

What's in a name? Signs stand corrected

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the request of Sesquicentennial Chairman John Anhut, the Farmington Hills Council is researching the possibility of dropping the "s" from Powers Rd., named after Farmington's founder, Nathan Power. It would be "only dignified" to correct the spelling, according to Anhut. In researching the matter, the Enterprise & Observer discovered a second possibly misrepresented road.

By CORINNE ABATT

FARMINGTON — If the s is taken off Powers Rd. and the e from the middle of Hal-

stead Rd., the course of history will be a little truer.

Not that it will make any big difference to those who turn north on to Powers from Halstead from 12 Mile, but the purists will easier.

So will the progeny of several of the community's founding fathers. It was Arthur Power (no s) who came to the area in 1823, took a look at the land, decided it was good and a year later brought his family to settle on a large farm near what is now 11 Mile and Powers Rd.

It was this founding family who was honored by having the road carry the family

name. Somewhere along the way the s was added and an apostrophe probably dropped.

To his credit, former Farmington city manager John Dinan who wrote the city's history for the sesquicentennial issue of Oakland County's book of history, correctly refers to the location of the Power farm as, "extending from the present 11 Mile and Powers Roads to about Nine Mile Road."

Halstead is the same story with minor variations.

Dr. L.H. Halsted of Farmington says the road was doubtless named for his ancestor, Harvey Halsted, whom he credits with starting one of the first apple orchards in this part of the state.

Harvey Halsted was born on the family farm on 12 Mile just north of Halstead Rd. The land was "taken up" by Halsted ancestors before Michigan became a state when John Quincy Adams was president. It was Dr. Halsted's uncle.

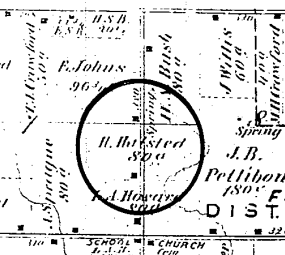
John Halsted and grandfather Harvey Halsted who were instrumental in getting major improvements made on the road.

Dr. Halsted says the road name was spelled correctly on the old county maps. One of the major thoroughfares in Chicago is named Halsted. The doctor says he always experiences a thrill when he crosses Illinois route 80 on his way to Chicago and sees the road sign.

"If they can retain the proper spelling there, then we should be able to here. It looks so good to see it spelled right."

What's in the proper spelling of a name?

Well, quite a bit if your ancestors trekked across the country by wagon or Erie Canal boat to settle in a place later known as Farmington, Michigan.



Farmington Calendar

LWV MEETS

Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 9:30 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Rosenberg, 6918 Wynford Drive, West Bloomfield. The Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters will meet. Mrs. Ruth O'Gara of West Bloomfield will lead a consensus of members' opinions on land use in Michigan.

FISH FRY

Fridays, beginning March 1, there will be a fish fry at St. Gerald, 21300 Farmington Rd., during Lent, from noon to 7 p.m. Greek bread, french fries and home made cole slaw or apple sauce round out the dinners. The fish is cooked in a special batter made right on the spot.

PUPPET SHOW

Saturday, March 2, at 1 and 3 p.m., Philip Molby's puppeteers will bring their famous marionettes to the Farmington Community Center in one of childhood's best-loved stories, "Rumpelstiltskin."

MEADOW BROOK

Tuesday, March 5, at 9 a.m., a bus will leave the Farmington Community Center for Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. Lunch in the dining room will follow a tour of the 100-room Tudor manor house.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Wednesday, March 6, at 1:30 p.m., the Farmington Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Marion Shaw, 3181 Valley View. The program is "Come to Cornwall."

EASTER EGGS

Wednesday, March 6, Anastasia Volker will demonstrate the ancient art of pysanky (Ukrainian Easter egg decoration) at a workshop series, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center.

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Farmington Musicale will sponsor a rummage sale in the First United Methodist Church, Grand River at Warner.

150th KICKOFF

Friday, March 8, at 8 a.m., the Farmington Sesquicentennial celebration will be held in the Botsford Inn Grand River near Middle Belt Rd. Guest speaker is Philip H. Pover, publisher of the Suburban Communications Corp.

JAYCEE SHOW

Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, the Farmington Area Jaycees will

present their 27th annual "Jaycee show" based on the past 150 years in Farmington, at the Harrison High auditorium.

DROP-IN CENTER

Mondays and Wednesdays, the Drop-in Center meets in the Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Rd., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee is served at noon, and those attending should bring a sandwich.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Thursdays — First and third Thursdays, the senior citizens from the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic parish meet at the church, Mass is noon. Bring lunch, but coffee and dessert is provided. The group is seeking members from any parish, not just Sorrows.

2 exhibit art in Alma

FARMINGTON — A collage by Linda F. Green and a pastel by Ellen G. MacLaren, both of Farmington, are among the Alma College student art work presently being exhibited in the college's Clark Art Center Gallery in Alma.

The exhibition, which includes design, pottery, jewelry, photography, pastels, charcoal drawings and other art media, is representative of student work during the fall term.

Miss Green, a junior is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Green of 28317 Forestbrook. Miss MacLaren, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. MacLaren of 33599 Colony Park Drive.

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