

# Helping a Community to Remember Its Past

**I**NSTANT ATTENTION will be attracted to the unique picture on this page which tells at a glance the story of a Michigan Grange, what it has tried to do for its community, and

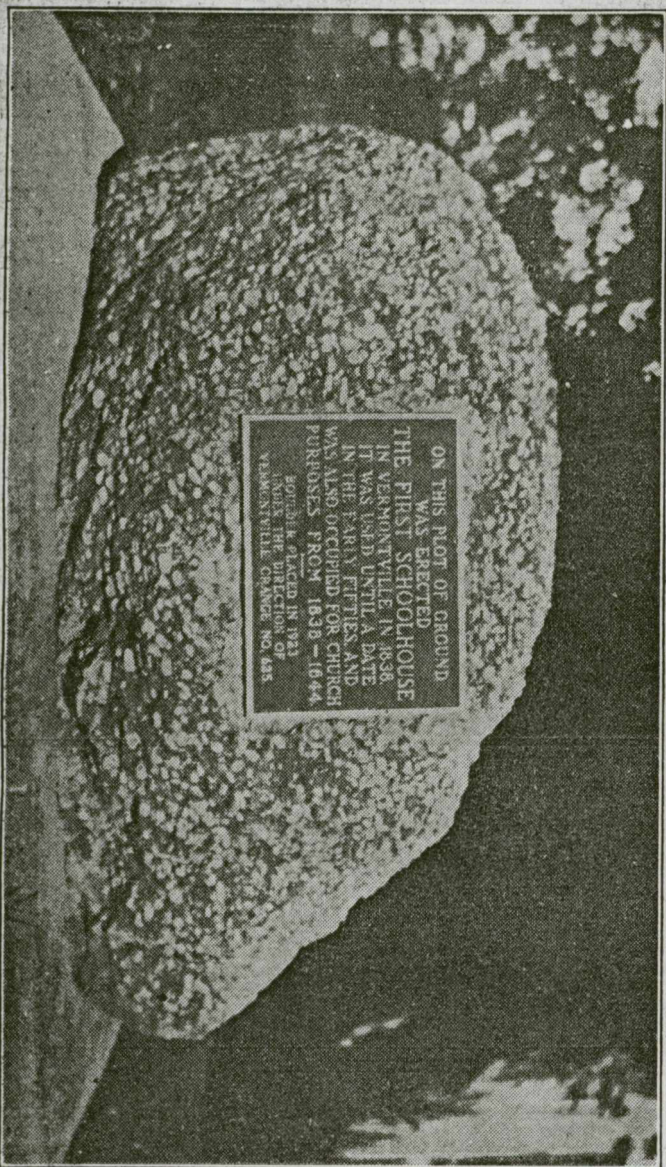
also its efforts to preserve historical spots in that locality by marking them in a permanent way. The big boulder shown in the picture and the handsome bronze tablet attached to it will long remain to mark the activity of Vermontville Grange, No. 625, at Vermontville, a small rural community in one of the most prosperous farm sections of Michigan. During the past year the Vermontville Grange members have worked hard to put through this project,

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accepted the gift and the crowd then adjourned to the Congregational church, where a formal program was carried out including musical numbers and other features.

James H. McCotter, a direct descendant of one of the original settlers, discussed phases of the early life of the community and read some of the Articles of Association drawn up in Vermont by the emigrants in 1835,

and on the afternoon of October 1st their long-cherished dream came true, in the actual dedication of the historic marker as seen in the picture, with appropriate exercises, which drew people together from far and near, and made the Grange day one long to be remembered. What this Michigan Grange did for its community, in a historic way, might well be taken up by many other Granges, especially those located in sections rich in historic interest.



ON THIS PLOT OF GROUND WAS ERECTED THE FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE IN VERMONTVILLE IN 1838. IT WAS USED UNTIL A DATE IN THE EARLY FIFTIES AND WAS ALSO OCCUPIED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES FROM 1838 - 1844.

BOULDER PLACED IN 1921 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF VERMONTVILLE GRANGE NO. 625

This Is the Way One Michigan Grange Has Done It

who were setting out for their new home in Michigan. These articles describe the purpose of the migration and the intent of the settlers to carry into their new home the principles and ideals of their more settled New England life. The principal address of the afternoon was given by Congressman John C. Ketcham, of Washington, D. C., former master of the Michigan State Grange, who in a most interesting and forceful manner discussed the spirit of the early founders of Vermontville and like rural communities. He then pointed out the fact that such memorial tablets represent more