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EDITORIAL

A GOOD START

It speaks well for the progress of this community, and is an excellent augury for its progress in 1928, that the year has been started with discussion of the necessity for a paving program. And it is particularly fortunate that the proposal should have been suggested by a private citizen, for it demonstrates that the city government may rely upon citizens, not only for the support of worthy civic projects, but also may count on them to frequently take the initiative in such movements.

The sentiments expressed by Floyd Nichols, and supported by Emory Hatton, at a recent meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club, have found ready support among a large number of citizens and business-men, and undoubtedly will continue to do so. It is none too early, however, far off summer paving work may seem in January, to begin to initiate and complete a worthwhile paving program. Though the streets may not be many, there must be worked out beforehand a general scheme for the ultimate improvement of every street now within the city limits, if the program is to be as comprehensive as it should be.

The building of the new immense sewer planned for Farmington next summer will provide this city with such an opportunity for carrying out a paving program as cities of this size rarely have thrust upon them. By carrying forward the movement for paving now, completing plans by spring, and following up the laying of sewer with paving on each street for which it is planned, Farmington will be able with but one summer of torn-up streets, to achieve permanently improved thoroughfares.

The advantage of this "killing two birds with one stone" will be more and more apparent as more and more streets are torn up in the sewer-laying work. But it must be borne in mind that it will be too late then to inaugurate a movement for a paving program, or to catch up a program fallen by the wayside. The work must be started now, and it is a very favorable sign that the Exchange Club's new president, Mr. Frank Weaver, places the paving program first in importance for the next six months during which he will head the club. We believe that the city commissioners will be found ready to do the city's part as soon as public opinion is shown to be sufficiently favorable for them to proceed with confidence.

As to the advisability of desirability of the paving program itself, little has been heard—it seems a foregone conclusion that every citizen interested in the progress of the city will support it whole-heartedly.

JUDGE ROSS STOCKWELL
 The whole of Oakland County has suffered a grievous loss in the death of Probate Judge Ross Stockwell, whose demise last Sunday was a severe shock to many acquaintances throughout the county, as well as to his more intimate friends.

In the ten years he served on the Probate bench, Judge Stockwell won not only an enviable reputation for his ability as a judge, but also a wide appreciation of his unmistakable talent for the probate work. His quick understanding and ready sympathy won him the confidence and affection of laymen, and his thorough knowledge of probate law earned him the respect of his contemporaries in the law.

Although exceptionally well-versed in the law, Judge Stockwell did not allow his incessant study of the legal aspects of probate work to interfere with his understanding of practical problems. He maintained always a breadth of view which provided a helpfulness such as no mere learning could afford.

Judge Stockwell enjoyed the unique distinction of following his father as probate judge of Oakland County, and the equally unusual honor of enhancing the family reputation in his most important life work. His death at fifty-one removes a man of whom the county might have expected much in years to come, because he gave so much in the years that have passed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
 Please accept my cordial thanks for the editorial of December 29, "A Life Worth While," in which well-merited and fitting tribute is paid to Martha Baldwin, of honored memory.

May I speak of another phase of her activities? Years ago it was my privilege to be closely associated with her as assistant principal in the Detroit graded school of which she was principal. Her breadth of vision and sympathetic understanding of human needs and human nature made her a power for good in the neighborhood, then on the outskirts of Detroit. And what a tower of strength to her teachers! In more than one instance I have known an inexperienced girl, helped by timely suggestion and aided a bit now and then by that strong personality, to develop from a weak and wobbly individual into a strong, fine teacher.

Let no pompous egoist approach Martha Baldwin! With "the intuitive decision of a bright and thorough-edged intellect" she divined pretense and mercilessly pricked such bubbles with a wit that left the pretender utterly collapsed. A broad charity, wide tolerance, delightful humor, humaneness! Let me repeat the closing words of the editorial: "Just one life—but would that every community had just one Martha Baldwin!"

(Signed) Helen L. Hard.

J. L. TAYLOR IS ELECTED HEAD OF THE WALLED LAKE EXCHANGE CLUB

J. L. Taylor was elected president of the Exchange Club of Walled Lake at their regular meeting on Tuesday of last week, succeeding M. G. Post. Other officers elected were, E. V. Mercer, vice president; Lloyd Coe, second vice president; W. S. Wixom, third vice president; C. A. Chafy, treasurer; Cameron E. Rose, secretary; new members, Board of Control, M. G. Post, Reuben Buss and Ray Riley. Three members who are now on the board of control are, H. G. Roach, J. R. Brown, and E. L. McQuern.

Now They Drive Cars
 In Bible times the swine full of devils ran over a cliff instead of pedestrians—Colorado Springs Gazette.

A Good Thing to Know—Remember It

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CHURCHES

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 10:30—Morning worship. This week the pastor will begin a series of sermons from the book of First John.
 11:45—Sunday School. We have classes for all ages.
 6:30—B. Y. P. U. At this hour a deputation team from Ypsilanti Normal will be our special guest and take charge of the meeting. All young people are invited.
 7:30—Gospel service. We have a very enjoyable song service followed by messages from the deputation team. The pastor will preach on the subject, "One Thing." Come and enjoy the hour with us.

Evangelical Church
 9:30—Sunday School.
 2:30—Service in German. Rev. Schoen will preach.
 Choir practice Friday evening, January 6 at 8 p. m.
 Annual Congregational meeting Monday, January 9, at 1 p. m.

West Point Park Church
 Geo. E. Gullen, Pastor
 10:30—Morning worship and sermon by the pastor.
 11:45—Sunday School.
 6:30—Christian Endeavor.
 7:20—Evening service.

Methodist Church
 Rev. E. F. Dunlay, Pastor.
 10:30—Morning worship and sermon.
 Special numbers by the choir. Sermon by the pastor on the theme, "The Secret of a Great Life."
 11:50—Sunday School. Classes for all ages. W. D. Butterfield, Supt.
 6:00—Epworth League.
 7:00—Evening service.
 The Cantata, "The Christ Child" which was given by the choir two weeks ago, will be repeated next Sunday evening, by request. All are welcome.
 8:00—Fellowship hour, with lunch.

A Refugee
 Magistrate—You are charged with being a deserter, having left your wife.
 Prisoner—No, sir; I'm not a deserter—I'm a refugee.—London Punch.

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