

ELECTIONS THRILLED
IN 'THE GOOD OLD DAYS'

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ties' which increased rapidly in membership. One of its advocates appeared here with scrolls and charts from which he preached. Night after night he talked to all who came in a building that stood near the present residence of Eugene Grace on Farmington road.

Some believed and a few gave away their earthly belongings and procured robes for their departure from earth which was scheduled to take place in April. But the April night came and went with nothing unusual happening and the Millerites faded away.

In 1827 the township was organized and an election was held the latter part of May. Amos Mead was chosen supervisor and Robert Wixom, clerk.

Many prominent citizens of the town have held the office of supervisor during the 100 years of its existence. Some of them have gone and left not a trace behind. For instance, Samuel T. Bryan was elected for five years, 1834 to 1839. I am unable to get any facts concerning him or his family. Ben Grace, Democrat, was elected for seven years, 1876 to 1883, in the fact of a Republican majority of at least 100. C. D. Owen defeated him by a 9 majority in 1883.

One supervisor, Albert A. Murray died after holding the office less than a year. He was the hardware merchant of the town and was universally beloved and respected. In the election of 1889 Chas. Button, Republican, received 184 votes and Wallace Hutton claimed 181. At the next election Hutton held his 181 votes while Button received only 180 and was defeated.

It was the days before the Australian Ballot Party split, and nationally in National elections was intense. Voters of today have no conception of the feeling that often existed. Friends of long standing often became bitter enemies during the heat of a campaign. Neighbors refused to speak to each other. The fitness of a man seeking office was forgotten and the only thing was his party affiliations. "Is he on my ticket?" was the only question considered. It was the common practice to personally urge and solicit the voters to vote the party ticket. This was done in the building where the election was held and at other places. The law did not make the practice illegal.

All ballots were in the hands of the party workers who gave them to the voters and urged them to vote a straight ticket. There were voters whose politics were not well known and when they approached the polls to vote they not infrequently found themselves the object of much advice and solicitation in regard to their vote. The claims of the party candidates were urged upon them with great persistence. Quarrels between the party workers were not uncommon. Loud and angry words were used and fist fights narrowly averted.

FARMINGTON WOMEN ARE
DELEGATES AT LANSING

Two Farmington women, Mrs. Harrison Johnson and Mrs. C. J. Hinborn, represented the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs at a meeting of the clubs of the southeastern district of the State, held at Lansing on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Johnson is president of the Oakland County Federation.

NEW WALK FINISHED

A new sidewalk has been completed on Division street from the south side of the Enterprise building to the corner of State street, by Warner Brothers and the city, owners of most of the frontage along which the new sidewalk was constructed.

MERCHANTS RECOVER IN
'ADVERTISING' SCHEME

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Acting Chief of Police Clayton Stokes and Judge John J. Schulte, Acting Chief Stokes took Pedigo to Pontiac and Mr. Heeney, acting on advice of Judge Schulte, went to the town where the section was to have been circulated and obtained the signatures of 50 residents to a statement that they had not received the "reviews."

Authorities refused to release Pedigo until money was produced to repay the Farmington merchants. Pedigo's wife arrived in Farmington Monday morning. Telegrams, it is understood, failed to obtain for him sufficient funds. Finally, police said, the publisher of the newspaper in which the section was to have been inserted produced the \$195 and Pedigo was released. Acting Chief Stokes reimbursed those who had paid Pedigo.

Police are still unable to learn why the section was not inserted. Pedigo claimed that they were delivered, and exhibited a contract for the insertion, which he declared absolved him of part of it. The sections are not printed where they are to be circulated, but are furnished, already printed, to the newspaper.

Nineteen business-men of this section, according to the police report, were among the firms "advertised" in the supplement, and they paid amounts varying from five to twenty dollars each. Different amounts for the spaces were collected by Pedigo, whose prices covered a wide range. Solicitations were made by telephone; Pedigo using the name of the newspaper publisher with whom he contracted. The practice which the publisher later declared was unauthorized. Part of the solicitation was devoted to the argument that "everybody is going in," and that the party against which the section was wished to be left out of the "yearly commercial summary."

The "advertising" in the supplement consisted of flattering stories about the Farmington concerns, most of them ending with a statement that the publishers of the section "wish to compliment" the particular advertiser mentioned, on "the efficiency of their services," etc. etc. All but a small portion of the supplement consisted of these stories, apparently "canned" publicity, applicable to almost any business, and the remainder was what is known as "filler material."

Pedigo appeared to collect within a day or two after the section was to have been circulated. He was not successful everywhere, and one amusing experience was that of the Farmington Hardware Co. Pedigo solicited that firm by telephone, but E. O. Hutton of the firm said he would "think about" the "write-up." Pedigo read to him over the phone. The story was published, and Pedigo called to collect. Being told the "advertising" was not authorized, Pedigo asked to be paid "whether it was worth, and call it square."

"Then we're square now," said Mr. Hutton. Pedigo did not collect.

Farmington Motor Sales was another firm which refused to pay, because no bill suitable was presented.

Pedigo visited Farmington first about six weeks ago with the purpose of circulating through the Farmington Enterprise a "commercial review" of the same nature, but of Pontiac business. When his proposal was declined, he went to Plymouth, where the publisher of the Plymouth Mail also refused to enter into an agreement with him. It is understood that he obtained circulation for a "yearly review" of Plymouth merchants in the same paper which published that of Farmington business.

Acting Chief Stokes spent some time Tuesday reimbursing the business-people who had paid money to Pedigo. A form of contract which Pedigo displayed when he first visited Farmington called for circulation of the section on the entire local and rural list, but not to outside subscribers or other newspapers. It is Redford readers, and one or more came to Farmington. All of those having "advertisements" in the section were given a copy by Pedigo.

Among the firms solicited and who either received reimbursements or did not pay Pedigo were The Auto Shop; Aldrich's Nursery; George K. Chetkett; Central Pharmacy; Farmington Mills; Farmington Motor Sales; L. F. Fend; F. D. Fleming & Co.; Good's Service Station; Grand River Lumber and Coal Co.; Gates Concrete Works; Spencer J. Heeney; Lake Drive Garage; Oakland Hills Poultry Farm; Peoples State Bank; Dr. G. R. Switzer; Warner Dairy Co.; Harry S. Wells. All were asked \$30 for "advertisements." It is understood, and the price scaled down to fifteen and then ten dollars, depending upon the persistence of those solicited.

Farmington has proved a nemesis for promoters of such schemes. About three years ago W. N. Miller, then publisher of the Farmington Enterprise, detected an attempted fraud in connection with a similar "stunt" and brought about arrest of the promoter while the latter was collecting from Pontiac firms.

ASK THAT OPPORTUNITY
ROOM, NURSE, BE KEPT

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ion of the majority of the voters on these things, so that we can carry out the wishes of the people in the District."

Discussion then reverted to the Nursing Service with Mrs. Storms asking, "Does the general public know all the good the nurse does?" Trustee Macomber replied, "No, but they know all the bad she does." Mrs. Storms answered, "Of course, she does things for others that no one else would do. I understand there is some objection that she takes children to free clinics instead of doctors." Instances were given of the nurse's service to a number of families.

"We have had the same experience as Mrs. Roos did," said Trustee Fred Cook, and Mrs. Storms added, "The children have a right to live and we must look after them. They can't help their condition."

President Power said that in reference to the nurse, he had heard that "she didn't co-operate with the doctors." Trustee Nichols declared, "We haven't had the co-operation of the medical profession here." Trustee Macomber said, "There is no more jealous class of people than professional men."

"I think the nurse has been careful," said Trustee Nichols, and Mrs. Roos declared,—"The criticism of her would apply to all of us. I think we are inclined to be undiplomatic at times." A nationally-known school superintendent then quoted by Mr. Roos as having said that if citizens asked him to eliminate the nurse, he wouldn't listen to them, and Mr. Roos added, "this Board shouldn't be swayed by everything anybody says."

Trustee Nichols said that the Board "started the Nursing Service without a vote of the people" and that "it now wishes a strong sentiment expressed for the nursing service." A discussion of expense ensued following which Mr. Roos remarked, "Children are worth more than a carload of cinders. I pay as much taxes pro rata as anyone in the district, and I am jealous of what is done

for or against the welfare of my children?" Mrs. Storms declared, "When we start cutting expenses we cut what we know least about."

President Power stated that "in all departments of government, expenses are not being cut." Mr. Roos replied, "There are fads and fads in government, but children are not fads," to which Mrs. Storms added, "There is always money for good roads." At

this point the discussion concluded.

During the meeting, question was brought up as to the exact action of the Board on February 12, in relation to the Nursing Service. The minutes were read by Secretary Macomber as follows: "A discussion followed relative to the advisability of continuing the nursing department of our school system. Discussion was in the negative, thereby

eliminating - the necessity of a school nurse."

It was decided that new teachers should be hired by the new Superintendent. Seven teachers, it is understood, have not signed their contracts for next year. The kindergarten and sixth grade are open, and four positions in the high school. It is understood that Miss Cecile Halsted of Farmington will be engaged for a grade position, yet to be assigned.

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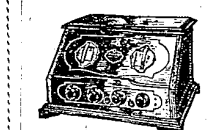
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