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Centennial House, 26007 Power Road, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hendee.



Centennial House, 33601 Shiawassee, owned by Max Hulet.

# Buildings Too Deserve Honors

During last year's Farmington Founders Festival, the found-

ders of Farmington were honored; and this year's Festival theme "Farmington Honors Its Own" has been selected to honor local people for their accomplishments in various fields.

Buildings too have played a part in Farmington's history and they haven't been forgotten. One of the projects of the Farmington Historical Society is the designation of Centennial Houses. (These should not be confused with Centennial Farms, the designation of which is a Michigan Historical Commission activity.)

SO FAR SIX houses have been researched and their papers officially approved by the Society. Four of the houses are pictured here.

The first, 26007 Power Road, was Pullerick Tavern built around 1827 and is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hendee, whose daughter Kris did the investigation of the property. In spite of persistent legend that slaves were hidden in the basement of this house during the Civil War, there is absolutely no evidence supporting the stories.

The Hulet House, 33601 Shiawassee, owned by Max Hulet, was probably built in 1860. One second story, more characteristically Victorian, (note above-cornice window ornamentations) was probably added later. Mr. Hulet purchased the house in 1937. Dave Cornwell, Farmington High School Class of '65, did the research and writing on this house.

A SECOND HOUSE, 33436 Shiawassee, diagonally across the street from the Hulet property, is the Hudson-Peel House, believed to have been built in 1844. A Dr. Atanson Hudson, who came from New York State according to Kingsley Cotton's research, built the house. The last owners, before Lee S. Peel bought the property in 1960, were Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Bacon who lived there for 23 years. The house is Greek Revival in architecture.

Another old Michigan farmhouse is the Booth-Jackson place, 33629 Shiawassee, a few doors west of the Hulet property. The doorway and the cornice work are indicative of Greek Revival. Built around 1850 by the Booths, it was owned by the Green family prior to Ron Jackson's purchase in 1965. The Booths, Farmington High School Class of '65 did the research for the Society on this house.

THE OTHER TWO Centennial Houses not pictured are the Lorion House on Twelve Mile Road and the Seitz property on Shiawassee. The former was researched by Jacob Pfitzer in 1965 and the latter, by John Overton this spring.

Vivie Lorion, curator of the Farmington Historical Society, believes there are about 35 houses in Farmington City and Township which are of centennial vintage. Persons whose houses were included in the research last spring should not become impatient because the houses have not been officially designated yet. Mrs. Lorion said, "There are various hold-ups which will be cleared away as rapidly as possible," she added.



Centennial House, 33436 Shiawassee, owned by Lee S. Peel.



Centennial House, 33629 Shiawassee, owned by Ron Jackson.

## All Masonic Organizations Plan Festival Attractions

Plans to transform the Masonic Temple into a "Country Store" for the Farmington Founders Festival are rapidly taking shape. The store will be open Saturday, July 30, at Jack Curry, P.M., was selected by the Farmington Lodge Temple Association to serve as coordinator of all Masonic activities for the festival. He stated that there will be a variety of activities on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. All members of the Masonic Fraternity will participate.

An "Old Fashioned Thresher's Dinner" will be sponsored by the Order of Eastern Star on Friday evening from 5 until 7 p.m. The menu will feature country fried chicken, vegetable, homemade pie and biscuits as well as fish. Tickets will be available at the door. Concessions on the lawn will tempt the passerby with the aroma of hot dogs, sloppy joes, cotton candy, popcorn and all the usual goodies.

WORTHY MATRON, Margaret Williamson, announced that Edna Siler will be the general chairman representing the Order of Eastern Star for the Country Store. At a planning meeting held at her home, Mrs. Siler appointed Dorothy Ogburn, P.M., Jess Behm, Ruth Foor, P.W.M. and Bessie White, Alice Mitchell and Alma Primrose to serve as committee chairmen. The Past Matron Club of Farmington will assist in the festivities. Homemade candy, baked goods, fancy work and a variety of other items will be offered for sale.

A candy stand sponsored by the Order of DeMolay will be located on the Temple grounds. It was announced by Edward Hammond, Dad Advisor, Henry Iverson, present Master Councilor, will be working there with members of the Order. Members of the DeMolay Mothers Club will be displaying a variety of hand work and a lovely selection of

items, stated Mrs. Iverson. REFRESHMENTS are being served by Linda Williamson, Honored Queen and members of Job's Daughters Bethel N. 65. Mrs. Gladys Thomas is present Bethel Guardian and will serve as chairman.

It was announced by William Walcott, present Past Master of the Shrine Club, that members of the Club will share the Masonic Temple grounds and will have a procession. Hot dogs, pop and other goodies will be served by members of Farmington Lodge 151. Copied from the Farmington Masonic Lodge History, telling the story of Farmington Masonry will be available through Past Master George Dorset. Robert Dusenberry P.M. stated that a display of jewelry will be offered for sale. All proceeds will be used for the renovation work of the Masonic Temple.

## Barbecue Plans Finalized By Local Jaycees

The Farmington Jaycees are busy finalizing plans for their third annual Chicken Barbecue to be held Saturday, July 30, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Farmington City Park.

The Barbecue, planned to coincide with the Founders Festival, will be one of many events taking place in the City Park on Saturday.

Bob Button and Noel Durth, general chairmen, are planning a much larger barbecue this year. Harlan Lorenz, in charge of procurement, says he has purchased nearly 1000 chickens.

The Jaycees and Jaycettes will serve the dinner - chicken, beans, potato chips, beverage, and dessert - at \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children. Tickets are now available from any Jaycee, and ticket information may be obtained by calling the general ticket chairman, John Bailey, at 476-7751.

## Past Honors

### Byron Pierce

Jan. 17, 1935 - M. Byron Pierce, 74, for the last 56 years a barber in Farmington and owner of the oldest established shop in Farmington operated under the same management, will end his colorful career as a Farmington merchant. He served for 21 years as postmaster of Farmington and for nine years was a member of the board of trustees of the Village. Six years ago Mr. Pierce celebrated his 50th anniversary in business.

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