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## Editorials

### Foresight And Good Judgment

Members of the Farmington Board of Education did several things that should prove of great advantage to this school district in the immediate future, at their June meeting. The decisions of the Board showed their foresight and grasp of school problems.

Reduction of the tuition to students of other districts may be expected, of course, to increase the enrollment, which might have been much larger during the past year had the rate been lower. The question, unfortunately, does not turn upon the cost of providing schooling, or upon the value of the training they receive in the Farmington schools. Rather, the matter is determined by the practice of schools in neighboring towns. Compared to them, the Farmington tuition has been high, and many students whose expressed preference has been for Farmington have gone to other schools because of the difference in fees. At least one of the nearby high schools is enough larger than Farmington to offer many more courses, at no higher tuition rates.

As a matter of education, it seems to us that Farmington's being a smaller school is rather in its favor than against it, for the larger the school, the less opportunity is there for the individual attention and contact which does so much to make teaching effective. Again, Farmington's pupil-teacher ratio is smaller than most schools, which, following the same line of thought, is certainly to be desired.

These advantages have not been available, however, to bring and hold students over the higher tuition, and the reduction could hardly be avoided. If the gain in enrollment is anything like that which may be fairly expected, the result should be quite satisfactory.

Even more important than the lowering of tuition are the steps taken to make our schools better schools. The importance of establishing and adequately providing for a biology course can hardly be over-estimated. Not many years hence, a student's education will no more be considered well-balanced unless he has studied biology; than if he had omitted the study of arithmetic. And certainly the appropriation of one hundred dollars for pictures, good pictures, to be placed in the school rooms, will bring approval from everyone, and applause from more than a few.

### Want Some Fun?

If you want to enjoy some real sport on a quiet Sunday evening in Farmington, stroll over to Grand River avenue at some spot where the heavy traffic slows down. Stand there for a while and look at the cars going by, and listen to what the occupants of some of them say as they look at you.

So far as we know, no one in Farmington looks particularly rustic. And yet many of these homeward-bound Detroiters appear firmly convinced that because we happen to live outside the city limits (although less than five miles), we people of the small town must therefore be "hicks". Their remarks, of course, are all to this effect, and unless you have a particularly thin skin, the variety of the expressions and the apparent enjoyment of those who make them will amuse you immensely.

It is needless to say, of course, that all the remarks come very apparently from the people whose own experience and education and travel opportunities

have been obviously quite limited. It has become almost a commonplace to say that "the big hicks" are right on Broadway." The notion of the most limited outlook and experience we have ever known, who was born in New York—beside the elevated, once told us that she couldn't endure to stay out in the country for a week end, because she "couldn't stand being away from Broadway." It is our firm conviction that she believes Michigan is still populated by Indians. So take a walk over to Grand River next Sunday evening. You'll have placed in your hands the great blessing which Bobby Burns so eloquently wished for, for himself and other human beings—"the gift of us, to see ourselves as others see us."

But don't feel bad about it when they describe what they think they see.

### Congratulations

Everyone in the community will join in extending to the Baptist Church, and Rev. Elmer W. Palmer particularly, congratulations and good wishes upon the breaking of ground for the new Sunday School building. The church and its pastor have worked very hard to bring about this needed structure.

As the speaker of the day said Sunday, the labor is but begun. But if those who are doing it continue to bring to their effort the same energy which has been manifest in the past, there can be no doubt of their success.

### Routing The Summer Slump

Last year many businesses exploded the myth that a presidential year is bad for business. They worked a little harder for business and, instead of losing the preceding year's gain, they added to it.

It was years ago that a progressive merchant freed himself from the hypnotic powers of the "summer slump" complex, by proving with the aid of new ideas in merchandising and more advertising, that hot weather need not be unhealthy for business.

In the years before newspaper advertising became such a tremendous power, summer was quite a dreary period of retail trade. It was taken for granted that there was no business to be had, so no one attempted to get it. Business accepted its long siesta because it saw no way of avoiding it.

Half holidays are allowed salespeople today, not because there is no business to keep them at their counters, but because summer business is so heavy; they must have a respite. The mercantile world has discovered that it is possible to make business where none grew before, so the traditional summer slump period has become a now buying season. This modern miracle in merchandising was accomplished by stretching a point, in making summer shopping advantageous, by finding new summer goods and promoting the sale of seasonal merchandise, and equipping the vacationist upon his departure and catering to the tourist during his visits and migrations.—Wyandotte Record.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear Mother, Mrs. Heleha Evert, who passed away two years ago today, June 22, 1927.

Her loving Son and Daughter,  
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Eight phone cables have been placed in the tube under the North River, between Manhattan and suburbs.

## CHURCHES

Correction: In last week's issue, notice of hours of mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church was placed by error among the notes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville.

### Methodist Church

Dr. H. Addis Leeson, Pastor

Dr. Leeson has returned from his trip to the Upper Peninsula and will occupy the pulpit on Sunday morning, taking as his subject for the sermon "Our Faith and Our Flag."

The Sunday School session is being held at the regular hour of 12 o'clock. There will be no evening service.

### Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship. Sermon subject, "The Shield of Faith."

11:45—Bible School with classes for all ages.

6:30—Young Peoples Hour.

7:30—Gospel service.

This will be the last evening service in the church until September. The pastor will speak on "The Helmet of Salvation."

Our open air services will start the first Sunday night in July.

### St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

Rev. Paul Graubner, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School.

10:30—German service.

### West Point Park Independent Church

Rev. George Gullen, Pastor

10:30—The Rev. Dorothy Davis from Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, Calif.

11:45—Sunday School.

### Evangelical Church

Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday at Salem Church. Two services will be held. At 10:15 a. m. will assemble in the church auditorium. After the devotional service there will be two congregations:

German service in church. Sermon by Dr. Timothy Lehman, president, Elmhurst College.

English service at the hall, with Mrs. Edith Melick, speaker.

In the afternoon at 2:30, there will be one service. Dr. Lehman and Mrs. Melick will speak again.

Ladies' Aid monthly meeting, Wednesday afternoon.

League meeting Wednesday evening.

A statement made last week must be corrected. Charles White could not go to the conference last week, as planned, neither could the alternates George Nacker and Charles Heise attend, but Ruth Schroeder represented Salem Church very ably and enjoyed the work very much.

### Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 7 a. m., 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. (Summer schedule.)

Daily mass at 8:00.

### Clarenceville M. E. Church

Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship.

11:30—Sunday School.

7:30—Evening service.

Telephone service has been opened between Roumania and Bulgaria.

Illinois mayor and chief of police accuse each other of being in league with crooks.

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slightly and all three ladies were badly bruised. Several cars have crashed at this point, because of a bad hole in the road and numerous near accidents have occurred because of the sudden shift to the car when it hits the low spot.

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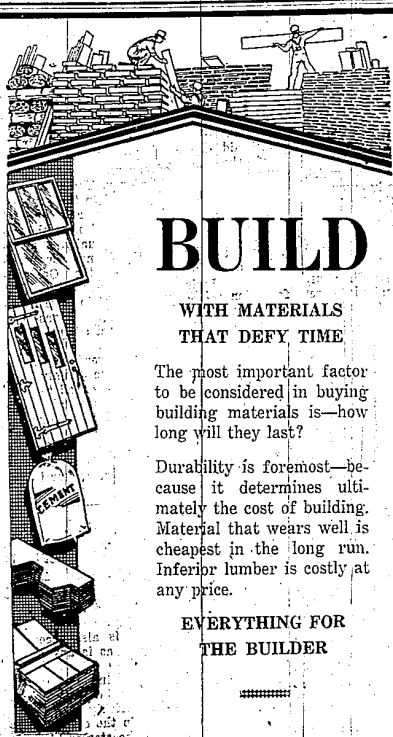
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