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## EARLY HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

By Mrs. Minnie Wilber  
(Continued)

The fall of 1863 the records give the first record of Home Missions when \$10 was sent.

May 28, 1864, fifteen members from the old church which had disbanded, united with the village church.

November 25, 1865 Elder W. E. Northrup and wife became members. A revival began with his labors and at one time seven young men were baptized, one of whom was the Elder's son, Stephen Abbott Northrup who became a very successful preacher. The Elder Northrup was with the church about two years. The year 1867 the pulpit was supplied by Elders Caleb Lamb, Bulis, S. S. Wheeler and David Loomis. September 28, 1867 Elder J. L. Boyden was invited to preach for one year for \$300 and a donation. In 1868 Brother Truman Cary began preaching and the next year was ordained. During the three years of his pastorate eight persons were baptized at one time and two weeks later two more, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the ten.

Somewhere about this time the home of one of our members, Mrs. Emma Palmer Warner, widow of Seth A. L. Warner one of the first pioneers of Farmington, was purchased for a parsonage. The Rev. Judson D. Perry and wife were the first to occupy it. They came from the old Baptist Church and were in the village only a short time.

April 1, 1873 Elder Nelson Eastwood began one year's service as pastor. At the same time Mrs. S. E. Wilber was appointed church clerk which office she held for sixteen consecutive years.

February 28, 1874 Elder Bloomer became pastor and served three full years and it was during his pastorate which brought the letters from J. H. Rasco and other former pastors.

During September 1875 the old church on the corner four miles north and west from here was sold and removed from the place it occupied.

The year 1877 the pulpit was supplied in the afternoon for several weeks by Rev. C. D. Gregory. The next year the Rev. George Crocker served as pastor. September 28, 1878 T. H. Teall and wife from Hamilton, N. Y. were received by letter and in October a council convened to ordain Brother Teall. Rev. Teall served two years. In August 1879 the church gave the use of their building to the Evangelical Society while they were building their church.

In the years 1838, 1834 the pulpit was occupied by Rev. A. F. Niles. Brother M. L. Marvin from the old Eighteenth Street Church in Detroit was pastor nearly a year during which time he was ordained, his being the third ordination in the church.

July 6, 1889 the church was reorganized under the new state laws regarding church affairs. April 24, 1892 Elder Boyden closed his faithful services of nearly five years. In 1892 Rev. D. Q. Barry began his regular services. In 1893 the interior of the church was decorated for the first time. Pastor Barry closed his three years labor April 2, 1895. A month later Rev. J. J. Tecknor, jointly with Novi Church began a three years pastorate. During the year that this church joined with other churches in pastoral relations the meetings were in the afternoons only. From September 28, 1895 the Evangelical Society had the use of the church for morning services for the year. During August 1898 the Rev. J. B. Reynolds began his services as pastor.

December 30, 1899 at the covenant meeting a communication was read stating some of the temporal needs of the church. Complaints had been made about the narrow uncomfortable seats and also the narrow aisles especially at times of funerals. A committee was appointed to find out the needs and report. They reported favorably and after it was voted upon they went ahead to make complete alterations. The last

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## BANGOR AUTO ACCIDENT

The following is from the Detroit Free Press dated, Grand Rapids, September 18:

The toll of a train auto crash at Bangor Wednesday night was increased to two lives tonight when Miss Gladys Empson, 15 years old, of Breedsville, died at a hospital here without regaining consciousness. Her chum, Violet Franklin, 17 years old, driver of the car in which the two were riding when a Pere Marquette train hit the machine at the Main street crossing, was killed instantly. The Empson girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Empson, were with her when she died.

Miss Empson is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Empson of this place. Mr. Empson, Barbara and Laura Mae Banta left Monday for Breedsville to attend the funeral.

## Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church  
Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, Pastor  
10:30—Worship and sermon.  
Special musical numbers by the choir. The pastor will speak on "Peter, the Rock."

11:50—Sunday school. Miss Emily Butterfield, Supt.  
6:30—Epworth League, Gedric Harger, leader.  
7:30—Evening service.

The choir will sing special numbers. The pastor will speak on "Andrew."

A cordial welcome is extended to all who do not have a church home to worship with us.

## Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor  
10:15—Services, German.  
11:45—Sunday school.  
Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 8:00 p. m. Columbian Quartette Concert.  
Oct. 3rd. Harvest Home and Ladies Aid anniversary.  
Instructions every Saturday 9:11-30 for children of 10 years and over.

West Point Park Church  
Rev. George E. Gullen, Pastor  
Seven Mile and Farmington Road  
Sunday at 11 a. m. George E. Gullen will preach on the topic "What's Wrong With the Men?"

Mr. Gullen requests correspondence on this subject. Address him at 2423 W. Warren avenue, City.

Baptismal service next Sunday morning and promotion day in Sunday School.

## First Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor  
10:30—Morning worship, with junior and senior sermons. The pastor is preaching a series of sermons on the Churches of Revelation. This week it will be the Church at "Smyrna."

11:45—Sunday School. Let us reach the 100 mark this week.  
6:30—B. Y. P. U. for young people.

7:30—Gospel service. The sermon subject "The Sacrifice Hit." This is the first of a series of baseball sermons. Everyone is invited, especially all ball players and ball fans.

Wednesday nights a Bible Study Hour is held, which is open to all. We are studying the Bible Dispensations. Come and study with us.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencetown  
(At Switzer Road)

Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor  
St. Pauls Lutheran church.  
9:30—Sunday school.

10:30—English service. Sermon by Rev. E. Mosserner. Rev. Graupner will deliver an anniversary sermon in Redford.

On Oct. 3rd the annual mission festival will be held with German service in the morning and English service at 3 p. m. by Rev. O. Riess of Northville. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Lightning struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman Farmington Acres, during the severe storm last week, demolishing the chimneys and doing considerable damage to the interior decorations.

## THE SILENT POLICEMAN

As Farmington is soon to have an automatic signal at the intersection of Grand River avenue and Division street for the control of traffic, Chief of Police Kreager gives the following instruction to the public which it might be well for all to study:

The automatic signal is a silent policeman and must be obeyed if you wish to avoid accidents and keep your record clear at police headquarters.

The amber light is a warning of change. If you have not yet passed the crosswalk, you must stop before doing so, although the red may not have yet shown. If standing do not start when the amber shows, wait until the green appears.

To make left turn where permitted, drive to center of street when the green shows and when the red light appears swing to the left and proceed. Traffic that was being held by the red light should let those making turn get out of way before starting after the appearance of the green light. Horn or other sound signal must not be used except as a warning signal.

One hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise is the time your car must have two lighted lamps in front which may be seen 200 feet from a car and a red lamp visible 200 feet to the rear. Motorcycles and bicycles must have one white light in front and one red light in rear.

Pedestrians should obey these instructions crossing the thoroughfare with the traffic. This applies also to hand and foot propelled vehicles, push carts and other similar wagons and conveyances.

## WILLIAMSON BROTHERS

### TAKE COUZENS, FARM

Mark N. and Frank H. Williamson, brothers, of Waterford, Oakland county, have been selected out of a field of 1,000 applicants by United States Senator James Couzens to manage his 1,000-acre farm, "Wabeek" near Orchard Lake. The farm, which will be tax and rent free, was offered by Senator Couzens several weeks ago to "anyone who could make it pay."

Mark, the older of the brothers, has worked his own 120-acre farm near Waterford for five years. His brother is a graduate from Michigan State College and has had a year of post-graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

The Williamsons have a five-year contract to manage the place, and they will be enabled by its terms to retain all the money they make except the necessary expenditures for upkeep. Senator Couzens by the terms of the contract will pay all the farm's taxes and its rent.

One of the plans of the Williamsons is to develop a high test milk which will be distributed to a limited market.

## EXCHANGE CLUB

At Tuesday's noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club it was decided to start an attendance contest. For the purpose of arranging for it E. O. Hatton, Leo Gilde-meister and Arthur Lamb were appointed on a committee to formulate a plan to be presented at the next meeting of the club.

The golf committee reported fine progress in elimination contests for the final golf event of the season.

## JAMES L. WATERBURY

The funeral services of James L. Waterbury, aged 53 years, were held Saturday, Rev. E. W. Palmer officiating.

Mr. Waterbury was born June 1, 1873 at Unionville, Mich., and leaves a wife, daughters and mother besides three sisters and one brother.

The remains were taken to Indian River for burial.

The monthly bridge luncheon held at Northland Country Club Wednesday afternoon, was attended by the following Farmington ladies, Mesdames John L. Lapham, E. A. Fink, Clarence Bickling and Arthur Lamb. Honors were won by Mrs. Lapham.

## ENTERPRISE'S NEW HOME

### WELL UNDER WAY

The foundation for the new building, which will house The Enterprise is about laid and work on the superstructure will commence soon. Leonard Wenzel, the contractor has a force of men at work who are well organized for rapid and methodical construction.

While The Enterprise is very conveniently located in temporary quarters in the basement of the post office building, there are some disadvantages to be contended with. Until we are settled in the new quarters we request advertisers to have all copy in not later than Wednesday afternoon. The earlier the better. Telephone numbers are the same: Office 25-F2, house 25-F3. Parties desiring to send in society and local items are requested to call 25-F3.

## CONSUMERS POWER CO. WILL ESTABLISH OFFICE HERE

In an article on the proposed gas franchise for Farmington town and Farmington city published in last week's issue it was intended to say that, in the event the franchises were granted the Consumers Power Co. would establish an office in Farmington, but a line of type was eliminated in a last minute correction which left the paragraph without sense.

## DEMOCRATS WILL HAVE TICKET IN FIELD

Oakland County Democrats will have a partial ticket at the November election, not all of their candidates having received enough votes at the recent primary election to entitle them to a place on the ticket. Because the highest vote on the Democratic ticket was 421 it was necessary for each candidate to have 15 per cent or 63 votes to be nominated. Several lacked only a few of this number when the county canvassing board finished the count today.

Frank C. Dunston was the only county candidate whose name appeared on the ticket and the rest had to be written in. He received 328 votes.

James Leese was nominated for county clerk with a total of 93 Samuel McCall was the nominee for treasurer with 75 votes. Harold Howlett was nominated for prosecutor with 63 votes. Mrs. Belle Anderson was nominated for register-of-deeds with 75 votes. John C. Myers and John P. Colden both failed to muster enough votes to nominate them for Circuit Court commissioners. The former having received 52 votes and the latter 61. George Richardson also failed to get enough ballots for County Drain Commissioner, his total having been 55. Orrin P. Hutton was nominated for Coroner with 69 votes and Dr. John D. Monroe failed to get enough for the second place as coroner, his total having been 53. W. J. Fisher lacked only one vote to nominate him for County Surveyor his vote having been 62. Will Anderson received only 56 votes for Road Commissioner and was not nominated.—Pontiac Press.

## SHERIFF DECLARES WAR ON FRUIT THIEVES

Sheriff Schram has declared war on orchard thieves and given warning that special deputies have been sworn in to prevent thefts.

It is reported that thousands of dollars worth of fruit is stolen from the trees in Oakland county by gangs of thieves who take away large loads every day.

The sheriff announced that all persons caught taking fruit from orchards will be locked up.

## APPEAL FROM JAIL SENTENCE

Ray Seibert and Clayton Nevans who were convicted last week before Justice John J. Schulte Jr. on their plea of guilty of stealing flour, sugar and cakes from the Farmington Bakery were appealed from their sentences to sixty and thirty days respectively in the county jail, they are now out on bail and will be tried in the circuit court.

## HOME DEMONSTRATION GROUP REORGANIZED

Home Demonstration groups have recently been re-organized following district rallies held under the direction of Miss Muriel Dundas, county home demonstration agent. Projects are to be started for the winter season with two training meetings for leaders in clothing to be held as follows: For the western part of the county at Milford M. E. Church, Thursday, September 30 at 10 a. m. For leaders from the eastern part at Oxford, M. E. Church, Friday, October 1 at 10 a. m.

The clothing project being conducted for the third year under the home demonstration agent and state clothing specialists will include a study of the principles of color and design as related to the costume. "The Home" is the subject of the second project to be given through the home extension department this year, by Miss Edwin Y. Smith, State Specialist in home management from Michigan State College.

The group enrollments which are being received by the home demonstration agent indicate an increasing interest in this form of continuing education which is sponsored by Oakland County and the Michigan State College. Miss Dundas, for two and one half years home demonstration agent, has resigned and will attend Columbia University, New York City for the year. Her successor will be appointed at an early date.

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

A special communication of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. & M. will be held Monday evening, September 27 for work in the first degree.

By order of the W. M.

## MARK OF APPRECIATION

A very pleasant part of the service at the Baptist Church last Sunday morning was the giving of a beautiful Bible to Alma Weston on behalf of the church for her faithful services as piano player and teacher in Sunday School.

Miss Weston has gone to Mt. Pleasant to attend school.

## MICHIGAN BOYS WILL JUDGE AT DAIRY SHOW

Michigan's champion dairy judges in boys and girls club work will compete against the best club judges in the country during the national dairy show to be held at the state fair grounds in Detroit October 6 to 13.

Winners in club judging from twenty states will strive to win the title of national champions according to announcement made here this week by A. G. Kettunen, Michigan club leader, who will be in charge of the judging events at the national show. The youngsters will be housed in the Club Building at the fair grounds during the exposition.

Michigan's teams, selected on the basis of their winnings in state contests held during the past summer, will be made up as follows: Dairy judging, Hugh Austin, Saline; Gilbert Christensen, Iron River; George Yoder Manistique; and, Robert Hunt Eaton Rapids (alternate). Dairy demonstration, Perry Holden and Norville Farrell, both of Milford. The State Fair Association will pay the expenses of the Michigan teams, while the Dairy Association will take care of transportation expenses for teams from other states.

The youthful judges will be required to place rings of four dairy breeds. Other judging events scheduled for the Dairy Show include college student judging teams from thirty different states, vocational high school judges, and a farmers judging contest.

The seventy-ninth national convention of I. O. R. M. was held in Detroit this week. At a session of the conferring of degrees Wednesday evening, Mrs. Mary E. Foster of Farmington was a guest of Mrs. M. L. Morgan, former state deputy. Mrs. Morgan was the presiding officer for the evening.

## aiding the FLORIDA STORM SUFFERERS

With characteristic promptness and generosity Oakland county is responding to the call for help from the stricken people of Florida, still dazed from the effects of the terrible disaster that overwhelmed many of the cities and villages of that state early this week.

Already the first installment of the county's relief funds is on its way. To Milford goes the credit for being the first community in the county to contribute. A systematic canvass is being made here to which FaFarmington will respond in its usual generous manner.

Red Cross contributions can be paid at either of the Farmington banks.

## GALA DAY AT WEST POINT PARK

Saturday, September 18 West Point Park held their first "Gala Day" which was a grand success.

The day was ideal and the program commenced at 1:00 o'clock. Music was furnished by the Farmington band. Their selections were well rendered and much enjoyed by the large crowd gathered on the school grounds.

At 2:00 o'clock the Northville ball team and Clyde, well known fast teams, faced one another on the diamond. There was a spirited battle. Score 6 to 0 in favor of Clyde.

West Point Park played the winners at 4:00 o'clock. At first it looked as if Clyde was going to be victorious, but West Point team rallied, tied the score and finally put over the winning run in the tenth inning. Score 4 to 3 in favor of West Point Park. Dinner was served at 6 o'clock in the community hall. The ladies had prepared for a big crowd, but the demand far exceeded their expectations.

Dancing and music were enjoyed during the evening by all present.

Promoters of West Point Park's first "Gala Day" appreciate the good attendance that made the day such a success.

Livonia Center school ball team played West Point Park school on the school grounds at West Point Park, Monday, September 20. Score 22 to 3, West Point Park being the winners.

## CORN BORER SURVEY COMMENCED THURSDAY

The advancing battle line of the European corn borer in southeastern Michigan is now being surveyed by farmers, regulatory officials, college professors, bankers, business men and magazine editors from more than a dozen states of the Middle West. The survey will end Saturday.

The tour started at Toledo yesterday morning. During the day the heavily infested fields of Lucas county, O., and Monroe county, Mich., as well as the corn borer experiment stations near Toledo and Monroe were visited.

On Friday morning the tourists will cross to Canada and inspect the infested fields of Essex and Kent counties. Demonstrations of new machines which have been designed to aid in the control of the pest will be given during the trip through Ontario.

A general conference to discuss the situation will be held at the Twentieth Century Club at Detroit Saturday afternoon.

The entire Corn Belt is alarmed at the borer's advance. Since the first tour of Ohio, Michigan and Ontario a year ago, when the men from that section saw with their own eyes how much damage the pest can do, information about it has been broadcast through the newspapers and farm press from the lecture platform. The progress of the pest during the present season, during which it has invaded four counties of Indiana and has reached as far west as Calhoun county in Michigan, has served still further to increase the trepidation in the Corn Belt.

Mrs. James Gitchrich of Walled Lake was an overnight Wednesday guest of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling, Oakland avenue.