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Editorials

Fairness And Consideration

As satisfactory as could reasonably be asked is the outcome of the brief tempest over the cut-off signs. With the overhead "laning" indicators down and the ground signs fairly worded, Farmington can offer no complaint.

Rather than indifference, the officials of the State Highway Department, from the division engineer at Plymouth, Mr. Oakes, up to the Highway Commissioner himself, Grover C. Dillman, demonstrated every inclination to consider Farmington's complaints and to give them the fullest consideration. Mr. Oakes was not merely entirely fair, but he was also prompt and energetic in getting the tangle straightened out. With his spirit of willing co-operation, it required but a few days to work out a suitable solution of the problem, and when once it was agreed upon, last Thursday morning, it was carried out within the short period of 48 hours.

The outcome of the sign question and the no less pleasing circumstance that Mr. Dillman has taken occasion to let it be known he has not forgotten his pledge to widen Grand River from Farmington Road west to the Cut-off, but that he intends to carry it out, cannot but give Farmington cause for genuine satisfaction. There is further the recognition by the Department that the junction at the west end is not just what it should be, and that study should be made during the winter on improvements to be effected next spring, although the spot admittedly presents a vexatious problem.

These things indicate that the Highway Department officials are not, as some might have thought, unresponsive to the desires of the people who live along trunk line roads or unwilling to consider their viewpoint. No reasonable person, in Farmington or elsewhere, will ask anything beyond what is fair. The last ten days have not been without their annoyance, but it is only just to say that Farmington has been very fairly and considerately dealt with in the matter by the Highway Department, and it is not grudgingly, but with pleasure, that Farmington should so declare.

A Good Time And A Good Cause

A quarter will buy a lot these days, but few quarters will buy as large twenty-five cents' worth than these that are used for tickets for the Farmington Township Goodwill Dance and Entertainment next Tuesday night at I. O. O. F. Hall, Clarenceville.

Although it is for a worthy cause as could be conceived—the clothing of children—the sponsors are not relying on the charity appeal alone, or even in part. They offer the ticket-buyer his money's worth, and more. Those who attended the first benefit dance late in October went away well-satisfied that they got all they could expect for the money in entertainment. This second event will be even better from that standpoint than the first. There will be more variety, more different kinds of fun, a wider choice of amusement, something that every single person who attends will enjoy.

The committee naturally want everyone to buy a ticket, who possibly can, including those who can spare the money yet for some reason or other might not be able to get there that night. But they want every ticket-buyer to come and go away feeling that he is indebted for an evening's first-class enjoyment, rather than merely having given to a good cause, worthy though it is.

The money goes for just one thing—kiddie's clothes. No attempt at buying food or fuel, nothing for adults, however needy—the children need it still more. Will you help clothe a cold, ill-clad child? Then you have a date for next Tuesday evening at the Odd-fellows Hall, Clarenceville.

A Good Beginning

Preparing for the ticklish job that faces most prospective office-holders this year, Sheriff Roy Reynolds of Ferridale has, over a month in advance of taking office, won himself a large measure of approval for his approach to his task. His dropping the post of police chief of Ferridale a month before he is to take office, in order to acquaint himself with the problems that will be his as sheriff, has called forth well-deserved praise. By it Mr. Reynolds indicates that he is a conscientious, serious-minded public servant eager to give the people the best possible service in the office to which they have elected him.

It is well, too, that a man of this type has come into such an important office. Because of its contacts in every part of the county, with its force spread into each section, the sheriff has a larger portion of the public to deal with, which means more difficult situations calling for the exercise of good judgment, tact and diplomacy. The sheriff has the most trying public relations of any county official, yet it seems, unhappily, that it is in this very regard that so many of the men occupying the office are found weakest.

It is good to see that Mr. Reynolds is so well equipped for his office and well-meaning though they may be. A young man of an unusual type, intelligent and quick to grasp situations, Sheriff-elect Reynolds is blessed with the kind of "grasp" that is not a superficial thing, and at a time when they prove popular, as witness his taking the lead among police officials of Woodward avenue committee to raise the speed limit on wider Woodward from the old, impractical 20-mile regulation to 35 miles an

hour. He has the highly valuable ability to get along with people, and it should stand him in good stead at the County seat and help to make him a popular man in what too often is one of the most un-popular places.

The School Tax Appeal

Success of the appeal to taxpayers that they endeavor to pay their school taxes even if they can pay no others, rests in part upon the thoroughness with which the people can be brought to understand that they have the privilege of "splitting" their tax-payments, that is, paying only part of the tax-bill and designating for what purpose they wish to pay. Farmington Board of Education realizes this and wisely plans to concentrate as much effort on education as upon persuasion. They feel that if the people come to know and appreciate that the schools may have to be closed unless this special effort succeeds, there will be a response that will avert such a catastrophe.

The appeal will not fall on deaf ears as far as parents are concerned. Fathers and mothers are ever ready, may eager, to sacrifice for their children, and so they will go without something else, down to the barest of necessities, to keep their children in school. But the school authorities hope for and need help, too, from taxpayers who are not parents, because their portion forms a sizeable percentage of the total, and without them it will be extremely difficult. They will be called upon to realize that whatever may be the way out of our present difficulties, it can be found only through the leadership of the intelligent with minds improved by education. The unlearned and the ignorant can hardly aid us. It may be felt at times that our education does not accomplish all we wish it might, does not turn out young men and women ready to meet the world. Yet it is so vastly better than no education at all that the difference is almost inconceivable. We can get a picture of the latter by turning our minds for a moment to the backward countries of Asia. We may believe America to be too far advanced to ever retrograde to such a condition. But that would be a mistake. The cessation or any considerable interruption of the education of just one generation would set us back much farther than we could measure.

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.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer Service.
10:30 Sermon "The Lord is At Hand."
6:30 Young Peoples' Hour. Evangelistic service. We welcome all who are with out a church home to visit one or all of our services.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

Next Sunday morning Rev. F. C. Johnson will preach on the theme "The Joy of Salvation." At this service Baptism will be given to babes, children and adults. It will not be necessary to make arrangements for this beforehand. At 7:30 the choir will give a program of Christmas music. We cordially invite you to this great musical treat.

Wednesday evening fellowship service will be held at 7:30. Thursday afternoon the Christmas party will be held for the Beginners Department of the Sunday School.

Friday evening the Sunday School will present a Christmas play, "Then Came Christ." We cordially invite you all to attend.

Evangelical Church
H. Niedenhofer, Pastor

9:30 a. m. Service in German. 10:15 Service in English. Text: Luke 1:46-55. Topic: "A Vision Of An Expectant Mother." The Choir will sing: "Rejoice in the Lord." Mrs. Edges organist. 11:15 W. Evans Sunday School. Enkine W. Evans Superintendent. Come with your children and help preparing the Christmas program.

Saturday, December 24, at 7:30 p. m., a well prepared Christmas program will be given. A hearty welcome to all.

Clarenceville Methodist Church
O. J. Lyon, Pastor

10:00 Morning worship.
11:00 Church school.
6:30 Epworth League.

Universalist Church
Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor

Dr. Frank D. Adams will preach his last sermon in Farmington Sunday at 8 p. m.

ASKS FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR CLARENCEVILLE-NEEDY

Further appeal for used clothing, food, money or anything else that can be turned to use for needy families has been made by Mrs. Julia Walker, of the Clarenceville Seventh Day Adventist Church Dorcas Society. This is a year-round work, Mrs. Walker says, and is not confined to the holiday season. Contributions may be left at Electric Barber shop, next to the Farmington State Savings Bank Building.

WEST FARMINGTON Mrs. Ervin Knapp

The West Farmington school will give a Christmas entertainment Thursday, December 22, commencing at 8 o'clock. Two plays will be presented by the school children, "Why the Chimes Rang," and "Seeing Santa Claus." Other parts of the program are a song by Doris Habermehl; a recitation by Johnny Schroeder, entitled "Christmas"; a recitation by Marjory Morris, "My Raggedy Doll," singing by the primary grades, "A December Spelling Lesson," "The Night Before Christmas," and "24 Christmas Trees." Worth Baker is out of school. Mrs. J. C. Cox entertained the ladies of the Fidel Club Tuesday evening at her home on 14-Mile Road. A business meeting was held.

Norvell Cox, daughter of Carl Cox, who has been spending the fall with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox has returned to her home in Howell.

Mrs. Elva Tolman of Clarenceville, Tuesday afternoon was entertained at a birthday supper at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Starr Graham in honor of the birthday of her eldest grandson, George Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green entertained Mr. Hewitt's sons, Edward and Frederick of Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. L. W. Giegler of Hartland spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Charles Heiler, who is very ill.

TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON NOTICE

The tax-rolls of the Township of Farmington are now in my possession, and taxes may be paid to me at any time hereafter at my home at 2156 Walden avenue, Clarenceville. (Phone Farmington 4178). On and after Friday, December 23, I will be at the Peoples State Bank, Farmington, for collection of taxes for the Townships during business hours, until March 1, 1933. Day-taxes are also payable at this time.

(Signed) LORETTA E. COX
Township Treasurer

METHODIST CHORUS TO GIVE SPECIAL PROGRAM

The choir of Farmington Methodist Church will offer one hour of Christmas music at the church services Sunday evening. Soloists quartette members of the choir will be featured. The entire choir will be included in the service. The large attendance will reward the special effort that is being made by the choir on this program of music.

TRITONS DEFEAT WALLED LAKE BY 18 TO 17 SCORE

Farmington High School's basketball team, having won its first two games of the year, will take on Northville Friday night at Farmington. The game begins at 7:15 and a dance will follow. The Ypsilanti jazz band will play for the dance.

Walled Lake was defeated by Farmington, 18 to 17, last Friday night. Each team was playing with two men ineligible. Farmington took the lead early in the second quarter and held it throughout the game, being ahead 12 to 9, at the half.

Spaller scored 10 points for Farmington; and Harris made 8 for Walled Lake. The Walled Lake team was able to score on only one out of 11 free throw attempts. Walled Lake reserves defeated Farmington reserves, 15 to 10 in the preliminary.

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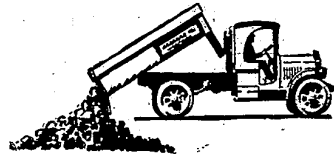
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