

Community journalism comes of age

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should report it to the editor. We will seek to make this paper a permanent journal of progress."

Reading that first edition reveals both the tenor and humor of the time.

A BLANK SPACE reserved for an advertisement by Fred Warner is explained away when Bloomer says Warner was too busy to make up the copy.

The mind wanders. Was Warner even then out campaigning? His political efforts eventually took him to the gover-

nor's chair in Lansing.

He was the only Farmington resident to ever achieve such high political office. Politics, indeed, was a topic of the day as revealed in another short article.

"The Farmington Democratic Club, headed by the Redford Band, attended the great Democratic meeting at Pontiac," it says.

Obviously, objectivity wasn't what it could be in those days.

For those who wanted to spend time in a more leisurely fashion, they could participate in a singing convention at

Bell Branch being conducted by CH Smith. A concert would wrap up the event.

It also revealed that William Maiden sold his 109-acre farm in Southfield to Carl Roscow for \$4,000.

Activities for young people were in full bloom. The Young Peoples Circle was organized in the ME Church.

Although the world ran at a different pace, tragedy was still part of the scene.

Mrs. Anne Dewaters found the world situation to be untenable enough to put a .38 caliber revolver to her chest and

pull the trigger. At press time she was in critical condition.

WR Anderson broke his neck while pitching cornstalks and James Clark "while maddened by drink," cut his mother's throat. It took two officers to arrest him.

At the beginning of the century, Walter Richards took over as Enterprise editor. But the competition was stiff.

Today, shadows of the old Enterprise still exist. On Farmington Road, south of Grand River stands the Enterprise building, now occupied by a bookstore.

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