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EDITORIAL

ANOTHER BIG STEP
FORWARD

The City of Farmington may well congratulate itself upon the action of its City Commission Tuesday evening, in buying a first-class, modern fire truck, of sufficient capacity for present needs and a number of years to come. It was a big step forward, and the importance of which may not be realized until an emergency presents itself.

The action of the commission was based on a thorough knowledge of the condition of the fire department. It was taken after an exhaustive study of the present facilities, the needs of the community, and the type of apparatus best suited to the requirements of the present and the near future.

It was three months ago Monday night that the City Commission, acting on a recommendation of Mayor Butterfield, voted appointment of a committee to "inaugurate a plan to purchase a new fire engine for the protection of the city."

Commissioners Olin Russell and Clarence Bicking, who were chosen as a special committee, went into the matter with open mind. They considered the present facilities, visiting neighboring cities and obtained information on the latest in the theory and practice of fire-fighting. What these men learned is undoubtedly what any investigator would find, that in the words of Commissioner Russell, "the fire-protection situation in Farmington is serious, a new and efficient piece of apparatus is imperative, and it should be selected with the view to providing for seven or eight years to come."

There can be no dispute as to the necessity for a new engine of modern type and all-around usefulness. The old engine has done its duty well for nine years, but its day is past. It has been well said that "the loss from one good-sized fire would be more than the cost of an up-to-date engine." For its own protection, the city needs the new equipment, and for the attraction of hundreds of new prospective residents, who will positively demand good fire protection as well as other advantages, the city needs this new equipment. It is only fair that, since the apparatus is bought with the future in view, payments should be spread over as long a period as possible, so that new residents will be paying their share for protection as well as the present inhabitants.

A great deal of commendation is due Commissioners Russell and Bicking, who gave considerable time and study to the situation, to Mayor Butterfield, who inaugurated the movement for new equipment and watched it through, and to the entire City Commission, which voted unanimously for the purchase of the apparatus. They have met the problem with the sort of careful study and straightforward action that cannot but satisfy the people, who elected them with these ideals in mind.

Just one element remains unprovided for in the fire situation—the problem of protection for the township. The purchase of

the new engine by the city does not by any means preclude such an arrangement. In fact, the city is now in a good position to give the township fire protection, whereas hitherto it could hardly help at all. The new engine's 60-gallon "booster" tank, which throws a high-pressure stream of water a few seconds after arrival, is highly effective, and the tank can be kept well-filled by a "bucket-brigade" or from a well nearby.

The township itself could hardly provide a more effective unit, unless it be a larger "booster" tank, and the city will undoubtedly find it good business to buy a small-car chassis and install thereon an 80 or 100-gallon booster tank, which can be done, it is stated, for about \$2,500. This would give the city a splendid first-alarm engine, the best of equipment for the township, and also complete protection in case of two fires at once. It is suggested that the township might pay so much per call and on the hourly basis.

But however that problem may be solved, the purchase of the new engine is a good work well done. Entirely aside from monetary considerations, it is worth a great deal just in peace of mind to know that the community is well protected whenever comes that unwelcome sound—the fire alarm.

CHURCHES

Baptist Church
 Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
 10:30—Morning worship
 7:30—Bible School

We are to have a public installation service at this hour when all the church officers will be installed to take over the work of the church for the new year which begins with the first of May.
 11:15—Sunday School. Classes for all ages.
 6:30—B. Y. Y. This is the Young People's Hour.
 7:30—Gospel service. This week we will discuss the subject of "The Suicide of the Soul."
 Wednesday nights we meet for Bible study.

Universalist Church
 Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor
 April 29, at 3:00 o'clock. Sermon theme, "The Battle of the Stars."

Catholic Church
 Our Lady of Sorrows Church
 Rev. E. J. Mahoney, Pastor
 Sunday mass 8:30 to 11 a. m.
 Sunday School after 8:30 mass.
 Daily mass at 8:00.

Evangelical Church
 Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor
 10:15—German service. Subject, "Praying without Ceasing."
 11:15—Bible School session.
 Ladies' Aid meeting Wednesday afternoon. Every member is expected to be present. There will be a birthday party for the older members of the organization.
 League meeting Wednesday evening.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Clarenceville (At Switzer Road)
 Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
 9:30—Sunday School
 10:30—German service.

This event (Thursday), at 8 p. m. Rev. H. Fehner of Windsor, Ont., will lecture on the Catacombs of Rome. You are cordially invited.

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 Much happier we would be,
 In using just that little word
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Methodist Church
 Rev. E. F. Dunlap, Pastor
 10:30—Morning worship and sermon.
 Anthem by the choir.
 Sermon by the pastor. "Paul's Waste Basket."
 11:50—Sunday School.
 6:30—Epworth League. A. G. Leonard will be the leader.
 7:30—Evening service.
 Special music by the choir.
 The speaker of the evening will be William Avery Barras, educational director of reading of The Detroit Public Library. Mr. Barras has read many books, he is reputed to have read more books than any man of his age in the city of Detroit. Mr. Barras will speak on "A New Approach to Reading."

North Farmington Independent Church
 Rev. George P. Davey, Pastor
 Morning worship, 10:30.
 Sunday School, 11:45.

How Much of a "Tweedle" Are you? Come and find out May 4th, 8 p. m. The "Tweedles" are a rare old family—Get acquainted with them May 4th. The Golden Key Class will present "Tweedles," a comedy by Booth Tarkington Friday evening, May 4th at the Community Hall.—Adv.

The old-fashioned girl who screamed when the boys started to race horses home from the dance, now has a daughter who says to her boy friend, "Step on the gas, kid, lets vanish from here."

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