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EDITORIAL

FARMINGTON LEAPS AHEAD

"The world do move," the saying goes, and it might be added that Farmington moves right along with it. Consider the events of recent weeks, of almost the past few days, and it is apparent that Farmington is preparing for the development every one anticipates.

Within recent weeks, there has been a paving program suggested and movement inaugurated to bring the widening of Grand River avenue up to the business section, and the City Commission has approved and adopted recommendations of Mayor Butterfield looking ahead to Farmington's growth as follows:

1. Improvement of the city's jail facilities.
2. For joint conference with School District Board of Education on proposed stadium.
3. Improvement of police service and increased protection.
4. Provision for a check-up system on all city work done by city employees.
5. Appointment of a committee of citizens to investigate and advise on present care and future needs of cemetery.
6. Preparations for drawing up of a complete paving program "that will eventually reach the entire city."

Add to this the fact that the City Commission is to take up next Monday night the condition of the fire equipment, to determine its adequacy and efficiency, that it has under consideration an ordinance to rid the city of unsanitary conditions, and on top of all this put the work done to improve the library—that makes a rather impressive start for the year.

Some of these are more than mere "steps"—they are lengthy strides forward.

Too much credit and support cannot be given as each one is taken for each one is necessary if Farmington is not to be caught unawares; as so many communities are, with resultant necessity for hasty and therefore frequently ill-considered treatment.

GREAT AMERICANS "LIVE AGAIN"

Scores of people in this community last Friday night took advantage of the unusual cultural opportunity afforded by the address of Dr. Lynn Harold Hough of Detroit. For those who heard Dr. Hough's lecture on "Great Americans," there is little that can be said by way of comment. It is not too much to say that Dr. Hough's address has been a leading topic of conversation in Farmington since Friday evening.

Those who failed to attend missed not only a thought-provoking lecture on America's great men from the Revolution through Lincoln's time but also the stimulus with which a personality like that of Dr. Hough's can invest such an address as he gave. Dr. Hough caused these great Americans, long since dead, to live once more in the minds of his hearers, as vividly as if they

were, among us today. His remarkable word pictures of the men of Lincoln and his cabinet particularly made them stand out clearly against the background of their times. Dr. Hough brought them—Seward and Chase and Stanton—as clearly into the minds of his audience as are members of President Coolidge's cabinet, whom most of us know only by words and pictures.

The simple device by which Dr. Hough makes these men live again is the telling of the "whole truth" or as such of "both sides" as his time permits. The fact that Chase, whom Dr. Hough described as a "great pussy-cat of a man," resigned regularly about every 30 days, did not lessen in the minds of the audience their respect for this exceptional man, who was a great "constitutional lawyer; that fact that Seward thought he, instead of Lincoln, should have been elected president, does not prevent appreciation of his talents. The declaration of Dr. Hough that "everybody in the cabinet thought he would make a better president than Lincoln himself," has, strangely, a resemblance to politics and politicians of our own day.

Indeed, it is the assumption that human nature in Lincoln's and Washington's time was just about what it is today, the reference to these "little things" that loomed so large in the minds of other wise men, that makes Dr. Hough's lecture so effective. Dr. Hough related that the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court was the one big appointment that came to Lincoln during his terms as president. Appointment? Yes, of course there were appointments to be made in those days, and political debts to be paid, just as there are today, and it neither sullies a president's greatness to admit that he had appointments to make, nor reduces his stature if it is recorded how he disposed of his opportunity.

Dr. Hough shows that America's great men were made of common clay, but possessed qualities which lifted them above their fellows. Knowing their weakness but increases our respect for their greatness. The audience that greeted Dr. Hough was a tribute to his reputation. We believe that his next audience in his vicinity, when he comes again, as we sincerely hope he will soon, will be a tribute to the power of his address last Friday night.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington held January 16, 1928.

Called to order by Mayor Butterfield at 7:30 p. m.

Commissioners present, Johnson, Bicking, Hogle, Gildemeister and Russell.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Bicking, seconded by Hogle that the repair of the street in front of John Mahaney's house be referred to the street commissioners. Carried.

Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Bicking that the Mayor's Recommendation No. 3 which refers to the police department, be approved. Carried.

Mayor Butterfield appointed Gildemeister and Hogle a committee to arrange for street signs to regulate traffic, parking, etc.

Commissioner Bicking, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, moved the adoption of the Mayor's Recommendation No. 4 and 5. No. 4 has to do with the time of city employees and the kind of work in which they are employed and No. 5 with the care of cemeteries.

Recommendation No. 7 was also adopted. It has to do with a program for cleaning and paving our city streets.

Recessed until January 23, 1928.

N. H. POWER, City Clerk.

The peddlers that ring the door bell are not as accommodating as the merchants of our home town. No chauffeur can drive a car to suit a back seat driver. It can't be done.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Irvyn Knapp Correspondent

Mrs. Arthur Grene and Mrs. Emma Kurtz attended an extension leaders' meeting at Pontiac Thursday. Miss McDonald took charge of the lesson in nutrition it being on food values and their elements.

Several neighbors spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtz and enjoyed the radio program. Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtz and daughter, Doretha, attended the lecture at the Methodist Church one evening last week. Leona Tamm, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Tamm, spent a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tamm.

Henry Johnson is staying at Marie Walters at present. The first grade is studying the story of the "Wee Woman." The second grade are studying about "Peter and the Birds."

The sixth grade are preparing a debate on which is the most useful, automobiles or railways. Gerald Krum has not returned to school yet. Grant Howard, Petie Gateria and Valde Regentik are out of school on account of sickness.

DETROIT AUTO CLUB TO SERVE OAKLAND COUNTY

The Detroit Automobile Club with which the Oakland County Automobile Club recently consolidated, announces emergency road service will be given to any club member on any highway or side road in Oakland County henceforth. Official A. A. garages will be established throughout Oakland County.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends and all organizations for all acts of kindness and for the beautiful flowers sent us during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Marion Banfield, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Banfield and Family.

TAX NOTICE!

I will be at the Farmington State Savings Bank during the next week, except Wednesday for collection of township taxes. The following week I will be at the Peoples State Bank.

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ARTHUR P. COE, Farmington Township Treasurer.

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