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Optimism—the Rule In Big Business

More Reasons Why "Life is Worth Living" in Farmington

2ND SENIOR HIGH ESSAY.
S. LESTER HARGER

In 1850, Farmington, the home of my grandparents, was a flourishing little village of about six hundred inhabitants. Each day the Michigan stage coaches from Detroit and Lansing passed thru her streets and the hotels of the town heartily welcomed all strangers and newcomers. The business of Farmington grew and was prosperous in those days, and everyone was working in harmony for the betterment of their town.

Since then things have changed. The northwestern interurban now replaces the stage coach, a beautiful concrete road now exists where the once famous "blank road" was laid, automobiles are the iron horses of our day, a free public school and high school are now educating the younger members of Farmington, who were in days gone by, taught in the old "select schools," banks have sprung up and grown, and in 1850, "everything is progressing, with an ever aggressive spirit."

So today everything seems to have taken a change for the progress and betterment of mankind. In Farmington today we have our post office with its rural free deliveries, we have a town hall, a library, two progressive banks, three churches, a mill, factory, public schools, clubs, tennis courts, an athletic field, a swimming-hole for the boys and in fact, everything of necessity or convenience is to be found right in our own beautiful town.

Farmington may well be proud of her fire-fighting system, her water supply, electricity and all other facilities which are here. Around the town are rolling hills and valleys, woods fields and small streams of water, all of which form scenery few towns are able to boast of.

Then there is that one great factor which makes any town, great or small, and that factor is its people. Farmington, with but a few exceptions, has as fine people as live anywhere in the United States or elsewhere. They are warm hearted, friendly, cheerful, lovers of athletic sports, educated, industrious, energetic, progressive, aggressive, and they are morally good.

The citizens of Farmington gladly welcome any stranger or person, which will be for their uplift and betterment. Most of her people are Republicans and there seems to be a local spirit of godd will among them, which has its effect upon anyone coming in contact with them.

Nothing but the best in all lines is good enough for them. These people back up their schools and take an interest in the activities carried on in them.

Our citizens are strong supporters of education, morality and athletic sports. In their schools they hire the best and finest teachers procurable so as to give the coming generation of Farmington a real chance to make their place in the life history of the world. These people love their churches and hold a reverent respect for their God and country.

In Farmington can be found fresh air, wholesome and fresh things to eat, a clear and moderate climate with all the benefits and necessities which are so essential for good health and long life.

People who are lovers of birds, wild animals, and nature will find our town an ideal place in which to live.

The social program of our village, though not as complete as it might be, is much better than the program of most towns of our size. Farmington offers hills and valleys that are exceptionally fine for skiing and coasting during the winter months.

The Farmington Enterprise, a weekly paper which is published for the betterment and uplift of the community, has at all times, been one of the school's best friends. It has always been ready to publish anything for the help of the fellows and support of their teams.

It is because of the advantages and things previously mentioned, and also because I am attending school that I not only like, but love to live in Farmington.

2ND JUNIOR HIGH ESSAY.
CLYSTA GILL

For about eighteen miles northwest of Detroit a wide cement road extends to a small country town which is growing and increasing in size and population every day.

Alongside this cement road is a double street car track which affords service for the working men of this town who are dependent upon street cars for their conveyance to work. Carloads of coal, lumber and other necessary things are brought to this town by the electric system of the D. U. which avoids much smoke.

This village with its attractive background of high, steep, grass-covered hills and green valleys for its summer scenery is a pleasant summer home for some of the wealthy business men of Detroit.

Not far from this village a Michigan State Hospital is located. It is an educational home for crippled children.

Here, free from the crowded streets of a large city, free from the dirty smoke of the busy factories, with plenty of room and quietness the inhabitants of this village enjoy a healthy life of freedom and open air; the convenience of electric lights, telephones, and pure water from their deep wells.

Among the various business institutions of this village are two banks, three churches, a gramer and a high school, a drugstore, several grocery stores, a new post office which is to be completed, for it has already been begun, an enterprising newspaper and job-printing office, and a fire department, which when rushing down their paved street to the rescue of some burning resident, averages some excitement is one of the many results of recent progressive steps of the village.

The high school, a large two-story brick building, contains nine rooms and a large gymnasium where the happy boys and girls of this village give their parties and large gatherings. The teachers, who are employed most of their time for the welfare of the students, are twelve in number.

Established in this school is an athletic association which is of great importance to them in their athletic work. The football team of this school, which has played football with teams of neighboring towns and won many games this year, except one, is composed of the perseverant boys of this village.

Once or twice a week the high school has an assembly in which they sing national, and other favorite songs, and sometimes listen to an interesting talk given by some speaker who might be either a resident or a non-resident of this town. This school is endeavoring to establish a library for themselves. To do this they are having "Library Week" in which each pupil, that can, contributes a book, or more, if he chooses.

attractive, decorated machines, bicycles and floats. Fat men competed in a race in the afternoon. They greased a pig and let him loose to run and to see who could catch him. If they caught him, I do not know for I was then called by my friend to join her for a walk and to see some other thing which was interesting. To one being a stranger, as I was, they surely must have thought it a pretty little town and an exciting day, for it was the first time I had seen it and I thought it very attractive at once.

This village with its thrifty, jolly people is the best town in the twenty mile circle of Detroit.

I am very proud to say that I live a few miles outside of this town whose name I have kept concealed all through my story and, I see it every day as I attend high school there.

Its name is "FARMINGTON." I have told you in the preceding statements, why I like to live near Farmington.

New Water Line to Michigan Hospital School Under Way

Construction Work Progresses.

VILLAGE MAKES CONTRACT

The Michigan Hospital school has made arrangements with the Village of Farmington whereby the school will have access to the village water system and the construction work is now well under way.

Mr. Coleman is in charge of the work in charge of the installation of the water mains and he has started the laying of pipe with a large force of men.

Water Arnold is in charge of inspection for the village of Farmington.

LEGAL NOTICES

of November, A. D. 1920.

Present: Hon. Frank L. Covert, Circuit Judge.

On reading and filing the Bill of Complaint duly filed in said cause, and the affidavit of Clinton McGee, from which it satisfactorily appears to the Court that the defendants above named, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, are necessary and proper parties in the above entitled cause: and

It further appearing that after diligent search, inquiry and investigation it cannot be ascertained, and it is not known whether the persons named in said Bill of Complaint as defendants, or any of them, are living or dead, or where he, she or they may reside if living, or whether the right, title, interest, claim lien or possible right has been by them, or any of them assigned to any person or persons, and if dead whether he, she or they have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some or any of them may reside, or whether such title, interest, claim, lien or possible right has been disposed of by Will; and further, that the present whereabouts of such persons, their heirs-at-law, personal representatives, devisees, legatees and assigns, are unknown, and the Post Office addresses of none of them can be ascertained, nor can it be ascertained whether any of them are minors or incompetents:

On motion of Pelton and McGee, attorneys for Plaintiff: It is ordered that the appearance of each and all of the foregoing defendants be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this Order and in case of their appearance, or the appearance of any of them, that they cause their answer to the Bill of Complaint to be filed, and a copy served upon the attorneys for Plaintiff within fifteen days after service upon them, or their attorneys, of a copy of said Bill, or in default thereof that said Bill

Clarence Bicking Runs for Township Treasurer

At Prominent Business Men and Farmers' Request.

VILLAGE TRUSTEE TO RUN

Several prominent business men approached me with the idea of having me announce my candidacy for Township Treasurer," said Mr. Bicking.

"I felt that, altho' I am not a politician, as long as my friends have been so insistent on my candidacy I cannot turn them down," said Mr. Bicking.

"My work is such that I can devote considerable time to the office and if elected I will do my level best," continued Mr. Bicking. "I am with no faction and my interests are with the taxpayers regardless of special interests."

"My hat is in the ring and my policy is the interest of all taxpayers against any special privilege or interest," concluded Mr. Bicking.

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER WAS SERVED AT M. E. CHURCH

The chicken pie supper served at the M. E. church Wednesday to about thirty people was greatly enjoyed by all present. A very profitable prayer service followed, after which pictures of Dr. Mary Stone and her religious and hospital activities were thrown on the screen.

Miss L. C. Harger, Mrs. William Hendry, Mrs. Charles Usline, Mrs. Fred L. Royal composed the committee in charge of the supper.

SHAKESPEARE LECTURE AND INTERPRETATION

On Thursday evening, January 13th, at eight o'clock at the Universalist church, Dr. Beresford will deliver the first of a series of five lectures on literary masters. Shakespeare and his revelation of the Secrets of Human Power being the theme of the first lecture. Shakespeare is the literary glory of the English-speaking world and the poet-laureate of humanity. Dr. Beresford comes bearing with him an extensive reputation as a Shakespearean scholar and this lecture promises to be a rare opportunity for Farmingtonians.

be taken as confessed by said defendants who shall fail to comply with the requirements of this Order.

It is further ordered that the said plaintiff cause this Order to be published within forty days in The Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said County, once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that plaintiff cause a copy of this Order to be personally served upon each of said defendants herein, at least twenty days before the time prescribed for his, her or their appearance.

FRANK L. COVERT, Circuit Judge.

Countersigned: F. B. Babcock, per E. Gamble, Clerk.

Please Take Notice that this suit, in which the preceding Order was made, involves and is brought to quiet the title to the following described lands situate in the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as follows:

West half of the Northwest quarter, Section two (2), Town one (1) North, Range nine (9) East, Michigan, excepting therefrom the lands heretofore conveyed for railway purposes.

Pelton and McGee, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Business Address, Pontiac, Michigan. 3dec-Jan7

Bumper Crops Insure Plenty of Food for Man and Beast

THE UNITED STATES IS IN A HEALTHY CONDITION

An abundant harvest more than compensates for the stagnation that has been felt in the industrial world, and with the opening of the new year many industries, including automobile plants, are becoming actively engaged in starting their production schedule for nineteen twenty-one.

The people in Farmington will be interested to learn of the general condition of the country because the automobile industry depends on a national distribution, her factories selling their products in every state in the Union, and Detroit being the metropolis which is fed and housed to a certain extent by us, we are therefore vitally interested in her markets throughout the Union.

California was a center of ship building on a large scale during the war, and her lumber industry was enormous but the lack of cars to ship lumber in has handicapped all timber sections in the country. However California with her diversified crops and with her annual crop of tourists who spend millions of dollars is in good financial shape.

The grazing states of the Rocky Mountains have been hard hit on account of the high prices of feed and the low price of cattle on the hoof, but these states have also learned the lesson of diversified crops and the farmers in this section are specializing in dairy products to a large degree. The dairy business having held up due to the almost unobtainable demand for milk products in all sections of the country.

Mining has been hard hit due to the high cost of production and the low demand but these conditions are slowly and surely being remedied and mining is steadily coming into her own again.

Oil as an industry is in good shape the demand for gasoline is becoming larger and the cost of production is well within the cost of marketing—the world serves as a growing market for its consumption.

Crops in the Northwest and middle states have been excellent, altho' we admit that the cost of labor and seed and fertilizer and machinery has been high. The farmers paid the peak price for production and the bottom fell out of the market before their crops were sold—but the farmers are taking their loss with courage and they are facing the new year in which there will be a readjustment in favor of the production of food products. Diversification of crops seems to be the solution for farmers throughout the Union.

The South, although hard hit in the cost of producing cotton which will be sold at lower prices than anticipated, is no longer dependent on one crop. They no longer depend entirely on King Cotton—Corn, wheat, oats, fruits of all kinds, cattle, hogs, rice and sugar cane are produced in large quantities.

The farmers in the Farmington community are fast realizing the need in the diversification of crops. One prominent farmer who has been successful in the operation of a farm for over thirty years recently said, "I try to anticipate the demands of a fast changing community. In the last few years my milk check has been a large source of revenue to me, and I look forward to the rapid growth of Detroit and to an increased demand for all food products."

"Farming, like any other business, is full of risk but I know the people have to eat, and my evenings are spent figuring how to cut my cost of production."

"The farmer who cares for his farm and machinery is the one who is hard hit in our section this year," said Mr. Elliot Sprague, a prominent farmer of Farmington

Township. "But I am looking forward to a much improved condition in the spring," he continued.

Emory Hatton of the Farmington Hardware Company says: "Our prices are undergoing a general re-adjustment and we are looking forward to more business this year than we had last. We are gradually increasing our stock in all lines. We have recently bought material in several lines for spring shipment. We figure that with our increased inventory in hardware and furniture and with our light overhead we can compete in the open market. Our aim is to have a store with as complete a stock as the trade demands."

"Business is good and we expect it to be better and we are making full preparations for an increased demand for the sale of our goods," James Hogle, president of the Peoples State Bank, stated: "We are looking forward to a good year. The price of labor and material will be lower and these facts will stimulate building, which employs labor and the wage earners by the farmer's crops."

F. N. Goodwin, manager of the C. F. Smith store, stated: "We are looking forward to a good year and increased prosperity."

Edgar Pierce, cashier of the Farmington State Savings Bank, stated:

"Prices on all commodities are seeking the inevitable lower levels."

"Industrial conditions are bound to be improved with the general stabilizing of prices and the trend toward normality."

"The money situation is still tight and rates firm but with the gradual deflation of credits and the present disposition of every one towards economy, this condition ought to re-adjust itself and by the middle of 1921 we should see a resumption of business on every hand and resultant highly improved conditions all around."

"A feeling of optimism, tempered with good old-fashioned common sense in business dealings is bound to bring us out of the present depression and I believe, into a far healthier state of affairs."

Fred L. Cook of the F.L. Cook Co., said: "We people out here both on the farm and in the community are in better condition than the people in the cities."

When a man is out of a job in the city he cannot produce therefore he can't buy food or the necessities of life.

Whereas the man on the farm continues to produce.

We are anticipating good business in the future."

Louis Gildemeister of the Farmington Roller Mills, said: "Our business is good in the feed lines and our production in flour approximates the usual amount milled at this time of the year."

Stanley Smith of the Smith Pharmacy says, "I chose Farmington and my judgement was good."

Howard Warner of the Warner Dairy Co., said: "The dairy business is an excellent source of revenue to the producers."

Herman Schroeder of Schroeder's Market, stated: "My shop is as busy as ever, and my business is increasing because the community is growing—a constantly increased market being formed."

"The tide is turning. Everybody's hopeful. Everybody's planning. Solid prosperity is ahead. Lumber prices have been readjusted together with all lines of building material and have reached a level of stability that instills confidence in the prospective homebuilder and his banker," says Ralph Hogle, of the Farmington Lumber Co.

Olin Russell, Ford Sales and Service Station, "Business is fine." Lee boys of The Lee Garage report, "We are doing business as usual."

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