

Editorials

A Trying Year

Schools in this area have concluded their terms, and few people realize what a period it has been for practically every one of the school boards to go through. Month in and month out they have had to find constantly new ways and means of keeping the schools open, continually to discover new economies that would not entirely upset the educational program.

Last fall it appeared that something only a little short of the miraculous would be needed to keep many of the schools open after February or March. Yet it has been done, and in the doing the school trustees have displayed abilities and resourcefulness that calls for heartiest commendation. The task has been no less trying because it was a matter of public work—indeed, that made it harder, for the necessity, or at least the desirability of general public support for necessary drastic steps adds a problem not present in adjusting one's private affairs.

Yet the seemingly impossible has been accomplished, the boards have each met their various difficulties and done their jobs admirably. They will be even better-equipped by virtue of this past experience to meet the obstacles yet to come, for the troubles are not over by any means. Meanwhile, those carrying the responsibilities deserve to know that the people they serve appreciate their work and their achievements.

Victory Thrown Away

Farmington slipped last Friday morning in Lansing—fell down badly in spite of having as near perfect a case as could be asked for. Here at home we know that something must be done about our transportation situation, know that the condition is intolerable, and yet to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission the protest that was presented unquestionably must have appeared a very feeble one indeed.

Several factors contributed to the dismal showing, any one of them a glaring weakness, and together crippling the case almost beyond redemption. There was lack of organization, preparation, and planning. There was over-confidence, and most serious of all, almost total absence of enthusiastic support.

Those who showed most interest in the matter by attending the hearing, did the best they could. Unfortunately, nearly all of them have their own affairs to attend to. They could not find quite sufficient spare time, in the week since notice of the hearing was received and published, to assure that all the work necessary to thorough preparation for the session was done. The handful who attended had agreed in advance that whether or not anyone else went they would go, and they did. Aside from that, no one knew how many would be in the delegation or who they would be. Through a slip-up, the attorney was not notified that his services were expected until the morning of the hearing, and although he did an admirable job of examining and cross-examining after the hearing got under way and he had found his ground, he was badly handicapped. None of the others had previously attended a hearing of the Commission, and there was not time for the attorney to outline with them in advance the procedure, or to devise a plan of presenting the evidence in the most effective way.

Coupled with the haste and lack of adequate planning was over-confidence. The impression had got abroad that there would be little difficulty, that the Utilities Commission was fully aware of our unsatisfactory situation, fully understood Farmington's point of view, and was, if not ready to grant a permit, at least strongly inclined to let someone else try the transportation business in this vicinity. But trouble showed itself the moment the hearing was called, when it appeared clearly that the present permit-holder was ready to offer, not merely opposition, but a vigorous, well-planned battle. The Commissioners, (and it must be admitted, probably correctly) exhibited a "show-us" attitude, indicating that they considered it up to the applicant and his supporters to prove that what was offered not merely something different, but something better than had community-wide approval and would last.

But it was in the matter of support that Farmington failed most miserably. Without a public official present to speak for the city government, without a sizeable showing of interested business-men there in person to support the application, without even any effective means to refute one specious argument of the present permit-holder, the case for "a new deal" in transportation on Grand River could not have been expected to impress the Commissioners greatly. It makes no difference that the people "back home" are "all strong for it." The Commissioners, and rightly again, rely almost entirely upon what appears before them for their decision.

The failure is all the more unfortunate because the appeal for a better transportation service unquestionably has the overwhelming support of the people living all the way from Farmington to Redford. It is not a tragedy to lose when one has not the strength or power to win; it is a tragedy to have that power and not to use it to the best advantage.

It is possible that activities this week can retrieve some, even most of the ground that has been lost, providing it is vigorous enough and is effectively brought to the Commission. That much has been lost beyond regaining is unquestionable. It can be contended justifiably that the notice of a week was hardly sufficient for the applicant and for the community to prepare, whereas the Eastern Michigan system, by virtue of its business, is always ready.

Those who went to the hearing can hardly help but feel that they "took themselves for a ride" to Lansing last Friday, and they came back with some severe joltings, on what had been expected to be a fairly smooth path. They are disappointed but not discouraged in the community task they have voluntarily assumed. They are still ready and eager to carry on the fight. But just as it is commonly known that the more passengers a vehicle is carrying the easier it rides, so in this instance, a few more are needed to "jump in" and go along.

As for the present permit-holder's offer of a short trial of a schedule suited to the needs of riders and at a lower fare, it is of no consequence. It is merely a temporary makeshift, a compromise wrung out by the protests. The offer was extended and the trial will be made, not with belief that "it can be done," but with the attitude, "we'll show you it cannot be done." Accordingly, it will fail, especially when tried with the 29-passenger "freight-car" being hauled from downtown Detroit. Then we shall have the problem to fight all over again. It had better be settled right now.

Enjoy Today

When folks assemble just for fun
 And have a little play,
 Forget conventionality,
 It makes a perfect day.

For life is short, time on the wing
 And we will soon be old
 Today we live, Tomorrow die
 And only Now is gold.

These things we had but yesterday
 Alas, today they're gone,
 For fortune is a fickle maid
 And ever travels on.

Today she's here, Tomorrow gone.
 O'er many has she fled,
 He who enjoys today the most,
 The chosen one of God.

HARRY J. MERRITT

Royal Oak, Michigan.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
 Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor
 Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
 Daily mass at 8:00.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church
 Rev. John Adams, Pastor
 2222 Grand River, Redford
 10:30 Sunday School.
 11:30 Morning worship.

Baptist Church
 Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
 10:10 Prayer meeting, open to all.

10:30 Morning service, sermon theme, "The Two Natures."
 11:45 Bible School with classes for all.
 6:30 Young People's Hour.
 7:30 Evangelistic service. The sermon subject for this week will be "Reconciliation."

Wednesday night we will consider the teachings of Russellism or International Bible Students Association.
 Our annual picnic is this week, Saturday at Island Lake. We will leave the church at 9:30.
 The Daily Vacation Bible School will open Monday June 27. All boys and girls 4 to 14 are invited.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
 Middle Belt and Baseline Roads
 Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
 10:30 Divine Service.
 9:30 Sunday School.
 The first and third Sundays of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All others are English.

No services June 19th and 26th. Rev. Graupner will attend a convention in Milwaukee.

Methodist Church
 Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister
 Rev. J. B. Wallace, pastor of the Kearsley Park M. E. Church, Flint, will be the guest preacher next Sunday morning and evening.
 Next Tuesday evening the W. F. M. S. will meet for a picnic.
 Wednesday evening the weekly prayer service will be held as usual.

We cordially invite you to all the services of our church.

Evangelical Church
 Sunday School, 10:15.
 Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
 Rev. Oscar C. Laubergner, will preach, using as his sermon subject, "Jesus Only."

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 The Post Office department expends about \$2,000,000 annually on the postal directory service, whose business it is to search city directories and other authorities in order to correct and complete improperly addressed mail.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

Miss Esther Middlewood of Caro is home this week, but will leave next Tuesday for Camp at Interlocken, where she will spend the summer as one of the instructors. Miss Middlewood will motor through going by way of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanton and family of Lincoln Park were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ault were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gulen in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mercer daughter Elizabeth and Mrs. J. W. Ault were guests Sunday afternoon of Mrs. Margaret Davs.

Mrs. L. B. Gilbert gave a birthday party Wednesday afternoon in honor of her son L. B. Junior's fourth birthday and entertained the following: Delores Jean and Shirley Ault, Lora Ann Ault, Idale Coolman, Donald Voortheis, Arthur Smith, Robbie First and Charles Gilbert, with games and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, Ralph and Betty and Beverly Ann Randal of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. George La Londe of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter and family of Detroit were guests Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Graham, two children and friends of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owens, Kenneth and Billy attended the Children's Day exercises last Sunday at George Gulen's church in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhis son Donald and Mrs. E. Rowe were guests Sunday evening of the latter's sister Mrs. Habel Hinkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hoffman and family of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McDermott were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman.
 Glenn Vance is the guest of his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vance of Delta, Ohio.
 The Ladies Community club are giving a strawberry festival Friday evening, June 17th at the Community Hall, which will be followed by dancing.

Next Sunday will be the children's Day at the West Point Park Presbyterian church. Services will start at eleven o'clock. The church services and Sunday School will be held together.
 Miss Dorothy Gerger of Detroit was the guest Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerger.

Marco Polo the First?
 Marco Polo is reputed to have introduced jade into Europe by bringing the first jade pieces with him back from his travels.

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