

Celebrate 125th Anniversary

Baptist Congregation Builds First Church Building In 1835

By MRS. A. RUSSELL WRIGHT
(Second in Series)

As the congregation grew and the membership of the Baptist Church enlarged, it became expedient to secure a more convenient and permanent meeting place. During the year 1835, with prayerful and persistent efforts, they built and dedicated a frame church building. This was located on the Northwest Corner, Section 17, which is now the West Farmington Cemetery. Elder Nehemiah Lamb "laboured" with the church from 1835 to 1857. Elder Lamb was the great, great grandfather of Ray Howard, living on 12 Mile and Haled Roads, who, with his wife, served the church faithfully in various capacities for several years. During the year 1855 (May 15 to 24, inclusive) the Elders Barrett and E. Weaver held a series of remarkable protracted meetings in the new church. So intensely was the Spirit of the Lord felt that the membership of the church was increased to more than one hundred.

"At the Covenant meeting June 12, 1851, it was resolved that any member who neglects two successive meetings shall be held to give to the church the reason for such neglect and for three times. If no excuse can be made, shall be liable to be disciplined for a breach of Covenant."

In 1847 the land occupied by the church, located in Section 17 in the Township of Farmington, on the northwest corner of the section containing 56 square rods of ground, more or less, was deeded for the sum of five dollars to Michael Jurkat, Benjamin P. Wikom and Thomas Johns, trustees of the Baptist Church, as long as it shall be occupied as a site for a house for public worship. After many years of worthwhile service, the old church building became an undesirable place of meeting because of its remoteness from many of the worshippers' homes and from the central Village of Farmington, and so, little by little it fell into disuse and was at last abandoned as a place of worship. The new organization of the Baptist Church at the Village of Farmington was affected August 15, 1857.

The old church property, of course, reverted back to the original owner of the site, as provided in the deed of 1847.

In 1873, Daniel N. Johns leased this same property to the Baptist Durying Ground Society of the

Township of Farmington for a period of 30 years, to be used expressly in connection with the burial of the dead, in holding funerals and religious meetings. This lease was made upon the conditions that the Society repair the old church and keep the same in decent repair for holding funerals during the life of the lease, otherwise this lease would be null and void and the property revert to the original owner.

(Series to be Continued)

Lt. Roy A. Reynolds Aboard Repair Ship

Lieutenant (jg) Roy A. Reynolds, USN, son of William E. Reynolds and husband of Mrs. Mildred S. Reynolds, both of 28535 Tuck Road, is serving aboard the repair ship USS Kermit Roosevelt, operating in the Far East with Service Squadron Three, according to information from Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

Although primarily an engine repair ship, the USS Kermit Roosevelt mends everything from minor voyage casualties to major damages caused by enemy fire.

The ship took part in minesweeping operations at Wonsan, and during the evacuation at Hungnam, furnished supply support to United Nations forces.

PLAN MEETING

St. Martin's Women's Auxiliary plans to have their first fall meeting on September 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the new church. Plans will be made at the meeting for an afternoon tea to be given in mid-September. The tea will give women the opportunity to get acquainted with other women interested in St. Martin's Church.

All music is what awakes from you when you are reminded by the instruments.

- Obituaries -

Mrs. Anna L. Krugler of 37511 Grand River Cut-Off, died Thursday, August 23, at New Grace Hospital in Detroit. She had been ill for the past several months.

Mrs. Krugler was born in Chicago, Illinois, in June 21, 1885, the daughter of Louis and Anna Behndorf Sewing. She was the wife of the late Clell Krugler. Mrs. Krugler was formerly of Detroit, and came to Farmington Township three years ago.

Mrs. Krugler rested at the Thayer Funeral Home until Saturday morning at 10:09 o'clock when funeral services were held in Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Burial took place in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Viola Newman, Mrs. Maxine Krugler and Mrs. Dorothy Gordon of Farmington. Mrs. Loretta Wrench of Oak Park and Mrs. Bernadine Haines of Pontiac; and one son, Nick Day of Farmington. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Catherine Cortie of Logansport, Indiana, and one brother, Joseph Sewing of Texas, and twelve grandchildren.

Baby Larry Kius

Baby Larry Kius, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kius of 28265 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Township, died on Thursday morning, August 23, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

The baby rested at the Thayer Funeral Home until Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock when burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lambert are leaving for Port Huron. They will spend several days there. John Graham and Stanley Drake are leaving for a vacation trip through the western states. They will visit relatives in California.

Mrs. Jack Hetrick of 39940 Haggerty entertained Mrs. Yuss and daughter, Mrs. Brown, with her baby and the baby's great-great aunt, Mrs. Anna Kinnane, all of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Miller and Charles Whitney called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hetrick Sunday.

Jack and Robert Brown, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brown, gave a 25th wedding reception at the Brown's new home on Haggerty Sunday, August 12. About 50 people attended. The Brown children gave them a silver tea set and neighbors gave them 25 silver dollars wrapped in silver paper. Ice cream and cake were served.

The bazaar held by the Farm Bureau ladies at the 4-H Club Fair was a decided success with West Farmington and Walled Lake contributing almost 100 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smock have sold their home on Bartlett Street and are moving with their two boys, Joey and Darwin, to Sherman Oaks, California, the first week in September. Mrs. Smock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gennett are living there now.

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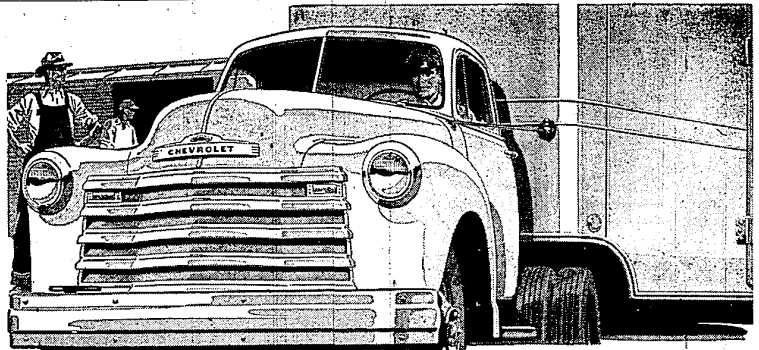
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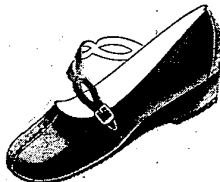


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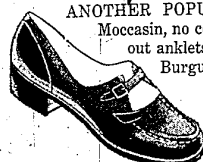
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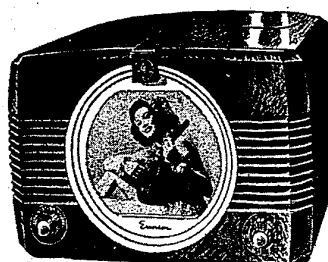
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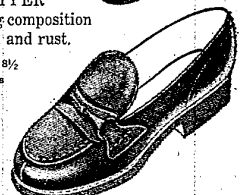
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