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prophet could foretell the needs of a community for a year and a half. Unless the taxpayers and the Mayor know in December all of the improvements that are wanted and needed, they would have to wait until the year after the following summer for the improvements to be installed.
 It is impossible to say even in December what will be required the next April. An old street, for instance, that appears sound enough if the fall, may have its surface and bottom "go out" completely by the next Spring that repairing would clearly be a waste of money, and paying the only sensible thing. Under our present charter, it would be necessary to repair—or swim—until the following summer, before that summer, and finally ride on the paving two years later.
 The outgoing City Commission may do a very useful piece of work by acting Monday night to put this needed amendment before the people at the April election.

concerns court judges—at least one of whom most of us who drive will probably meet some time, if they keep on making new traffic regulations and parking places keep on getting scarcer.
 But there is a way out for our Detroit friends. Having visited the big city recently, and walked and driven about several different parts of it, we have hit upon a scheme to decide on those 14 judges. We offer it to our harassed neighbors without charge.
 It's all very simple. All you have to do is travel about the town and pause to read the placards urging election of this or that candidate. Then heed the placards' advice on voting, and you will be sure to get good judges. For every single one of the candidates, despite the fact that most of them are practically unknown, and some of the rest are known but too well—every one of these 29 candidates, the placards assure us, is "capable, fearless and fair!"

Editorial

THE TOWNSHIP'S FIRST PRIMARY

Anyone who has read articles in the Enterprise by N. H. Power, on the history of Farmington, knows that the Township primary election Monday will not be the first spirited battle in Farmington's history. From the "Things Mr. Power has told us, there have undoubtedly been election days beside which next Monday will seem very tame indeed.
 But for the first time since a large part of the Township voting population have begun to cast ballots, there has been a real active campaign by several candidates. For the first time in a decade, there is a contest for the office of Supervisor. And when it is remembered also that a very large proportion of the voters in the Township have become residents within the last ten years, while still another large number have become of voting age within that period, the election Monday can rightfully be called the first real struggle in Farmington Township for this generation of voters.

This fact should bring out a large vote from every corner of the Township. Township citizens having adopted the primary, they should make the most of the opportunity they have created. Every Township voter should vote next Monday.
 Last summer we visited a friend in Northampton, Mass. The town has never been able to get over the fact that the president of the United States calls it home.
 But how about Farmington—we have five Coolidges—or at least five officials who do not choose to run.

AFTER THE THAW.
 "Back to earth again." After three months of uninterrupted cold, the most severe in years, the thaw brings us a glimpse of earth once more.
 But, unfortunately, it reminds us too, that underneath the snow, after the thaw, comes the mud. Which brings us, too, to the equally unfortunate fact that all of Farmington will have to stay in the mud for another year and more, unless quick action is taken and another charter amendment is passed at the April election.
 Citizens and officials who believe in paving and have worked for it, thought that the last obstacle was hurdled last fall when 70 per cent of the voters approved an amendment which would permit paving. But then there was found a section which states that petitions for special assessment improvements shall be submitted to the Mayor and approved by him in a message to the City Commission the first of January for the ensuing year.
 So obviously impractical is this that legal advice has been sought but it appears that the provision governs, unless it is amended, as it certainly should be with all possible speed. In the first place, there is no reason why property owners wanting improvements and willing to pay for them should be forced to wait a year or more to get them. In the second place, no one short of a

SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

Farmington may well be proud of the showing of our efficient fire department within the past week. On two fire calls they were out of the hall within the truck in less than two minutes, arriving at one fire in only two minutes and fifteen seconds after the siren sounded.
 That's a mighty fine record and one that everyone should appreciate. Inasmuch as the first few minutes of a fire almost always determines its results, Farmington can feel as secure as any community of its kind could be, against the fire demon. The volunteers' promptness would do credit to departments much larger.
 In passing, we should not forget to thank the City Commission, for its encouragement, practical as well as otherwise, which has helped to rejuvenate the volunteer department during the past year.

IT'S EASY AFTER ALL.
 We who live in a small town probably miss a good deal that is enjoyed by our neighbors in the big city. Undoubtedly there are many advantages which, added to what we now have in Farmington would make life fuller, broader, more pleasant.
 We have not Detroit's magnificent library, paved streets, its facilities for intellectual advancement and its places of entertainment. When we attend the theatre there is ahead of us who live in Farmington the 19-mile ride home—long in winter, shorter in summer.
 But it has its compensations. We do not, among other things, find ourselves this Spring faced with the necessity of electing 14 Circuit Judges from among 29 candidates, whom not one in ten of us has ever seen or heard, or cares particularly to see or hear. We do not have to choose nine re-

gularly is not a "sea of mud." It's just a plain sea.
 No, that corner at Grand River and Lakeway is not a "sea of mud." It's just a plain sea.
 Registration notice for the City election to be held in Farmington City, April 1, 1929.
 Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the Michigan election law, I will upon any day except Sunday and legal holiday the day of any regular or special election of primary election receive for registration the name of any legal vote in said City not already registered who may apply to me personally for such registration.
 Notice is also given that I will be at my office in the Fire Hall in the City of Farmington on March 9 and 16, 1929 from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. on each said day for the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors of the City as shall properly apply therefor. The name of no person but an actual resident of the City at the time of registration and entitled under the Constitution to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.
 N. H. POWER, City Clerk, March 1, 8 15.
 (Political Announcement)

INVEST IN PROTECTION

Another difficult and controversial matter is taxation. It is difficult thing for any man to levy a just tax on properties, for there are many things to be taken into consideration. I believe in just taxation, and if the people have enough confidence in me to elect me to this office I will perform the duties to the best of my ability.
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