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## EXCHANGITES HEAR GOOD ADDRESS

Dr. Martin of Detroit, Points Out Many Problems Which Are Confronting Us

With the striking of the gong every member of the Exchange Club of Farmington was in his seat at the noon day lunch Tuesday. It was an April fool on the line collector.

The entertainment period was profitably filled with an address by Dr. John E. Martin of Detroit, who is making a sociological and industrial survey of conditions in Detroit. He took as his subject, "The Reform Problems of America." He enlightened his hearers on many points of vital concern to America, and especially Detroit and its environs of which the average citizen has but an abstract or hazy knowledge. In speaking of the mighty changes that have been wrought by our great industrial development within the past ten years and the revolutionary change in social and political conditions, due to the great influx of foreigners and the big movement of colored people from the south to the northern cities, he said that problems are now confronting us that demand our immediate and conscientious attention. Our first duty, he said, is to strip ourselves of racial prejudice, the greatest stumbling block which is now encountered in finding a solution of the problems.

Floyd H. Nichols called attention to the fact that the matter of appropriating money to help defray expenses of Farmington township centennial anniversary would be brought up at the noon meeting of taxpayers on election day, next Monday. He urged that all be present, at that time and suggested a resolution to that effect. As the celebration is distinctly a township affair this method of financing it seemed most proper, he said.

The club is in receipt of an invitation to spend a day at the Miner farm near Kingsville, Ont., and witness the wonderful sight of thousands of wild geese that every spring stop there in their migratory flight from the south to the north.

## DEMAND FOR CLOSED CARS

The consistently larger public demand for enclosed models is strikingly illustrated in production figures of the Hupp Motor Car Corporation.

Huppmobile schedules for 1924 call for more than 50 per cent closed car output, compared with 28 per cent in 1923.

Huppmobile closed car production for the first three months of 1924 was 38 per cent, with the recently announced club sedan and standard sedan as leaders.

The company manufactures eight models—four open and four enclosed types.

## QUARTER OF A MILLION FOR RIFLE RANGE

Congressman Hudson of the sixth congressional district to which this county is attached, has introduced a bill in congress to provide for the purchase of 1,200 acres of land in Oakland township, Oakland county, to be used as a rifle range. The bill calls for an appropriation of \$250,000 for acquiring the land, equipment and maintenance of the range. The location in that township is designated as sections 25, 26, 36 and 35. The property is one-half mile long by one and one-half miles long.

## M. E. S. NOTES

Rev. Mellsworth of Belfast, Ireland, spoke in Sunday school Sunday.

Mrs. F. L. Cook gave a three-minute talk on, "Why a Mother should be a Christian."

The Golden Key class will hold their regular meeting April 9th. As this will be in the form of a "Lenten service" each girl is asked to bring a guest.

Because of the visiting clergymen the Men's class did not hold their regular class session Sunday. Mr. H. McCracken will introduce the postponed discussion next Sunday. The next business and social meeting of the class will be held after Easter.

Mrs. Wesley and her associates are planning a program for Easter.

The April Sunday school board meeting will be held the 10th instead of the 14th, at the home of W. D. Butterfield.

The "Bible Question Contest" between the Philathas and Barneen Palm Sunday.

## NEW SUBDIVISION ON BASE LINE ROAD

Another subdivision for this vicinity is now assured. Smith-Burns Improvement Co. of Detroit, and F. D. Fleming of this city have purchased a 38-acre tract of W. A. Pangborn located on the north side of Base Line road just east of the Farmington road. It is the purpose of the purchasers to plow that land at once with a 60 foot street from the Base Line road running directly through the center of the subdivision. It is the intention of the company to erect a row of 50 small buildings of standard construction, so arranged that at a future date they can be enlarged without change in the first unit.

## CENTENNIAL NOTES

Tuesday April 8th at 3 p.m. at the Town Hall will occur the next meeting of the committees among the important matters that are to be discussed and settled are those of the amount of money to be spent upon each feature of the celebration. How much time shall be allotted to each, its place on the program etc.

It has been suggested by one of our teachers that there be held on one of the three days a reunion and perhaps a banquet of the Alumni of the Farmington schools.

This is a splendid idea and if properly carried out can be made most interesting affair.

In most places where celebrations of this kind have been held care has been taken to preserve the identity of places connected with the very early settlement of the town. These places were marked with bronze tablets at Pontiac.

Mr. Butterfield who owns and occupies the lot where was erected long years ago the first Methodist Church has signed and is circulating a petition to the effect that shall talk about that old building.

## PAY THE LICENSE OR VISIT THE JUDGE

Deputy County Treasurer Roy Coe, who is collecting delinquent licenses in this county, reports that the owners are remitting much more promptly this year than last. He states that Farmington township dog owners have been the most prompt in paying the license. He has visited every section in the county and will call back the work next week. His slogan, "Pay the license or visit the judge," is having good effect.

## NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church  
S. D. Eva, Pastor  
10:30 "The Light."  
11:45 Sunday School.  
7:30 "The Dark."

Clarenceville Community.  
M. E. Church  
Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.  
10:30 "Thirsting After God."  
11:45 Sunday School.  
7:30 "The Golden Fashional."

First Baptist Church  
C. W. Townsend, Minister.  
10:30 Worship. Sermon, "The Hallowed Night."  
11:45 Church School. Adult lesson, "Why the Kingdom was Delayed."  
8:30 B. Y. P. U. Topic, "History of Baptists in America."  
7:30 Evangelistic service. "The All-important Question."  
7:30 Wednesday—Mid-week meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Wood. Mrs. Storch, Clarenceville, at the home of Mrs. Muske, corner Grove and Orchard streets, Thursday April 10th, at 10:30 a.m.

Universalist Church  
A. B. Beresford, Minister.  
10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach on the topic, "The Universalist Attitude to Life's Fast, Fancies, and Problems."  
12:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible class.

Evangelical Church  
Rev. J. Bollen, Pastor  
10:30 Services in English. Examination of Confidants.  
11:45 Sunday School.  
7:30 Lenten Services in German.  
Y. P. L. meeting Wednesday, April 9th.

## A HOT TIME IN OLD TOWN

When Early Politicians Quarreled Over Local Issues and Policies

For three years after its settlement Farmington was for all political purposes a part of Bloomfield and under this name was comprehended the two southern tiers of townships in the county. But in the spring of 1827 several new townships were formed and among them was that of Farmington which included not only its present territory but that now embraced in the towns of Commerce, Union and Lyon also. An act of the Legislative Council approved April 12, 1827 provided and directed that the townships above mentioned "be a township by the name of Farmington and that the first town meeting be held at the home of Robert Wixom in said township." In accordance with this order the first meeting was duly held at Mr. Wixom's home the last Monday in May of that year. A full account of that meeting cannot be given because of the destruction by fire of the township records Oct. 9, 1872. We know, however, that Amos Mead was chosen supervisor and Robert Wixom clerk. The home of the latter where the meeting was held was situated on the southwest quarter of Sec. 15 almost the exact center of the township. Amos Mead also filled the office of supervisor in the years 1828 and 1830. Some of the men that held that office after him were, Edward Steele, 1829, 1832, 1834, 1835; Loring Doney, 1836. Daniel Lee, 1837, Benjamin Wixom, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844; H. Buffon, 1845, 1853; Samuel T. Bryan, 1854, 1859. Henry F. Cobb, 1860. Jesse B. Aldrich, 1861. P. Dean Warner, 1862, 1866. Henry R. Mason, 1867, 1868. A. J. Wixom, 1870, Deane S. Harger, 1874, James C. Wilber, 1872, Hix Horton, 1873, 1875. Ben Grace for seven years from 1876 until 1883. Mr. Grace was a democrat and notwithstanding the fact that Farmington at that time was republican by at least one hundred majority he was able to defeat republicans like Hix Horton, Charles Wixom, Dexter Green, J. P. Lee, Frank Clark, and Henry Horton, all of whom were republicans. In those years the democratic party in Farmington was compact and well organized. Under the leadership of men like B. F. Grace, O. S. Harger, C. W. Wilber and Hix Horton, the democratic party were aggressive and capable. With the handicap of a large majority against them they were able year after year to elect a part of their ticket. B. F. Grace was elected supervisor, Ira Tollman for treasurer and Oscar Harger for justice of the peace was again and again. At that time the Australian ballot had not come into use. It was the common practice of both parties to personally urge and solicit the voters to support the men whose names appeared upon their tickets. This was done at the polls in the building where the election was held and at other places. The present law making this practice illegal had not been enacted. Official ballots were in the hands of the party workers who gave them to the voters and urged them to use them. There were men whose politics were not well known, and when they would approach the polls to vote they not infrequently found themselves the object of much solicitation and advice in regard to men for whom they should vote. The claims of the various candidates were urged upon them with great persistence. Quarrels between the workers were not uncommon. Loud and angry words were used and the narrow confines of the hall often narrowly averted. For a good many years before the erection of the town hall the elections were held in a room in the hotel. It was not a suitable place because of its limited size, lack of ventilation and insufficient light. The question of building a hall for the use of the voters at elections and for other township purposes had been discussed by the people for a number of years without any action being taken. It seemed impossible to agree upon a site for its location. Finally an agreement was reached and on the 25th of June 1875 Cynthia M. Cobb sold the present site to the town for the sum of \$800. One half of this sum the citizens of the village were to raise by private subscription. January 26, 1876 the contract to build the hall was let to J. S. Prall of Pontiac. He

## THE UNIVERSALIST AND THE QUAKER

The just and admirable article of the Universalist church of Farmington written by our estimable fellow townsman, Mr. Nathan H. Power and which appear in your paper recently, has awakened some questionings. A number of the Universalists have asked the question, "Is the Universalist church an off-shoot or seism from the Hicksite Friends?" The article left such a question in the minds of some of its readers.

The answer is simple. The Universalist church, as an organized force in American life, dates from the middle of the seventeenth century, when Mr. Thomas Potter, the foremost citizen of Good Luck, New Jersey built at his own expense a church dedicated to the faith expressed in two utterances—one from Christ the first Christian Universalist who said, "It is the will of your Father in Heaven that not one of these little ones should perish" and one from St. Paul—the first Christian missionary of christian Universalism, "It is the will of God that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." This church still stands twenty years later, on September 30, 1770, Rev. John Murray preached in that church and in the half century that followed and before the first pioneer in vision saw Farmington as a garden spot of the earth, there were many and powerful Universalist churches in the east, from Maryland to Maine. Universalism was brought to Farmington by Universalists from the east and Hicksite Friends, who shared the larger hope and the finer spiritual insights and visions of their Universalist neighbors, found spiritual kinship and congenial companionship with the Universalists, and thus are found among the ancestors of Farmington Universalism. The Universalist church arose as did the christian church itself in the person of Christ—it came into the world of the hearts of believing men and women. It is not a seism or split from any other church. It may be of interest to know that Thomas Potter who built the first Universalist church in America, was a Baptist but came to the larger faith by reading the bible and that the first great preacher, and the founder of the denomination in America, John Murray, was a Baptist and a Methodist minister in London—the light of the larger hope and the wider faith dawned upon his masterful mind from the pages of Holy Writ.

A. B. BERESFORD, D. D.  
Pastor of the Universalist Church

## ANOTHER MILLION NEEDED TO COMPLETE HOME

An additional \$1,000,000 to complete work on the new home for feeble minded at Northville will be asked. Last year \$1,000,000 was appropriated for the project. The lowest bid for the work, however, exceeded this amount by more than \$300,000. The referendum will be submitted to the voters of Wayne county next fall. It is expected.

being the lowest bidder. After the letting of this contract a proposition was received from the Masonic lodge in which they expressed a desire to change the plan that had been adopted and make the hall a two story building instead of one, they to build and occupy the upper story upon the payment of a sum of money to be agreed upon in the future. The township board accepted their proposition and ordered new plans to be drawn and fixed the amount to be paid by the fraternity at the sum of \$1,153.00. Great opposition developed to this agreement. At that time the township board was in a general fight when the council prevailed and the people dispersed.

The site that was celebrated by victory over an immense bonfire on the street.

The township board at this time was Ben Grace, supervisor; Horace Gren, justice of the peace; Frank D. Clark, township clerk.

The 11:45 service on Sunday was represented by Ozro Murray, J. Wixom, Norman Lee, Dr. Woodman, R. W. Crawford and L. W. Simmons.

## IMPETUS GIVEN TRI-CO. CONTEST

Dinner Given by Union Trust Saturday Evening Attended By 250 Guests

New impetus was given the Union Trust Company's 1924 scholarship contest, by the dinner meeting held in General Motors building, Detroit, (Saturday evening March 29, attended by some 250 guests.

This delightful company was made up of school authorities, superintendents and principals and presidents of high school classes and editors of high school publications.

Both the parochial and public schools of Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties were represented. Frank W. Blair, president of the Union Trust Company, president of the same company, delivered the keynote address. Frank W. Blair, superintendent of Detroit Schools and Reverend Father John P. Nichols, S. J. president of the University of Detroit, were speakers, among others.

Toastmaster, Henry Ledyard of Campbell, Bullock & Ledyard, attorneys at law, Reverend Warren L. Rogers, D. D. dean of St. Paul's cathedral, delivered the invocation.

Saul Levine, president of the Central High school senior class spoke in behalf of the student body, in a masterful manner.

Good music, lively repartee, delectable menu and fine talks featured the evenings entertainment. Some 125 student seniors have already signified their intention to compete in the essay contest for five (\$5) \$1,000 college scholarships.

## FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The F. W. C. met Wednesday March 26 at the home of Mrs. Bicking. Twelve members and two visitors were present. The members responded to roll call with current events.

Mrs. Malow, chairman of the pension committee, reported ten pioneers present at the centennial banquet as guests of the F. W. C. The question of the county infirmary was presented by the chairman and all were asked to vote in favor of a new building.

An article by Pres. Coolidge on National Garden Week was read after which the following program was presented:

"Political Parties from 1789 to Present Time," Mrs. Martha Schroeder.

"State Rights, Monroe Doctrine, Alien Citizenship," Mrs. Margaret Truscott.

"Biography of Alexander Hamilton," Miss Mary Kuhn.

Mrs. S. D. Eva will be hostess at the next meeting Wednesday April 9th.—Mrs. Effa Parker, Sec pro tem.

## GILDEMEISTER—PAULINE

The marriage of Miss Hertha Gildemeister, daughter of Mrs. Emily Gildemeister, and Mr. Theron Pauline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pauline, was solemnized Monday, March 3rd in the Central B. Church, near Pontiac, Rev. Weldon Grossland pastor, officiating. Their attendants were Miss Marguerite Moore and Mr. Lloyd Pierson. Both are well and favorably known young people of Farmington.

The bride is an efficient bookkeeper at the Peoples State Bank and the groom is employed by the Detroit Edison Co. They will be at home to their many friends after Monday, April 7th in a new and decorated home in the Improvement Co.'s building.

## NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY

The Midlander, Tarkington. The Lookout Man, Bower. Mother of Gold, E. Hough. Graven Images, Wilmers. The Secret, C. Wells. May Eve, E. Thurston.

Books that are overdue: Call of the Wind, Adventures of a Brownie, Mr. Rabbit's Big Dinner, Little Black Bear, Three Bears, Second Book of Birds, When Molly was Six, Scaramouche, If Winter Comes.

Has anyone seen Little Tan Terrier? If so please send him home as he belongs to the public library.

## POLLS OPEN MONDAY

UNTIL 8 P. M. The polls on election day will be open until 8 p.m. An extension of time from 6 to 8 is discretionary with the board and it has been deemed advisable to extend the time in order that everyone may have an opportunity to vote.

## MICHIGAN EGGS WIN NEW JERSEY HONORS

Michigan eggs entered in a national egg show held under the direction of the New Jersey agricultural college late in March, won high honors, proving that the state's "hen fruit" is surpassed by none.

Four entries were made in the contest from the eggs being produced in the Michigan laying contest, conducted at the Michigan Agricultural college, and three of the four won places. The entries which were made in the experiment station class, included two brown and two white entries.

First place in the white class, with a score of 98.5 out of a possible 100, and the silver cup for best dozen, came back to Michigan. Second and third places in the brown egg class, from among a large field of entries, were won by the two local entries in this division.

A hundred pens, most of which are entered by Michigan breeders, are competing at M. A. C. now in the second yearly egg production contest. While the primary aim of this test is quantity production, it is interesting to know that the state eggs can also hold their own in quality.

## MRS. HANNAH KUHN

Mrs. Hannah Kuhn died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Turner on Brookdale avenue on Friday morning, March 28th, at 6:25 o'clock following a short illness with pneumonia. She was 67 years old, born in Niagara county, New York, coming to Michigan 48 years ago, and has lived in Farmington for the past 15 years.

She won by her kindly unselfish service a place in the affections of many to whom she was lovingly known as Grandma Kuhn. Many floral offerings were sent bearing sweet tokens of love for a quiet life that had been filled with loving service and kindly deeds.

She is survived by two sons, John and George of Plymouth Michigan and three daughters, Mrs. George Harrington of Arkon N. Y., Mrs. Harry Booth of Detroit and Mrs. John Turner of Farmington.

Services were held on Monday afternoon at the Turner residence and the Farmington M. E. church Rev. Eva officiating. Burial at Livonia Center.

## WEAR A CENTENNIAL BUTTON

Every citizen of Farmington township should wear on the lapel of his coat a centennial button. Monday is election day and that would be a most appropriate time for those who are not now wearing them to get in line and thus help increase interest in the Centennial celebration which will be held on June 19, 20 and 21.

Buttons are now on sale at the stores and banks and cost but 50c. The purchase of a button enrolls one as a member of the Farmington Centennial association. The money realized for the sale will be used in helping to defray the expense of the celebration.

## NEW GROCERY AND MEAT STORE

Wright & Parker, owners of a chain of groceries and meat stores that serve people of Detroit and vicinity, have taken a lease of a store here in the Improvement Co.'s block on Grand River-avenue and will open it to the public on Saturday. Their announcement will be found on page eight of this issue.

## PANGBORN—SIMMONS

Miss Stella Pangborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pangborn and Martin Simmons of Plymouth were united in marriage on Saturday, March 28th by Dr. E. Eugene Bartlett, pastor of the Congregational church in Pontiac. They will reside at Newburg where the groom is employed.

## PAST MATRONS' CLUB

## WILL ENTERTAIN

The members of the Past Matrons' club of Farmington Chapter No. 239 will entertain their husbands Thursday evening, April 10th at the Masonic hall. A chicken dinner will be served at 6 o'clock and cards will be the amusement of the evening. Business meeting at 4 p.m.

## A CLASSY FRONT

With large plate glass show windows as a set off the Lee Hardware front that store presents a classy appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps are ill with the gripe.

Rudolph Karl is confined to his home with rheumatism.