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EDITORIAL

THE ANSWER COMES

A week ago, in these columns, it was suggested that the members of the Farmington City Commission, before embarking upon a paving program, were entitled to a definite and public demonstration of sentiment on the part of citizens eager for paving. It was pointed out that no such expression had ever been made, that advocates of paving had contented themselves with comments made to individual members of the Commission.

Whether in response to that suggestion or not, the Commission's question as to just how strong is the sentiment for paving, has its answer. At the meeting Monday night citizens, few though they were in numbers, were emphatic in their requests that definite steps toward a paving program be instituted at once. And at the Farmington Exchange Club luncheon Tuesday, some thirty members arose in turn and voiced unanimous support of paving for Farmington.

The course of the Commission is now clear, if, indeed, it ever was in doubt. The governing body of the City can proceed to work out a paving program with the public assurance of numerous and influential citizens and business-men that paving is what they want—and at quickly as it can be properly done. The Commission can with confidence proceed to formulate and put before the people a paving program—in fact, it can hardly do otherwise with such unmistakable evidence of support for paving.

It may be that actual work cannot be done this season. But certainly everything else, including ordinances or changes in the charter as required, voting by the people, and letting contracts, can be done by the early spring of 1929, so that a year from now a number of our streets should be well along in the paving process.

One of our neighbors had some coal delivered the other day. Wonder if it is for next winter—or this?

THE "PAY-AS-YOU-GO" PLAN

A unique financial position is that of Oakland County, according to the statement made recently in Farmington by Willis M. Brewer, chairman of the County Board of Auditors. It is rare, indeed, that a governmental unit the size of Oakland County can show an outstanding indebtedness of only \$650,000, and \$450,000 of that for roads.

This status is the outcome, Mr. Brewer said, of the "pay-as-you-go" plan, submitted to the Board of Supervisors by Supervisor Isaac Bond of Farmington, and put into effect four years ago. The result is the saving of thousands of dollars a year in interest to the taxpayers, and the payment of bills as men in private business pay them.

Mr. Brewer's statement is a strong recommendation for the extension of the "pay-as-you-go" plan to a wider field, to municipalities, and even States, as well as Counties. In practice it works excellently, as Oakland County's experience has shown, and in principle it is much nearer correct than the old system of putting

A Friend of Teachers

The following poem, paraphrasing Rudyard Kipling's "If," was composed by Miss Iva Hawkins, teacher in Farmington Schools, and read by her at the recent testimonial banquet to Superintendent of Schools Archie G. Leonard.

Since you have proved yourself a friend to teachers,
Have given of your strength to help us on;
Since you have backed us when we tried to conquer
The trials that to all teachers come anon;
Since you believed in us when we were starting
On our profession's first and lowest rung,
And gave to us a chance to climb the ladder
To heights of usefulness we'd oft heard sung;

Since you believed that we, too, had ideas,
To make our work and your the more forth-while;
Since you were never afraid to let us use them,
Nor took all credit for the 'complished mile';
Since you could give us joy in our success,
And give but inspiration when we failed,
Could help us with your fund of useful knowledge,
When thru' pedagogic breakers oft we sailed;

Since you have utmost faith in youth's ambitions
And in the virtue of the teacher's task,
In our desire to do no nobler living;
Boys and girls who oft the way have asked;
Since you yourself have been a good example
In living and in teaching both the same,
Believe us, friend of teachers, when we say it,
You are a superintendent we acclaim.

ting everything as far into the future as possible.

There is, however, something to be said for modifying it to some extent. Modern buildings are constructed to endure and to be usable for many years to come, and undoubtedly the next generation, if not the one to follow, will use them just as extensively as the present—probably more so. It is only just, then, that the next generation should pay in part, at least, just as this one does. Somewhere between the two systems seems to be the ideal in paying for public benefits.

It is said that it is hard to build but easy to break apart or tear down. But a good rule works both ways. The Town Hall, for instance. If the builders had guessed what trouble they might cause 50 years after they probably would have built like a modern garage—in sections—bolted together.

If wishes were horses—and if the traffic through Farmington Tuesday afternoon was any indication, there are a lot of folks riding something other than horses who are going to wish Grand River was 40 feet wide before the summer Sundays are over.

CHURCHES

Methodist Church
Rev. E. F. Duplavy, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship and sermon.

Antem by the choir.
Sermon by the pastor, "A Committee Report."
11:50—Sunday School. Still more Bibles in our Sunday School.
6:30—Egworth League.
7:30—Evening service.
Special music.
Sermon by the pastor, "The Other Side of the Door."

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship and Communion service.

The Pastor will preach on "A Happy People."
11:45—Sunday School with classes for all ages.
6:30—E. Y. P. U. for all young people who are not now attending some other young people's organization.
7:30—Gospel service. This week the Pastor takes as his subject "Millions Now Living Are Already Dead."
On Wednesday night at 8 o'clock there will be a three-act play given by the girls of our church. The public is invited; no charge of admission will be made.

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor
Trinity Sunday.
English service, 10:15.
Bible School, 11:15.
Classes for all ages. All are working hard to increase the attendance.
Next Wednesday afternoon monthly meeting of Ladies' Aid.
Wednesday meeting of the Y. P. L.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul G. Wagner, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.
10:15—Confessional service.
10:30—German service with Holy Communion.
Thursday, 8 p. m.—Bible class and business-meeting of Y. P. S.

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

OPERETTA

There will be a grade operetta, "Storyland," by Harvey Gaul, given in the Walled Lake Consolidated School, Friday, June 1 at 8 p. m. The operetta features Mother Goose characters.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court of the County of Oakland, Edward Lutz, doing business as Michigan Roofing Company, plaintiff, vs. Abe Goodman and I. Rosenberg, whose first name is unknown but whose residence is at 1414 E. 14th St., defendants. Do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of the Court. Dated this 29th day of April, 1928. Present, the Honorable Frank L. Doty, Circuit Judge.

A true copy. FRANK L. DOTY, Circuit Judge. BURTON C. COURTESY, County Clerk. June 7



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