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## Editorials

### Doing It Up Right

Nothing in the world like perfection—and doing things well! Farmington Township for many years knew no contest for the office of supervisor. But when Farmington Township has one, it has a good one—one that sets the whole County talking, and sends the Prosecuting Attorney post-haste to the State capital for study and conference.

While the candidates might both wish that there were a few more votes cast their way, one of them is going to have the satisfaction of representing a Township that can claim that it is, at least, not commonplace.

### A Workman Who Knew His Trade

"Tom" Irving, as everyone in Farmington knew him, was one of a rapidly-vanishing type of men. For Tom Irving was a skilled workman in hand-work, who had learned his trade in his youth through years of apprenticeship—and knew it well.

We see in homes everywhere today wrought-iron fireplace equipment, flower-stands, and other ornamental work. Some have intricate decorative effects. Almost all are made by machinery.

But Tom Irving knew how to do that work by hand, and did it. Only recently he completed a beautiful wrought-iron fire-place set of intricate design and unusual size, for his son. He had been considering a design for a piece of ornamental iron-work to be hung over the Enterprise building entrance, when his fatal illness overtook him.

Many mourn him as a jolly good friend. And all respected him as "a man who knew his trade," as few men did, and almost none do nowadays.

### Lottery—By State Law

We had always been led to believe that lotteries and games of chance were against the law, if not against good morals. And against good morals if not always against the law.

Yet despite the fact that gambling is against the laws of the State, that an anti-gambling law was put on the statute books some years ago, that our guardians of peace and property frequently conduct raids against slot-machines and even penny-taking devices, we find that the State of Michigan not only sanctions a lottery but actually provides for it on its statute books. The State of Michigan prescribes by law the holding of a lottery, and not for insignificant stakes either.

We came across this surprising fact during the second counting of the ballots in Precinct No. 1, Farmington Township, Monday night, after it appeared that the contest for nomination for supervisor had resulted in a tie. Apparently there was nothing in the election laws to govern in case of a tie in Township contests.

But in case of a tie for State or County offices, the statute is definite and clear. The decision is to be made by chance.

The section provides that the candidates who have received an equal number of votes are to assemble before the proper authorities. Several slips of paper are to be provided, as many as there are candidates with equal votes. Upon one slip there is to be written the word "elected", and upon the other or others, the words "not elected." The slips are to be placed in a box and the candidates are to draw by lot. The lucky candidate who gets the "elected" slip being declared duly elected.

Now what is a lottery? Webster says that a lottery is "a distribution of prizes by lot or chance."

What could be clearer? Under the statute referred to, the office is to go to the fortunate man in this drawing by lot. Some might argue that a public office is not a prize, or even anything which might be called a thing of value. Possibly a village or township office is not—but certainly County and State offices are, if we may judge by the number of people who are always after them.

It may be fortunate that both Mr. McCracken and Mr. Coe are inclined to look with disfavor on the lottery process of settling the Farmington Township tie. If they took that method, they might be liable to arrest for gambling, and the officials who arranged it, for conducting a lottery.

### Two Good Signs

There is one hopeful sign in industry—the lessened employment of children.

According to records that have come from federal authorities the employment of boys and girls in industry is declining quite rapidly.

These reports, while not complete, cover a sufficient number of states and cities, so that they indicate the substantial and underlying facts.

A boy or a girl, 14 and 15 years of age, has no place in industry. Only States which have no pride in young people and humanity permit such employment. Only industries which have no respect for anything except dollars will employ boys and girls. There is a growing sentiment which bars children from factories and lets them play and learn until it is time to assume the burdens of life.—F. D. Keister.

### The Tax Roll

Some economist with a genius for statistics should figure out the average number of days each citizen works to pay his taxes.

In 1927, about 6.12 per cent of the gainfully occupied population of this nation worked for some branch of government. Assuming that this percentage is still about the same, and that government pay is equal to that received by persons working for private business, it would seem that about one-sixteenth of the time of our citizens is required to keep the government payroll going. This would be 23 days per annum.

In addition to the payroll, the

government spends vast sums on building, warships, schools, roads, the army and navy, hospitals, courts of law and for supplies of all natures: It pays out millions annually in pensions and for interest on bonds.

In all probability, the payroll is less than half of government expense. Perhaps Mr. Average Citizen, whether he knows it or not, contributes the earnings of well over a month of his working time each year to keep his government going.—The Manufacturer.

## CHURCHES

Evangelical Church  
Rev. A. A. Schoon, Pastor

First Sunday in Lent.  
Sunday School, 10.  
German Service, 10.  
English worship, 11:15.  
Evening service, 7:30.  
Rev. Walter Hetzel of Royal Oak will preach the sermon. Joseph Himmelpach will sing.  
Come and worship with us.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 7 a. m., 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.  
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.

Baptist Church  
Rev. G. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship.  
The first of a series of sermons on "God's Blessed Man."  
11:45—Bible School.  
Come and see how we grow.  
6:30—Young Peoples' Hour.  
7:30—Evangelistic Service.  
This week the Pastor will preach on "The Great Divide." All who are without a church home are welcome to come and worship with us every Sunday, especially during Lent.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville  
144 Sutter Road  
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School.  
10:30—English worship.  
7:30—Wednesday, German Lenten service.  
8:15—Thursday, Bible Class and Y. P. S. business meeting.

St. Martin's Episcopal Mission  
Lenore Ave., 3 blocks south of Grand River, Five Points  
Sunday, 10:30 a. m. Communion. During Lent meetings will be held each Thursday evening.

Universalist Church  
Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor

Regular services will be held next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the Farmington Universalist Church. Dr. Adams' sermon topic will be "Who Writes Your Price-Tag?"

Methodist Church  
Dr. H. Addis Leeson, Pastor



"The Peril of the Easy Path" will be the subject of the first of the series of Lenten messages to be given at the Methodist Church during the six weeks period preceding Easter. No more fitting and appropriate resolution could be made at this season than the one which is being presented to congregations everywhere. "It is to be attended at least one service of divine worship every Sunday from now until Easter." In the evening, the last of the present series of "Popular Sunday Evening Programs" will be enjoyed. One of Walter Hastings famous reads of Michigan Wild Life will be shown. The Pastor will speak on "That Elder Brother."

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL.  
The Methodist Sunday School enjoyed a nice little blackboard talk, "The Yoke of Jesus" last Sunday by the Supt. Golden Text: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give thee rest." Even though the weather is bad now and then we must not let this influence our Sunday School attendance.  
H. L. Whitt, S. S. Supt.

When the University of Michigan first opened its doors to college students 88 years ago there were seven students. Last year the students numbered 13,769 altogether.

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