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EDITORIAL

SOME OTHERS HAVE A DUTY, TOO

A paving program for Farmington is an important topic of conversation for a large percentage of the City's population. It is also one of the major problems of the City Commission. If there has been any doubt of it there can be no further question after remarks at the meeting Monday night, when Commissioner Olin Russell said that "There are a lot of people in the town who want to see some action on a paving program," and Commissioner Harrison Johnson, in charge of streets, asserted that he "would be hung to a sour apple tree soon," if some action is not taken soon.

Certainly Commissioner Russell's statement is accurate, and Commissioner Johnson's is expressive, although we hope he never comes to the tragic end he described.

The members of the Commission will probably be criticised for whatever action they take. If they inaugurate a paving program a few of those who insist that "it was good" enough for father" will probably object to the expense. And certainly if they fail to institute a paving program, there will be multitudinous criticism.

But is this entirely fair to the Commission? Is it right to ask that they take street-corner conversation and judge the people's desires by this? Hardly. And yet that is apparently what they are expected to do, especially by those who want to see a paving program. The Commission has debated the problem repeatedly for three months, in public meeting, and in that time not a single citizen has appeared to offer the Commission some indication as to the wishes of Farmington property-owners. With occasional exceptions, no citizen attends the City Commission meetings unless he wants the Commission to attend to something that affects him personally.

The paving program has lagged along from winter until early summer. It is regrettable that no decision has been reached—but is the City Commission entirely to blame? Some of them feel that citizens who want paving enough to talk about it ought to come to a Commission meeting and demonstrate the fact. And none can deny that to some extent, at least, they are right.

A SPLENDID TRIBUTE

It is doubtful whether a finer or more enjoyable event has ever taken place in Farmington than the testimonial banquet last Friday to Superintendent of Schools Archie G. Leonard. One hundred and eighty men and women gathered in what Principal William B. Arbaugh described as a happy "family party," to evidence their respect for Mr. Leonard and their appreciation of his work among the boys and girls of Farmington.

The event was one of those rare things—an occasion where everything went perfectly as planned. The expectations of the committee were far exceeded—the dinner and program were carried through

without the slightest difficulty, from the invocation until Supt. Leonard concluded his response with his good wishes for Farmington "in the years to come." The serving of the dinner, itself, bordered on perfection. Each speaker on the program appreciated and fulfilled the purpose for which he or she was selected—each one was keen and interesting from beginning to end.

And Supt. Leonard himself, in his seven years at Farmington, has probably never spoken more impressively than he did Friday night. From the moment he arose and won his hearers with a jest about "the remarkable intelligence, the marvellous genius, the outstanding leadership" attributed to him by previous speakers, until his closing words that filled many eyes with tears, he demonstrated that he was master of perhaps the most difficult speaking assignment of his life.

Farmington can point with pride to such an occasion. It is a credit to the community that without an organization of any kind, many elements and many citizens could carry through so pleasing an occasion. There must have been few present, indeed, who did not wish that Farmington's citizenry might unite more often in affairs of this kind.

It was a splendid tribute to a man whose services are well worthy of it.

CHURCHES

Methodist Church
 Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, Pastor
 10:30—Morning worship and sermon.

Antem by the choir.
 Sermon by the pastor. "The Glory of Age."
 11:50—Sunday School for all ages.

Last Sunday there were 95 Bibles in Sunday School. More next Sunday.

6:30—Epworth League.
 7:30—Evening service.
 Anthem by the choir.
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The pastor will give a review of Stanley Jones' late book, "Christ at the Round Table."

West Point Park Church
 Geo. E. Gullen, Pastor
 10:30—Morning worship.
 Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Price of Peace."
 Children's object talk, "Evergreen."
 11:45—Sunday School.

Baptist Church
 Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
 10:30—Morning worship with a message from the pastor.
 11:45—Sunday School. We have classes for all.
 6:30—Young People's hour.
 7:30—Gospel service. This week the pastor will raise the question, "What is the Hope of the World?" Does it lie in the League of Nations, the World Court or in Disarmament?"
 You will find a welcome at all our services.

Catholic Church
 Our Lady of Sorrows Church
 Rev. E. J. O'Mahoney, Pastor
 Sunday masses 8:30 to 11 a. m.
 Sunday School after 8:30 mass.
 Daily mass at 8:00.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
 (At Switzer Road)
 Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
 9:30—Sunday School.
 10:30—English service.
 Monday, May 23, 8 p. m.—Annual meeting for election of officers.

North Farmington Independent Church
 Rev. George P. Davey, Pastor
 Church services held in Bond School auditorium.
 10:30—Morning worship.
 11:45—Sunday School.

Universalist Church
 Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor
 The regular services will be held in the Farmington Universalist Church next Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock. Dr. Adams' sermon topic will be, "From 'Playgrounds to Peace,' a theme especially pertinent for Memorial Sunday.

Evangelical Church
 Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor
 10:15—Memorial service.
 11:15—Bible School.
 Subject: "Did They Die in Vain?"
 We will have as our guests the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary and kindred organizations.

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