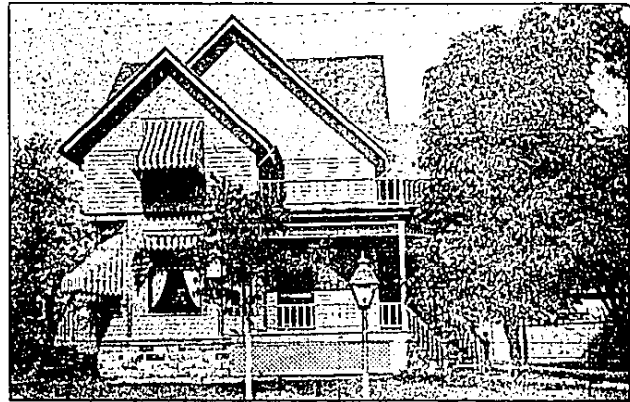


Farmington Was Proud of These 30 Years Ago!

So great was the pride of Farmington residents in the homes which had been built in the village, that many of them were pictured in the Tenth Anniversary Edition of the Enterprise in 1898. Three are shown here, the cuts used being the originals. Below, residence of T. H. McGee, built in 1898; right, above, residence of E. C. Grace, built in 1894; right, below, residence of M. B. Pierce, built in 1894.



"Hustling Young Men" Were They In The '90's

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trade. Mr. Kennedy has few superiors as a workman, and especially as a horse shoer and his reputation in this specialty has gone far and wide. He does every description of general blacksmithing and at prices to suit the demands of the times.

E. C. Grace

Prominent among the business men of Farmington stands that energetic young man, E. C. Grace, and special attention is directed to his large and flourishing trade. Mr. Grace's business career in Farmington is a notable example of what energy and ability rightly directed will accomplish. He started in business here a number of years ago in a comparatively small way, and his business has grown to large proportions. His store is indeed a credit to the town, being stocked with the best lines of foreign and domestic dry goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, gents' furnishing goods, groceries, etc. Mr. Grace is also the efficient postmaster, conducting the affairs of the office in a manner highly satisfactory to the public. It can be truly said that he is held in the highest regard by the people.

The Owen House

There is nothing of greater importance to a town than good

hotel accommodations. In this respect our town is exceedingly fortunate, having the advantages of the first class public hostelry named above, which is one of the most popular and best conducted hotels in this state. The Owen House was re-built and for the past 20 years conducted by L. D. Owen. A few months ago his son, B. S. Owen, assumed the management. He is one of the popular young men of the town and is making a success of the house. It is finely furnished, heated by steam, sets an excellent table and the bar is stocked with the choicest brands of liquors and cigars, and the hotel is enjoying a large patronage.

P. Dean Warner

No adequate review of Farmington and its business interest could be given without reference being made to the above gentleman, who has been closely connected with the welfare of the town for nearly half a century, and who is well known as one of the affluent and influential citizens of the county. Mr. Warner has for a number of years supplied the merchants and other business men with the advantages of good banking facilities. His is one of the most substantial private banking establishments in the state. All kinds of banking business is transacted, buying and selling exchange, collecting, remitting, etc. Mr. Warner is a notary public and has had a large experience in conveyancing, etc.

Old Town Hall Curtain, With Its 'Ads' Of Bygone Years, Fades From View

The week before last saw the passing of the old—last week saw for the first time—the new.

In the old Town Hall, scene of many happy occasions, there quietly disappeared from view the old stage curtain, with its familiar names. In its place for the first time was seen last week a new one, made partly from the old, by the Farmington Players.

Brush and paint have blotted out the border-squares that proclaimed to Town Hall audiences Farmington business-men's wares. There was the "Owen House," Eugene Grace, proprietor—\$1.50 and \$2.00 per day, electric lights, steam heat, and bowling alley in connection." There was "Gilde-meister's finest flour." H. A. Schroeder, dealer in meats, A. L. Bruder, expert tailor. "Quality groceries" were proclaimed by G. H. White, and an interesting combination was offered by John R. Walters—"Boydell's Paints," Oils, and Varnishes, Cigars, Confectionery, and Tobacco.

Both "Motor and Horse Service" was provided by W. E. Heeney, undertaker, and protection against disaster was offered by the Michigan Mutual Home Insurance Co.—John Power, president, James Hogle, secretary, and A. M. Eckles, treasurer.

"Ford" cars were handled by C. R. Ely, while E. C. Grace advertised dry goods, groceries, shoes, and gents' furnishings. T. H. McGee was a druggist, and H. P. Randall dealt in groceries, confectionery and newspapers.

Bank Profits \$5,000

Those who may have doubted the stability of the "Farmington Exchange Bank," might note that its capital was \$25,000, and "surplus and profits," \$5,000. Its officers, the curtain told, were: Fred M. Warner, president; Samuel D. Holcomb, vice-president; C. W. Wilber, cashier, and Edgar S. Pierce, assistant cashier.

F. L. Cook sold general merchandise, and what used to be known as "shelf hardware." In addition he offered plumbing and heating, and to make his line complete, there was "wire-fencing, steel posts, and furniture."

The Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. advertised its stock and service, while the "Warner Dairy Company," the curtain said, was "established 1892 and still doing more business than ever at the old factory."

The new curtain is much larger, more impressive, perhaps. It carries no quaint advertisements. Will it, many years hence, tell so interesting a human story?