Crawford’s Corners Was Southfield’s Hub in 1830s

By WILLIAM THOMAS

In 1830, three years after the first settler came to Oakland county, the county’s population was 2,321. These earliest settlers cut their way to Southfield via ox-pulled wagon until the first rail line was opened between Albany and Buffalo in 1833. This opened the floodgates and by 1830 Oakland’s population was 4,900.

In that year 40 families settled Southfield, forming the area that became the city of Southfield.

FIRST MEETING WAS HELD

The first meeting was held in the home of Thomas Woodman. The services were held in the back room of the home which was originally built in 1817. The service was held on Sunday, November 26, 1830. The service was held in the back room of the home which was originally built in 1817.

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THE MEETING HAD AN ATTRACTION

The meeting had an attraction of its own — the presence of the Reverend Mr. Benjamin Smith, a well-known preacher of the day. Smith had a deep knowledge of the Bible and was highly respected for his sermons and teaching. His presence added a special flavor to the meeting that year.

Despite the challenges of the early years, Southfield continued to grow and thrive. The community was known for its strong sense of community and its dedication to hard work and growth. The early settlers were determined to make the most of their new home and to build a strong and vibrant community.

East Sfield Area Folks Vacationing

East Sfield, formerly known as Southfield, is a beautiful area with a rich history. The area is known for its beautiful lakes, woods, and natural beauty.

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The area is also known for its natural beauty, with its lakes and wooded areas providing a great escape for those looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Oldest Boy Scout

With Wing Lake Scout Bill Eggert, 85, son of Mr. and Mrs. William, of Farmington, was among the scouts at Camp Rollins who met the Nation’s oldest boy scout, "Uncle Otto" C. Orning.

Wing Lake Scout Meets 'Uncle Otto'

Whatever it was that "Uncle" Otto C. Orning said to Bill Eggert, by the expression on Bill’s face it must have been funny. But it wasn’t until a few moments before the picture was taken that the humor began to dawn on Bill, and he burst out laughing.

"Uncle Otto" was not only an old-timer, but also a boy scout leader in his younger days. He had been instrumental in the formation of the Boy Scouts of America.

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Bill’s laugh was so good he even laughs at the picture taken of him. He thought it was funny how the photographer had caught him in mid-laugh.

"Uncle Otto" was known for his sense of humor and his ability to bring a smile to people’s faces. He had been a fixture in the scout community for many years and was highly respected for his dedication to scouting.

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