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## EDITORIAL

### A FACTOR WE MUST NOT OVERLOOK

With the coming of the New Year, unusual interest has developed in Farmington in the prospects for this community during 1928. The drawing to a successful conclusion of efforts for Wider Grand River, and the promise of improved transportation, has resulted in widespread discussion as to the extent and nature of the development generally believed to lie just ahead.

The general opinion seems to be that 1928 will not only be Farmington's greatest year, but that the long-awaited growth of this community cannot be held in check, once the highway congestion and lack of transportation are overcome.

Yet conceding that Farmington is soon to experience a growth similar to that already enjoyed by other suburbs of Detroit, there is one aspect of the situation which may be too easily overlooked. Granted, that hundreds of new residents will, or may be, attracted to Farmington and induced to come to this community to live, there remains the serious problem of dwelling places. Where are these new residents to find homes in which to live?

Farmington hopes to develop as a high-class residential community, yet it cannot be expected that all who come here will build their own homes. Many of those who will help to form a highly desirable community may not be in a position to undertake investment in a lot and still have available necessary funds for constructing a home.

Farmington must interest home builders—men and firms who are able and willing to invest in lots and build homes thereon, for sale to home-seekers, as an investment. There must be homes built that will be for rent or for sale on contract at terms that are within the reach of many.

The people of Farmington are displaying a tremendous amount of optimism as to the immediate future. That they will bring many friends and interest them in Farmington seems quite certain. But Farmington must also take up the task of persuading builders to provide homes for our future friends and neighbors, if we are to have them at all.

### A SIGNIFICANT WEEK

Events of unusual significance in the development of this section have transpired in the past few days. Within the last week, the southwest section of the county has been favored with the authorizing of probably more important road projects than have ever been approved within a similar period for one section.

On Monday the State Administrative Board gave its final approval, to the widening of Grand River avenue to Farmington. Though long anticipated, the authorization which places this most important project beyond doubt is none the less welcome.

On Saturday the Board of Supervisors placed on the county's program the paving of eight miles

of the Eleven-Mile road, through Southfield Township to the Orchard Lake road, making that highway a through concrete road to Woodward avenue. Nine miles of concrete on the Pontiac-Wallend Lake road were also authorized by the County Board.

This approval of more than 20 miles of concrete roads in this part of the county within a period of one week is too significant to be overlooked. It holds tremendous possibilities for this section, just as it demonstrates that public officials, with countless appeals from every side for roads, realize the important part this section is to play in the future of Oakland County.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:  
I was very glad to read in the Enterprise of a few weeks ago, that some action had been taken by the city authorities for the improvement of the Library of Farmington. Having had a great deal to do with the management and plans from its resurrection to the present time, I feel at liberty to express a few ideas about the present situation.

In view of the fact that the Library has for some time like twenty years been under the control of the Woman's Club of Farmington, by grant from the Township officials, it was something of a surprise to learn that the present administration should deem it expedient or wise to so wholly ignore the women who have so successfully and faithfully carried on the work under the double handicap of lack of room and inadequate funds. For the benefit of some of the newer citizens of Farmington, I will state a few facts. The Ladies Library Club of Farmington appointed a committee of three, namely, Mesdames Florence Moore, Martha Schroeder and Minnie Wilber to interview the Town Board with the result that they were granted the great privilege of taking over a dilapidated and almost unreadable mass of books and endeavored to make a library of them. The pitiable allowance from the town could be used only for books.

To an association was formed of women who paid 25 cents a year as dues. Some entertainments were given, the proceeds to pay for rent, shelving, and \$12 a month for a room to house the books when repaired. The Ladies Club also donated \$5.00 occasionally. When the Town Hall was enlarged a few years ago we were given the room now known as the Library. This work has been carried on mainly by Miss Mary Kennedy, a faithful and conscientious librarian. Mrs. Minnie Wilber, president, and Mrs. Ernestine Pierce as secretary and treasurer. The advice and sanction of Messrs. Isaac Bond, supervisor, and Herman Schroeder, town clerk, has always been sought for, and they have very graciously approved our efforts.

The late Gov. Warner was so much in sympathy with the work we had accomplished that when the Town was asked for an appropriation of \$150 a year, he appropriated the motion for asking for \$200.

The working officials have known for a long time that the amount was not at all commensurate with the growing needs of the library, but with economy in the choice of books suitable to the greater number of readers have managed to carry on. While I have been much away from home for health reasons, I know Miss Kennedy and Mrs. Pierce have done their work wisely and well.

The most surprising and I must say the most amusing thing about the new management is that whereas for about twenty years three or at most four women have been able to do the repairing, selecting, cataloging, and otherwise managing the library it now thought necessary to appoint eight men and two women to perform the same duties. The council sanctioning the measure surprises me greatly, for I know some of them have known and appreciated the work of the Women's Club of Farmington, who have done in many other ways than in the library work. The time is past when women's work can be ignored with impunity, for now they stand shoulder to shoulder as equal before God and man.

My interest in the library of Farmington has been second only to my love for my church, and sincerely hope it will be enlarged and improved for the sake of the reading public.

Mrs. Minnie Wilber,  
Sebring, Fla.

## CHURCHES

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville.**  
(At Switzer Road)  
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor  
9:30—Sunday School.  
10:30—German service.  
Thursday 8 p. m.—Bible class.  
"Strive to enter in at the strait gate." This earnest appeal of Christ was the topic of the pastor's sermon last Sunday. It is addressed not only to those in church but also to those outside of church. Are we true Christians or do we only think we are? Do you love Christ who says: "I am the door," if you do not worship Him, if you do not hear His word, if you do not send your children to Sunday School? Give it a thought before it is too late. Our services are English every second and fourth Sunday of the month. Come and welcome!

**Methodist Church**  
Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, Pastor  
10:30—Morning worship and sermon.  
Special numbers by the choir.  
Sermon by the pastor, "A Successful Failure."  
11:45—Sunday School. Classes for all ages.  
6:00—Epworth League. E. M. Scates, leader.  
7:00—Evening service.  
There will be good music, a good sermon, and good fellowship with lunch following this service. A cordial welcome awaits you at our services.

**Baptist Church**  
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor  
10:30—Morning worship. The pastor will preach the second number of a series on the book of 1st John.  
11:45—Sunday School. Classes for all ages.  
6:30—B. Y. P. U. All young people invited.  
7:30—Gospel sermon. This week the pastor will ask and answer the common question, "Who is to Blame?"  
The public is invited.

**Evangelical Church**  
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor  
9:15—Sunday School.  
2:30—English services. Rev. A. A. Schoen will fill the pulpit.  
Friday, January 13—Choir rehearsal 7:00 p. m.  
January 25—Bunco party.

**West Point Park Church**  
Geo. E. Gullen, Pastor  
Morning series of sermons.  
"My Philosophy of Life"  
10:30—"The Beginning of Earth Life."  
11:45—Sunday School.  
6:30—Christian Endeavor.  
Evening series of sermons.  
"Husband, Wife and Home"  
7:30—"My Ideal Husband."  
Mrs. Gullen will read a five-minute paper on the topic, "An Ideal Husband."

**Catholic Church**  
Our Lady of Sorrow Church  
Masses 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.

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need repairing and painting before using next summer.

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