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Editorials

IT WILL BE WELCOME

Not all that is new is good—nor is everything old to be discarded. Sometimes the passing of the old is favor of the new is not improvement—merely change and the substitution is a thing to be regretted.

Replacement of one of Farmington's oldest store buildings, however, and the erection of a new structure on the north side of Grand River will surely be a great advancement for the business section.

"Perhaps it is not to be expected that the old building will be torn down without a few sighs of regret from older residents."

"As the 'Collins store' it was for many years one of the best-known in this section. One can readily picture the gatherings around the cracker barrel, in the days when men took their politics seriously, and debated them with vigor."

But the old place has served its purpose—its time is past. Let the new take its place. And while the cracker barrel discussions may never return as a phenomenon of American life, perhaps some day we shall see a revival of interest in public affairs, and a re-incarnation of something like the "Saturday nights" that used to be.

ATTEND!

Annual meetings will be held in school districts throughout this section next Monday evening. Trustees are to be elected and other business transacted.

While the conduct of schools has perhaps not suffered quite as greatly from growing disinterest as other public affairs, yet attendance at most annual meetings is much smaller than it should be. With the large majority of taxpayers in every district having children in school, and every property-owner paying a considerable part of his taxes for school purposes, it would seem that no opportunity to take a part in school government would be passed by.

There are none more desirous of a good attendance at annual meetings than the members of school boards themselves. They welcome a display of interest on the part of parents in how the schools are being administered, and they find agreeable, too, the encouragement of widespread interest in their service to the district.

FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND

From the Grand Rapids (Minn.) Herald-Review:

Many people are worrying about the future of the smaller communities. There is no need for it.

It is true that statistics show a trend of population from the farms and smaller towns to the larger cities. It is a fact that many smaller communities, just as is the case of many cities, have had retrogression instead of progress.

Compare the town of today with that of a generation or even ten year ago.

There is no comparison in appearance. A few years ago small towns did not pave their streets

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Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Shawver, Negaunee avenue, on Tuesday, June 25th, a daughter, Joan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham motored to Grand Rapids, Friday, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Durham over the week-end.

Monday evening, July 2nd, the electors of the John Grace school, district No. 9, will hold their annual meeting in the community building, for the purpose of electing one member to the board of education for a three-year term.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Monette, Sedalia avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. William LaForge, Fourthgate road, spent Thursday at their cottage on Cedar Island Lake.

Mrs. H. B. Kennedy, Seminole avenue, was hostess to her bridge club Friday afternoon. Mrs. Charles Perry, Mrs. Herbert Parker and Mrs. L. J. Hamill winning the prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jenkinson of Bownsville, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Davis of Toronto, Ont.

Mrs. Matilda Ilen and daughter, Mary, accompanied by her granddaughter, Rosemary Ship of Strathmore, are visiting relatives in Cleveland, Ohio, for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Maitland Fox and children are visiting their parents in Frackville, Pa. for two weeks.

Sunday guests in the William Nimmo home, Indian avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Denryter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Denryter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tyson and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schneider of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eckler and sons, Ralph Wallace and William, went to Flint, Monday, and were guests of Mrs. Jane Gray and daughter, the latter of whom returned here with the Ecklers for several weeks' stay.

Mrs. Walter Durham and Mrs. Charles Perry attended a theatre party given by their bridge club, at the Detroit Civic theatre, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. L. C. McBride has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Hamill, after several weeks' stay in Grand Rapids, with her son, H. A. McBride and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fulk, Indian avenue, have as their niece, Miss Lila Card of Flint, as their guest for the past two weeks.

To be present at a family reunion, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Perry and family went to Lansing.

Mrs. Walter Kent, Mrs. Joseph Doe and Mrs. Price were the prize winners at a bunco party held last Thursday by the Sew-and-So club members in the home of Mrs. Fred Westbrook, Lincoln avenue.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Rodenhous this week, are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kippbut and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kippbut of Buffalo, N. Y.

Aubrey Kennedy spent the early part of the week with Mack Hudkins in Detroit.

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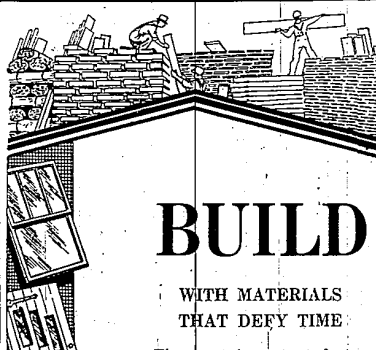
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