Saga Provides Trip Into Old Time Life

ton another little-known her-itage. In the Farmington library there is a book en-titled 'Lumber, Lath and Shin-gles' written by him while he was convalescing from a leng-thy illness.

His book evokes with nosta-

ago while the author was growing up in the lumber days of Ludington, Mich., they seem to bear little relation to the fast-paced, pressurized existence which is the lot of this current age.

Dipping into its pages yields such descriptions as the following:

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on watering in the morning several indians stretched full search in front of the term of the sevent in the following the proposition the log cabin in the middle of the night by her father. He knew their traits of character and was willing to treat them with understanding and kindness, which in those ploneer days brought requirement." and paposes, bringing their basket wares, mocasins and blankets for sale. Often it was my grandither's self-imposed duty to go out in the night to ald drunken indians floundering in the swamp not far from his cabin, helplass in their drunk-enness to extricate themselves extent by abouting far-resch-

GARBAGE DISPOSAL "Conforming to the early habits of my parents, particulty of my mother, who was reared on a farm, we kept a rig or two in a pen far removed to the rear corner of the spacious plot of ground. The rigs were possessed for two purposes, but mainly to devour the surplus food unit for the table, now designated by that unattractive word, garbage. In the primitive days there was no agency to collect the refuse food, and the pigs furnished easy and natural disposal." "Conforming to the early ha-Out of this world fun at Demery's Center SOFT SOAP, THE HARD WAY "Home industry had not disappeared in the times of my boyhood. Not far from the (ju) pen, placed upon a tilted platform, there were two headiss barrels filled with hardwood sahes. Below the platform were two large wooden buckets standing on the ground separately, so placed to catch the rain water at it seemed through near the same platform. 4th Annual FARMINGTON **FOUNDERS FESTIVAL!** SEE THE MAN RED/WHITE VEST ★ Hot Dogs ★ Ice Cream

placed to catch the rain water as it seeped through each ash barrel. This furnished the lye for making soft soap.
"At stated periods of the year, when sufficient fats had been accumulated, a large cauldron was set unon three year, when sufficient fats had been accumulated, a large cauditon was set upon three stones in the backyard and a great open fire was made undermeath. The fats and the yewere put into the kettle, and it was a part of my duties to light the fire and keep it well supplied with wood during the reduction process. When rendition was completed, the food was transferred to large earthen vitrafied crocks and storred to a wind the complete of the food was transferred to large earthen vitrafied crocks and storred to a wind the complete of the food was transferred to large earthen vitrafied crocks and storred to a wind the complete of the food of the complete of the comple

MUSIC MAKING

served the previous generation and was prized because of its startly qualified exause of its startly qualified exause of its carving. Having been brought to Michigan from New York State made it almost sacrosanct. Anything from the state of my grandparents' emigration took on and retained a superiority unbelievable because of its origin there.

"The piece of pariour furniture that interested me most was a rosewood melodeon, its production of music through the media of an ivory keyboard, believas pedieled by foot, and reeds concealed within the structure gave me my first structure gave me my first structure gave me my first believas pedieled by foot, and reeds concealed within the structure gave me my first believas the structure. Though the years have added nothing to my ability to produce music, I always think of the grandest or-

the misical instrument. Hough the years have added nothing to my shilly to produce music, it may shill be produced to the years have a december of the years and in terms of that melodeon. "When my mother was a little girl living on the farm, her father on one of his yearly trips to Detroit bought this instrument and had it sent home to the farmhouse so that his daughter, my mother, could learn to play. Years later, when we were still living in the house I am describing, my grandmother bought a plan for my sister. The old melocideo was relegated to the attic, from which I rescued it, and it now couples a place of honor in our country home (Farming-livin).

"Two days and a night of railroad travel were required to complete the journey (toter ferson County, N.Y.) We left home in the morring on the Flint and Pere Marquette, changed trains at Reed City to the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, changed again at Grand Rapids to the Detroit, Lansing, and Northern and again at Detroit for the Ferry which transported us across the Detroit River to Windsor.

"The train of the Lake Shore and Casada Southern Railway continued over the New York and Casada Southern Railway continued over the New York Watertown and Ogedensory Railway, which carried us to our dwindson, we do the taxes and comfort of a Wagner or Pullman sieeping car to Roumen The companies operating these are systems competed with each other. We arrived at Rome limit for the red dining cars in these days, I do not remember them.

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"The food for our first day of travel was packed in a well-stocked, squaw-made basket, and consisted of fried chicken, hard boiled eggs, bread and butter and cakes, with some of Mother's delicious pickles and preserves. After a night on the sleeping car and a savory breakfast at the station, we boarded the train and soon were being transported through a country of green meadows, ripening fields of the meadows and the crude shacks and supplied of the bleak out-of-green meadows, and was compelling, when the crude shacks and day's journey was nearing its end and Watertown was almost a river and thell us it was not far from this stream that far from this stream that Grandfather was born and reared."

HORSEPOWER

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"We generally stopped at Rome on the Journey home and from there we went to the Village of Whitesboro, a short distance from Utd., a short distance from Utd., a short distance from Lorenza and the Lorenza and the Lorenza and the Lorenza and the Lorenza and L

CLEANING POWER

"We lived much as did other well-to-do families of our primitive town, without bendit of community water or sewage disposal or other modern sani-tary equipment. While we lacked these conveniences, a meticulous care in housekeeping more than compensated.

than compensated.

"Spring and fall housecleaning made spotlessly pure our abode and all it contained. Much ceremony attended the process. ceremony attended the process. Modern vacuum cleaners may do the trick, but not in the same ritual of those days. The carpets, rag, Brussels and ingrain, throughout the house were all removed by lifting the tacks one by one that held to read that he tacks one by one to the floors. They were carried to the floors. They were carried to the floors, and with an old horsewhip beaten until not a suspicion of dust could be raised. "The floors, scrubbed spotlessity clean with our own homemade soft soap, were covered blick with fresh newsprial papers, collected for six months.

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The dustiess carpets were brought in and tacked first to the right-angled outer edges

t and than, with the assistance of gum-shoed helper scuting the carpet over, it was
I fastened tightly to the remaining borders of the room. The
lifted girl wore the gum shoes
and I did the tecking,
"Everything in the rooms
that could be readily taken out
was moved. Bulky furniture was
shitted. Pictures were taken
from the walls, cleaned and
quisted, bedstands were taken
apart and scrubbed with a mid
mattrasses were put out to
air in the sunshine after the
customary pummelling.

"In the spring the heating
stoves were removed, and their
floor protections, called
"cinos" (protably because that
metal entered into the composition), were out away for the-

"zincs" (probably because that metal entered into the composition), were put away for the summer.

"Almost always a calamity accompanied the taking down of the stowe place which usually were suspended by wires from the ceiling. No chimney opening in those stove-heated houses was ever constructed conveniently to the spot where the stove was placed. Father usually mounted a chair and proceeded to disconnect the pipe from the chimney hole.

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"Often at the moment of accomplishment, the pipe would
lose its suspension, the chair
its stability. Tather his balance,
and down would come pipe and
chair and Father in a heap,
covered with escaping soot. On
these occasions Mother was
present to hurry us children
from the room, while Father
unfettered the seldom-used vocabulary he had acquired under
the tutelage of the schooner
captains.

"Housecleaning was a task, or rather a ceremony, to which none looked forward with pleasure, and the end of which we welcomed with thanksgiving and welcomed with thanksgiving and praise, much as a native does the inundation of the Nile Val-ley. We appreciated clean-liness, next sought after Godli-ness, but we hated the process by which it was accomplished."

JINGLE BELLS

"When we were all packed in (the sleight), at a word from the driver and a snap of his long whiplash the horses started, and as they moved into a trot the sleigh bells lingled in the clear air of the night. The rule of home at 10:30 required an early start af five p.m. with a drive for an hour or more. When the (previously slocted) farmhouse was reached the welcoming farmer and his wel-

met and greeted us.
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by nine p.m.
"Bidding our host and hostess good night, and thanking them for their hospitality, we started hock. No one but a prude was cold the coldest nights on those sleigh ride journeys home as boy and girl sat together both bundled in the same warm shawl. How our volces would sing forth "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" and 'Jingie Bells.' As we drove on over the well-packed road the clear full moon reflected a new day on the white snow."

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horse races. In winter the snow
plows kept cleared the way
where fast steppers could be
driven in open competition.

"The snow races were by
far the more picturesque and
exciting. The sleek horses,
singly or in spans harnessed
to Portland cutters (swell bodless had about passed out of

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"The horses were lined up and started from the upper end of the Avenue and the race was on, As the speed increased, the chimes and bells, the thumping of snow balls thrown from fast of snow balls thrown from fast moving hoofs resounding against the dashboards, the loud urging of the drivers, the muf-fled sound of hoofs on the pack snow, all contributed the chorus of the sport. Faster and faster they came, the rangy chestmuts, the dark bays, the speckled gray, your Grand-father's cross-matched team, will the fleetest trotters for

speckied gray, your Grand-speckied gray, your Grand-ther's cross-matched team, until the fleetest trotters left the others behind or caused them to break.

"When old Fan drew out.

"I was a pretty sight to see those rigs of 50 or 60 years ago moving down the street on pleasure - bent, horses with heads litted high, and cutters flashing colors against the white snow, will skin robes, bushy talls streaming out behind over the seats, and happy sleigh riders wrapped in robes, caps and coats of fur, and faces nipped by cold."

Swing Your Partner

Founders Festival galety will hit a high note at the festival onclusion from 9 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27, when the parking lot in the Downtown Center will fill with square dancers.

The city will clear an area 200 by 200 feet in the-parking lot so that dancers will be able to sashay with style, Calling the do-se-dos will be Tom Liversidge and his wife, Dorts, both well-known to Farmingtonites.

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