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### WEST POINT PARK

The Illustration Par Excellence  
of the Kerkogenesis of a  
Great City

Growth whether it be of plants, animals, mankind, or groups of mankind in towns or cities progresses in a manner that has a great many things in common. There is a certain sort of development in biological life of simpler forms known as kerkogenesis or budding. That is reproduction occurs by the main organism starting a bud or growth which grows and grows until it finally detaches itself and forms a new cell. The growth of suburban cities bears a great similarity to this. A community is slowly built near a large city and is dependent in many ways on the city until it finally grows in strength enough to stand alone and have a separate life of its own. Some cities have a great number of such separate organizations known as suburban towns. Detroit is now entering upon such an era. The growth and development of suburban towns for Detroit is in its infancy and the newer, smaller towns will have their budding time in the very near future. All towns and communities within a radius of 25 miles of Detroit, will ache with growing pains and a great deal of profit can be gleamed from the errors that occur in other towns planning, to avoid bottle necks; park facilities, and sanitary systems. The motto should be plan early, and plan for the years to come.

### THE NEW PIERSON SCHOOL

During the year 1925 the residents of the Pierson School District No. 2, Livonia Township, Wayne County, decided that our old school had served its purpose and it was recognized by everyone that more adequate school accommodations had to be provided for in this fast growing section. In the year 1920 our school children numbered 14 and that year by year the number kept growing until in 1925 our school population numbered 60 pupils. In June 1925 the electors of the Pierson School District by a decisive vote approved of a \$61,000.00 bond issue for purchasing additional land and building a new school. Mr. Byron E. Mills of 415 Brainerd street, Detroit, was employed as architect and plans and specifications were drawn and the contracts awarded. The general contract to U. D. Slair Construction Company, Royal Oak. The electrical work to Donahue and Shobottom, Detroit.

The new Pierson School is a two story, four room, fireproof building, fully equipped with the latest and best of modern school improvements. Including our magnificent book and magazine school library. Another marked improvement of our school system was the purchasing of a school bus to provide transportation for all the school children to and from school, and as a proof of this added service our Pierson School was awarded first place of all the schools of Wayne County for attendance. This bus service made it possible for the youngest to attend school regularly and to meet the needs of our youngest scholars, a kindergarten was established. The foundation of a Parent-Teacher Association was now started and under most able leadership has become one of the active associations of Wayne County. During the coming year another special feature will be added and that is the teaching of all the children how to read music. Upon our new school grounds ample provision was made for a base ball diamond which was constructed gratuitously by men and boys of our School District for the benefit of our school boys and the same can be said of the tennis court for girls. The school building itself has a most beautiful setting surrounded by about 20 large and beautifully shaped hard maple trees that were planted about 75 years ago by those sturdy, honest and industrious pioneers who little dreamed that their labors would some day make this the most picturesque and attractive school grounds in Wayne County.

Manufacturers of silk hosiery are now bringing out a spare for each pair. We hope the ladies will not try to imitate the automobile when they start carrying a spare sock around with them.

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#### BASE BALL TEAM

The West Point Park base ball team, which showed such good form in past periods is to be revived for the coming season. At the end of the 1926 season the team was fitted out with brand new equipment and will have one of the finest ball diamonds in the county to hold forth on. This diamond is maintained by the Pierson School of West Point Park. It is the plan of those in charge to be held in the Community Building of West Point Park, Friday evening, April 1, at 8:00. All members of the team are expected to report. All players are requested to inform their team mates of this meeting.

#### "THE PIONEER"

If the pioneers of 1860-04 could return to our corners what would they recognize? Perhaps the big elms in front of the old Pierson homestead where Grandma Wolfe has lived for a quarter of a century.

What changes! Yet it is inevitable that changes come.

In the midst of our hurry let us pause today a moment to think of and to pay reverence to the sturdy pioneers. They came into the new country, equipped with little but their strong bodies, and a great hope. No one will ever know how they toiled, what tears, what minds darkened under the awful burden of privation. Yet they endured, and built homes, and schools, and churches, and a civilization.

As we think of them today let us, at the private altar of our hearts, lift a vow to carry well the burdens of civilization they pass on to us.

#### THE INDEPENDENT CHURCH IDEA

West Point Park decided they must have a church, and a Sunday School for the children's sake primarily.

It was the unanimous opinion that it must be interdenominational. Accordingly trustees were selected at public mass meeting held last May. The church was organized and named the "West Point Park Independent Church." Proper officers were appointed, a charter was secured from Lansing bearing the seal of the State of Michigan, incorporating the church, giving its trustees full power to select and ordain suitable young men as pastors for West Point Park and any other communities desiring a similar organization. Without solicitation five communities have asked West Point Park Independent Church to act as a parent church to ordain and supervise a pastor for their work and organization.

#### THE NAME WEST POINT PARK

Last April, at a mass meeting held in the old Pierson School house the Community at the junction of the Seven Mile and Farmington roads was given the name of "West Point Park."

Certain public spirited citizens had publicly announced that they would gladly donate \$25 in gold to anyone who would select a name that would be finally used for the Community by a vote of the residents.

About 100 names were sent in and a lively and happy evening was spent in voting and selecting the name. Finally the name submitted by Mrs. Edwin Beach was selected—"West Point Park." Already the name has come into common use in designating the location and the new maps of Wayne county and of Detroit and its environs will carry the name.

There will be many foolish bills introduced in the present session of the legislature which will probably prevent an early adjournment, but on the whole common sense will prevail in preventing any of them from issuing as laws. It is our observation that the members of the legislature enter earnestly into the task of serving the state and can always be depended upon to protect the public treasury without hindering progress.

### DEDICATION SERVICES NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING

#### WHEN?

Sunday, March 27, (that is next Sunday.)

#### WHAT HOUR?

Three big services, 10:30 a. m., 3:00 p. m., 7:30 p. m.

#### WHO WILL SPEAK?

Dr. John Dystant, for twelve years superintendent of Saginaw Valley District.

#### WHO WILL SING

Artists of note from Milford, Plymouth, Redford, Detroit, 12 visiting singers, besides our own choir.

#### WHO WILL COME?

People for miles around. Our committee have sent out a thousand invitations, these will reach at least 3,000 people. We ask you, each one who reads this, to use your phone or the mail, or your auto, and see to it that your ten best friends are invited to the dedication.

#### WILL THERE BE ANYTHING TO EAT?

Yes, a buffet lunch for those who coming to one service wish to stay over to the next meeting. This will be absolutely free and will be served in the dining room by our ladies.

#### WHAT THEY DO WHEN THEY DEDICATE A CHURCH?

Come and see. If you've never seen such a service you'll enjoy it, and it will be educational. Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe will hand the keys of the church to Mr. Earl Wolfe, chairman of the building committee, who will hand them to the chairman of the trustee board, Mr. Earl K. Gullen.

#### Program

10:30 A. M.

Prelude.

Doxology.

Invocation Sentence.

Solo—Mr. Wm. Woodworth.

Hymn, No. 1—"All Hail the Power."

Prayer.

Trio—Messdames Jorgensen, Ma-

gee and Wolfe.

Scripture.

Choir—"Praise Ye the Father."

Sermon—Dr. John Dystant.

Offering.

Duet—Mrs. Jorgensen and Mr. Woodworth.

Hymn, No. 4—"My Jesus I Love Thee."

Benediction.

3:00 P. M.

Solo—Mrs. Clyde Shirlcliffe.

Prayer.

Hymn, No. 2—"Faith of Our Fathers."

Scripture.

Solo—Mr. Roy Burgess.

Sermon—Rev. George E. Gullen.

Offering.

Choir—"My Task."

Hymn, No. 3—"Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Benediction.

7:30 P. M.

Prelude.

Doxology.

Choir—"Like as the Heart Desir-

eth the Waterbrook."

Prayer.  
Solo—Mrs. Thos. Hayden.  
Scripture.  
Hymn, No. 2—"Faith of Our Fathers."  
Sermon—Dr. Dystant.  
Offering.  
Dedication Services—Dr. Dystant presiding.  
Solo—Mrs. Kempthorne.  
Hymn, No. 6—"Rock of Ages."  
Benediction.

### WEST POINT PARK

Dr. J. J. Turner and wife of Windsor, Ont., were the guests of his brother, S. R. Turner, Friday. Mrs. E. M. Middlewood, Mrs. Marvin Addis and Mrs. Emerson Ault attended the Wayne County Council of the P. T. A. Friday at Wayne.

Gordon Turner and friend, Miss Alice Vincent of Detroit were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Turner and family last Friday, the occasion being Gordon's birthday.

Charles Taylor is much improved in health. He is hoping to be well enough by next Sunday to attend the dedication of West Point Park's new Community House.

Our school attendance is still keeping up to its record, first in attendance in the county.

A great party, and a complete surprise by the way, was held for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wolfe last Thursday evening. About thirty-five people were present and enjoyed the evening together. There was an impromptu program of music, and games, and refreshments. Everybody had a jolly time.

Mr. Sinks, in conversation, the other day, expressed his pleased surprise at the enterprise shown at West Point Park. He bought five tickets to the Father and Son banquet at West Point Park.

"Did you know West Point Park is to have a new motion picture machine. Yes, it is. It is already purchased, a big Powers 6A."

Miss Beulah Jubb of Howell and Miss Martha Schneider of Weberville were the week end guests of Miss Jubb's mother, Mrs. Marvin Addis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridley were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault have returned to their home on Arlington avenue, after wintering in Detroit.

A little stranger came to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith last Saturday. It's a boy; congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ash are quarantined as two of their little ones have diphtheria. Don't think after the dedication we play quits, because we don't. The following Wednesday, March 30 the Ladies' Community Club will serve a chicken dinner from 5:30 to 8:00 o'clock. At 8:15 an entertainment will be given, consisting of readings, instrumental and vocal selections.

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