

**SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE ENTERTAINED BY WOMAN'S CLUB**

Frank N. Steele Reports On European Conference, On Education

The women of the Farmington Woman's Club and Farmington School teachers as their guests are much indebted to the committee in charge, Mrs. F. N. Steele, Mrs. L. Bond, and Mrs. Chamberlain, for an interesting and profitable day afforded them on Wednesday, at the school gymnasium. Each member responded to roll call by naming an educator and telling what he or she has contributed to the educational field. "From roll call" to apples" the committee had planned an afternoon filled with good things.

After the regular business of the Club had been completed, the High School orchestra, under Mr. Eaton's direction, played "Magnolia Blossom" and "Autumn Days," an especially appropriate number for this time of year. Later in the afternoon, Mr. Eaton pleased those present by the recitation of two lovely songs, "Home-coming" and "The Vagabond Song." Mrs. Steele gave a few brief (all too brief) impressions and descriptions of places and people in Europe, as they appeared to her, and her observations ranged from the Culex sp. (Mosquitoes, in other words) to the modern European seeder, for she assured her audience they are not alone an American product.

Mrs. Steele then introduced her husband, Frank N. Steele, who gave to his hearers a very adequate outline of the work of the World Federation of Education Associations which met at Geneva last summer. This is the third meeting of this international convention, and when it met at Toronto two years ago, Mrs. Steele accompanied by Mrs. Steele, attended. The organization was formed at San Francisco in 1923. The object is to create a better understanding between nations, and to promote good will by striving to influence the next generation by education to the point where future wars will be impossible.

When one is told by an official delegate that more than fifty nations sent representatives to this World Federation, one realizes that the lofty aim cited above is not an idea of a few newly zealous fanatics, but the inspiration of deliberate and sober minded men and women.

According to Mr. Steele probably the most delicate task assigned to any committee connected with this Federation is that of the committee on History and Education, for each country has its own cherished military or naval heroes and history. However, in time it may be that a general history will be evolved that will quite satisfy each country.

The various social functions in connection with the association tended to blend all nationalities and lead to an enrichment of the sum total of knowledge and happiness of each delegate.

At the conclusion of Mr. Steele's splendid talk, the committee provided delicious snow apples.

The women of the Club are asked to refer to club programs, whereby they will understand why the chairman is asking for contributions of antiques for display for the next meeting. All are asked to phone any member of this committee, if they have any such articles, and have articles labeled giving history of same and name of owner.

Mrs. Evangeline Pettibone, Corresponding Sec.

**Centennial Pastor**



DR. H. ADDIS LEESON

**ATTENDANCE IS LARGE AT EVENTS OF CENTENNIAL**

Sermons, Banquet Addresses And Reminiscences All Attract Many

Events in the Centennial celebration of Farmington have been well attended and much enjoyed by those present. The celebration was begun with an interesting Sunday morning sermon by Dr. C. E. Allen of Erie, Pa. In the evening, Dr. Aiken preached again.

Monday afternoon was a period of reminiscences and display of articles used by pioneers in the days long since gone by. W. T. Babcock of Oakland road exhibited a cradle of 120 years old—it rocked five generations. Chinaware and plate displays were interesting.

In the evening, Nathan H. Power read a history of the church, followed by an interesting history of the Ladies' Aid Society by Mrs. William Irish. Rev. Charles E. Lee, former pastor, entertained with songs and solos, and gave an interesting talk in connection with his ministry of former days.

E. S. Dart in an interesting address, stated that the records of admission of the church had been lost, whereupon Wells D. Butterfield came forward with a book he had found in the residence now occupied by Joseph Karle. This book would, one member stated, "be as interesting to the people of Farmington as the finding of the The Scarlet Letter in the custard-house at Salem, Mass. had been." This book contains a record of church members, the marriages and baptisms, by various ministers through a long term of years.

**History Of Methodist Church Is Compiled**

By Nathan H. Power  
John Wesley, the founder of Methodism was born June 28, 1703 at Epworth, England. He was a very diligent and successful student at Lincoln College, Oxford. While there, he was soundly converted and the religious history of his student life belongs to the early history of the Methodist Church. No man ever exerted so great an influence on the religious condition of the people of England and this influence has extended to the most distant parts of the world. It early found a foothold in America under the auspices of men like Ashbury and Coke and soon found its way into the distant pioneer settlements of the frontier.

It is probable that as early as 1825 and '26 Methodist preachers had visited Farmington and held meetings at private homes. As early as 1828 the first Methodist Circuit-rider appeared in Farmington. His name was John A. Baughman. His first service was held in the house of Samuel Mansfield, which was located on Power avenue on property now owned by Miss Frances Knight. At first he preached every six weeks. He came at regular intervals during the years of 1828 and 1829 and in the latter year organized a church.

The names of the first members of our Church organized 100 years ago are interesting to recall. They are John Thayer, Lander Walker, Lucetta Walker, Olive Mansfield, Seymour Newton, Maria Newton, Samuel Mead, Phebe Hiles, Mathew Van Amburgh, Calvin Ray, Isaac Valentine, and Mr. and Mrs. John

Gould.  
John A. Baughman, who organized the Church, was a man of great physical strength with a loud voice, cheerful temper and a driving industry. He was warm-hearted, of strong faith and beloved by all. He was a man of great eloquence and power in the pulpit. He was a pioneer Circuit-rider in Michigan 32 years and died in Detroit, March 1, 1868, aged 65 years.

Farmington witnessed a powerful revival soon after the forming of this society under the preaching of the Rev. William T. Snow, in which many people were converted and became active members of the new church. For several years preaching services were held in homes and in a schoolhouse that stood near the residence now occupied by Fred Daines on West Grand River avenue.

Services In Shop  
Later the services were transferred to Joel Bostwick's cooper shop, under the ministry of the Rev. D. C. Jakes. (This shop stood on Shawwassee street nearly opposite the present home of Emory Hatton. Tradition says that it began to show a desire to plunge down the steep bank into the creek and that was the cause of the Church seeking new quarters. Certain it is that it was resolved to build a new Church.

A man donated by a leading citizen of the town, Ebenezer G. Stewart, who was a pronounced agnostic, and an unbeliever. Despite his unbelief he was willing to help the Church get a home. Much of the material was donated. Timber was plentiful and easily secured. On July 3 and 4, 1840, the frame was raised. Owing to the lack of funds it was not completed and dedicated until August, 1841—it was strongly and substantially built. It was enlarged and its interior greatly improved in 1878 while the Rev. S. E. Warrea was pastor. Its original cost was about \$3,000. It was used as a church until February, 1920, when it burned. For nearly 80 years it stood, the storms and gales and was one of the landmarks of the town.

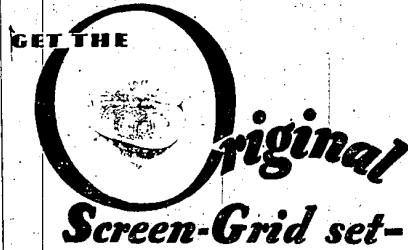
Eight Towns In Circuit  
One of the ministers about this time was Rev. Luther D. Whiting, whose circuit included Farmington, Pontiac, Birmingham, Southfield, Redford, Novi, Commerce, Milford and other points. He wrote that "my salary is less than \$200 a year. But I live on the closest economy, work hard, have health, a pleasant home and enjoy life." In those days religion was a vital part of life and the emphasis was put on the things that endure; the things worth-while—the things of the soul.

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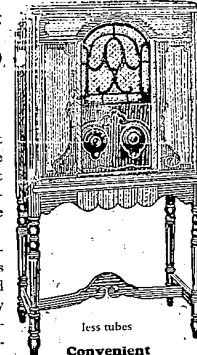
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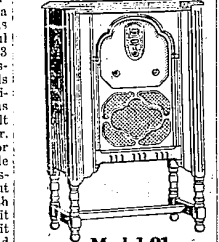
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**Township, City May Have Joint Meetings**

A few joint meetings of the Farmington Township, Board and City Commission to adjust matters between them were suggested by Justice Ward Eagle at the Township Board meeting Tuesday evening, and met with much approval.

The Township and City have been at work for a considerable time straightening out accounts for the past two years. Henceforth a number of items will be separated so that fewer will be handled jointly, simplifying book-keeping for each body.

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