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EDITORIAL

"HONOR WHERE HONOR IS DUE"

The things that are less spectacular but perhaps "more excellent" had their "inings" last Friday night, when the annual banquet was tendered honor students of Farmington High School by the Parent-Teacher Association. The achievements that usually receive the least acclaim while requiring the hardest and most consistent effort, were given at least a portion of their just due.

There is a good deal of satisfaction to the community, and certainly there must be a large measure of reward for the honor students, in the recognition accorded them at the honor banquet. It does the community good to give "honor where honor is due," and students themselves must be afforded added incentive by the knowledge that at least one occasion will pay tribute to those whose capabilities shine forth, not on the gridiron or the diamond alone, but also in the classroom.

There is danger of course, in the possibility of developing an attitude whereby the student might fix his vision upon the honor banquet at the end of the year, and make the recognition, rather than the achievement itself, his goal. A true scholarly attitude reckons not at all of public reward, of a possible momentary "place in the sun"; at the end of the year, but seeks excellence for itself alone. But while there might be one here and there who dedicated himself to a whole year of persistent effort in order to shine forth for a moment as one of the leaders, it would be a rare instance. And there is no counting how many, with just the little added incentive to scholarship that recognition at the honor banquet accords, may have been inspired to a higher grade of work. The first-rate student will not be spoiled by the honor banquet—some who waver between first and second-class may find it a goal sufficiently worthwhile to put them into the first rank.

There is one particular in which the honor banquet might be improved. One cannot help feeling that if so pleasant an occasion could somehow be brought to the consciousness of the remainder of the student body, if by some device they could "see what they were missing" it is quite likely that a good many more seats would be required at the honor banquet each year.

A DANGEROUS SPOT

Among the numerous perils of driving on the present pavement of Grand River avenue is one within the City limits of Farmington, one that can be cared for with very little expense. That is the "blind" crossing opposite the office of the Farmington Lumber and Coal Co., where the double pavement ends.

Numerous eastbound machines have been seen to miss the turn and continue along the car tracks until the drivers could bring them back to the pavement. There is imminent danger that there will some time be a serious accident there. An automobile that comes to the end of the concrete and

"Rainy Days"

M. Marie Walling

Rainy days will make us blue,
 Fill our lives with sadness too;
 Then just a little while
 Sun comes out, we start to smile.

Cares are gone when hearts are light,
 Days are cheery, hours bright;
 Tossed aside each day's regret,
 Stormy days we soon forget.

Joy and cheer to others give,
 Golden moments that we live;
 Make our hearts and minds so free
 If the rainbow we but see.

Others have their trials too,
 Cares and blues are nothing new;
 So we thrust them in the past,
 Enjoy the sunbeams while they last.

goes bumping over the ties might easily be overturned, with injury or death to the occupants and damage to the car.

The chief danger is at night, and it is possible that a very good case could be made out by a motorist who met with an accident, on the ground that the dangerous condition exists without proper warning. The driver who is familiar with the road at this point certainly may be excused if he misses seeing the crossing.

At very little cost, the City could and should erect at the spot a warning, either a large sized black and white striped sign, or one of the red warning-glass type. Attention has been called before to the dangerous condition. It is one of those "little things" the neglect of which often causes so much unnecessary harm and regret.

WORTH EMULATING

A matter that many regard as a very small one, nevertheless provided this week as good an example of civic alertness as has been afforded in Farmington in some time. It was nothing more or less than the relocation of the curbing at the southeast corner of Grand River and Division street.

The starting of long-delayed repair work on the curbstone attracted the attention of Commissioner Hogle to the possibilities for improving traffic conditions at the corner. The unusually long extension of the walk out toward street at that point made turning difficult and dangerous for motorists, with equal danger to pedestrians. It would be hard to find a spot in town where an additional five feet of pavement could be utilized to so great an advantage.

Commissioner Hogle's sensing of the improvement possible by cutting back the curb approximately five feet, and the ready acquiescence of Howard Warner to the proposal, are good examples of efficiency and public spirit that may well be emulated in other civic matters.

Education must seem less wonderful to a boy whose educated dad can't help him in the eighth grade.

BROAD SHOULDERS REQUIRED

State employees are filling-in and grading the shoulders along Grand River between Farmington and Eight-Mile road, bringing the hollows up to the level with the pavement. But shoulders would have to be broad indeed, to carry the volume of traffic that exists over and above what a 20-foot highway should be expected to carry.

BANKS TYPIFY NEW BUSINESS ATTITUDE

Nowhere is the modern change in business methods better illustrated than in the case of banks. You remember when every bank had heavy stone pillars out in front, like a fort, to suggest solidity and character and incidentally to frighten the bank's customers into a respectful and sometimes a cringing attitude when they called around to state a request. Only recently have banks hung nameplates in front of the tellers' cages, so that you can feel free to converse with the gentleman while he counts out your money. The changes that have put the bank's officers at accessible desks where even ordinary depositors may approach and ask for financial advice have been equally recent.

All of us remember some banker in our youth that struck us as being so stern, cold and precise as to be scarcely human. A Bank's function in those days was to collect money and hold it, guarding it securely against all such dangers as human weakness and caprice and generosity might bring to it. Possibly bankers felt they had to look sober and trustworthy, just as ministers once wore somber looks as part of their professional dress. Or maybe it was just habit. But just as some banks today actually let the sunshine enter through big show-windows, so the bank's attitude inside is warm and cordial and expressive of co-operation.

If once there was a suspicion that the bank existed to get all it could and give little in return, today the desire is to serve the depositor in every way consistent with good banking. The old-time idea of "let the buyer beware" of the seller making all the profit he could while the buyer loses, has no place in modern banking, any more than it has a place in modern business. Just as selling has become a proposition where both parties benefit, so banking today shows an earnest desire to place the knowledge and resources of the bank entirely at the applicant's service.—Exchange.

F. H. S. Seniors' Class Song

The Class Song of Farmington High School Class of 1928, as sung at the Class Night exercises Wednesday evening:

We are at the end of our high school career,
 We're leaving our school days behind.
 Recalling our work, victories, defeats
 In them, we find ties that bind.
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CHORUS:

As the Senior Class of old F. H. S.
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