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PROSPERITY SEEN BY BUSINESS MEN OF FARMINGTON

Many View 1928 As Likely To Be
Farmington's Greatest Year;
Paving Stressed

That 1928 will see increased prosperity and development in this community is the view of many leading business men, who have been interviewed during the past week by the Farmington Enterprise. Some look forward to this year being the greatest in Farmington's history.

Many business men have supplemented their predictions of prosperity with statements as to the needs of Farmington in achieving the expected growth. The majority emphasize the need for adopting a paving program, as the most important factor in the city's growth, wider Grand River, better transportation and the new sewer system are also mentioned in the forecasts, printed herewith.

Floyd Nichols:
"Prospects for business appear much brighter than in the recent past. This section should enjoy a prosperous 1928—we need, however, a paving program that will make our town more desirable to live in."

Stanley Smith:
1928 should be more prosperous here than 1927, with factories opening in Detroit and greater production, there should be more money in circulation and more business."

Judge John J. Schulte:
"The year of 1928 promises to be one of fulfillment, we being assured of a wider Grand River in the spring. I look forward to a large and better Farmington provided, however, that we all pull together and let the other fellow in other communities know the advantages we have and offer him the ideal living conditions in this commonwealth."

Emory Hutton:
"It seems to me that our city is on the brink of a great, steady, prosperous growth, something that we can maintain help by individual and collective co-operation. With a much improved Grand River highway, a first class sewer system, more paved roads and streets, street car service with Detroit, more new business places and a good many new homes with all these and more in sight within the next few months Farmington is bound to grow. Every man, woman and child should eat, sleep, talk and believe that Farmington is going to be bigger, better and more prosperous."

John Fitzpatrick:
"The coming year in Farmington will be good for two reasons. One is that Grand River is to be widened to the Junction and the possibility that it may be carried to the lumber yard. The transportation improvements we are promised should also help a great deal."

Edgar S. Pierce:
"The widening of Grand River and the resumption of street car service from Farmington to Detroit, even should the street car service be converted into 'Rapid Transit' by the city, the Grand River lines, is not a guarantee of the future we hope for 'Farmington's future growth' (Continued on Page Seven)

LOCAL BLACKSMITH'S SHOP SAVED IN NICKE OF TIME FROM WRECKER

Farmington's blacksmith shop is saved to posterity, or at least, after weeks of searching, almost without hope. F. Hogan, proprietor of the Farmington shop on Saturday finally located a building near Grand River avenue, about a block west of Division street.

Although forced to move the contents of the building, Mr. Hogan was glad to do so, and on Monday, moved his own shop from the old structure at Farmington road and State street, part of which had already been torn down to make room for the new Oakland-Pontiac building. The remainder of the building was immediately razed.

TAXPAYERS GRANTED "RELIEVE" OF 3 WEEKS BY CITY COMMISSION

Taxes are just as certain but they're not quite as insistent as they were a week ago in Farmington. The final date for payment of taxes without penalty was originally set at January 9, but the City Commission, at a meeting Monday night, voted unanimously to extend the time to February 1.

The collection of four per cent, finally will start on that date.

CITY MUST VOTE DEED FOR STADIUM

Attorney-General Asserts Con-
veyance To School District, Needs
Vote Of People

The proposal that the City of Farmington lease land surrounding the Water Works to the School District for 99 years, to make possible the development of an athletic field and stadium, met with difficulty during the past week, when a communication was received from Attorney-General William Potter, indicating that the law may not permit such a project.

The letter from the Attorney-General was in reply to one from City Clerk N. H. Power, asking "Can the City lease this 5 acres of land for this term of years without a vote of the people—in other words, practically dead it away?" The Attorney-General replied that the property cannot be sold without a vote of the electors, but that there is an act which permits co-operation between the city and school district in the operation of playgrounds.

Attorney-General Potter's letter read as follows:

"I assume that the land to which you refer, is held by the city for park purposes. This being true, it cannot be sold by the city without a vote of the electors—Subdivision (c), Section 5, Act No. 279, Public Acts of 1909, as amended. I call your attention, however, to Act No. 156, Public Acts of 1917, which authorizes cities and school districts to co-operate in the operation of public recreation and playgrounds."

Yours very truly,
William W. Potter,
Attorney-General.

FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1927 ARE GUESTS OF EXCHANGE CLUB

Louis Gilbert, Michigan Star
Halfback, Addresses Gather-
ing On "Co-operation"

Members of the Farmington High School football team of 1927 enjoyed their biggest event of the year Wednesday evening when they were the guests of the Farmington Exchange Club at luncheon. Louis Gilbert, University of Michigan star halfback, addressed the gathering.

"Co-operation is superior to brilliancy," was the message brought to the crowd by Michigan's football idol, who declared that he had enjoyed the last season's play more than he did the two previous seasons, although the team was not as successful. He declared that "every minute of the team battled every minute for the entire team's success," and that none begrudged him the individual glory he received, largely, he declared, through the work of other members of the team.

Coach Fernando Brethour of the Farmington High School team thanked the Exchange Club for its support of the team, as did Howard Middlewood, captain of the 1927 squad. Members of the Exchange Club who had been engaged in athletics in their school years were called on for remarks. Superintendent of Schools Archie Leonard called the attention of the club to the substitutes, introducing Ivan Cox, the smallest man on the squad, as "the man who made the team," and President Weaver announced the appointment of Howard Os- as "heriff," Spencer Heene- as deputy, and Carl Hogle as song leader.

MRS. SMITH, 87. IS CARRIED FROM BURNING HOUSE

Widow Of Civil War Veteran
Unaware Of Fire; Upper
Floor Damaged

Wrapped in blankets and unaware that her home was burning, Mrs. W. H. Smith, 87, widow of Farmington's last Civil War veteran, was carried from her home on East Grand River avenue, Farmington, Wednesday morning, while firemen prepared to fight the blaze that started from a defective chimney. A large part of the second story of the house was ruined by flames and water. The fire started under the roof, beside the chimney, and was discovered by passersby, who notified Mrs. Margaret Wallace, private nurse attending Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Wallace prepared Mrs. Smith for the outdoors while the alarm was turned in.

Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes and Alex Keith were among the first at the fire, and carried the aged woman across the street to the home of William Maas, where she is still being sheltered. Mrs. Smith has yet to learn that her home was a fire, having been told by Mrs. Wallace that it was necessary that the furnace be repaired.

The blaze proved a stubborn one, and required more than half an hour's fighting before it was out. Chemicals and water were used by the volunteer firemen. The chimney is believed to have been defective.

Mrs. Smith, whose husband died about a month ago, was unable to detect the fire because of impaired vision and hearing. She is under constant care in the Maas home. Repairs are being made to the Smith home. N. H. Power is administrator of the estate of the late Mr. Smith, who left the property to his widow.

THREE LARGE ROAD PROJECTS PASSED BY STATE, COUNTY

Over 20 Miles Of Concrete Con-
struction In This Section
Approved In Week

Road construction of great importance to this section was authorized by state and county officials during the past week. Three major projects received the approval of the State Highway Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

The State Highway Commission of the Administrative Board meeting on Monday, authorized spring construction on wider Grand River avenue between Farmington and Redford. By this action the commission added its approval to the series of steps by which the State has gradually brought nearer the realization of the widening of Grand River avenue to Farmington.

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors, at a meeting Saturday, authorized the Road Commission to pave the Eleven-Mile road from the east line of Southfield township to Orchard Lake road. This program, including eight miles of concrete, will provide another through concrete highway from Orchard Lake road to Woodward avenue. Although the Eleven-Mile road is to be a super-highway, it will be paved as a 20-foot road, under the Covert Act.

The Supervisors also approved the petition for nine miles of concrete on the Pontiac-Walled Lake road, making a total of more than 20 miles of concrete roads approved for the southwest section of the county within one week. The Walled Lake road will be paved under the Covert Act.

BRITISH PRO-CONSUL IN ASIA MINOR WILL SPEAK IN FARMINGTON SUNDAY

Citizens of this section will have an opportunity to acquire a great deal of information about the Near East situation Sunday afternoon, when Rev. K. M. Thomas will speak at the Farmington Methodist Church.

Rev. Thomas has for 25 years been the British Pro-Consul in Asia Minor, and will discuss the affairs of that part of the world.

The Enterprise will be pleased to print your items, telephone or send them in by mail.

Rev. Lynn H. Hough of Detroit To Speak In Farmington Friday

The Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, D. D. of Detroit, educator, author, editor, lecturer, minister and since 1920 pastor of the most prominent Methodist church of Detroit, will lecture Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Methodist Community Hall Farmington, on the subject, "Great Americans."

Dr. Hough is a many-sided man of unusual attainments and has been eminently successful in several fields of work.

Before coming to the Central Methodist Church, Detroit, Dr. Hough occupied several eastern pulpits; was at one time chaplain of Sing Sing Prison, New York, and conducted a much-needed work among the criminal classes and underworld in New York City over whom he had great influence. He held a professorship in theology. Immediately before coming to Detroit he was president of Northwestern University.

Dr. Hough has had many college and honorary degrees conferred upon him by various colleges and universities, via the degrees of A. B., D. D., Th. D., Litt. D., L. D.

Dr. Hough is the author of many books among which are "Productive Beliefs," "Flying Over London," "Life and History," "The Significance of the Protestant Reformation." He is also a contributing editor of the "Christian Century."

He was sent to Great Britain by the Lincoln Foundation of the "Northwestern Union" to lecture on the moral and spiritual aims of the war. He has also given courses of lectures at Ohio Wesleyan and Vanderbilt Universities.

Dr. Hough is a mason, a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, the National Voters League, the Cliff Dwellers of Chicago, the Authors' Circle of London, the Society of Midland Authors and various other organizations.

People of Farmington and surrounding towns are expected to turn out in force to hear Dr. Hough Friday evening. All are invited. There will be no charge for admission and no collection. No ticket is necessary.

This lecture is the first of a series of three or four lectures sponsored by the Sunday Noon Club on different subjects selected by the speakers to meet Division street in Farmington during the winter by Michigan Men of outstanding ability. The object of this course is the stimulation of the cultural life of Farmington.

MAYOR PRESENTS SUGGESTIONS TO CITY COMMISSION

Seven Recommendations Offered
To City Governing Body As
Basis For Procedure

Seven recommendations on matters of immediate importance to the city were presented by Mayor Butterfield to the City Commission at its meeting last Friday night. The proposals for action include improvement in the lock-up in the city hall, a change in the present police system, a time-keeping system for city employees, provision for maintenance of the cemetery, a program for paving, elimination of unsanitary conditions, and a proposal for a conference with the School District Board, on the suggested athletic field.

Two of the recommendations regarding the city lock-up, and the athletic field proposal, were approved by the Commission. The remaining will be considered as a special order of business at a meeting on Monday night. The recommendations in full are as follows:

Farmington, Mich.
January 6, 1928.
To the City Commission,

At this first meeting of the City I bring to you some suggestions and recommendations for consideration. While not constituting a policy or program for the year, they are, however, they will form a basis for present procedure.

Certain matters recommended during 1927, but not finally acted upon are first called to your attention.

1. Recommendation that the lock-up cells be re-located in the east section of the city building, and have running water, heating and toilet equipment—that (Continued on Page Seven)



REV. LYNN HAROLD HOUGH

DIVISION PAVING PETITION LIKELY

Officials Believe Move Would Be
Effective In Linking With
Ten-Mile

The first step toward paving in Farmington, and also the initial move of the city to bring about completion of the Ten-Mile road paving, was taken at a meeting of the City Commission on Monday evening, when it was suggested to the Commission that petitions for the paving of Division street north of Grand River be put in circulation.

During discussion of the proposed extension of the Ten-Mile road it was declared that the best possible way to persuade the county officials to quickly complete the road, already authorized by the Board of Supervisors, would be to show that Division street would be paved also. This is in line with the arguments advanced by Farmington citizens and officials, in favor of the extension of the Ten-Mile road southward to meet Division street, instead of carrying the road westward to meet Grand River near the cemetery.

This plan appears to have met with some difficulty in the office of the County Engineer, due to the necessity for constructing a "Y" bridge north of the Baptist Church. Farmington citizens and officials, however, favor it strongly, and expressed the opinion that petitions showing an intention to pave Division street would be the strongest factor in inducing county engineers to connect the Ten-Mile road with this street, bringing traffic from Pontiac into the heart of Farmington.

OPENING OF NEW BUICK BUILDING DRAWS LARGE CROWD TO SALESROOM

The opening of the new Buick sales and service building in Farmington last Saturday afternoon and evening proved a considerable attraction for motor-car owners and prospective buyers in this vicinity. Several hundred people attended the opening and continued to visit the new building during the early part of this week.

George K. Checketts, proprietor of the local Buick agency, was congratulated upon the completeness and attractiveness of the new structure, which was built for Mr. Checketts by Dr. E. F. Holcomb. A number of Farmington firms also complimented Mr. Checketts with floral remembrances, bearing their best wishes for success.

OFFICERS AND BOARDS OF SOCIETIES ELECTED BY FARMINGTON BANKS

Present directors and officers of the Farmington State Savings Bank and Peoples' State Bank were all re-elected at meetings held this week. The banks held their annual meetings Tuesday night.

Howard Warner remains president of the Farmington State Savings Bank, and Edgar S. Pierce, cashier. James L. Hogle was re-elected president of the Peoples' State Bank, Charles G. Ely chairman of the board of Directors, and John Fitzpatrick, cashier.

FARMINGTON MAN DIES, OTHERS ARE HURT IN CRASHES

Auto Accident Fatal To Donald
Banfield; Commissioner Bick-
ing Is Injured

Donald Banfield, 24, of Farmington, was fatally injured and six other residents of Farmington were less seriously hurt, in three motor-car accidents during the past week. Slippery roads caused two of the three accidents.

The fatal crash occurred early Sunday morning, on Grand River road between Switzer and Tuck roads, the victim dying Tuesday evening in Harper Hospital, Detroit, of cerebral hemorrhage. Funeral services are to be held Friday afternoon at the Methodist Church.

Banfield and Freddie Maas, 22, of Farmington township, were riding in Maas' roadster when, according to Maas' statement to Assistant Prosecutor Charles Wilson, Maas is believed to have fallen asleep. He awoke as the car left the road, but was unable to avoid going into the ditch. The car struck a pole.

Banfield suffered a blow on the head, but his condition was not believed serious. On Monday, however, his physician advised removal to a hospital. He was conscious before death came, but physicians were able to do little to improve his condition.

Maas, who was driving the car, escaped unhurt. The car was wrecked.

Wife, Children, Survive

The victim is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marian Banfield, and two small sons, Donald, 17 months, and Gerald, six months old; his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Bernard Banfield, two brothers, Ralph and Elmer Banfield; and two sisters, Catherine Banfield, and Mrs. Asa Kahrl of Redford. He was born on a farm near Milford, and was a graduate of Farmington High School in the class of 1922.

The Farmington Masonic lodge will have charge of the funeral services, which will be held at two o'clock, with Rev. Edward Dunlay and Rev. Elmer Palmer officiating. Burial will be at Wall-ed Lake.

Mrs. Bernard Banfield, mother of the accident victim, was unable to visit him after the accident, being quarantined due to scarlet fever.

Three Men Hurt

Commissioner Clarence Bickling and two other Farmington men narrowly escaped death last Friday night, when Commissioner Bickling's machine skidded on Grand River avenue at the foot of Smith's hill, west of Farmington, and went down a 15-foot embankment, overturning when it left the road. Commissioner Bickling suffered a severe cut on the right side of the head, and his companions, Ralph Auten and A. L. Comstock, were cut and bruised. They were brought to Farmington and treated by Dr. Z. E. Achenbrenner. The car was badly damaged.

Three children of C. H. Dunham, who recently moved to Farmington to open the Oakland-Pontiac sales, were cut and bruised Wednesday morning when the car in which they were riding struck a wagon owned by the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company. James Dunham, brother of the children hurt was driving, and was unable to stop the car. The pavement, the car skidding sideways into the wagon. Jane, Ellen, and Calvin Dunham, Jr. were cut by flying glass, and were treated for their injuries. One side of the car was badly damaged.

WALLED LAKE SKATING CARNIVAL CALLED OFF BECAUSE OF SOFT ICE

For the first time since the event was established four years ago, the Walled Lake State Skating Carnival was postponed last Saturday, due to soft ice. Only two races were attempted, the meet being abandoned after these two events.

More than 500 people gathered for the carnival and the Michigan Skating Association has decided to assign another date, January 28th having been decided upon. A large gathering of stars is expected on that date. The Walled Lake Exchange Club, which sponsors the annual events.