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THE FIRST YEAR AS A CITY

Many Improvements Made and More Planned for Coming Year

At the Wednesday noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club Mayor Butterfield reviewed the work accomplished by the city during the past year, the first year under city incorporation.

A survey of the city a year ago, he said, showed about 3,000 feet sidewalk badly in need of repair. During the year six blocks of 2,000 feet of roadway on Lakesway, Valley View, Prospect and Oakland have been resurfaced and Oakland East, and Schools streets have been rebuilt. The work of resurfacing Powers, Sherwood, Feend, Wilmarth, Maple and Oakland West is scheduled for 1927.

The sewer problem is the big one now confronting the city, the mayor stated. No satisfactory condition of streets can be secured until an adequate system is constructed. The matter has been under consideration and some preparatory work done. Quite an extensive drainage undertaking by the county drain commissioner for the benefit of a large district at the southwest of the city and which includes a section of the city, is now being pushed. It is being planned so that lateral sewers can be extended from the trunk line to provide drainage for a large section of the city. It is thought that such a system would work to an advantage and prove a big saving in cost.

During the year thirty catch basins have been constructed, a street sweeper purchased, scarifier and snow plow built, traffic signal placed at Grand River and Farmington road intersection, many new street lights installed with more to follow, foot bridge constructed at Grand River avenue crossing of creek, new fire sire purchased and installed and business places and residences numbered.

The budget as adopted last May called for a tax rate of \$13 per thousand and proved adequate. No money was borrowed until just recently, made necessary by a return of \$6320 unpaid taxes.

The budget items were:

Notes payable at bank.....	\$6000
Interest on bonds.....	\$3000
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I. O. O. F. MASQUERADE
Clarenceville I. O. O. F. will give a masquerade dance on Thursday, March 24, at the Clarenceville Community Hall, Eight Mile road and Grand River.

This dance is the third of a series of ten.
Betty Bryden's Ambassador Girls will furnish the music. This orchestra has met with a wonderful reception and the dances are going over big. Four valuable prizes will be awarded for ladies and gents original and comic costumes. Other novelties have been arranged for by the committee.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church
Rev. Edward F. Dunlay, Pastor
10:30—Worship and sermon.
Anthem by the choir.
Tris.
Sermon by the pastor "The Enfolded Life."
11:30—Sunday School.
6:30—Epworth League.
7:30—Evening service.
Anthem.
Duet.

The speaker of the evening will be Miss Cora Simpson, who has been a missionary in China for the past fifteen years. Miss Simpson is a forceful speaker and will bring an interesting message from China.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Services, English.
11:45—Sunday School.
7:30—Lenten services, German.

First Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship.
This week's sermon is the second of a series on Discoveries, namely, "The Discovery of Self."
11:45—Sunday School. Classes for all.
6:30—E. Y. P. U. Young men will conduct this hour.
7:30—Evangelistic services.
The pastor will preach an old fashioned sermon on "The New Birth."

All are welcomed to worship with us.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—German service.
Wednesday, 8 p. m.—German Lenten service.
Thursday, 8 p. m.—Bible class.
How do you spend your Sundays? The apostle says Hebr. 10, 24-25: "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."—If we profess to fear and love God, we should show it by not despising preaching and His word, but by holding it sacred and gladly hearing and learning it.

PROGRESSIVE BIBLE CLASS
The Progressive Bible Class will hold its regular monthly business meeting on Monday, March 21, at 2:30 p. m., with Mrs. E. F. Holcomb. This will be a St. Patrick's party. There will also be election of officers. Roll call—Irish stories.

Don't forget the next number of our lecture course will be Wednesday, March 30. It is hoped the people of Farmington will graciously respond when asked by any of our members to buy tickets. Many do not know that we have given to the public six numbers on the course, rather than the usual five, for the same money and in so doing we fell far behind and we ask the support of all members and friends to help us out. Our last number will be April 6.

M. Winifred Emmons.

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FROM MY WINDOW

By M. Marie Walling
From my window, I can see,
Places where I long to be;
Sights most wondrous to behold
Much more dear to me than gold.
For the sunshine there I long,
Far from out the noisy throng;
There is where the grass is green
Lovely flowers there are seen;
At my task I plod each day,
Longing soon to get away,
Roaming over brooks and hills,
Where flows o'er rippling mills.
There where everything is free,
Every flower and bird and bee,
Close to nature let me stay,
Living peaceful day by day.
As the sunbeams softly gleam
From my window, thus I dream.

Farmington, Michigan.

EIGHTY MILES OF HARD ROADS

County Road Commission Plans Big Work for This Year

The network of highways linking Detroit with Lakesides and other beauty spots of Oakland county will be augmented by close to 80 miles of new roads this year according to a report prepared by L. V. Belknap, county engineer, for the Greater Pontiac association.

With the increasing numbers of motorists pouring into Oakland county over the wider Woodward highway with lake properties being subdivided, connecting roads are being called upon for heavier usage, according to Mr. Belknap. The call sounded through the homes of city dwellers with renewed force. New highways and the improving of old ones, are a necessity if the present system is to be saved from acute congestion in the opinion of the engineer.

New roadways in this year's schedule in many instances will shorten the distance to many of the lakes. In all cases they will relieve congestion from roads already overloaded.

The extent of the travel over Oakland highways is indicated by a traffic count undertaken by the road commission, which showed that 12,229 motor vehicles passed a point on the Grand River highway, in Novi township, during a 24-hour period. The census on M-10, a considerable distance north of Pontiac, for one day, was 9,362. The county road system, embracing 554.9 miles of improved highways, already touches most of the 400 or more lakes in Oakland county.

With the additional 80 miles of work to be done this year, the week-end traveling of the thousands of Detroiters who sojourn on Oakland's lakes will be made speedier and more comfortable. Mr. Belknap believes. Last year 49.5 miles of road were built. More than two-thirds of this year's construction is hard surface, the remaining calling for gravel roads.

The following is the list of projects on the county road commission's schedule for 1927 in this locality:

The McCracken road extension calls for a 4 1/2 mile piece connecting with Grand River road in Novi township.

Ten-Mile road west will be paved from Southfield road to Powers avenue, Farmington, a distance of 7 1/2 miles.

FARMINGTON CITIZENS INSPECT RIVER ROUGE PLANT
Many Exchange Club members and citizens are the guests today of Olin Russell in a tour of inspection of the Ford River Rouge plant. The party was conveyed to the plant in a big double-decker bus which left the Ford Sales & Service station here at 9 o'clock this morning.

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FARMINGTON NOW MEETS ROSEVILLE

The Debate Will Take Place Here Tomorrow, Friday Evening

Farmington debaters will meet the most severe test this far in the race for the championship, when they go up against the Roseville team in the Community Hall on March 18 at 8:15.

The judges for this contest will be Supt. Yape of Wayne, Supt. Page of Howell and Supt. Paper of Oxford. Each of these is a man of wide experience, well able to judge in the hotly contested debate which is assured.

Cedric Harger, Lois Young and Robert Kerr will represent Farmington on the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the United States Government Should Own the Coal Mines."

This affords citizens of Farmington an opportunity to hear both sides of this important question presented by people who have spent approximately six months in studying all its phases.

Roseville's team is bound to be a hard fighting one, a fact supported by their recent victory over St. Clair's affirmative team. Citizens of Farmington are familiar with the "no defeat" record of the F. H. S. team and are enthusiastic in urging them on.

Roseville and Farmington are two of the thirty-two schools still in the race for the state championship. One of them will drop out of the race as a result of this debate, while the other will win the coveted honor of being one of the sixteen schools in the state championship race.

The question is, "Shall we quit, or shall we keep going?" And the answer is largely up to every man, woman and child in Farmington. If you want OVR team to keep on winning, give them one hundred per cent support at the Community Hall tomorrow night. They will do their best—and that's good if you help them do it.

On this date all the 32 schools will meet in debate throughout the State and only the 16 victorious schools will meet in the third debate of the Elimination Series on April 1, 1927. The two following debates held at intervals of every two weeks, will reduce the number of schools to two which will go to Ann Arbor for the State Championship Debate in May.

Each of the six debaters participating in final State Championship Debate will receive a gold watch as a testimonial of individual merit in debate. To the schools winning first and second honors in this final debate, trophy cups will be awarded.

The subject for all debates is, "Resolved, That the United States Government Should Own the Coal Mines."

The Michigan High School Debating League was organized by the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan in 1917. The Michigan High School Debating League is the largest organization of its kind in the United States.

PHEASANT SHATTERS AUTO WINDSHIELD
A large cock pheasant came near putting an automobile out of commission and the three occupants into a hospital when it plunged through the windshield of a car being driven by George Parks of Clarenceville.

While bowling along the highway at a good clip last Thursday afternoon the bird suddenly dashed against the windshield shattering it, the flying pieces of glass inflicting severe cuts in the faces of Mr. Parks, Horace Carter and Irving Towers, the occupants who were on their way to Pontiac.

The strange part of the accident was that the pheasant escaped without injury and was caught. It will be raffled off to defray damages.

Mrs. E. Scates and sister, Miss Essie Watt were in Detroit Wednesday and visited the Flower Show.

"THE PIERCES" PLEASE

The entertainment given by "The Pierces" last Thursday night, the fourth number of our lecture course, sponsored by the Progressive Class was a very pleasing number. Their work as delineators of character was of high order and the audience showed their appreciation by generous applause.

The next number will be given Wednesday evening, March 30th, when the Music-Land Entertainers will appear.

HAPPISINGERS CLUB

The Happisingers Club held their regular meeting last Monday and elected the following officers: President, Rosetta Cairns; vice-president, Helen Stokes; secretary, Margaret Vincent; chairman of the entertainment committee, Mary Cairns. The Misses Olga and Irene Smith were new members taken in at this meeting.

The club remembered Mrs. Gates and young daughter with flowers also Mrs. Glidden with a potted plant. Mrs. Glidden has been ill the past week with the gripe.

MANY RESPOND TO CAUCUS CALL

Republicans Gather In Large Numbers and Select Township Candidates

The Republican caucus for the township of Farmington, held at the Bond Schoolhouse, Orchard Lake and Twelve Mile roads last Saturday night was one of the largest and most representative that has been held in the township in many years. Two hundred and fifty voters coming from every section of the township gathered in the halls and assembly rooms of the building anxious to participate in the proceedings. There were but two contests, that for township clerk and for justice of the peace for the full term. All other nominations were by acclamation.

The caucus was called to order by Harry McCracken, who was made permanent chairman. Walter Headler was chosen as secretary. Upon the appointment of Ralph Tyler, Grace Button, Starr Graham and John Clapison as tellers the nomination of candidates for the various offices was taken up. The following candidates were chosen:

Supervisor, Isaac Bond.
Clerk, Willard C. Campbell.
Treasurer—Arthur Cox.
Highway Commissioner, Clyde Seelye.

Highway Overseers, 1st District, Charles Gravin; 2nd District, Frank Cox; 3rd District, Joseph Graham; 4th District, Clayton Goers.

Justice of the Peace to fill vacancy, Harry McCracken.
Justice of the Peace, full term, Walter Headler.
Member of Board of Review, Charles Heise.
Constables, Fred Menke, Edward Grimmer, Bert Cox and Smith Green.

In the contest for the office of clerk there were 224 votes cast of which Willard C. Campbell received 183 and Roy Oldham 53. Mr. Campbell was seeking a re-nomination for a second term of office.

For the office of justice for full term the candidates were Willis T. Roberts and Walter Headler. There were 176 votes cast of which Mr. Roberts received 62 and Mr. Headler 114.

The following township committee was chosen: Harry McCracken, Charles Locker and Ralph Tyler.

DR. T. H. TURNER
Dr. Thomas H. Turner, a prominent citizen of Northville, died in Grace Hospital Monday morning. He was formerly located in Farmington, going from here to Northville.

Dr. Turner was 66 years of age and had been in ill health for several years.
Funeral services were held at Northville Wednesday.
Gage Halsted was home from the M. S. C. for the week end.

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