

Many Familiar Names In Record Of O.E.S. Chapter

(Editor's Note)—A short time ago the Farmington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. At the exercises, a history of the order, prepared by Isaac Bond, Worthy Patron, was read. The history contains so many names familiar to Farmington, and will undoubtedly be of interest to so many, that it has been made a part of this Anniversary Edition)

Thirty years ago a petition for a dispensation to form a new Chapter was sent to Bro. Wm. F. King, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, Order of the Eastern Star. The original petition was circulated by John H. Thayer of Farmington.

The dispensation was granted and a meeting for instituting the new chapter was held December 29, 1898.

Those in attendance were Sisters: Carrie Northrop, Kate T. Parsons, Mary H. Lee, Elizabeth Thayer, Mary E. Sprague, Elizabeth Holcomb, Mary Briggs, Josephine M. Francis, Eva Sprague, Eva L. Edwards, Zada Wilcox, Catherine Hitchcock, Hattie I. Everett, Cetella Murray, Carrie M. Moore, May Wilcox, Mary E. Green, Jennie Hendryx, Grace Tremper, Martha Warner, Anna Harlan.

Brothers: Caleb J. Sprague, Ira Tolman, E. F. Holcomb, R. H. Marsh, Frank L. Lee, George Edwards, Job G. Francis, Thomas Hitchcock, John H. Thayer, H. N. McCracken, H. A. Green, L. C. Pierson, Wm. Hendryx, B. C. Northrup, Orien Everett, John E. Wilcox, Fred L. Cook, Frank W. Parsons, Hudson Wilcox, Fred M. Warner, E. S. Sprague, Isaac Bond, Andrew J. Crosby, George W. Wilcox, T. H. Russell, F. Markham Briggs, Wm. Harlan.

The first officers of the Chapter were: W. M., Sister Carrie Northrop; W. P., Bro. Caleb J. Sprague; A. M., Sister Josephine M. Francis; Cond., Sister Carrie M. Moore A. Cond., Sister Kate T. Parsons, Sec., Bro. John H. Thayer; Treas., Bro. Fred L. Cook; Chaplain, Sister Eva Sprague; Adah, Sister May Wilcox; Ruth, Sister Mary H. Lee; Esther, Sister Eva L. Edwards; Martha, Sister Mary E. Green; Electa, Sister Mary E. Sprague; Warder, Sister Catherine Hitchcock; Sentinel, Bro. Ira Tolman; Organist, Sister Grace Tremper.

Sister Ida E. Joslin, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter instituted the Chapter which was named Farmington Chapter U. D. Order of the Eastern Star.

The Worthy Matron, Sister Carrie Northrop, appointed the following committee to prepare By-Laws for the Chapter: Sisters Cetella Murray, Martha Warner and Brother Fred M. Warner.

The By-Laws were adopted May 25, 1899. Meetings were on the Thursday evening of each month before the full moon. Initiation fee, \$1.00. Dues, \$1.00 per year.

The Charter was received January 11, 1900 and the following officers installed:

W. M., Sister Carrie Northrop. W. P., Bro. Caleb J. Sprague.

Compiles O. E. S. History



Occupied as he has been in the public affairs of the community, for ten years as Farmington Township's Supervisor, Isaac Bond, now County Road Commissioner, has still found time for a prominent part in fraternal activities. Among them has been his work in the Farmington Chapter, O. E. S., the history of which appears on this page.

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The installing officers were:
Worthy Grand Matron, Sister E. Joslin.

Bro. J. A. Cranston acting as Grand Marshal.

Bro. Wm. Harlan acting as Grand Chaplain.

The Chapter has had the following Worthy Matrons:

Sisters, Carrie Northrop, Ada Bond, Agnes Chamberlain, Carrie Moore, Minnie Hogle, Mabel Allyn, Eno Drake, Bertha Steele, Elizabeth Holcomb, Mary Lytle, Ada Clark, Charlotte Walters, Emma Nacker, Susie Sealey, Ethel Thayer, Ethel Schroeder, Josephine McGee, Angeline Grace, Florence Lee, Matilda Harding, Viola Gildemeister, Ina W. Storms.

The Chapter has had the following Worthy Patrons:

Brothers: Caleb Sprague, John Thayer, George Wilcox, Blake C. Northrop, Stanley Drake, Herbert Thayer, Arthur F. Allyn, Albert Conn, E. F. Holcomb, John C. Clark, Clarence Wood, Isaac Bond.

In 1902 a request was sent from Birmingham Chapter that we attend a meeting there to organize a County Association, Order of the Eastern Star. The Chapter voted to become a member. The Association was organized, the following Chapters joining: Rochester, Pontiac, Birmingham, Commerce and Farmington. At the present time there are 18 Chapters in the Association.

The Chapter has had very many

'Jail' Once 'Built' by School Board Here; Master and Pupils Imprisoned

(Editor's Note)—The history of Farmington Schools printed below was given by N. H. Power in a talk to pupils of the School on Wednesday, November 7, in the school auditorium).

The first people to settle in Farmington came from New York State in 1824. They were men who had attended the common district school in their native state.

Their school experience had been a limited one. Shortly after their arrival here other men and women began to appear upon the scene, ready to take up government land and to found homes.

Soon the necessity for schools began to be manifest and in 1829 the first school was established. Its sessions were held in a small log building that stood nearly opposite the home now occupied by David Ross and his wife on Shawassee street.

This street at that time was an Indian trail used by the dusky red men twice a year, when they travelled from their reservation near Lansing to Detroit to collect their bounty from the government agent at that place. Occasionally they were seen by the pupils at the school as they wended their noiseless way over the trail in single file. They were never troublesome.

This school was taught by Nathan Power. The first female teacher was Miss Parley Ann Mead.

First School Cost \$375

In 1835 Nathan Power was hired to build a frame school building for \$375. This was erected on the hill north of the Creek on what is now known as the "McGee property." It was known far and wide as "the red schoolhouse" and was used until 1852, when Nathan Power was again hired to build another school building.

This was a two-story structure which was located a little east and south of the present High School building, which was erected in 1888. In that building the writer of this article attended school.

The superintendent at that time was G. A. Brown. He married Miss Drake, one of his pupils. His successor was Harvey Wied, whose home is in Coldwater, Mich., and who was a visitor in our city last summer.

Under one of his successors, discipline was greatly relaxed, as the boys soon discovered. One year the school board started to dig a well on the schoolhouse grounds, but after digging a hole to the depth of ten or twelve feet,

they gave it up and the hole remained.

enjoyable social events, among them Public Installations, Anniversary Celebrations, Banquets, 6 o'clock Dinners, visits from Grand Officers and visits to and from other chapters.

In 1902 there were 70 members in the Chapter. The present membership is 269.

The oldest member of the chapter is Mrs. Kate Pettibone, 94.

Jail Established

When school began in the Fall, we boys commenced to use this hole for a jail. It was about eight feet across at the top. Because of its depth, a boy once in there could not get out without assistance. Quite often a lad spent his noon or recess period there, or until such time as his jailers saw fit to pull him out.

One day Frank Clark, one of the boys, now in Honolulu, was thrust into the place and left there while his companions answered the bell and took their places in the schoolroom. His absence was noticed by the teacher and he made inquiry about it.

One of the small boys, after some questioning, told him where the missing boy was.

'Jail' Fills Up

One of the boys was sent out to assist Frank in getting out. Instead of doing this, he jumped in with him. Another boy was sent and he was pulled in by the other two. A third and fourth were sent, only to join the others in the jail. One or two more were sent only to meet the same fate.

Soon our principal discovered that he was likely to lose all of his pupils, unless he changed his course, which he did, and came out himself.

After mildly rebuking us, he told one of the boys to hold up his hands and he would help him out. This the youngster did, with the unexpected action of getting a firm grip on the teacher and pulling him in with the rest of us.

This was a bold act and we were a little anxious about the result. One of the boys was finally lifted out and, he getting a ladder, the rest of us with the teacher ascended to the top of the ground.

We expected and richly deserved punishment, but were let off with a mild talk after school hours.

Soon after the old well was filled up and our jail discontinued.

N. H. P.

Helped Print First Copy—Still Has It

It is through the courtesy of Mr. Fred L. Cook of Farmington, we are able to show, on page 2, just how the first issue of the Farmington Enterprise appeared to its readers forty years ago. Mr. Cook has preserved through the years his copy of the paper.

A notation which he made upon it, but which does not appear on the reproduction, reads as follows: "This is the first paper printed in Farmington. It was printed on November 1st, 1888, by E. R. Bloomer, whom I helped print the first papers printed in Farmington—F. L. Cook."