

GRID STAR SPEAKS HERE



Louis Gilbert, U. of M. star halfback, was a speaker at Wednesday's meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club, on personal invitation of President Frank Weaver.

PROSPERITY FORECAST BY LOCAL BUSINESS MEN

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should very closely parallel Birmingham. It will be a high grade residential city. After we can offer safe and fast transportation to and from Detroit we must attract home builders and suburban residence seekers who will build and demand modern, attractive homes.

"We cannot hope to sell our town to that class of people when they see their prospective homes approached through mud streets where in the spring and fall the back axle of their automobiles drag on the ground."

Farmington has natural beauty unsurpassed and can be made a beautiful suburban city.

"We need, now, a comprehensive and adequate paving program. The building of nice homes on our paved streets and drives, already laid out, will add a large

increased value to our assessment rolls and rather than increase will help to decrease our general taxes.

"In my opinion the proper paving of our streets is the most important civic problem we have."

George K. Checketts:

"The improvements, scheduled and the number of people who have stated their intention to buy new cars alone is an indication of a bright year ahead."

Fred and Lou Pauline:

"If we all put our shoulder to the wheel the reason why the coming year should not see a bigger and a better Farmington. Let's go!"

Elmer Weston:

"Everything seems to indicate a prosperous year ahead, and that 1928 will be 35 to 50 per cent better for business than 1927. With the coming of Spring, money should loosen up and business improve."

J. L. Hogle:

"I believe business will be much better during 1928 than in 1927. Our business has shown an increase every week since we came here."

Clarence Bicking:

"This should be a good year in Farmington. We lack business buildings, however, and also homes. We must provide these attract here, to achieve a real development."

Fred L. Cook & Co.:

"Business during the latter part of December and thus far in January has been much better than the corresponding period a year ago, and we think this indicates a prosperous 1928 for this section."

J. L. Hogle, President, Peoples State Bank:

"The outlook for Farmington in 1928 is 'rosy.' Reports indicate an improvement in business conditions everywhere, and Farmington should benefit by it."

Earl Vivier:

"The coming year should see great prosperity in Farmington. Better transportation and the new Catholic Church will bring many more people here, but we must have improvements, good sidewalks, paved streets, and other advantages to induce them to locate here."

Bernhard Meyer:

"I think 1928 should be good for Farmington. However, we must make up our minds to develop the town now, by paving streets, and otherwise improving conditions, along with the new sewers, to take advantage of the prosperity in view."

F. D. Fleming:

"I believe Farmington's home building era will really begin this year. There should and probably will be enough new homes erected in this community in 1928 to house at least 50 new families. Our full age 'ad' in this issue gives my reasons for this conviction."

Theodore Good:

"With the motor car factories each trying to out do the other in production, and general business activity in this part of the state Farmington appears to have a prosperous year ahead."

Spencer Henney:

"I believe 1928 will be prosperous here. The one thing we must do is get a paving program. I am strong for adopting it, and strong for pushing it right through as fast as we can when it is adopted."

SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PRESENTED BY MAYOR

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portion of the building to be made fire proof. The work to be done at an early date under direction of Superintendent Grant, plan to be first submitted to the Commission.

No. 2. That a conference of the Commission and the Board of Education be arranged to consider the subject of the Athletic Field

as heretofore discussed—that the public be invited to attend the city clerk to arrange details of the conference.

No. 3. In view of the Sheriff's plan for policing Farmington City and Township, that a change be made in our arrangement with Policeman Herman Kreeger. The present appointment to be terminated March 10, and further that Police Commissioner Gildemeister and the Mayor be instructed to report relative to the police needs of the city in addition to the Sheriff's deputies—that this report be made not later than the February regular meeting of the Commission.

No. 4. That the Auditing Committee be instructed to perfect and submit a plan for detailed monthly reports to the Commission showing labor employed by the city and giving hours, job and wage rate of each employee.

No. 5. That the Mayor be authorized to appoint a committee of citizens, two to five in number, to advise concerning the best administrative methods of caring for the cemeteries and also concerning their future development and extension.

No. 6. That the proposed ordinance prohibiting outside toilets be enacted and enforced as expeditiously as may be possible.

No. 7. That the Commissioner on sidewalks, sewers and streets be constituted a committee to submit at the next regular meeting a program for paving, the program to contemplate an extensive system that will eventually reach the entire city. The plan of having the city do the curbing and the property owners pay for the paving proper suggests it. There is much to be said in favor of the plan suggested in recommendation No. 7. It seems to have been satisfactory in places where it has been adopted. Even though the paving is deferred for some time after the curbing is put in the streets are more economically kept in good condition as the gravel is held in place by the curbing.

The cost could be easily determined and spread over a term of years by a small bond issue.

In addition to the above recommendations, I request that each department commissioner prepare a report on the improvements and approximate expenditures he advises during the coming year and that these reports be ready so far as possible by March 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Wells D. Butterfield, Mayor.

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