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"PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW"

Council Accepted Books of Predecessors — Give Voters Chance To Do Likewise

During the past week other letters have been received, supporting the contention of the writer, that there should be a little publicity thrown on village receipts and expenditures of the past 27 months, for the benefit of the man or woman who is now asked to pay the yearly tax.

We thank each contributor, individually, for his support; as a single handed effort is always difficult and very often a losing one.

No letter dissenting with our views has been received, though such a letter would receive the same, if not more publicity than the one which agreed with us, as it would better enable the writer to give the wishes and desires of the people, that being the only intention of this campaign.

One letter in particular has been selected from the budget for publication this week, and is reproduced here with because it brings out a new phase in the situation. I therefore call your especial attention to the third and closing paragraphs in the following letter:

Editor:—

"Your Article 'It's up to the Council' in last week's issue ought to meet with the approval of every good citizen. If he is not a tax payer, honest legislation and publicity of it may induce him to become one. I do not believe, and I think no one else does, that there is or has been any graft in the handling of village funds. We have a good water system — Everybody concedes to it. Some error possibly may have been avoided, but the best of men make mistakes. We cannot get infallibility in the body politic because it does not exist in the individual. The greatest error is lack of public statements of the cost of the water works and other expenditures during the last two or three years. The people have a right to know and must know.

The Council are only public servants. Whether they draw a salary or not, they have to perform the service imposed on them by their oath of office.

In this age of diffused information and eagerness to know the facts no body or class of men can escape grave suspicion who do not give to the public a detailed statement of business.

The life and responsibility of any corporation, municipal or otherwise, is in its officers. When an official change is made by Election or otherwise, it does not alter the continuity of the corporation or lessen the responsibilities of preceding acts.

The law provides for a clean up each year. Therefore, if any Council accepts things as they find them, they become responsible for any error of the past, of their Predecessors."

A CITIZEN.

The writer of the above letter did not request that his name be withheld, leaving it optional with us. However, it is possible that if his name was published, someone might take an unwarranted offense, therefore the letter is published under the signature of "A Citizen."

In conclusion I wish to say that I do not believe that a report has been lacking from any intent, and I have every reason to believe that the proper publicity will be ordered given to the matter at the next meeting of the village council.

PROSPECTS WERE NEVER BETTER

Everything Points Toward a Big Crop — Farmington Will Reap Benefits

Even the fellows who are always looking on the dark side of every thing are having a hard time of it trying to convince themselves that the prospects for a heavy growth in Farmington and adjacent territory are not better right now than they have ever been before.

With the crop conditions throughout the state averaging about ten per cent better than in any late years, one cannot but believe that Michigan prosperity and continued growth for 1915 is assured.

Farmington has an especially bright outlook, not only as regards good crops, but the changes are that the village is booked for an unusual growth during the coming year.

The many new subdivisions that are appearing on every side out Grand River Avenue, upon which more money is being spent in improvements and which are showing up as the best out of Detroit, are bound to have a moral if not a physical effect on conditions here. Houses to rent are at a premium. Several new houses are at present being erected. Lot prices are uniform, and another year will see them in much bigger demand.

The new ten acre lot subdivision south of the city is going to be a drawing card, and the Warner subdivision at the east will doubtless see some new homes constructed.

Every town along the avenue is bound to grow, and Farmington is in an excellent position to receive a big share of the growth.

Heat Cuts Attendant

The Danish Musical Club appeared under the auspices of the Epworth League Society at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening, and were certainly deserving of a much larger patronage. The warm weather certainly curtailed the crowd but those who stayed away certainly missed a treat.

The composed of some, talented artists, and each number rendered was in a manner that could not but please.

Various vocal and instrumental musical numbers were rendered, as were also the numbers given by the talented lady reader. Each number drew an encore, and especially the rendition of "The Rosary" by Miss Peterson, who is a soprano soloist with a very pleasing voice.

The company would be assured of a much larger patronage for a return engagement at a future date.

Mrs. Ellis Randall, of North Farmington and Mrs. Wm. Randall and daughters Lulu and Gertrude of Owosso were guests Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Elton Randall.

Tax Notice

Notice is given that on and after July 1st, 1914, taxes for and in the village of Farmington are due and payable at my office. Thirty days is the time limit set by the village board for the payment, and all taxes that have not been paid by August 1, 1914, will be subject to an excess assessment of 4 per cent. In other words you will be required to pay four cents more on each dollar's assessment after Aug. 1, 1914.

Kindly give the matter your prompt attention.

HERMAN MAJ.
Village Treasurer.
Dated June 23, 1914. tf

"An Outlook"

There is an awakening of the public mind in regard to church attendance. It has been increased and emphasized by the recent rally cry — "Go to church Sunday, more often." And while hundreds of thousands of men and women attend church on a certain date, in response to this call, yet its effect was not all that was desired. It is, indeed, better for an individual to go to church, occasionally, than not at all, but there should be a principle in it; the development of the spiritual side of our natures, (for it is the spiritual, or soul element, that lives forever) is more important than the physical or material element, hence, should be constantly renewed; and this can be accomplished only by the quality of food administered to it. To use the religion revealed and taught by The Man of Galilee as a sort of Noah's Ark, is to develop selfishness, in a marked degree. There are many reasons why we should give ourselves, our influence, our means and our time in generous measure to the helpful influence of the institution that stands for the best there is in human nature. Indeed there are so many vital reasons that it would require columns to express them. The pessimist will say, "I'm too exhausted after a week's strenuous struggle, to give an hour to a Christian service," the optimist would say, "I need the encouraging uplifting influence of an hour, spent in Christian service before going into the strenuous life of the week before me." Which is the better view?

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