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EDITORIAL

FIRE—A PROBLEM FOR ALL
The report of America's fire losses during 1926 is of particular interest in this community, where there has been of late some interest in and discussion of the problem of fire-fighting, with special reference to equipment for that purpose.

Over five hundred million dollars, a sum magnitude of which can hardly be grasped, was the nation's fire loss during 1926. Half a billion dollars worth of the energy of American citizens was destroyed by this relentless enemy, which is also, when properly controlled, man's friend.

It is futile, of course, to hope for a time when the enormous fire loss will ever be wholly eliminated. It is impossible to imagine a time when there would be no fires, great or small, to wipe out much of man's labors. But the regrettable part of every annual fire report is the statement that a very large percentage of all fires could be easily prevented by a little care. One careless moment frequently results in the loss of the fruit of many years' labor.

Next to care in prevention of fires, probably most important in reducing fire losses is proper equipment to cope with fires that have started. In this regard it is but natural that the people of this community should show keen interest. A community of this size always presents a problem in combatting fire, because the amount that may be expended for equipment and the funds available for manpower are limited.

Every citizen should bear in mind, however that the loss of a single home during the year would, if invested in equipment or personnel, go a long way toward providing an efficient fire-department. Everyone should remember that it may be his home which will be visited by destructive flames.

The fire at the Hafemeister home on Orchard Lake road recently demonstrated what proper fire-fighting equipment might do toward preventing a sizeable fire-loss. The blaze started small and could have been put out within the first few minutes with a small quantity of chemicals. Fire equipment arrived after the flames had consumed much of the second floor, however, and an almost total loss resulted.

It would be hard to find a community over-equipped for fire-fighting. In every one that is under-equipped, each citizen runs the risk that his home may be next—a chance that few can afford to take.

A CLIMAX—NOT THE END

The report received this week that the State Highway Committee has approved the widening of Grand River avenue in the City of Farmington should be a source of real gratification to everyone. It is a splendid climax to weeks of effort.

But it is only a climax, and not the end. The achievement of this

goal is but an indication of what can be accomplished if sincere, whole-hearted effort is put forward. It is an inspiration to all who are interested in Farmington's future, to invest even greater energy in the other great tasks that face the progressive citizens of this community.

BEAUTY A TOWN ASSET

In spite of the apparent commercialism of the age in which we live, it is evident to any observer that the American people are rapidly developing a greater appreciation of the beautiful. This is not confined to the wealthier classes, but extends to the great masses in the towns and villages and in the rural districts. New towns and new sections of the older ones are being laid out with wider streets, with provision for larger lawns, more trees, shrubbery and flowers, and a more attractive setting generally.

Recently built houses show better architecture and greater harmony with their surroundings, while unsightly yard fences have largely disappeared. The net result of these modern developments is beauty. And aside from the satisfaction which it affords the eye, it pays in dollars and cents. Beautiful cities, towns and villages attract people. They attract permanent residents, they attract tourists, and they attract trade. It is natural that a person selecting a trading center will choose a town that is beautiful and clean in preference to one that is unsightly and dirty, if other conditions are anyway near equal.—M. B. Darnall.

CHURCHES

Methodist Church
Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship and sermon.

Antem by the choir.
Sermon by the pastor. "The Latent Gift."
11:50—Sunday School. Plan to stay.

6:00—Epworth League. Howard McCracken, leader.
7:00—Evening service.

Special music.
Miss Gertrude Richardson will sing "My Task."

Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. E. R. Fulkerson, former United States Vice-Consul to Japan and for more than twenty years representing our church in foreign lands. Dr. Fulkerson was present in China during the Boxer uprising. He has a keen grasp of present day world affairs. Do not fail to hear him.

The social department of the Epworth League under the direction of Miss Florence Ross and Miss Catherine Banfield, head of this department, are planning a very pleasant social evening to be held at the church Monday evening, February 13. "A Cupid's Tour of the World" is the journey to be taken. All the leaguers and their friends are invited. Next Monday evening at 8, in the dining room of the Methodist church. The choir of the Methodist church are giving an Old Fashioned Concert on Wednesday evening, February 15 at 8, in the Community Hall of the church. Admission 25c.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship. Sermon subject, "In the Cleft of the Rock."
11:45—Sunday School. Classes for all ages.

6:30—B. Y. P. U. Here any young person will find a program they can enjoy.

7:30—Gospel service. This week the pastor will preach, "The Conversion of a Politician."
Father and Son banquet Thursday night, February 16. Rev. Warner Cole of Pontiac is the speaker.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—English service.
Thursday, 8 p. m.—Bible class.

West Point Park Church
Geo. E. Gullen, Pastor
Next Sunday, February 12, at West Point Park Church.
10:30 a. m.—Father and Son service.

Five outside groups of men and boys have been invited.
Prayer by Mr. James Siler of Wayne.

Scripture by Don Parks of Redford.
Address by Howard Middlewood of Farmington Hi-Y Club.
Mr. Aaron of Brightmoor; Mr. Parker of Redford, Mr. Roberts of Clarenceville, Mr. Baillie of Detroit.

11:45—Sunday School.
6:30—Christian Endeavor.
7:30—Screen topic "Marriage."
Paper by a layman on "Companionate Marriage." Sermon on "Ideal Marriage."

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor
9:15—Sunday School.
10:30—Evangelical Father and Son service.

The fathers and sons will meet at the parish hall and march to church.
Sermon subject: "Some Fathers of Yesterday and Today."

The male quartette will sing two numbers.

Catholic Church
Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Masses 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.

Miss Marjorie J. Gomolska, owner of two Polish newspapers, one in Utica, and the other in Syracuse, N. Y., is thought to be the only woman publisher of a foreign language newspaper in the United States.

Miss Mildred Parisette of Texas and Miss Margaret Bergin of New Jersey are two young American singers to make their debut with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York this season.

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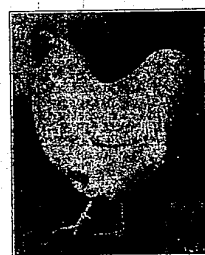
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