

Universalist Church History Interesting

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At first the Universalists were few, not more than five or six and their beginning was extremely unpromising. At their first meeting not a woman was present, but in a short time there were three ladies who attended regularly.

In recent years this order has been reversed. In a short time the congregation increased until floors had to be put under the roof of this temporary meeting house to secure its safety.

In 1853 the time came for a more commodious building. When the subscription paper was circulated for securing the necessary means Mr. Lyons was told that he never would live long enough to see a church building. Now when these sturdy pioneers started a piece of work it usually reached completion. In nine weeks from the time they started, the site of one acre was purchased for two hundred dollars, and the material for the building on the ground. During the same summer the work was completed and the structure dedicated in November. The size was 20 by 30 feet, the same as today, except the vestibule which was annexed later. The original cost was \$900. This first Universalist Society at this time purchased a bell which always hung in the Methodist belfry as ours was not built for such a use. The clapper of this bell was secured from the fire which destroyed our neighbor church in 1920.

Not until October 26, 1866, was the Universalist Society formally organized, with Garrett Becker as clerk, and S. P. Lyons and Benjamin Pierson, deacons. Charles W. Knickerbocker was called as pastor. It will probably be of interest to a great many to again have called to mind the names of the first member, most

of whom have descendants in this vicinity at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Delling, Silas Johnson, Caroline Blanchard, Adeline Green, Mr. and Mrs. George Holker, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Lyons, Joshua Simmons and wife, Mrs. Charlotte Service, David Blakesley and wife, G. H. Melody, Mary Hillborn, Thomas Armstrong and wife, Marriet Francis, Benjamin Francis and Mrs. Benjamin Hilliker.

At the first meeting it was voted to pay ten cents apiece for current expenses. Later having been elected to care for the same. The first money collected was used to purchase a communion set. This was used until 1923 when Jack Crosby Brannack gave to this society a service in memory of his grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Crosby.

Reverend Woolley and Rev. Cook were in charge here until 1866. Then for ten years Rev. C. W. Knickerbocker was the minister. Much could be said of his very efficient work as pastor. Their followed Wellington Sartorius in 1870; Abram Soule in 1877. He and his family gave a great deal of work for this church. The choir at that time was much noted. Rev. Wash came in 1894. Rev. Olivia Carpenter was here from 1895 until October 1876, resigning to marry J. J. Woodman of Paw Paw; then Rev. Crane of Lansing. J. W. Slaughter of Ann Arbor University was here two years. In 1901 the church was remodeled and remains about the same until the present time.

Dr. Lee C. McColister, Church of Our Father, Detroit, then on for a number of years, supplied this pulpit. Then were the days of large congregations, many bringing their own chairs. In 1907, J. J. Miller was here, residing in Plymouth and giving us half time.

In 1917 we were pleased to have with us again Rev. Olivia

Carpenter Woodman of Paw Paw. She is now a very old lady, and ill health prevented her being with us at the recent "Home-Coming."

In 1917 Rev. Willis A. Moore supplied here from Detroit; 1918 Rev. Charles Patterson from the Church of Our Father.

In 1920 A. B. Berestford of Cincinnati, O. came and made his residence here for over two years. During his pastorate the Manse was completed. The corner stone was laid October 21, 1921.

At the present time Dr. Frank D. Adams of Detroit Universalist Church occupies this pulpit on alternate Sunday afternoons. He has been doing this for over two years. The attendance is made up of earnest workers, but Dr. Adams deserves a larger audience. Recently a considerable amount of repair has been put on the church building, the last being the new carpet.

Plans are now being mapped out whereby we can accomplish a greater work. We hope to be able to carry on and achieve results equal to and beyond the work of our forefathers.

WEST FARMINGTON CLUB HAS ITS FIRST MEETING

At the first meeting of the new West Farmington "500 Club," Wednesday night, four tables were in play, at the home of Mrs. Charles Gow. Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Wadenstorer won both first prizes. Miss Kerrin the consolation and Carl D'Olive the consolation prizes. Refreshments were served.

The club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Albert Sulkowski next Wednesday evening.

INFANT DIES

A baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wick Friday, December 7, and named Donald Frederick, died Tuesday. Burial took place in Oakwood Cemetery.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES BEING PLANNED BY SEVERAL CHURCHES

Cantatas, Pageants, And Other Features To Be Given; "Santa Claus" To Visit

Churches and church organizations of this community are planning special programs and events in celebration of the holiday season. Cantatas, pageants and other features will be given by the various churches.

A Christmas Eve pageant will be presented by members from each class of the Sunday School in the Salem Evangelical Church in accordance with the custom, on December 24. There will be a Christmas tree, and as part of the conclusion of the pageant, a "white gift Christmas," in which each Sunday School class contributes something for aid organizations outside the church.

The Baptist Church will hold a Christmas party for babies of the Cradle Roll and their mothers on Thursday afternoon, December 20, under the auspices of the Bible School and the Woman's Auxiliary. A present will be given each child. The Bible School will have its annual Christmas program the evening of Friday, December 23.

The kindergarten and primary children of Farmington Methodist Church will have a party the evening of Friday, December 21. The Sunday School and the congregation will unite in a joint program and banquet for the membership will be given the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

At the West Point Park church, a cantata will be given for the entire community Friday evening, December 21, by children of the Pierson School. The program will be followed by distribution of presents.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church is

tentatively planning a midnight service; The Universalist church will hear a Christmas sermon by Dr. Frank D. Adams, Sunday afternoon, December 23. Plans are also being made by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Clarenceville for a children's program Christmas Eve.

YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE INVITED TO MEETING

An informal before-Christmas party for young married people is planned by Farmington Methodist Church, to be held Thursday evening, December 13, in the Church social rooms. It is sponsored by the Sunday School Board.

The meeting may be the forerunner, according to the announcement, of "some simple or organization."

HAVE ENVELOPES FOR CURRENCY AS PRESENTS

An attractive way of giving money as Christmas gifts is provided by the Farmington State Savings Bank, in the shape of a red paper folder with outside envelope to match. The paper is of fine quality and of the proper size for currency.

A supply of crisp new bills is also on hand, Edgar S. Pierce, cashier, states, and the envelopes will be given to all adults who will call at the Bank for them.

BUYS "300 FEET" FINDS IT ONLY 200; GETS \$567

A discrepancy of 100 feet in the sale of a 300-foot frontage property on Farmington road was claimed by Harry Barack, in a suit at Circuit Court at Pontiac Wednesday. The land was sold to Barack by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Weinberg.

Barack declared that the abstract showed only 200 feet, and France, are cut out of the solid which he had paid and \$67 interest.

PHONE COMPANY MEN ARE CHANGING LINES

Employees of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company are at work making changes in lines and cables in Farmington. The work is alteration rather than part of an expansion program, and is being done partly to facilitate service of the Detroit Edison Company. About \$1,200 is being spent.

Expansion of Farmington telephone facilities will be ready just as soon as the need appears, it is understood.

CORRECTION

In a report in last week's issue, regarding donations made by the American Legion Auxiliary of Farmington, there was included a donation to the soldiers' hospital at Battle Creek, as "100." This should have read "soldiers' hospital No. 100," the donation having been 13 cans of fruit.

CITY TAX NOTICE

1928 State and County Taxes are due and if paid on or before January 9, 1929, 1% collection fee; 4% collection fee charged thereafter, while Tax Roll remains in my possession.

A penalty of \$2.00 will be charged for dog licenses applied for on or after March 1, 1929.

Collections will be made at the Farmington State Savings Bank. Hinman G. Nichols, City Treasurer.

NOTICE

Leslie J. Barnett is no longer in my employ and I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by him in my name.

(Signed)

Mrs. Jessie Power.

Friend Santa Claus



Gifts for Your Friends

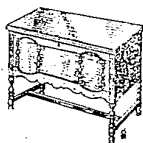
Vacuum Cleaners	\$29.50	Golf Set, bag and clubs	\$7.00 up
Bridge Lamps	\$7.50 up	Razors and Strops	\$1.00 up
Fancy Pottery	.50c up	Smoking Stands	\$1.00 up
32 Piece Set of Dishes	\$6.00 up	Tools—All kinds	.50c up
Silverware	\$1.00 up	Watches, Chains	\$1.50 up
Sewigg Cabinets	\$5.00 up	Hunting Coats, Caps	\$5.00 up
Rugs	\$1.98 up	Atwater Kent Radio	\$77.00
Electric Percolators	\$1.50 up	Majestic, Complete	\$160.00
Traveling Bags	\$5.00 up	All-American Mohawk	\$137.00

KIDDIE

Mail your letters here in the Santa Claus Mail Box

Gifts FOR THE HOME

Below we price and describe a few appropriate gift suggestions for the home. Such gifts are truly appreciated—and their small cost is apparent from these specimen valuations.



Walnut Chests

Walnut veneered Cedar lined chests, large roomy size, very gracefully designed. An excellent gift hint.

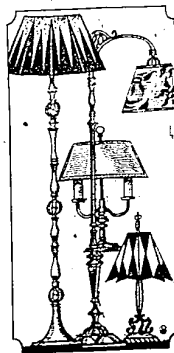
\$33.00



Davenport Tables

A splendidly made table for living room use. Nicely veneered in walnut. A popular style.

\$6.00



Give Lamps

\$7.50 to \$24.00



Da-Beds

Good looking Da-Beds, that open up to full size comfortable beds. New designs. All metal construction.

\$19.00



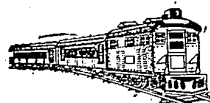
Place Chairs

Comfortably upholstered in ratine, tapestry or jacquard. Strong frame. Low priced.

\$14.50

TOYS FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS

Big Table Full of Games, Trains, Fire Engines, Wagons, Books, Watches, Guns, Blocks, Dishes, Houses, Kitchen Sets, Footballs, Doll Carriages, Sleds, Scooters, Skis, and lots of toys to make Kiddies happy.



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