

WHO IS WHO IN OUR COMMUNITY

First of a Series of Sketches of Residents of Farmington and Vicinity.

John Power, the subject of this sketch, was born in January 1841 on as he says, E. 1/2 of Sec. 27-1-9. His education, a small amount, was secured in the public or common schools. He "graduated" and entered the general store, known as the old stone store as clerk for Haze and Green where he drew the princely sum of \$5.00 per month as salary.

In July 1863, saying nothing to indicate his plans, he went to New York City, where he witnessed the attack of the "plug-uglies" on the Tribune building and the burning of the Negro Orphans' asylums.

Here he shipped in the U.S. navy and was sent on board the receiving ship, North Carolina, lying at Cob dock in the Brooklyn navy yard. The North Carolina was a terrible old tub with four decks pierced for 112 guns and grounded on her own coffee grounds and beef bones. After a period of three weeks he was sent with a draft of 300 landmen to join the West Gulf squadron headquarters at New Orleans, and assigned for duty on board the flagship, Pensacola. In the river off New Orleans. In September he reported at sick call and the ship's surgeon ordered him sent to the marine hospital with symptoms of yellow fever. He recovered in a few days and was detailed as hospital steward for three months in charge of yellow fever ward, administering medicines and otherwise caring for sick sailors and saw many of the bluejeans die of yellow fever or black vomit as the Spaniards called it. It was usually fatal in 24 hours. The dead were put in rough pine boxes and taken to the cemetery, out Shell Road, and buried in graves three feet deep which immediately filled with water. Sometimes it was necessary to hold the coffins down with a rail until the grave could be filled and in many instances the coffins touched each other they were so close together.

He was finally relieved from hospital duty and returned to the Pensacola and was excused from other duties and pulled in Commodore Bell's gig crew. Bell being in command of the fleet at that time.

The Pensacola was ordered north and Powers, with others was ordered to report for duty on board the Monongahela which took the place of the Pensacola as flagship. Farragut was north on leave at that time. The Monongahela was ordered to join the blockading squadron off Mobile bay. The squadron laid at anchor from three to four miles off the entrance and the steady rolling of the ships night and day made it difficult to walk the deck.

Before leaving New Orleans Mr. Powers was appointed paymaster's steward, a responsible position, being in charge of provisions, clothing and small stores, and held the rank of ship's steward until the Monongahela went out of commission.

During the time the fleet was off the bay the squadron would cruise down to Youcatan, Galveston and Havana. Finally when everything was in readiness there was something doing. At 6:00 a. m. August 5, 1864 the fleet was ordered to start and about 10:30 every ship of the rebel fleet was captured or destroyed. The Union loss, killed and wounded was about 250 men.

Fort Gaines surrendered in the afternoon of that day. Fort Powell was set on fire and blew up when the fire reached the magazine, the garrison escaped in the night.

Fort Morgan did not surrender until about three weeks later. Steward Power discovered one morning when he came on deck about six o'clock, there was a man on the parapet swinging what looked like a bad sheet, too and fro. In a short time the dispatch boat came along within hailing distance with the old Iron Admiral (Farragut) as the sailors called him, on the upper deck with his chief officers, and sang "Come firing Captain Strong, they

have surrendered over there," pointing to Fort Morgan. Mr. Powers says that was the last time he remembers seeing, as he says it, "The grand old man."

Mr. Powers went with the fleet which was ordered later to the Brooklyn Navy yards where the ships were put out of commission and the men discharged. He came home by the Grand Trunk through Canada and upon arrival opposite Port Huron newsgoys with Detroit papers in morning were crying "all about the Assassination of President Lincoln."

He was away nearly two years. Later on Mr. Powers, who had had so much adventure and excitement that he wanted more before settling down decided to go on the stage and was with various ventures of a theatrical nature in the old Detroit opera house and the Whitney opera house located upon the site of the present post office building in Detroit. With various companies he traveled in every state in the union, visiting all the large cities and many of the smaller ones. He played every character from comedian to tragedian. He was playing in Chicago the night of the big Haymarket riot in 1886.

Eventually Mr. Powers was satisfied that he had had enough of traveling and was always looking forward to getting a home and settling down and was continually endeavoring to decide upon the place where he might be contented and feel at home. Of all the many cities and towns in the United States and Canada he had visited Salt Lake City seemed to take his fancy as being the most home like. However circumstances arose which led him to take possession of the "Old Mill" property built by his Uncle Samuel in 1847.

Since that time he has been a resident of this community and has prospered and is now "fit as a fiddle" in spite of his years and adventures, where he is held in the highest esteem by all. He has held several public offices in the township and county, such as Justice of the peace, county treasurer, etc. He is one of the directors of the Peoples State Bank, known as the new bank which has continued to grow and prosper ever since its establishment and has been identified with the growth and progress of Farmington.

May John Power live long and his shadow never grow less is the wish of his friends—the people of this community.

DEPUTY SHERIFF MEYERS SHOT AT

Thursday Night Just as He Came out of His Home By Occupants of Passing Car.

Deputy Sheriff Ben Meyers was fired upon Thursday evening just as he was starting from his home for his place of business by someone in an auto passing toward Detroit. Fortunately Mr. Meyers escaped injury tho' there were apparently a half dozen shots fired. Of course there is absolutely no clue as to who the miscreants were, though the officer believes he knows who it was regardless of the fact he saw no one, as the car was closed by curtains. After the shooting the car which was a high-powered machine, was sent down the avenue at a terrible rate of speed.

It is said the officer has of late devoted considerable time to the investigation of the reports of law breaking. Probably the gunmen are members of the gang the officer has been sleuthing on.

Co-Operation Solicited.

The Enterprise goes to press on Thursday afternoon, which is necessary that papers may go out on the routes Friday morning. Therefore all advertising must be in the hands of the printer Tuesday forenoon. In order to give our readers and advertisers the service desired it is necessary that our paper be in the post office Thursday. Kindly co-operate with us in our efforts on your behalf.

H. Steffen, Jr., was in Redford Wednesday, helping out in the other market.

ANOTHER BOOST FOR FARMINGTON

List of Bids and Bidders for the \$20,000.00 Farmington Michigan School Bonds.

March 27, 1922.
Hon. School Board,
School District No. 5,
Farmington, Michigan.

Dear Sirs:
Enclosed herewith we hand you a list of the bids and bidders for the \$20,000.00 School bonds, awarded us at your meeting Saturday evening last.

We would say that our bid at \$300.00 discount is slightly better than a 4.60 per cent basis. If the discount were to pay 4.60 per cent that would amount to \$46.00 per thousand per year, and 4 1/2 per cent would amount to \$45.00 per year. Therefore, he saving on \$20,000.00 would be \$20.00 per year and for a period of twenty-five years which is the average the bonds have to run, this amounts to a saving of \$500.00 to the district.

The sale of these bonds at a 4.60 per cent basis is the most advantageous sale of a similar bond in the state of Michigan in the last five years, and we congratulate the district on being able to float the issue at this exceedingly low price.

Yours very truly,
KIRKE G. BUMPUS, President.

Bumpus-Hull & Co. @ 4 1/2 per cent Yield.
Discount—4.60 per cent.

Harley D. Warner @ 4.60 per cent—\$46.00 per cent Yield.
Nicol, Ford & Co. @ 4 1/2 per cent—\$164.00 Premium—4.63 per cent Yield.

United Savings Bank @ 4 1/2 per cent—\$50.00 Premium—4.73 per cent Yield.
Whittlesey, McLean & Co. @ 4 1/2 per cent—\$12.00 Premium—4.745 per cent Yield.

Whittlesey, McLean & Co. @ 5 per cent—\$64.00 Premium—4.77 per cent Yield.

Detroit Trust Company @ 5 per cent—\$85.75 Premium—4.71 per cent Yield.
B. Damsard & Co. @ 5 per cent—\$367.50 Premium—4.81 per cent Yield.

Paine-Webber & Co., and Farmington State Sav. Bk. @ 4 1/2 per cent—\$140.00 Discount—4.80 per cent Yield.

Watling, Lerchen & Co. @ 5 per cent—\$72.00 Premium—4.97 per cent Yield.

Matthew Finn @ 5 per cent—\$388.00 Premium—4.85 per cent Yield.
First National Company and Peoples State Bank of Farmington @ 5 per cent—\$190.00 Premium—4.93 per cent Yield.

Telephone Expansion.

Expansion of telephone service in Michigan this year, to meet anticipated demand, will call for the expenditure of about \$9,000,000, says Franz C. Klein, president of the Michigan State Telephone company in his annual report to stockholders, for 1921, just issued.

Don't Know Jay.

Jay Bills is the name of the new postmaster at Grand Ledge says the Independent. We have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Jay Bills but have known several bad bills.

After The Storm.

The storm of last week was a puzzle for the "oldest inhabitant." None volunteered the information that "away back yonder," there has been one much worse. The damage wrought by the ice was heavy, the phone and light companies being hard hit. The electric system is practically restored but the phone company has not as yet got service restored. Many shade trees were badly broken. One large limb fell on the state mill race stacks, denting the roof and giving the boys quite a scare.

Iowa Is All Right.

Every state has its peculiar characteristics. In Iowa the farmer is the real big gun. He buys a piece of land for the purpose of growing corn that he may raise hogs to sell so he can buy

more land to grow more corn to raise more hogs to buy more land to grow more corn. He does not aspire to be a big land owner, he only wishes the land that joins his. That's all. No that's not all. Out in the Hawkeye state there are wealthy honest-to-goodness farmers. One of this class made his five sons and two sons-in-laws each a Christmas present of a car of the rattling good vintage. Really, it goes without saying that after Michigan, Iowa is the best state in this glorious union of ours. That's all.

Annual Township Election.
The election passed off very quietly and in all cases the regular nominees of the caucus were elected. Herman Schroeder for clerk and John Clark for member board of review had no opposition. The following is detailed vote of the two precincts:

Farmington Precinct.
Supervisor—Isaac Bond—199.
Clerk—Herman H. Schroeder—200.

Treasurer—Clarence J. Wood—199.
George Nacker—199.

Highway Commissioner—Wm. A. Pangborn—163.
Charles E. Heliker—31.

Justice of the Peace—John H. Thayer—197.

Board of Review—John C. Clark—197.

For Constables—Herrin Grimmer—197.
Special Ward—197.
Olin Russel—199.
Al Gemuend—198.

Clarenceville Precinct.

Supervisor—Isaac Bond—50.
J. C. McFarland—27.

Clerk—H. A. Schroeder—70.
Treasurer—Clarence J. Wood—49.
Wm. G. Baker—36.

Highway Commissioner—Wm. A. Pangborn—44.
Charles E. Heliker—33.

Justice of the Peace—John H. Thayer—47.
Louis Barnes—27.

Board of Review—John C. Clark—60.

The following were elected as overseers of highway by the following vote in the two precincts:
No. 1 George P. Leet—258.
No. 2 Charles McCullough—257.

No. 3 Fred Greer—258.
No. 4 J. W. Currie—244.

Reopening at Farmington.

Rev. H. H. Ford, of Traverse City, who has been aiding several of our churches in evangelical meetings with splendid results, has been chosen to re-open and re-establish the Baptist church at Farmington. This old church was first established in 1826, and has seen its bright days and its dark days. For several years past the church building has been occupied by our M. E. brethren but now that they have built a new edifice of their own the Michigan State Convention and the Detroit Baptist Union (it is now in the area of the Detroit Baptist Union) have decided to re-establish the work there. Farmington is developing as a delightful suburban residence district, and the day is not far distant when this old church will again come into prosperous days.—D. R. U. Messenger.

Postponed Sale April 10th.

By bills printed at The Enterprise we note that the Alfred Ritchie sale, which was advertised for March 30 has been postponed to Monday, April 10, and that Mr. Meyer has joined with him and added a number of cows and heifers, which makes a good list of cattle.

Bright Savings o' Kiddies.

You have heard little Miss Three or Four or Master Four or Five say some original things. We will publish some of them as we consider them really of interest where the reader knows the child. Bring or send in the saying of some kiddie y' know and we'll get this department started. Are you interested?

Motion pictures are now being shown at the Methodist church twice a week—Tuesdays and Saturdays, thus providing for the community two nights of clean pictures and whole lot of recreation.

Next Saturday the picture "Bunny Pulls the String" will be shown. A Snub Bird comedy. The program begins at 7:45.

PEOPLES STATE BANK TO BUILD

This Institution Has Had a Rapid Growth—Enlargement Necessary.

For some time past we have heard rumors that the Peoples State Bank of Farmington was contemplating the remodeling of its banking house. We are now able to verify the rumor with the official statement of Mr. James L. Hogle, president of the bank, that the building is to be completely remodeled to care for the rapidly growing business of the institution.

The Peoples State Bank of Farmington was started a trifle over four years ago and has grown to close to the half million mark in total resources. In that time, and its officers now feel that the present quarters are not sufficient to care for the growth of this community that is surely coming.

The new building will be two stories in height with offices on the second floor, and the banking office will be re-arranged and equipped with the newest conveniences for the accommodation of its customers.

At a later date we will be in a position to give a more detailed account of the building and arrangements.

Another Pioneer Passes.

Elizabeth B. Lapham, at the age of 91 years, passed away at the home of her grandson, F. L. Cook, Sunday, April 2, 1922 at five o'clock. She was the wife of Daniel Lapham, who died April 28, 1884. Two daughters were born to them, Florence E. Cook who died April 7th, 1872, and Emma Hanifan, who died July 14, 1882.

She is survived by one grandson Fred L. Cook, and two granddaughters, Robert Bernard Cook and Florence Alice Cook. Mrs. Lapham had lived in Farmington all her married life.

Funeral services were held from the F. L. Cook home on Wilmarth avenue Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Revs. Beresford and S. D. Eva officiating. Burial at the Quaker cemetery.

Pre-Easter Services.

A most attractive series of pre-Easter services will be conducted next week at the Methodist church with the following speakers on the program:

Monday—Rev. Joseph Dutton, Birmingham.

Tuesday—Motion picture program and address by the Rev. Marshall R. Reed, Redford.

Wednesday—Rev. Calvin M. Thompson, Birmingham.

Thursday—Rev. Frank F. Fitchett, D. D., Detroit.

Good Friday—Rev. W. Addis Leeson, D. D., Ann Arbor.

The meetings will begin at 7:45 each evening with the exception of Tuesday when the regular picture program will be given, commencing at 7:30.

These meetings will be a very fitting prelude to Easter, creating an atmosphere and spirit which will greatly accentuate the meaning and observance of Easter.

Rev. Sidney D. Eva will preside at the meetings, which will be open to the public.

Business Change.

William B. Heeney, who has been engaged in the undertaking business for the past six years, has sold his business to his brother, Spencer J. Heeney, a licensed funeral director and embalmer, who has been his assistant for several months. While The Enterprise regrets the removal of William Heeney, who goes to Marquette where he has purchased a business, we welcome Spencer Heeney to our community and wish him success. He has a good appearance and is known to many around here as his home is at Northville.

Stockholders' Meet.

A meeting of the Western Oil & Gas distributing agency of Farmington and Novi was held on Tuesday evening, April 4, at the Farmington town hall. The meeting was called to order

by President Mark Wixom. The audit and financial statement of the company was given by E. J. Bouchard, and unanimously accepted. Mr. J. E. Gundry, president of the parent company of Flint, spoke briefly and announced that C. N. Spaulding had been appointed general supervisor of the district which included this territory. Mr. E. J. Eddy, representing the Johnson Oil & Refining company for Michigan and Canada, gave a pleasing talk on the quality of gasoline and kerosene that was bought by the Western Oil company of Farmington and Novi. Harrison Johnson, of this village is manager of the company.

Clarenceville School Notes.

Donald Scudder and Jean and Glen Fox are back in school after weeks' absence on account of illness.

The First graders are learning the "Easter Hare" song and making Easter flowers.

Marion Wilson was the star speller of the Third grade for the month of March.

The First grade children are very much interested in their spelling contest.

Fred Vincent has left the Second grade and is now attending school in Farmington.

The B division of the First grade have started to read in the Aldine Second readers.

The A division of the First grade have started reading classics.

The children of the First grade are busy making an Easter sand table.

Mrs. Spies and Mrs. Seymour visited the First grade last week.

Look 'Em Over.

That window display at the Lee hardware store has been an attraction this week. That lifelike mechanical darkie grinding a knife is a humdinger, whatever that is. And while speaking of window displays, all of the dealers in the village are mighty good at dressing their show windows which shows they are up-to-date and alert business men.

Mrs. H. Steffen was a Detroit visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Harger is spending a short time at the farm.

CHURCH SERVICES

THE METHODIST PARISH.

—Farmington—

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH.
PALM SUNDAY.
10:30 "Christ and the Crowd."
7:30 "Palms and People."

—North Farmington—

2:00 Preaching service.
3:00 Sunday School.

—Clarenceville—

10:30 Preaching service Rev. W. W. Dale, preacher.
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30. Evening service.
Sidney D. Eva, Pastor.

W. W. Dale, Associate Pastor.

Universalist Church.

10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach: subject—"Palm Sunday—Christ entering Jerusalem"—and His present entering the World's Capitals and into the Souls and Lives of Men."

12:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible class.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Rev. H. H. Ford, D. D., will continue revival meetings next week on every evening except Saturday, at 7:30. The meetings this week have been successful and very encouraging, several conversions having taken place. The plan of Michigan Baptists is to have a flourishing church at Farmington. "This plan is made known in the April number of the "Detroit Baptist" Union Messenger."

10:30 Sermon subject: "How Love Acts."

7:30 Evangelistic meeting. Subject: "Heaven's Great Clock Will Strike Twelve at High Noon."

Salem Evangelical Church Notes.

There will be Easter services conducted by Rev. A. Martin on Monday, April 17, at 10:30 p. m. Sunday school after church.