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EDITORIAL

FIGHTING SCARLET FEVER
 The prevalence of scarlet fever throughout this section has brought to the fore questions as to the advisability of closing schools during the time the sickness is widespread. Authorities are divided as to whether closing the schools aids in combatting the spread of disease.

In Farmington it has been the policy of the school authorities to keep classes in session, with a strict examination for every child each morning. If a child shows the slightest variation from normal, he or she is sent home, as a protection both to the child and to other children in the school. In most cases, of course, variation in temperature does not mean illness, and with return to normal, the child is allowed to return to school.

Farmington has not suffered severely from scarlet fever, and school officials believe the policy of maintaining classes in session by giving an opportunity for closer supervision than is possible if the children are at home, is the best way of combatting the disease.

In another community, Walled Lake, school was closed for a period some time a number of weeks ago, and more recently the third grade was closed, due to a large number of cases among children in that grade. Yet Walled Lake has suffered more severely than Farmington, despite the closing of schools. This does not prove, of course, that it is better to keep school in session. Only close observation of records of many schools under widely varied conditions would establish beyond doubt which policy is the most efficient in overcoming scarlet fever. It is true, however, that when cases in a certain school or grade become very numerous, the school authorities have little choice but to suspend classes in that school or grade.

Whatever the school authorities may decide is best for the school, much of the power of combatting an epidemic rests with parents. Although health authorities may not agree as to keeping schools closed or open, they do agree that keeping children in the best possible health is the strongest defense against disease. A child or adult may be exposed many times, and if in perfect health, may throw off the danger without difficulty. But if not in good health, the slightest exposure will usually result in "catching the disease."

Parents who give their children plenty of good food, fresh air and exercise, and see that the children get a good, thorough rest every night, will have little to worry about, whether the schools are kept closed or open.

A BATTLE IN THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

It looks like an interesting time for Oakland County citizens between now and the next election, especially for those interested more or less in the political affairs of the county. The resignation of Assistant Prosecuting

Attorney Clarence Smith prefaces a stiff battle for the office during the next campaign.

Disagreements between prosecutors and their assistants are not infrequent, and they usually provide a good deal of interest, not to say "entertainment," for those who follow the developments. Mr. Smith has not stated yet that he will run for the office of prosecuting attorney, nor has Mr. Underwood, of course, indicated that he will seek re-election. But it is fully expected that Mr. Smith will announce his candidacy in due time, and that Mr. Underwood, though perhaps not certain to seek the office himself, will at least throw his support in some other direction.

So it looks as though the next campaign will be unusually interesting in at least one respect.

CHURCHES

Baptist Church
 Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
 10:30—Morning worship. Sermon subject, "God's Gifts to Christ."
 11:45—Sunday School. Extra special session. Every scholar should be present.
 6:30—B. Y. P. U. "The Miller Special" group will lead.
 7:30—Gospel service.
 The sermon subject will be the "First and Second Coming of Christ."
 Several musical numbers will be rendered and the ordinance of Baptism will be administered.

Methodist Church
 Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, Pastor
 10:30—Morning service.
 The administration of the Holy Communion and the reception of members.
 11:50—Sunday School.
 6:00—Epworth League.
 7:00—Evening service.
 At this service the choir will sing H. W. Petrie's cantata, "The Christ Child."
 A cordial welcome is extended.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
 (At Switzer Road)
 Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
 Christmas eve at 8 o'clock the children of St. Paul's Parochial and Sunday School, together with the choir, will give an excellent old time Christmas program.
 Sunday, 10:30—German Christmas service.
 Monday, 10:30—English Christmas service.
 "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."
 Therefore let us go to the House of God and hear the glad tidings, and join the heavenly

hosts: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Catholic Church
 Our Lady of Sorrow Church
 Masses 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.

West Point Park Church
 Rev. Geo. Guillen, Pastor
 10:30—Morning worship and sermon by the pastor.
 11:45—Sunday School with Christmas lesson.
 No further services for the day.
 On Friday evening there will be a Community tree with a gift for every child in the neighborhood.
 A group of carollers will go about the community singing the old familiar Christmas carols.

North Farmington Independent Church
 Rev. George P. Davey, Pastor
 There will be a Christmas evening church service at the Bond School on Sunday, December 25, in charge of Rev. George P. Davey, pastor.

Evangelical Church
 7:30—December 24, Christmas celebration.
 2:30—December 25, Christmas day services. Rev. J. Bollens of Detroit will officiate.
 8:00—December 31, New Year's Eve party. Everybody welcome.
 2:30—January 1, 1928 services. Rev. A. Schoen will preach the German sermon.

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6:30	JANET GAYNOR	Open
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Managers Note: Owing to the unusual length of this production, we are obliged to change our regular schedule. Please note time of shows, and attend matinees to avoid the later crowds.

Do You Realize?

The Spring Rush will soon be here. Perhaps you have a room or two that needs

REDECORATING

Perhaps you need repairing and painting before using next summer.

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