

The Farmington Enterprise

PAST MASTER GIVEN JEWEL

Big Gathering of Masons Here—Third Degree Conferred on Five Candidates

More than two hundred Master Masons met last week Wednesday in Farmington Masonic lodge. The occasion was the culmination of the splendid service rendered to the fraternity by the retiring Worshipful Master Arthur Lamb—and the conferring of the Master's degree upon five candidates. After a sumptuous banquet a feast of "reason and flow of souls" ensued.

The Master, Brother Lamb, presided with his usual dignity and skill. The Rev. Mr. Sidney D. Eva presented the Master with a Past Master's Jewel—the speech was wise, witty and winsome. Judge Fred Lamb of Cadillac, but now sitting in Detroit court, spoke of "Farmington as I knew it a generation ago"—humor, wisdom and moving pathos marked the judge's address.

Prof. A. G. Leonard, Superintendent of Farmington Schools, spoke on "The Triangle of Masonry"—the three sides are Know thyself—Love thy Fellow—Walk humbly with thy God.

Robert Folsom, a thirty-third degree Mason from Detroit, spoke on "Masonry, the Builder of Manhood," and told the history of "Ancient," "Free" and "Accepted" Masonry from its earliest days.

Dr. Beresford spoke on "The National Alter of Freemasonry," and told of the memorial to cost three million dollars, that the Masonic Brotherhood, throughout America, are erecting to the glory of the craft and the memory of Washington. This is in Alexandria, Virginia—just across from the National Capital.

President Coolidge recently laid the cornerstone, using the same trowel as Washington used when he laid the cornerstone of the Capitol.

Dr. Beresford told of his two visits to the Washington Alexandria lodge, where the Father of his Country presided as Master more than a century ago. He spoke of the rare privilege he had in sitting in the chair, wielding the gavel, using the ballot box, and reading from the Bible that Washington has used.

He referred to a framed letter that ornamented the wall of the lodge. It was in the handwriting of Washington, and was a reply to an invitation sent by the lodge to Lady Washington and her illustrious husband to attend a dance. After thanking the brethren the writer adds, giving reasons why they could not be present, he adds, "I fear Mrs. Washington's and my dancing days are over"—prophecy was in this utterance for in less than two months the Immortal Washington—the most influential statesman in the history of the human race—had entered the Mansions of the Blessed.

Masonry honors the memory of the Great Immortal of Washington, supreme as he was in war and peace, believed it not derogatory to his dignity to level himself with fraternity—patronize their assemblies and preside over a lodge of Master Masons.

Inspiring music interspersed the speaking; the Redford quartette was at its best. Brother Charles Hutton of Walked Lake roused cheers of enthusiasm with his singing of "In Vicis".

THE MESSIAH AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

This fine cantata will be given by the Sunday School in typical costume. The characters include Nazareth and Jerusalem travelers going to Bethlehem to find the new born King; Rabbis, Shepherds, etc., appear.

TRENA CATHERMAN MAKES NORMAL CHOIR

Trena Catherman of this place who is attending Normal college at Ypsilanti, was fortunate to be one of the 200 chosen to sing in the Normal choir under Frederick Alexander.

Sunday afternoon the choir sang in Detroit at Orchestra Hall as part of the program with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Last Friday night they sang at St. Andrews Episcopal church in Ann Arbor.

CASHIER STORMS RESIGNS

B. E. Storms tendered his resignation as cashier of the Peoples State Bank of Farmington to the directors of the bank at its last meeting, which was accepted, to take effect January 1, 1924. The directors at a meeting Tuesday tendered the position to John Fitzpatrick of Lake City, Mich. and it is understood that he will accept.

Mr. Storms leaves the banking business to enter the automobile business, having formed a partnership with W. H. Hart to handle Hubmobile and Chevrolet cars here.

BANK DIRECTORS ENTERTAIN

It was a pleasant evening spent by a number of Farmington business men as guests of the directors of the Farmington State Savings Bank at the community hall in the bank building Tuesday.

It was an informal smoker, cards and a good close up visit all around, furnishing entertainment for the occasion. A good lunch added to the cheer. Each guest was presented with a 1924 calendar that is a work of art.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor
10:30 "The Arrival of God" Christmas sermon. Also brief address by Miss Frances Knight.

11:45 Sunday School.
6:30 Epworth League.
7:30 Program of Christmas carols. A beautiful copy of Corregio's picture, "The Holy Family," will be presented to each person present.

Monday Evening—7:30—Christmas pageant, "The Meaning of the Manger." Superb portrayal of the birth of Christ and its meaning for today. Music.

Clarenceville Community
M. E. Church
Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.
10:30 "Christmas" sermon by pastor. Special Christmas music by chorus choir.
11:45 Sunday School. Frank Moffet, Supt. Classes for all ages and grades.

7:30 Special Christmas program by the Sunday School. Santa Claus will remember the little tots. Everyone is welcome to all the services. Let us make this a day of worship in commemoration of our Savior's birth.

First Baptist Church
C. W. Townsend, Minister.
10:30 Worship and sermon Christmas. "The True Spirit of Christmas."
11:45 Church School. Adult lesson, "Universal Reign of Christ."
6:30 B.Y.P.U. Topic, "Working the New Born King." Gordon Turner, leader.
7:30 Sacred cantata, "The Messiah."

10:30 Wednesday—Neighborhood meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bates, four miles north of Junction and one mile east. Subject, "Christ Our All Sufficient Savior."

Universalist Church
A. B. Beresford, Minister.
10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "The Spirit of the Child and the Admission to the Kingdom of Heaven"—a Christmas discourse.
12:00 Adult Bible class and Sunday School.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15 Services in German.
11:45 Sunday School.
Christmas services Monday, Dec. 24th at 7:30 p. m. and Tuesday, Dec. 25th, at 10 a. m.
Holy Communion Christmas morning.

FARMINGTON'S EARLY SETTLERS

First Wedding in 1826—First Death Three Months After Arrival of First Settlers

The first settlers came to Farmington in the year 1824. They were few in number. More families came in 1826. Among them were Howland Mason, who invented a plow; George Thayer and Rufus Thayer, brothers who settled on section 31, and Nathaniel Tolman, who the next year, 1826, married Mary Lewis. This wedding was the first in the town. It was solemnized before "Squire" Amos Mead in a log house that stood on section 24 in the north-eastern part of the township near the John Boyle farm. Short and simple was the ceremony. No diamond ring was placed upon the hand of the bride by the rustic groom. No wedding march was played and no old shoes thrown at the newly wedded pair, yet tradition says that in spite of these omissions their married life was a happy one.

Only a few brief moments had passed after the first settlers came before death claimed its first victim in the person of Mrs. Sanford Utley, who died two months after her arrival from the effects of a fall from their wagon, just as they arrived in sight of their new home. She was the first person buried in the East Farmington cemetery. Mrs. Eliza Utley, who gave me valuable information in regard to this occurrence, is a resident of our village at the present time. He son resides on the land that the family bought from the U. S. in 1826. It is a curious fact that on the day of the burial of Mrs. Utley, the first child, John Collins, was born in the town. The baby was rapidly settled in the years that followed these events. Among the new arrivals were Luther Green and his brother, Leland Green, Myra Gage, Seth A. L. Warner, Esek Brown the first blacksmith, Nathan S. Philbrick, Benjamin P. Wixon, Edward Steel and his brother Harmon Steel, who built the first grist mill in 1827; John Thayer, Chauncey Wolcott and Joseph Horton.

In 1832 Asiatic cholera made its appearance in Michigan. Modern science is able to control this dreaded scourge but at that time it was little understood and greatly feared. It was brought to Detroit by the steamer Henry Clay which came up the lake with 370 soldiers aboard enroute for the Black Hawk war. Some of them were taken sick and left the boat at Detroit. In a short time more than 200 residents were attacked and nearly 100 of them died. People were terror stricken and many of them fled. No so Father Gabriel Richard, Catholic priest. He nursed the sick, comforted the dying and performed the burial rites over confessions to his dying patients. On Sept. 13 he was himself stricken and in a few hours he was dead. His death was mourned as a calamity by all. He brought the first printing press to Michigan and published the first newspaper in Detroit. He was the first territorial delegate from Michigan to the congress of the United States. A fitting tribute to his memory is the branch library at the corner of Grand River and Stoppel avenues and named after him. While the cholera was raging in Detroit a man by the name of Barnum who lived on what is now called the Conroy road near where it is crossed by the D. U. R. visited Detroit and a few days after his return was taken sick and lived but a few hours and died. The neighbors were a great deal of disease and but a few of them dared go to the home of the deceased. Nathan Power who lived near him was not afraid and with one or two others went to the house, prepared the body and buried it in the door yard. Two weeks after this sad event the wife of Nathan Power was taken violently ill, at about 2 a. m. August 2, 1832. Dr. Wixon was called. He came at once, said that her sickness was cholera of the most violent type. He did what he could but she died at 7 a. m. after about 7 hours of suffering. Her little girl, Minerva by name, regarded it.

FORD ENGLISH COMPANY GROWING

The Manchester plant of the Ford Motor Company of England Ltd., the largest automobile factory in the British Isles, will produce approximately 30,000 cars during the year 1924, according to a recent report.

The English company, formed in 1910, began operations in a small factory near London where 570 cars were turned out in the first year. The factory was moved shortly afterwar; to Manchester, forming the nucleus about which the present mammoth plant employing 2,200 men was developed. While the company was originally dependent on the Ford Motor Company in America for parts, the new plant includes on its 316,924 square feet of floor space complete up-to-date automotive production machinery for every important unit. Thus the English Ford car, originally a combination of American parts and British assembly, is now 95 per cent British both in manufacture and material.

Since its inception thirteen years ago the Manchester plant has grown to be the largest Ford plant outside of the United States and it is estimated having directly and indirectly given employment to 20,000 British workmen.

NO RURAL MAIL DELIVERY CHRISTMAS

There will be no mail delivered by rural carrier on routes this year. The department has issued an order which permits carriers to spend the day with their families and celebrate as others do.

ANNUAL FARMERS' WEEK

Farmers week at the Michigan Agricultural college, an annual event which has come to be regarded as the biggest agricultural gathering of the state each year, will be held from February 4-8 this winter, according to the announcement made Tuesday by A. M. Berdick, chairman of the Farmers' week committee at the college.

Usual features of former years will be included in this year's program, along with new and added phases of entertainment and education, it is understood.

Nearly twenty of the leading agricultural associations and organizations of the state will hold their annual meetings at the college during Farmers week. Special educational exhibits will be prepared on a large scale than ever before, while a list of speakers including state and national figures in the agricultural, political and business worlds is being built for the general meetings.

Crowds of 5,000 and more have attended Farmers week during the last few years, and plans for the reception of another record breaking gathering are being made this winter.

THANKS

The editorial desk of the Farmington Enterprise, which we must confess is "not always an object of artistic beauty and orderliness, is just at present made attractive by a pot of pretty pasties, the gift of a friend of the paper.

BOOKS DUE AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Rainbow Trail; Nobody's Boy; Adventure of a Browie; What Daddies Do; The Vanishing Point; Wonder of War in the Air; Riders of the Purple Sage; In the Heartstones; Carolyn of the Red Corners; The Argonauts; Stella Dallas; Great Impersonation; Sylvia of the Stubbles; Eyes of Love; A Hilltop for the Marne; One of Ours; Janice Meredith; If Winter Comes; The Temptress; Hawkeye; Blue Goose Chase.

years old, died at 11 a. m. the same day. They were buried a few hours after in one grave in the Quaker cemetery, and were the first to be laid away in that place. No other members of the family were attacked by the disease. The three that I have mentioned were the only cholera victims in the pioneer settlement. Mr. Power lived to be an old man but the memory of that sad day remained with him through all the years and he never discussed it or referred to it, unless discreetly questioned in regard to it. N. H. P.

CITIZENS MAKE GOOD RESPONSE

Farmington Contributes \$137.39 For Harding Memorial Fund—More to Follow

It is proposed to raise \$3,000 for the construction of a memorial to the late president. Citizens from all sections of the county are responding liberally.

H. D. Warner, chairman of the Harding memorial fund association for this locality, reports the following contributions from Farmington:

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| H. C. Thayer | \$20 |
| W. F. Pauline | \$50 |
| C. W. Bicking | 50 |
| James Eastman | 50 |
| J. H. Thayer | 1.00 |
| A. J. Dodds | 1.00 |
| Elmer Weston | 1.00 |
| W. C. Way | 1.00 |
| A. G. Lamb | 1.00 |
| J. L. Hogle | 1.00 |
| R. G. Hogle | 1.00 |
| E. D. Thayer | 1.00 |
| Farmington Masonic Lodge No. 151 | 25.00 |
| High school, sixth grade, fourth grade, second grade, Beatrice Wesley, Marion Wesley | 6.69 |
| W. N. Miller | 1.00 |
| Wm. Ringel | 1.00 |
| Mrs. A. O'Leary | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Louise May | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Charles White | 1.00 |
| J. Bollens | 1.00 |
| Misc—German Church | 4.00 |
| Floyd H. Nichols | 5.00 |
| Edessa W. Slouem | 5.00 |
| Helen W. Gaukler | 5.00 |
| Estate of Fred M. Warner | 50.00 |
| Harley D. Warner | 10.00 |
| Contributions will be received at either bank until Christmas. | |

Winifred Walling was in Toledo Ohio, Saturday evening. Her grandmother, Mrs. A. C. Walling, returned home with her Sunday, and will make an indefinite stay with her son Charles and family and other relatives.

At the evening service of the Methodist church on Sunday a program of Christmas carols will be rendered, many of which will be the old fashioned carols that helped make the Christmas of long ago so full of charm and delight. A short Christmas address will be a part of the program. Those attending the service will be presented with a copy of Corregio's world famous picture, "The Holy Family."

HAND CUT OFF IN HUSKER

On Saturday while Will White was husking corn at Mrs. Dan Boyle's the glove on his right hand caught in the machine and his hand was cut off at the wrist, the member being held only by two cords. He was taken to Harper hospital where it was dressed.

THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLE

Kindergarten—The children have been very busy making presents for Christmas gifts to their fathers and mothers.

At the kindergarten children's Christmas party there will be no Santa. The children decided that it would bother Santa a great deal to make the extra trip.

Second Grade—A large fire place has been built. It has been covered with red crepe paper.

The border for the blackboard is wreaths of holly cut from paper, and supplied with red berries.

Fourth Grade—A map of the school room is being made by all fourth graders. These maps are made on a small scale.

Fifth Grade—The story, "Empty Stocking," was read at the fifth graders. Afterwards it was made into a play and is being dramatized for Christmas exercises.

CLARENCEVILLE P. T. A. HOLDS MEETING

The Clarenceville P. T. A. met at the school house Friday afternoon. A program given by Mrs. LaBarge's room consisted of a play of Mother Goose characters, and was fully enjoyed. The high school orchestra made its first appearance and gave two selections. Considering the short time they have been organized they did exceedingly well. Reports were given of the P. T. A. meeting at Pontiac and it was decided that Clarenceville P. T. A. join the County Council to be held at Pontiac.

The next meeting will be held in the evening. Mrs. Pool of Lansing, will be the speaker. Notice to be given later.

FARMINGTON DAIRY'S NEW PLANT

The boilers and other machinery for the new Farmington Dairy plant, which will occupy the old Farmington State Savings Bank building on Grand River avenue, are here and Mr. Himmelspach states that the plant will be ready for business about January 1st. Workmen have been busy for some time making alterations in the interior of the building and this work is about complete.

FARMINGTON BOYS ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS

Two Farmington boys, Russell and Harlie Catherman have been especially mentioned as important factors in winning the Michigan Intercollegiate football championship for Alma college this season. Russell Catherman will be awarded the third "A" having played his third year on the team. In the Kalamazoo game, he featured an 80 yard run from the kickoff for a touchdown. His specialty is his forward passing and his open field running, and also his kicking ability.

Harlie, in his second year in college has the distinction of being selected All M. I. A. a half-back, and will receive mention in "Spaulding's Official Guide," for the sensational 95 yard run from the kickoff for a touchdown in the Ferris Institute game with Alma. Harlie excels in open field work, too, and will receive his second "A".

This season Alma college has the record of not being scored upon by any association team. The team has a total of 150 points, or an average of 96 points to a game, and nothing for the opponent. This record has not been equaled by any association team in several years. Alma college has six football men selected for the All M. I. A. team.

Evangeline Bradley and Miss Deborah Gibson of Detroit, are planning on spending the holiday vacation in Florida. Miss Bradley will spend Christmas with her sister Mrs. T. J. Alderman of Waldo, and Miss Gibson with relatives at St. Petersburg. They also expect to pay a brief visit to Havana, Cuba, Key West, Miami and St. Augustine.

In the December typewriting speed test for first year type held Tuesday the following came out ahead: Rupert Turner, 25 words; Genevieve Green 23 words; Helen Phelps, 21 words; Ila Durham, 19 words; Helen Steele, 19 words; Thelma Sallow, 18 words; Harley Walters, 16 words, Avis McCafferty, 16 words.

In second year type the following results were made: Helen Prindle, 46 words; Velma Cook, 40 words; Thelma Aldrich, 35 words; Margaret Kreeger, 35 words; Alice Clark, 33 words; Marie Walling, 32 words; Mable Wheeler, 31 words.

Lillian Collins. Athletics The first basket ball game of the season in which Farmington took part, was played last Saturday night at the Polish Seminary at Orchard Lake. The Farmington team was beaten to a score of 28-10. The Farmington team was as follows:

Quinn—F. Bryan—F. Sallow—C. Wixom—G. Cousins—G. Chamberlain was substituted Cousins. Quinn made four baskets and Bryan the remaining one.