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FIRST MEETING TO FORM POST HELD IN 1922

It was 26 years ago, on June 23, 1922, that the first meeting of ex-servicemen was held in Farmington for the purpose of organizing an American Legion Post in Farmington. Mark B. Owen was chosen chairman of the meeting, which was held in the east end of the city building, over the water works, the use of which was donated by the village of Farmington.

Names on the application for a charter were the following:

Howard G. Eisenlord
Mark B. Owen
Carl G. Hogle
Norman C. Lee
Roy O. Robinson
Alfred Smith
Harley A. Schroeder
Almeron W. Bidwell
Fred H. Schaupeter
George W. Lee
Harley D. Warner
Howard M. Warner
Stanley F. Smith
H. Culver Wood
Carl A. Goers

The first meeting was attended by Commander Merrel of George Washington Post, Detroit, who helped with the organization work.

Howard G. Eisenlord was elected commander and M. B. Owen vice-commander; Carl G. Hogle, post adjutant, Norman Lee, finance officer, Roy Robinson, historian, Alfred Smith, chaplain.

It was decided to call the post "Groves-Walker Post" in honor of Bertraw Groves and Lemuel Walker.

The by-laws were drafted with the aid of Percy J. Power, whose father was John Power, last commander of the local G.A.R. Post.

Plans were made for the first Gala day, which was a great success.

With the coming of winter, the Post was given the use of the hall under the Farmington State Savings bank, through the courtesy of ex-Governor Fred M. Warner, with rent and lights free.

The first annual election followed and inasmuch as the officers had served only half a year all were re-elected.

Mark B. Owen was elected to succeed Commander Eisenlord the following year. Mr. Owen is now city engineer of the city of Dearborn.

In 1924, after Farmington's centennial celebration, the log cabin built for the centennial was turned over to the Groves-Walker Post as a club house.

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