

The celebration of Farmington Founders' Days naturally makes us think of the history of Farmington. A regular "history" appears elsewhere in this issue of the Enterprise, but we decided to compile a different kind of history—Early Farmington as recorded in the Enterprise files.

From one of our earliest bound volumes, 1909-1910, we tried to select items representative of a bygone era. Many of the social and news items of those years are much the same as those of today, but some would rarely, if ever, be applicable to Farmington again. We also selected a few items just for general interest.

Oct., Nov., Dec., 1909
"Reports from some parts of southern Michigan state that it was good sleighing Monday and Tuesday."

"A concert. Tennyson's 'Enoch Arden' will be given in the town hall next Monday evening."

"There will be a shadow social at the town hall October 29."

"The potato crop now being harvested in this section is not a large yield, but of fine quality."

"There has been some lively hustling this week settling up stoves and preparing for winter."

"An auto trip to Detroit was made by... last week." (We think nothing of driving into Detroit, but in those days it was such an event that it was always published.)

"Rev. and Mrs. Stange and Mr. and Mrs. L. Gildemeister attended the Schumann-Heink recital at the Light-Heink Army in Detroit Tuesday evening."

"Henry German and Sumner Power are picking their apples this week."

"Charles Lute lost a valuable horse Sunday night." "Albert Giebbner lost a nice horse last week." (Horses were valuable and prized possessions. There were many such items regarding horses' injuries, illnesses and deaths.)

"N.H. Power was a pleasant caller at the Enterprise office last Wednesday. Mr. Power renewed his subscription for another year."

"A box social will be held at George Rear's residence at Power's Station Friday evening, October 15. Fellers bring yer gals and gals bring yer boxes."

"Refrigerated stereos are found on three new ships between New Orleans and Co. lo."

"Fred Lee is now alone, his hired man having moved so as to work for John Meyers."

"Fred Hyde and Clifton Goss expect to leave this week for Detroit to secure work in an automobile factory."

"Arthur Simmons had the misfortune to have a finger of his left hand badly bitten by a pig while he was butchering."

"Owing to the scarcity of the rural schools, have been closed for two weeks in order, to have the children help in securing the potato crop."

"There is a plan on foot to plant a large quantity of sacred lily seed at Keego Harbor at the entrance to Cass Lake." (We wonder if they grew.)

"Bean threshing has begun in this neighborhood."

"It is expected that there will be preaching again next Sabbath."

"Don't you think an automobile factory would be a good thing for Farmington? If you do, push it along." (People have been trying to get industry into Farmington for over 50 years.)

"John Watchpocket of Pontiac says he picked 50 barrels of apples in one day of nine hours."

"The Grand River Avenue Pedro club were entertained this week."

"Miss Inez Lee was given a wedding shower last week. She received 21 pieces of nice granite wear."

"Muskrat trappers are forbidden by law to set traps within six feet of where the rat comes from his house."

"The various ice houses are being filled with a fine lot of ice this week from the ponds."

"C. W. Botsford dropped in to the Enterprise office this week and renewed his subscription."

"Governor Fred M. Warner (a Farmingtonite) went to Philadelphia this week to present the solid silver set to the BattleShip Michigan. This was donated by the state."

"People in the White Lake area are harvesting their ice crop."

Jan., Feb., Mar., 1910

"Miss Ruth Gillis returned to this city after a three weeks' illness. She says, no more misery for her."

"Wanted at this office one cord of dry wood suitable for kitchen stove. Don't all speak at once."

"John Wilcox is sawing wood for W. E. McHugh with his new gasoline."

"Dr. Miller sports a new five passenger Buick Auto."

"H. W. Lee has sold ten 20th Century Mangle Spreaders already this Spring. This is a pretty good start on this year's business."

April, May, June, 1910

"Dr. E. F. Holcomb has a new 1910 Carter Car."

"Farmers in these parts are busy this week sowing their oats."

"The public drinking cup must go is the opinion of 15 railroad representatives, which held a meeting in the office of Dr. F. W. Shumway of the state board of health."

"Stanley Drake raised a large barn last Monday afternoon."

"Several persons have risen before the birds the last week to take a peep at Halley's Comet, which is of large proportions, the tail being about three times the length of the handle of the big dipper."

"Several farmers here have just sold their potatoes for 15 cents a bushel."

July-Aug., Sept., 1910

"Haying in the section is now in full blast."

"Fred Chest of Pontiac now uses an auto to deliver the mail on his route. He is the first carrier out of that city to substitute a car for his horse."

"Harvesting is in full blast around Farmington this week."

"A farm barn belonging to Fred Johnson was struck by lightning last Friday night and destroyed by fire. The barn had just been filled with new hay."

"Sharpsteen's Comedy and

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Many Patent Medicines In Use Then

More than fifty years ago people in the Farmington area as in most areas — had to rely on home remedies and patent medicines to treat their ills. There were many physicians and people usually consulted them only after all else had failed.

Patent medicines were widely used and their producers advertised extensively in the Enterprise. There were lengthy testimonials for the various preparations, as well as large display advertisements.

Some of the products are still available and in use and will be recognized by many readers. However, a few of them will be known only to our senior citizens.

PRODUCTS ADVERTISED regularly in the Farmington Enterprise during 1909 and 1910 (one of the oldest volumes of newspapers we have) were:

Hamlin's Wizard Oil — for pain; Spohn's Distemper Cure — for pink eye, distemper, catarrhal fever and throat diseases; Pettit's Eye Salve; Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup — for teething babies; Allen's Foot-Paste; Allen's Lung Balm; Dr. Hattie's Sugar-Coated Pills — the unequalled liver regulator; Dodd's Kidney Pills; Carter's Little Liver Pills; Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; Cascarets; Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy; Parker's Hair Balsam; Pius's Cure—for coughs and colds; Thompson's Eye Water; 5 Drops—for rheumatism; SWANSON'S PILLS—for irregularity; Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin; Rene's Pain Killing Oil — for rheumatism, sprains, stiff joints, sores and bruises; Dr. D. Jayne's Expecto-rant; Dr. Miles' Nervine; Cheney's Medicated Cream; Dr. D. Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge; Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna—for regularity; Platten's C & C or Black Capsules; Doan's Kidney Pills; Dodd's Kidney Pills; Mary T. Goldman's Gray Hair Restorer; Sloan's Liniment; Perry Davis' Pain Killer; DR. MILES' Anti-Pain Pills; Foley's Ointment; Foley's Honey and Tar for La Grippe; T. H. McGee Salts, smelling salts, headache salts, epsom salts and effervescent salts; T. H. McGee's Cold Tablets; Mother Gray's Sweet Powders; Brown's Bronchial Troches; Beecham's Pills — stomach ailments, blood purifier, nature's cosmetic; Hall's Catarrh Cure; Munyon's Rheumatism Cure; Munyon's Paw-Paw Liver Pills; Cuticura; Soap and Ointment; Paxtine Antipruric; Munyon's Witch Hazel Soap; Absorbine, Jr.; and Kiro Cures — for St. Vitus dance, epilepsy and all nervous diseases.

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