

Farmington To Observe Centennial Anniversary

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One hundred years ago the United States of America was picking up the pieces from a civil war which had turned brother against brother.

One hundred years ago the settlement of Farmington was a small community on the plank road between Detroit and Lansing.

One hundred years ago—on May 6—the male inhabitants of a square mile of Farmington Township approved a village charter.

On Tuesday, May 9, the 100th anniversary of the first organizational meeting of the Village Council will be observed.

On Friday, May 5, the Farmington City Offices will hold an open house to commemorate the events of 100 years ago. Hours of the open house, to which residents of the entire community are invited, are 1 to 5 p.m.

Village trustees, who had been elected in the May 6 election, included Justus B. Webster, Anson J. Cloyse, and George Matthews. P. Dean Warner was the Village President, while John A. Fairfield had been named recorder.

ON MAY 9 they passed a set of rules, under which the Council would operate. Many of these are still observed today.

For instance, the President or the President-Pro-tem (today it's the Mayor or Mayor Pro-tem) would preside at the sessions.

The President would have a vote except in case appealing a decision of the chair.

A majority of the Council would constitute a quorum and a majority of those voting would decide an issue.

From a newly incorporated village—which was known as a stage coach stop between Lansing and Detroit—to today's integral part of the metropolitan area is a long road.

However, what preceded the incorporation (if in any way terms keep cropping-up) of the village?

IT STARTED in 1824, when five settlers—Arthur Power, John Power, Jared Power, David Smith and Daniel Rush—arrived in the wooded area seeking to settle in the west.

The pioneers, who had come from Farmington, N.Y., chopped down trees as their first act to settle and cultivate the land.

(History tells us that Farmington served as a hunting ground for the Indian tribes from the northern section of the county and that a Shawassee Trail traversed the area which the Indians used in their travels.)

Descendents of one of the first families, the Utleys, still reside in the Farmington community. Sanford M. Utley, his wife and two sons arrived in Farmington seven weeks after Arthur Power and his party.

In fall of 1826 Rufus Thayer Sr. arrived from Richmond, N.Y. The elder Thayer brought his wife and five daughters to settle in the "west." Two sons, Rufus and George, had made the journey the year before.

Today one of the descendants of this family—Howard Thayer—serves on the City Council.

IN 1876 a Town Hall was constructed at a total cost of \$4,300. The purchase of the land cost the taxpayers \$800 and a history of the period recounts that "\$500 was subscribed in the Village in order to have the structure located within its boundaries."

Official minutes of the Village Council for the meeting of April 10, 1893 report that the "Town Hall could be rented for 25 cents per meeting if the Council furnished own wood and lights."

On May 5, 1893 the Council levied taxes to raise \$300 for highway purposes and \$100 for the general fund. Adopted by a unanimous vote of the Councilmen was a \$1 poll tax on each male in the village between the ages of 21 and 50.

Today the tax levied isn't a poll tax, but something called a property tax. It's considerably more than \$1 per head.

Ray Baker Ayes 'Implied Consent'

State Rep. Raymond L. Baker, R-Farmington, last week voted with the House majority in favor of the "implied consent" bill, under which a licensed driver would be considered to have given his consent to an intoxication test if arrested.

The bill passed the House 72 to 31, with Republican ranks holding firm and Democrats splitting for and against the bill.

Said Baker in a newsletter this week:

"The implied consent bill, as passed by the House includes provisions to require that a police officer make an arrest before administering an intoxicating test; penalties of loss of license for three to 24 months for a driver refusing to take a test after being informed of the consequences; right of appeal within seven days to a drivers' license appeal board with further judicial appeals possible; and admission of a driver's refusal to take a test as evidence in court."

The bill goes now to the State Senate. If it passes, Michigan would be the 19th state with an "implied consent" law.

The issue has become a controversial civil rights matter, with opponents arguing that a driver tested without his consent is in effect forced to give evidence against himself, in violation of a basic constitutional right.

PTA To Host Sixth Graders

On Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m., Shiawassee PTA will host its annual moving-up ceremony for sixth graders who will enter junior high in the fall.

Each student will receive a composite picture of the class from the PTA.

Installation of the following officer for the 1967-1968 year will also be held during the evening. President is Glen Albright.

A short business meeting will follow.



HOME FROM VIET NAM — There were decorations and jubilation last Wednesday when Spec. 4 Randall H. Ryan returned home from Viet Nam, where he had served a year in the 1st Cavalry at An Khe. Here he's greeted by his wife and six-months-old daughter Lizbeth, whom he had never seen. The gathering took place at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ryan of 21355 Farmington Road. The younger Ryans will next go to Fort Hood, Tex. for his next assignment.

HML Industries Open Shop On 5-Acre Farmington Site

New offices and plant facilities have been occupied by HML Industries in Farmington, according to Hugh M. Lockhart, president.

The new 35,000 square foot installation on five acres of land is located in the Farmington Industrial Park at 24140 Industrial Park Drive in the township.

An initial staff and work force of approximately 75 people will be employed.

ALTHOUGH HML was incorporated only in June, 1966, Lockhart has been engaged in engineering and manufacturing for more than 20 years.

He organized the Lockhart Company in 1947 and headed it until 1954, when he sold his interest in the firm, remaining as president and general manager until March 1966, when he left to form HML Industries.

HML is a leading manufacturer of commercial transfer, stock control and other redistribution equipment. The firm's major sales areas lie in the warehousing department and specialty store and bakery industries.

Stamen Acres Dates

Stamen Acres — Pinners will meet at Ben Swank's, 32116 Stamen Circle, on Tuesday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m.

Stitchers meet at Edna Forsythe's, 31515 Rocky Crest, on Monday, May 15, at 8 p.m.



HUGH M. LOCKHART

Floral Park News

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A new family has selected Floral Park. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tinker, recently moved into the home at 22427 Hawthorne. They have two boys, Robert four, and Scott three years. Mr. Tinker is employed by Sears and they formerly resided in Livonia.

A miscellaneous shower was given to Miss Jean Hix, in honor of her coming marriage to Don Wolfe, son of Mrs. Mary Wolfe of 22403 Floral. The shower was given by Mrs. Wolfe's daughter, Mrs. Barbara Sherwin, and was held in the Wolfe residence. There were 25 ladies in attendance from Farmington, Detroit, Livonia and Novi, Michigan. Miss Hix received a lot of very beautiful gifts. Don and Miss Hix plan their wedding for June 17.

Mrs. Oren Henrikson and Debby and Forrest just returned recently from a trip to Tampa, Florida, where they were met by Mrs. Henrikson's mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Liss, who are former Floral Park residents. They visited friends of long standing in the Gulf, having a very wonderful vacation. They drove back to Farmington enjoying the change in traveling methods.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Yackley of Hawthorne, are visiting their friends and relatives in Dayton, Ohio, over the April 23rd weekend, accompanied by their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conroy, also of Hawthorne. Mr. and Mrs. Yackley also have a son and his family living on Hawthorne. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yackley.



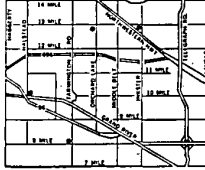
- Monday, May 1**
Tomato Soup and Crackers
Tuna Salad Sandwich
Cheese Stick
Applesauce
Cake
Milk
- Tuesday, May 2**
Baked Beans and Wiener
Tossed Salad
Bishop's Bread & Butter
Fruit
Milk
- Wednesday, May 3**
Sloppy Joe on Bun
Buttered Corn
Pickle Slices
Apple Crisp
Milk
- Thursday, May 4**
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Buttered Carrots
Hot Biscuit & Butter
Fruit Cup
Milk
- Friday, May 5**
Salad's Choice
Parsley Potatoes
Buttered Green Vegetables
Bread and Butter
Fruit
Milk



Meet Our Managers: Bottom, Gerald M. Carlson, Grand River-Halstead; Left, J. Milford Sixcomb, Orchard Lake-Thirteen Mile; Top, Dr. Keith Deacon, Northwestern-Inkster; Right, Robert E. Carlson, Eight Mile-Farmington.

FOUR FOR FARMINGTON

With the opening of their new Grand River-Halstead office, Manufacturers now has four corner banks serving Farmington. That's a lot of convenience.



It's also plenty of personal attention. Friendly service. Financial guidance. Manufacturers likes to focus all the attention on your needs—savings, checking, loans, mortgages, auto financing, trust services—whatever they may be. Join the crowd. Discover Corner Banking at Manufacturers new office, 37300 Grand River. Open Monday through Thursday, 9:30 to 5:00; Friday to 7:30.

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