funeral of little Frances Noble.

Miss Orene Habermehl was a week-end guest of Miss Isabelle King Pontiac.

Miss Velma Teagan is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. William Teagan.

Rev. Sidney D. Eva attended the funeral of Rev. Dr. Seth Reed in Flint, Thursday.

Al. J. Lang is recovering nicely from the serious fever he had at the hospital.

Miss Helen Bradley was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. Harry Filler on Base Line road.

Harry N. McCracken will lead the Men's class of the M. E. church next Sunday.

Mrs. Coon is very ill with pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Turner.

Miss Ethel Teagan of Detroit, was a week-end guest of her cousin, Thelma, Teagan.

The Farmington Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clarence Bickings.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garlick and daughter Thelma, are moving into their new home on Grand street.

Mrs. Rudolph Langbecker of Stevens Corners, spent the day Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Roy Cox.

Mrs. Ruth Leach and daughter Helen May of Paw Paw, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lapham.

WHAT A ONE MILL TAX MEANS

If Voted A Suitable County Infirmary Will Be Erected

A proposition will be submitted at the April election to spread a one mill tax on the county for the purpose of erecting on the county farm just outside of Pontiac a suitable infirmary. The necessity for this improvement is made apparent by resolutions of the board of supervisors and reports of various county and state officials.

M. T. Murray, chairman of the State Welfare Commission, with headquarters at Lansing recently made a thorough inspection of the present infirmary. His findings and suggestions are as follows: "Following the conference with your committee on the 7th instant an inspection of your county infirmary was made. I do not hesitate to say that the conditions under which Oakland county is maintaining its unfortunate aged indigents, and in firm at the county infirmary are positively inhuman and shameful. The Statutes of this State confer upon the State Welfare Commission authority to condemn and close a county infirmary on the grounds that it is, 'insanitary, or is dangerous to the health or life of the inmates thereof, or does not permit of proper separation or classification of inmates, or is inadequate.'"

"The counts set forth in the statute applies in every particular to your infirmary. This is a sweeping indictment, but the present conditions fully justify it and I am confident it will be approved by the fair-minded citizenry of the county who will go and see for themselves."

It is my understanding that action has been taken by your Board submitting, at the April election, a one mill tax proposition which, if ratified, will pave the way for a new infirmary. This is the one crying need in your county today, and the citizens of the county should welcome an opportunity to abate the deplorable conditions which now prevail.

"I sincerely hope that the members of the Board of Supervisors, under the conditions as they do, will present this situation fairly and squarely to the voters of their respective townships, or wards, so that they may vote intelligently. If the citizens of Oakland county can have knowledge of the actual conditions in the infirmary, it would seem that the one mill tax proposition would be overwhelmingly ratified, and this done, it will not be necessary for the State to take drastic action in the matter."

THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLE

Spring Is Here
We see many signs of spring now besides pussy willows and robins. Spring made her debut on the 20th but was well known before that date. The boys are very much interested in baseball and marbles; in fact we may see boys "shooting" marbles with bats and playing ball with marbles before the season is over. The girls are obediently hurrying home to help clean house. Of course, all of them greatly enjoy this sport. The teachers are beginning to wonder if the whole year's work hasn't been in vain, and if high school students will ever be bright.

Probably some of the much honored seniors are taking down the almanacs and consulting the "Before and After Taking Brothers," for advice on some malady that would be convenient to have that might go for an automobile ride or have some other enjoyment rather than go to school on these spring days. If they ask the freshmen for advice, they will probably get this terse answer: "The best tonic for spring fever is work followed with more work."

—Editor.

Kindergarten—

Beginning Monday, March 24th the Kindergarten had half day school sessions. There will be 17 pupils enrolled in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. The children talked about the robin, red wing, blackbird, crow and meadow lark; also some pussy willows that were hatched. They were named, "Fairy Fussies," from a poem that was read.

The girls are still very busy sewing clothes for "Betty," Dorothy Lancaster, Beatrice Auten Margaret Schooley, Jeanette Vincent and Wanda Taggart are making.

M. E. S. S. NOTES

Miss Butterfield's class was very delightfully entertained at the home of the teacher last Monday evening. Mr. Roos gave a talk on, "The Outer Glorifications of Christ."

Last Sunday in Sunday school Harmon Boice gave a very interesting and helpful talk on, "Why High School Students should be Christians."

The much needed wearing apparel.

The poem, "Time to Rise," was learned and a story was told about the adjoining picture.

Several new spring songs and a new dance, "Whirl About," have been learned.

The boys have been busy making kites and marble bags.

The block box was given the first coat of flat white paint.

First Grade—

Louis Kahl, Virginia Lewin, Emily Maas and Virginia Spaller have been neither absent nor tardy this month.

Some pussy willows were brought to school last week. They made everyone think of spring.

Lucile Fletcher and Kenneth Taylor are new first grade pupils.

Second Grade—

Picture study of birds and March has been interesting.

A new method of reading is being tried out in this room.

A poem, "The Brooklet," was learned.

The review in reading showed many improvements.

The children are enjoying story telling.

Third Grade—

The story, "Bunny Brown and His Sister Sue on an Auto Tour," is proving to be of much interest to the children.

Fourth Grade—

The fourth graders dramatized, "Cinderella."

The new silent readers, "Progressive Road to Silent Reading," have been started.

The "B" class is reading orally the reader, "In Animal World."

A week ago Wednesday everyone received "100" in spelling.

Fifth Grade—

The geography class made an enjoyable trip to Asia, visiting India and Ceylon in particular.

Everyone is enjoying Hegan's story, "Mrs. Wiggs or the Cabbage Patch."

Theodore Robert's was ill with the mumps last week so his classmates sent him letters.

Saturday a group of the pupils gathered and played "the hare and hound" game. Johnny Lapham's side won.

Sixth Grade—

Everyone missed Alice Parker last week.

The geography class is having an enjoyable trip to the Mississippi.

The story, "How Our History Was Made," is being read and "The Petrified Forest of Arizona" and the "Mound Builders" have been the things of most interest so far.

Seventh Grade—

The girls' side won in the spelling contest.

Eighth Grade—

The story, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," has been completed. A description of characters in the story is proving interesting.

A spelling contest has just been started in this grade.

The many absences have decreased and everyone is back in school again after a series of sickness and misfortunes.

—Mabel Mahaney.

Athletics

Since our boys wiped the floor with their opponents at the District Tournament, they have the privilege of exhibiting their strength on the floor at Lansing where they will endeavor to acquire the state championship of class "C." Come on everyone and follow, the team there to help carry back the honors. They will leave Thursday and return Saturday.

Due to the fact that the Alumni girls' team of Farmington has shown such great skill in their games this year, there will be a game Wednesday night between the Alumni and the high school girls for the sake of securing money by which the Alumni girls may enter the tournament which will be held in Detroit.

—Harold Turner.

Society

Miss Elizabeth Turner entertained eight friends Saturday afternoon, March 23, at her birthday party. Many interesting games were played, after which the refreshments of cake, cracker, jack and candy were served.

—Ruth Schroeder.

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