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REMINISCENCES OF OLDEN DAYS

Stories of Sturdy Old Pioneers, Their Peculiarities and Activities

Many of the older residents of Farmington remember Ebenezer G. Stevens, pioneer shoe merchant of the town. He began making shoes in a shop built for him by Arthur Power in 1830. This shop was on Shawasssee street near the site now occupied by the Baptist church. Soon after 1850 he moved to Grand River into a brick store which stood near the present location of the D. U. R. waiting room. With the business of making and selling boots and shoes he combined the trade of repairing clocks and watches. His honest methods of dealing secured a patronage that was loyal to him through all the years of his business career. Tall and spare in appearance and energetic in his movements he had some peculiar ideas, one of which was that death could be forever averted by the use of electricity. He was variously known as "the truth teller" and his theory but it was of no avail and he died Sept. 3, 1881, aged 76 years.

On the morning of Oct. 9, 1872, the town was visited by a fire which destroyed all the buildings from the one now used by Herman Schroeder as a meat market to the one used at the present time as a restaurant by Fred Pagel. Among the buildings consumed were Dr. Woodmansee's Drug Store which stood on the site of the Peoples State Bank. The stone store of W. B. Selby and O. B. Smith, the latter being occupied by Wesley B. Horton and a hall over the store occupied by the Masonic lodge. This stone store was built in 1850 by Warren Selby and Joshua Simmons and was a substantial structure. The former conducted the pioneer jewelry establishment of the town in part of this store. It stood on the ground now covered by the brick store of Fred L. Cook & Co. and the Farmington Hardware Co. Another store just west of this owned by P. D. Warner and occupied as a dry good store by Porter Shearer, had over the store the records of the Masonic lodge and those of the township were conserved at this time. In the stone store J. J. Green conducted a very highly successful dry goods business during the early '60's. Joseph Piddy and Wesley Horton, two young men employed by him as clerks, transacted a profitable business of the same kind in succeeding years. Warren Selby and Wesley Horton occupied the office of postmaster at different periods in the town's history. O. B. Smith's tailor business was destroyed by this fire. Altogether the property loss exceeded \$15,000.00 a considerable sum in those days.

The summer of 1872 was one of excessive drought. Buildings had become as dry as tinder and it was thought at one time during the fire that the whole town was doomed to destruction. Roofs were set a fire by the hot cinders. The hotel property across the street was only saved by the heroic efforts of a bucket brigade of women, and both men and women aroused by the light of the conflagration C. W. Green who owned and lived on the farm now occupied by Mr. Empton, mounted one of his horses and rode with great speed into town. Born to command, with a voice that could be heard above the din and roar of the fire he at once began to give intelligent direction to the work of the frenzied fire fighters. Buildings in the direct path of the fire were pulled down and the work of the flames was in this way finally stayed.

SOCIAL TEAS

The "Social Teas" which the members of the Clarenceville M. E. Aid society are giving, are proving very interesting as well as materially increasing the treasury. Last week Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Kuffman entertained and this week Mrs. Witter, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Hederie and Mrs. Roy Shaw, all being hostesses at their respective homes to different groups of ladies.

POTATO-APPLE SHOW TO BE STATE EVENT

Two of Michigan's most important crops will hold the center of the stage from November 21 to 23 when the big annual potato and apple show is held in Grand Rapids.

Many prominent officials of the state have expressed belief in the value of the show in boosting Michigan's agricultural interests, and as a result the exposition is taking on an all-state angle.

Hundreds of entries in the competitive classes have been made from all fruit and potato sections; it being said that the show will be the greatest exposition of the two important crops ever made in Michigan.

Objects of the show are said to be standardization of production, stimulation of interest in the crops among both producers and consumers, and emphasis upon Michigan markets for Michigan products.

TREDWAY-GRANT

Miss Lucille Tredway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Tredway of this city, was united in marriage to Cecil G. Grant of Grand Ledge, at the Central M. E. church parsonage at Pontiac, Saturday, November 10th, at 1:30 p. m., the Rev. Weldon Crossland, pastor, officiating. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Perkins of Northville, who acted as the signatory witnesses.

The bride is one of Farmington's popular young ladies and was a member of the Farmington High school graduating class of '23. The groom was for two years a resident of Farmington and connected with the Enterprise office staff until the spring of 1922 when he left to accept a similar position in the Independent office at Grand Ledge. A host of friends here wish them much happiness. They will make their home in Grand Ledge.

GRAND RIVER ROAD TO BE OPENED SOON

The pouring of concrete on the Grand River road improvement between Farmington and New Hudson was completed last week. It is expected that the road will be open to traffic in about three weeks.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church, S. D. Eva, Pastor

10:30 "Books as Friends, and the Friendliest Book of All."
11:45 Sunday School.
6:30 Epworth League. Mabel Mahaney and Gerald Parker, leaders.

7:30 Union Educational Service. Ministers of the Farmington churches and Supt. A. G. Leonard participating.

Clarenceville Community M. E. Church

Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.
10:30 "Jehovah's Arrows."
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 "A Lullaby of Gourds."
Both sermons by the pastor.

First Baptist Church, C. W. Townsend, Minister.

10:30 Congregational worship. Sermon, "The Value of Books."
11:45 Church School.
6:30 B. Y. P. U. Topic, "Valuing the Bible." Gordon Turner, leader.
7:30 Union Service in the M. E. church.

Wednesday 7:30—Mid-week service.

Thursday, Nov. 21—10:00 a. m. All day's Ladies meeting with Mrs. O'Grady Van, (half-mile west on 5-Mile road). Report to Mrs. Townsend if conveyance is desired.

Universalist Church, A. B. Beresford, Minister.

10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "The Key of Knowledge." Being an address appropriate to "Education Sunday" and also the third in the series on "What Christianity Means to Me."
12:00 Adult Bible class and Sunday School.

Evangelical Church, Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor

No services Nov. 18th.
Bazaar Supper, Dec. 5th.
Choir rehearsal every Friday.

GOOD WORK BY THE RED CROSS

Annual Report of County Secretary, Shows 363 Cases of Relief Work Handled

Miss Carrie M. Taylor, secretary of Oakland county chapter, American Red Cross, reported that during the past year—from October 1, 1922 to October 1, 1923—the Home Service Section had charge of 363 cases. 210 cases have been closed, leaving 153 cases in charge on October 1, 1923. During the same period 810 calls were made at the office, 441 calls were made at homes and 469 calls by consultants.

During the past year \$674.33 has been expended for the relief of disabled ex-service men and their families. It has not been necessary to pay as much financial assistance during the past year, on account of securing quicker decisions of claims for compensation and the industrial conditions being better.

From year to year the requirements of the Home Service Section differ. For instance, during the past year it has been necessary to make more home calls than heretofore, and there have been fewer people calling at the office. This may be accounted for by the fact that a great many claims for compensation have been disallowed and the men have become discouraged about having them reopened. Therefore it has been necessary to encourage them to secure more evidence in order to have their claims reconsidered in order to have compensation awarded, or to obtain the necessary treatment.

Better co-operation is being received from the United States Veterans' Bureau but it is more difficult at the present time, to have an award of compensation made to a disabled ex-service man on account of the War, having been over for practically five years and therefore having to prove that a disability was due or aggravated by service. However, the Veterans' Bureau is now willing to give a man hospitalization if necessary, when a claim is first filed and they endeavor to prove that his disability was of service origin. Under these conditions, we have at times been able to have a man placed in a hospital and, even though the Veterans' Bureau decided to disallow his claims, they would not discharge him from the hospital until he was in a condition to care for himself, to be turned over to some one else or to some other organization.

There are still a great many cases of neurotic and mental or nervous disorder developing. Hospital care is being given these cases.

Since the Veterans' Bureau discontinued the services of a physician in Pontiac it has been necessary for the ex-service men to report to their Detroit district office or their Chicago district office for examinations. This is no doubt an advantage as there are specialists in their fields who can diagnose and to give treatment.

There is a Red Cross medical social worker in all of the Veterans' Bureau hospitals as well as a Red Cross field director stationed at the various forts, but the Red Cross liaison representative has been recalled from the Detroit district office of the Veterans' Bureau, since their cooperation department is functioning so well with the Red Cross chapters in this district. This chapter is very often requested to investigate a home if a soldier had been discharged on account of some dependency as well as being requested to often secure social history of an ex-service man who has been hospitalized.

The Home Service work also includes assisting in securing vocational training from the Veterans' Bureau, dependents' compensation, bonus from the various states and insurance. One of the greatest tasks of this department at the present time is to help rehabilitate the men who were hospitalized and who are now well, as it seems very difficult for some of them to again take their place in civilian life.

OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR LITERATI

Lovers of Charles Dickens and other writers of old class literature will be pleased to see "David Copperfield" on the scene.

Next Tuesday, "David Copperfield" will be the feature story at the regular meeting of last night at the Methodist Community hall. This charming play with its irresistible appeal and its portrayal of the merry life of Mr. Micawber will delight old and young.

As an incentive to young people to interest themselves in the classics, the producers of "David Copperfield" plan to conduct an essay contest on the following line: Prizes will be given to two groups. First: Pupils 12 years of age and under. They will write their essays on "The Character of 'L'ike Best in 'David Copperfield' and why." Contestants 13 years and over must write on "The Reel Motion Picture of 'David Copperfield' which Scenes and Characters should be included?" Successful contestants in each group will receive \$100. First prize, a prize of \$25 each and 150 prizes of \$5 each.

Schools having the greatest number of prize-winning pupils in proportion to their enrollment will receive prizes: First \$500; second, \$300; third, \$200. Students in the schools of Farmington and vicinity will do well to enter the contest as prizes hard, or results.

FARMINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB

The F. W. C. met Wednesday, Nov. 7th with Mrs. Eva Hatton. Eighteen members responded to roll call by giving their favorite 1924 presidential candidate and why.

The miscellany of the day was in charge of Mrs. Allyn who read a paper on "County Government" and "Week Accomplished by the Supervisor in the 1st Year." Mrs. Wesley read the paper prepared by Mrs. Mary Johnson on "Nominations and Elections, City, State and National, Census, Primary Convention, Electoral College, Initiative and Referendum, Proportional Representation." Mrs. Martha Schroeder gave a very interesting report of the Oakland County Federation of Woman's clubs held at Holly, Nov. 1st.

Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Flora Hurl were attenders as delegates of the F. W. C. and in behalf of the club attended the invitation to the Federation to meet in Farmington next fall, the centennial year. A fifteen minute general discussion of the form of government followed the program of the afternoon.

The club adjourned to hold the next regular meeting Wednesday, November 21st at the home of Mrs. Robinson.

REGULAR MEETING OF S.

The regular meeting of Farmington Chapter No. 39 O. E. S. will be held Friday, Nov. 23rd. The business meeting will be called to order at 4 o'clock p. m. This will be followed by a six o'clock dinner and initiation of candidates. All members are urged to be present.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends for their kind expressions of thought and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved wife and sister, Mrs. S. D. Empton, who died Nov. 14th, 1923. I am indebted to Mrs. Julia, Mrs. White, the Business Men of Farmington, Past and Present Employers and all friends who sent flowers and cards.

Stanley S. Litt
Mr. and Mrs. Mosher.
Merle M. Noel
Glen Moser
Mrs. Lydia Le...

A great deal of assistance has also been rendered to veterans of other wars, in making old for funeral expenses, increased pension, etc.

This department has also endeavored to do a little Americanization work on account of coming in contact with immigrants from various countries who desired assistance in bringing some relative to the United States. When these foreigners were able to read English and write they were due to the fact that some sort of training, individually or collectively, had been given them.

NIGHT SESSION OF OUR SCHOOLS

Will Feature Education Week—Parents Invited to Attend—Next Thursday Evening

A feature of unusual interest in connection with education week which commences Sunday, Nov. 18, will be a night session on Thursday, Nov. 22 of the several departments of our public school when all pupils will be present and at their desks taking up the usual routine of school work. The purpose of this night session is to give parents and friends an opportunity to visit the schools and see for themselves just how the work of educating their children is being carried on.

The board of education and school faculty are desirous of a large attendance of parents on this occasion, believing that a more intimate acquaintance on the part of parents with school work will prove advantageous in many ways.

The United States department of the interior designated next week as educational week and requested that it be observed throughout the country. Prominent educators and Parent-Teachers' associations at once got back of the movement and are making an effort through it to bring to the attention of parents the importance of cooperation between teachers and parents.

As a part of the education week celebration the churches of Farmington will join in a union service on Sunday evening at the Methodist church. The pastors of the churches will take part; the principal address to be given by Superintendent A. G. Leonard who will speak on "The Aims of Education in a Democracy." All patrons of the school and others interested in public educational affairs are urged to attend the service which is intended to be a great rally of the people of Farmington to do honor to the public school and its teaching staff, and at the same time to express interest in matters pertaining to the schools and education.

The Men's class of the Methodist Sunday School will have the regular topic scheduled in the International lessons. Mr. H. Everitt will present the lesson and lead the discussion.

THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLE

When you read "The High School Tattle" doesn't it bring back pleasant memories of the time when you were in the grades and high school? How you planned for the parties and what fun you had when you stood up the longest in a spelling contest? That is what "The High School Tattle" is for—to bring back these pleasant memories and bring the principals and others closer to the doings of the school. The editor and the staff for the month of October are to be complimented on their splendid work. I, the editor, and my staff for the month of November will try to be as successful, if not more so, in our newspaper work. The staff this month is as follows: Editor—Dorothy Davis; Athletics—Robert Cook; News—Lillian Collins; Society—Barbara Empton; Business Manager—Alice Arnold. On a successful newspaper staff every one must "pull together" or it fails. Every member of this staff intends to "hitch his wagon to a star," and make "The High School Tattle" an enjoyable column. With the jokes we hope to bring smiles, and in the general news to bring back the pleasant memories of your school days.

—Dorothy Davis.

Kindergarten

The fascinating work in clay is still holding the interest of the children. Beatrice Auten has completed a tea set. She has painted it with orange enamel. It is very nicely shaped for a small person.

The children built a grocery store with their clay. They are due to the fact that the store was unsatisfactory, it is being rebuilt.

Strap books, made from colored

THREE PERSONS INJURED —CARS WRECKED IN CRASH

A Ford touring car driven by a young man by the name of Brouck crashed into a Ford sedan driven by Byron Lapham Tuesday morning at Powers corners. The sedan was making the turn when the touring car ran into it, going at sufficient speed to badly wreck both machines. The driver of the sedan received some painful injuries, but Brouck and Mrs. Arthur Davison, who were in the touring car received more serious injuries, in the way of cuts and bruises.

NEWS FROM THE HUNT

Good news come from the seat of activities in Baraga county where Farmington hunters are combing the woods in quest of deer. On the first day of the season Fred Schaepter, Harrison Johnson, John Phelps and John Turner each bagged a deer. The party reports warm weather. The section in the upper peninsula where this party is hunting escaped the recent forest fires, with the result many deer had been driven to it.

DEATH OF MRS. STANLEY F. SMITH

Mrs. Marie Mosher Smith, aged 27 years, wife of Stanley F. Smith of this city, died at the Detroit Sanatorium Monday, November 12, at 10:30 a. m., after an illness of over a year. The funeral was held from the home here Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. Sidney D. Eva. Burial in Oakwood cemetery, Farmington.

Mrs. Smith was taken sick a year and a half ago. For the past nine months she had been in the sanatorium where constant care and medical skill was employed to save her life. Hope of ultimate recovery was given up some time ago.

Mrs. Smith was born at Reading, Mich. September 26, 1896 she was united in marriage to Stanley F. Smith at Hillsdale, Mich. Her married life was spent at Farmington where her many fine womanly qualities soon won for her a large number of friends who deeply mourn her early death.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

A special communication of Farmington Lodge No. 35 F. & A. M. will be held Monday evening, November 19th at 7:30 o'clock for work in the second degree. By order of W. M.

pictures, are being made. Some very neat ones have been produced.

The daffodil and narcissus bulbs which have grown a great deal since the were planted several weeks ago, help greatly in making the kindergarten room very cheerful.

The children are preparing dramatization for window advertising of membership campaign for the Parent-Teachers' association.

First Grade—The children of the first grade are studying the month of November and Thanksgiving for nature study.

For literature the subject has been the poem, "Nature's Good-night." This has been completed.

To avoid the slowness of the children in getting their wraps at the closing of school, a hook has been given each child with his name on a piece of paper on the hook. A great deal of bother is saved by this system.

Second Grade

For opening exercises the children bring books to be read by the teacher. At present the book, "Heidi," by Johanna, is being read. The children are so very interested teacher to read to them at recess.

Gerald Dodds of the second grade, is mayor for the week. The mayor inspects the desks to see that they are neat and clean.

Lorraine Querm holds the office of main street cleaner. She keeps the front of the room neat. The plants are carefully tended by Bruce Kelley. They are officers for boards, chairs and door. High school students remember when we were always so willing to help.

Those days are gone forever. A new pupil has enrolled in the class.

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