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## Editorial

## THOUGHTLESSNESS

Of all the needless and senseless causes of human anxiety and waste, it would be hard to find one worse than the series of grass fires this community has experienced in the past few days. The Farmington fire department has been put to a great deal of trouble and expense, and other communities are having the same difficulty. In some, homes have been burned down and other dwellings destroyed.

Two causes might be assigned. The first is carelessness with matches and other burning objects, by both children and adults. The other is an unrestrained desire to "burn off the weeds" that seems to come with the first warm days.

Carelessness or accident could hardly account for all the fires that have menaced and destroyed valuable property. But even carelessness, much as it is to be condemned, is outranked in foolishness and selfishness by the strange eagerness which leads a few to set fires they cannot control, causing distress and danger to others. No one ought to be guilty of such a selfish act.

Farmington residents of the so-called "weaker sex" (some of them at least) found occasion to sit up all night twice during the terrific windstorms of last week. If these fires persist, women may be joined by the men, who, while they may laugh at the wind, hardly care to see their houses burned down while they sleep.

Husbands and wives might take turns.

## IF—

If body trucks meant prosperity, we wouldn't have to wait for Grand River to be widened (if it ever is). Farmington would already be flowing with milk and honey and wealth. The only trouble is that few of us will live to enjoy it—if we don't find a way to get past the body trucks.

## A WISE INVESTMENT

We hope it will never be called into actual use, but we wish that everyone in Farmington could see in operation the new 45-foot fire-ladder delivered during the past few days, and hoisted for the first time Monday afternoon. It's a magnificent piece of equipment—fine, well-seasoned hard wood, sturdy hardware and first-class workmanship. To see it extended and placed against a high building is to admire it—and to have seen the Farmington volunteers handle it (it takes six men to raise the ladder) with ease the first time was to admire them.

Two hundred dollars may seem a good deal to pay for a ladder, but chance may at any moment prove the wisdom of this purchase. It's like insurance. Or a spare tire—we never miss it until we need it most.

As one citizen, from whose home there came a fire call recently exclaimed: "When a man's home is in danger, then it's mighty good to know that we've got a good fire engine on the way. We appreciate it then."

## "THE WORLD DO MOVE"

"The world do move." Sometimes we think it doubtful, but every now and then appears a sign that enlightenment is gaining, though perhaps but slowly. If you happen to live on a street travelled by the Farmington school bus as it picks up the children on the way to school every morning, you have probably noticed that at each stop the boys and girls are lined up in single file to step into the bus. Long before it comes along the line is formed, and it stays in order until the bus arrives.

Has the old pushing and crowding, everyone packed into a semi-circle around the entrance, everybody-trying-to-get-in-at-once style of loading conveyances become a thing of the past? Hardly. It can still be seen at almost any hour of the day. Who indulges in these scuffles to "get on"? Adults, those past high school age, who are supposed to know more than the younger folks, simply because they have lived longer. And who of the older people, push this way the most? Not the workmen of Detroit's many factories—they learned years ago that system gets them in faster than "push." The shoving and milling and elbowing is elsewhere—mostly "downtown."

But to go back to the Farmington school boys and girls—it's just possible, of course, that they line up intelligently because they've been told they must. But we'd rather give them the benefit of the doubt, and take this as one proof that "the world do move"—that the next generation will be more intelligent and more enlightened than this.

## ASSURING ITS OWN GROWTH

Appeals to patronize the Air Mail Service are still being made, especially in the larger towns where there are airports. Not the least of Colonel Lindbergh's service to his country and to aviation will be his work in opening and popularizing new air mail routes.

The appeals and Lindbergh's work will undoubtedly hasten the development of air mail. But even without them the service is coming into its own, on the simple basis of its achievements, of which we had an example a few days ago.

On Monday night of last week, an envelope containing a copy of the Enterprise township primary

"extra," marked "Air Mail," was dropped into the mail-box in front of the post-office. It was addressed to a brother of the Editor, in Los Angeles, California. The envelope was delivered there Thursday morning. It had been taken from the Farmington box at six Tuesday morning, left Detroit by plane Tuesday afternoon, and in a day and a half was delivered to an office 2,500 miles away. The cost was 12 cents, 10 cents more than regular first-class postage.

A service of this kind needs no special pleader in its behalf. Other factors may help, but, as in any business, the service that is given will ultimately decide the future of the business. The air mail will grow rapidly—it is its own best advocate.

Farmington will become the kind of town all good citizens want it to be, less the proportion by which it is held back by those who don't give a rap what becomes of it.

As a means of identification, Oxford students' automobiles must display green lights. It's different in America. You can tell a student's car when it carries green intellectual lights.

You can catch more customers with advertising than you can by standing out in front of the store and complaining about how rotten business is.

They call women the weaker sex, but did you ever hear of a barber talking one into a shampoo when she came in to get only a haircut?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Every once in a while, some one with poetic bent points out something in our fair city which needs altering, or, sings in verse of bygone days and objects associated with those days. Making the talent of expressing my thoughts in poetic form, I must turn to prose in order that your attention may be drawn to a condition which seems to call for immediate action.

I refer to the refuse heap, City Garbage can, or what ever you choose to call it, that is piled up west of the D. U. R. tracks and in the rear of the Police booth. As I understand it, the City arranged to have the tin cans, garbage from nearby stores, and so forth, removed twice a week by the same people who carry from individual homes. Whoever is in charge of this has been busy elsewhere as the truck seldom visits the spot, and uncovered garbage cans, filled to overflowing with decayed cabbage, lettuce, celery, tomatoes and what not, is left from week to week to pollute the air and afford an eyesore in the very center of town. To the above named has been added tin cans, bottles, boxes and barrels, and what have you? A beautiful sight and a lovely condition to exist! Why take vaccines to prevent disease and allow such a place to flourish, spreading more germs than vaccines can ever hope to stop. Personally, I wish it could be cleaned up. What do you say? —A Reader.

## CHURCHES

## Methodist Church

Dr. H. Addis Leeson, Pastor  
Dr. Leeson will speak on Sunday morning on the subject, "No Uncertain Sound." Let all the people feel that it is a matter of privilege to share this weekly ministry of this beautiful church home.

Evening vesper service at 5:30 o'clock. The special attraction will be the singing of the Rev. Mr. Richards, pastor at Clarenceville, a Welshman and a very fine tenor soloist often heard on the radio.

A seven-piece orchestra directed by Prof. Eaton of the High School faculty, made its appearance last Sunday at the Sunday School hour. This orchestra will play every Sunday.

## Evangelical Church

Rev. A. A. Schenck, Pastor  
English service, 10:15.  
The pastor will conduct a review with the confirmation class, consisting of eight members touching upon the vital points of the Christian doctrine.  
Sunday School, 11:15.  
German evening worship, 7:30.  
Choir, Tuesdays and Fridays.  
Confirmation class, Saturday.

## Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor  
10:30—Morning worship.  
Sermon subject: "Where Is Your Faith?"  
11:45—Bible School with classes for all ages.  
6:30—Young Peoples Hour.  
7:30—Evangelistic service.  
This week the pastor will speak on the subject "Why Do You Leave Jesus?" These evening services are growing each week in numbers, interest and value. Come and worship with us.

## Universalist Church

Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor  
Regular preaching services will be held in the Farmington Universalist Church next Sunday afternoon, at 3 p. m. Dr. Adams' sermon topic will be, "Peril of the Premature Laugh."

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor  
Sunday masses at 8:30 and 11. Daily mass at 8:00.

## West Point Park Independent Church

Rev. George Gullen, Pastor  
10:30—Sermon. "Wrecked For Two Worlds." Object talk, "Paper Weights."  
11:45—Sunday School.  
6:30—Christian Endeavor.  
"How the Church Helps Us To Live the Christian Life," by Nelson Renshaw.  
7:30—The Junior girls and boys class have charge. Topic: "What I Like About Church."

Clarenceville M. E. Church  
Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor  
10:30—Morning worship.  
11:30—Sunday School.  
7:30—Evening service.

"Twelve persons are reported dead in Chicago's heat"—News Item. Heat of battle, probably.

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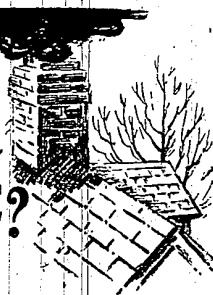
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