

## Historical Society Hears of Glaciers Effects on the Area

The Farmington Historical Society opened the 1963-64 season a couple of weeks ago by going back 18,000 years.

Under the title, "A Glimpse of the Glacier," Mrs. Lloyd Smith told Society members of some of the present-day landmarks in this area which are directly attributable to the fourth great glacier. This last great glacier, Mrs. Smith declared, completely covered Michigan, the only state where this was true.

The sharp little bank rising on 9 Mile Road just off Brookdale in the city, Mrs. Smith said, is the shoreline of what was once known as Lake Whittier.

And the three kames (conical-shaped hills now being removed) behind the Star Cutter

Company were formed, Mrs. Smith said, by a crack in the ice which allowed water to wash sand down and thus form the kames.

Other obvious glacier-caused phenomena are the lakes and rivers in this area and in all of Michigan. But Mrs. Smith said, Michigan's rivers are gradually drying up, adding that "all the tilling that has been done has increased the process."

Mrs. Smith mentioned several industries owing their fruit to the glacier. The spruce growing industry along Lake Michigan, the once important lumbering and fishing industries, replaced now by the vegetable and grain growing and tourist industries are some examples.

The business meeting of the Society preceded the speaker's presentation. President Paul Schuster announced that Curt Hall Township Supervisor, told him about an hour before the meeting that the Mayors had about completed a deal to buy the old Town Hall, thus assuring the saving of the building. Saving the Town Hall has been a project of the Historical Society since its inception in February 1962.

CURATOR Vayle Lorian announced receipt of gifts from Mrs. Ernest V. Blanchard, 1881; a mounted photo of the interior of the Warner Dry Goods Store; an 1850 clock; and two unusual invitations to parties at the Owen House (still standing on Grand River) for an New Year's Party in 1853 and an Independence Ball for the same year.

The Society will not meet again until January because of Thanksgiving and Christmas falling close to the regular monthly dates.

Just as it is the automobile manufacturer's business to sell transportation, so it is the newspaper owner's business to sell information and not advice nor propaganda.

—Walter B. Pitkin

The careful reader of a few good newspapers can learn more in a year than most scholars do in their great libraries.

—F. B. Sanborn

## Boy Scouting Movement Locally Dates Back More Than 40 Years

In the last 40 years the Boy Scout movement has had an active part in the growth and development of Farmington. Although most from the very start there have been many people vitally interested in the young boys of this area. These people have come and gone, leaving their good marks on the minds of the young men of this community.

Farmington is a part of what is now known as the Ottawa District of the Clinton Valley Boy Scout Council. Once this whole area was a part of the Oakland Circle but because of the tremendous growth was divided into four sections.

SCOUTING came into the Farmington area by way of old Troop 44, then of Clarendonville. The Scoutmaster was Maurice DeCoster and he had many Farmington men on his committee. This was in the early 1920s.

A centennial log cabin built in 1924 stood in the park area on Grand River and Farmington Road. It was dedicated in 1932 to the New Troop 45 through the leadership of the then Area District Commissioner, Joseph Himmelsbach. He has a volunteer set of scrap books to prove pictorially those very active years in Boy Scouting here.

It was in this era that the largest gathering of scouts ever assembled to that date came to Farmington for Camporee. They were reviewed by former Gov. Brucker. The 1st pack was a fast Cub Pack, named in 1950 by the same sponsor with Tom Brooks as Cub Master, meeting in the Farmington Junior High Gym.

At present this Big Pack is led by William Chénault and meets in Cloverdale School. Also there is a scout Explorer Post 45, finding many and diversified activities keeping the group busy and alert, under the leadership of their first Explorer advisor, Gerald Farrell, a son of his original committee. In 1940, many will remember Ship 45, Skipped by Walter Dixon and Crew.

ANOTHER one of the older Troops and its units in Farmington is Troop 35 sponsored in the early 1930's by the First Baptist Church. In 1945 the troop was reactivated under the leadership of William Barnum, who remained in that position for about 35 years. This Troop was active in the camping program every year. It also took under its wing the Troop at the Children's Hospital, all the physically handicapped boys, whose leader was John Samuelsen.

This Troop had three boys attend National Jamborees at different times. In 1933, under the leadership of Bill Barnum the Farmington unit went to Olli-

sonia where they put Farmington in the Do and Show, Rope, and making.

Pack 35 was brought into existence at the time of the Bowman's Cubmaster sponsored by the Baptist Church. This unit is no longer active.

THE Explorer Post which carried on extensive camping and canoe trips.

Today Troop 45 is sponsored by the Ottawa District, Warrenton Post 4033 and its leader is Herbert Barnum, brother of Bill Barnum.

NEXT in this procession of Scouting units comes Troop 48 sponsored by B. and S. School. George Everett was the first Scoutmaster. At present the Troop is out of the picture, but only temporarily. Pack 48 was organized in the early 1950s. This group became one of the larger packs in the northern part of the county. Today it is under the guidance of Joe and Marty Gluckstein. Along with the 48 group was their Explorer Post under the sponsorship of the New Troop 45 Club. Their advisor was Albert Merrow. This Post was one of the most active in camping and public service. Not the least was their contribution to the Scout-O-Rama where they showed great skill in their displays.

ALONG THE Scouting Trail we find Pack and Troop 109 of the Middlebelt P.T.A. beginning under the direction of Kenneth Schuchman and Harley Thompson respectively. Pack 109 is at present still with Middlebelt School P.T.A. Troop 109 is now sponsored by Groves Walker Post 346, American Legion, with Gerald Anderson and Fred Monroy leading this troop. Greg Sutherland, a member of this unit, is also Lodge Chief for the Ottawa branch of the Order of the Arrow, an honorary camping group in Scouting. This Troop has taken many firsts in Scouting exhibits and shows.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS Troop 110, sponsored by the Men's Club began its hike down the Scouting trail in 1952 led by Scoutmaster Tom Blattner. Today the same unit is guided along the trail by Jerry Edwards.

The younger member group, Pack 110, followed its big brother in 1953 and became active at once under the able guidance of Edward Edwards, who was Cubmaster for several years until his move to California. Don Schuster is now Cubmaster, while Our Lady of Sorrows is still sponsor.

TROOP 116 began its career sponsored by the Eagle School P.T.A. in 1953 with Davis Kull as its head as Scoutmaster. Now, after a short career, the troop has won acclaim for 12 Eagle Scouts under the leadership of George DeCoster, a local company. Too, this group acted as honor guards on Mackinac Island this past summer after which the Scoutmaster and his family were guests at Philmont Ranch in New Mexico.

More Eagles are on their way to join this elite group. Pack 116, the springboard for these Eagles, is busy under John Coleen and his committee in continuing the early training of his charges.

Post 116 was formed by the Franklin Knolls Association in 1959 with Charles Kull as Post Advisor and found themselves up to the eyes in advancement and diversified projects.

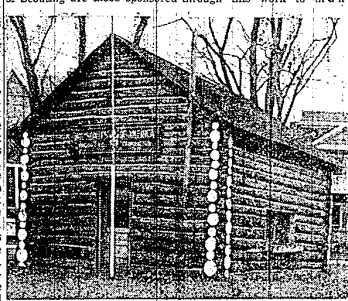
IN 1957 THE First Presbyterian Church of Farmington became the sponsors of a Troop which was numbered 161 after the Cub Pack which had come into being at an earlier date under Ernest Schuchle. The troop took in the Cubs from the pack, housed at 10 Mile School under Cubmaster Don Hossler. Today Troop 161 is directed by Robert Pottery, who is also a neighborhood commissioner.

1957 saw the introduction of yet another Scout Unit. Troop 162 at Shilavastee School sponsored by its P.T.A. was formed. Like many Troops, this one too sought camping honors and civic assignments. At present the Troop is under Tom Blattner and his committee. Pack 162 formed in the same school is under its original Cubmaster Eugene Chase and is still a big contender for top honors in advancement and citizenship.

THE YEAR 1961 found itself with an added unit introduced by the Kendallwood Association, No. 363, which met at O. E. Duncel Jr. high with William Clogg as senior scoutmaster. This troop had such growing packs that in 1961 it was divided and George Otis took a part of it to Kenwood School as No. 363. At the new Troop 163 Scoutmaster is George Otis, while Calvin Rix is Scoutmaster of No. 363. Pack 163 also is sponsored by the Kendallwood Association with Don Benner, now of Denver, Colo., as Cubmaster. It was this Pack that provided the two troops with livestock Cub and their parents. Entering all events which are challenging 163 finds itself still active and growing.

under the guidance of Roy Ady, by the Beechview P.T.A. Pack 175 with its Cubmaster George Rubitsky and a Scoutmaster Robert Ewald.

Besides the leaders of each unit there must be recognition given to all the committee persons and women of the community who find time to give to the boys in this Scouting movement. Each one endeavors through this work to make



THIS LOG CABIN REPLICA of the first home to be built in Farmington by the early settlers was constructed especially for Farmington's centennial celebration. It stood on the Town Hall grounds for several years. In 1932 it was dedicated by Governor Wilbur M. Brucker of Michigan as a Boy Scout headquarters at the time of the grand camporee held here in which over 1,000 boys participated.

Farmington a better place in children.

Some of those who only are remembered by some of the older members of the community as having been a part of this Scouting program are in part: The Taggs, Jim and A. C. Howard Warner, John Samuelsen and many others too numerous to name if their names could be recalled. We have John Hunt, who just left the office of President of the Clinton Valley Council and his successor, a close neighbor of Farmington, Art Brooks, the present President.

By LOUIS E. GILSON

Journalism has become, and is becoming every day in even greater degree, the most important function in the community.

—Henry George

Culture is the habit of being pleased with the best and knowing why. —Henry Van Dyke

### Hometown Boy Joins Marine Maneuvers

Marine Private First Class Eugene C. Nosteline, son of Claude Nosteline of 23911 Young Rd., Farmington, serving with the Third Battalion, Eleventh Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, participated in extensive amphibious operations conducted recently off the coast of Southern California.

Dubbed "Exercise Merit Badge," the maneuvers were designed to provide training in amphibious landings, replenishment at sea exercises, shore bombardment, reconnaissance and Marine maneuvers ashore. Twenty-two Pacific Fleet ships and more than 15,000 Marines took part in the landing exercise.

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### Military Academy's Best Drilled Cadet

Cadet John Quay of Farmington received congratulations from Lt. Col. G. David Bailey, commandant of the Missouri Military Academy Junior School, Mexico, Missouri, for receiving a plaque for best drilled "old" cadet.

Cadet Quay, an eighth grader, won the award in competition during N.M.A.'s annual Dad's Day held for boys with two or more years at the Academy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack J. Quay, 29120 Glen Ard, Westbrooke Manor, Farmington.

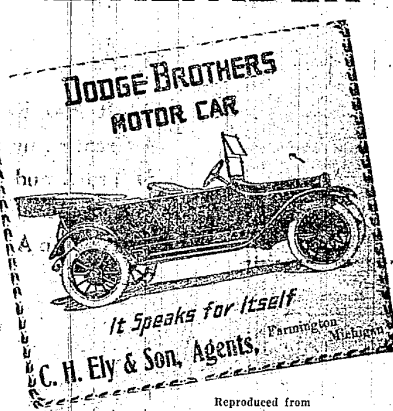
The bravest thing you can do when you are not brave is to profess courage and act accordingly. —Corra Harris

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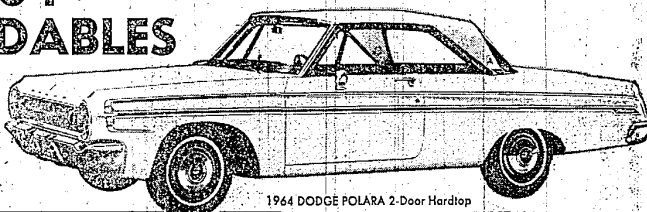
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