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## Editorial

## A YEAR OF GREAT PROMISE

Nineteen twenty-eight has been for Farmington a year of great promise—or rather of great proposals. It has seen the crystallization of four or five ideas which, it has been felt, would start Farmington well on the way to its anticipated growth.

Some months ago, it was noted—that of "Farmington's Five," four were yet in only the "discussed" stage. One, that of a paving program, has moved forward one essential step since that time, and there are some prospects, at least, that it will continue toward realization.

However optimistically the situation may be viewed, it nevertheless must be set down that 1928 has seen more "promise" than achievement, and that for the latter, we must look to 1929. And in looking to 1929, we must remember that 1929 will be what we ourselves make it. In reality, for accomplishment, we must depend upon ourselves. No one is going to do for Farmington, except Farmington, unless it be in the one possibility of the State's widening Grand River avenue between the Junction and the lumber-yard. And even this seems disappointingly uncertain, from recent reports, and the difficulty seems to lie right here in Farmington.

How will we look back on 1929, a year from today? Will it be, too, a year of merely promises and proposals, or of real achievement? Farmington does not yet know the answer, but Farmington has it in its power to the answer.

## WELL DONE!

Farmington has reason to be proud of the manner in which Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, and the Farmington Exchange Club "put over" the Good-fellow Fund and Community Christmas tree last week, with only a few days in which to work. The organizations worked together splendidly, and the result was a greater success than even the most optimistic had hoped for.

The material good accomplished through the distribution of Christmas baskets and sacks of good things to the children was great, indeed, but certainly of equal, though perhaps less tangible benefit to the community at large was the instance of a joint effort by the two men's organizations. Their co-operation to a good end, with marked success, should point the way to similar mutual efforts in the future, possibly of greater scope.

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Our idea of an optimist is a fellow who drives to Pontiac expecting to find a place to park.

With its big industrial plants, sky scrapers, new pavements, etc. Pontiac has become a city in which all Oakland County is proud. And Pontiac has equal reason to be proud of the rest of the county.

No matter how much you already know about Oakland County's progress, you'll be amazed at its growth if you find out more about it.

## IN CURWOOD'S LAND

To stalk the "Monarch of the Glen"  
And aid the annual slaughter  
Went forth some seventy thousand men  
O'er northern waste and water.  
To get a kick from Nature these  
Excused the motive willing  
That host to go through slush and snow  
Just for the sake of killing.

For as the incense wafts aloft  
From off the camp-fires' fuel  
Can a Creator view with love  
The north-lands' bivouac cruel?  
The bloody trails, the glazing eyes  
The mangled forms that harrow  
Done but for fun must pain the One  
Who notes each falling sparrow.

For thoughtless as the wildest beasts  
That rend, retrieve or ravage  
Are sportsmen at these annual feasts  
That needless play the savage.  
Then hail another age at hand  
With past deeds dimly haunted  
When we'll extend to four-foot friend  
The freedom we have vaunted!

—U. R. Perrine.

LETTERS TO  
THE EDITOROakland Avenue,  
Farmington, Mich.

To the Editor:

Why are you so interested in paving? Do you gain anything by your constant harping in The Enterprise. If the street in front of printing office was not paved and you had to pay the bill, would you still advocate paving. I think not. Oakland Avenue is one of the newest streets and has not had even a decent gravel surfacing since it was cut out of the farm land that is the upper end of it still I hear very little kicking. This is no trunk highway, and paving is not warranted, and the Lord knows we are taxed high enough as it is.

You talk as if sentiment were for paving but I believe that if Oakland Avenue is paved it will be a forced paving on an unwilling majority that cannot afford it and your eternal agitating does not help matters.

—E. J. Ham.

(Note—Mr. Ham's reference to "harping" is the first time we have ever heard it suggested that there is anything angrier about editors. However, for one week at least, we are going to leave the privilege of answering Mr. Ham to some resident of Farmington who has lived here longer than we have, perhaps even someone who lives on Oakland Avenue, and who isn't quite satisfied that "what grandfathers had is good enough for me." — The Editor.)

## NORTH FARMINGTON

Mrs. Erskine Evans,  
PHONE 229

Mr. and Mrs. William Cable enjoyed Christmas day with their son and family in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clappison entertained their son Donald and Miss Kentry for Christmas dinner.

Masters Earl and John Clappison have been entertaining "The Flu" for a few days.

Merrill Whitman has been ill during Christmas time.

Mrs. Arthur Ruby and daughter Imogene have had the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown drove to Williamston to spend Christmas with their daughter and family.

Mrs. A. Contri has been ailing for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Coe had 22 relatives from Walled Lake and Commerce with them for dinner Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Coe had Messrs. Floyd Cole and J. L. Befus of Detroit for Sunday visitors.

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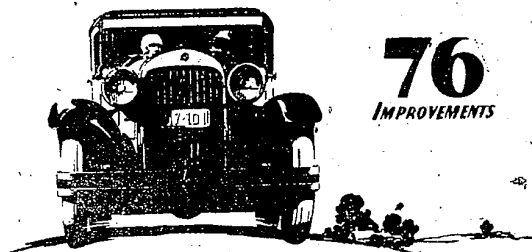
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