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## Editorials

### "Straight For Perdition"

Not many months ago, when people were talking of building, and growth and development, a discussion took place among a number of Farmington citizens and officials. They talked about Farmington's possibilities for future growth and thought the prospects were pretty good.

There was one dissenting voice. "No, by golly," said this Farmington citizen. "You won't get anybody to come here. You've got your taxes up so high now that you'll drive people away. I don't know but what a lot of people that live here now might want to move out." Then he proceeded to tell all about how much better things were in other communities near by, how much better they were handled. In every way Farmington suffered by comparison, and the town, it seems, after a hundred and five years, was headed straight for perdition and going that way a mile-a-minute.

No one had any particular data on Farmington and other towns at hand at the time, but now the pessimistic citizen has his answer. The answer is in figures, compiled by auditors, and they speak very forcibly if figures ever did.

The statement, read at the City Commission meeting Monday night, reveals the exact status of the City finances on September 30 last. The City owned on notes—or rather on a note—just \$750, and this note was paid Monday, making the City free from indebtedness at the banks for the first time in years. On Monday also the City made the last payment of \$1,000 on 1911 water bonds.

These payments leave the City with a total bonded indebtedness of \$49,500, all on water bonds. One of the three water bonds for \$8,000 on the tank, is due in 1930, and the payment of this bond will be met by a sinking fund which has been established for the last four years. There could hardly be a better index of the City's financial management.

As for current account, the City will undoubtedly have enough money to carry through the present fiscal year, an indebtedness to the Township being the only account of large proportion.

So Farmington is not quite on the rocks yet, and the City officials, past and present, seemed to have steered pretty well. Farmington to a greater extent than most municipalities in this first-growing area, is paying its bills as it goes.

The thoughtful home-seer, who considers the question of where he might best establish himself and his family, looks beyond just the tax rate. He is not always lured by a low tax rate that pays only today's expenses and leaves the big costs to be paid in years to come.

Farmington's future citizens will be thankful that the City has not been mortgaged to the limit. And Farmington's present citizens may well be grateful that the officials, past as well as present, have initiated and adopted the wise, careful financial pol-

icies that make the City's statement look good today.

### Business Methods

Nobody gets enjoyment out of paying taxes—unless it be the man who owns so much property that his tax-bills cause him to reflect pleasantly on the amount of property that is his.

But if anything can lessen the pain of the tax-paying process, the new system adopted by both Farmington Township and City this year ought to help a little. For the first time, statements will be sent out showing not merely the amount of tax, but each separate item. In other words, the Township and City, just like business-houses are sending out itemized bills so that the man who pays knows just what he is paying for.

Of course, under the old system, the taxpayer knew what the items were after he had paid. But by that time the strain was over and what was left was a desire to forget all about taxes until next year.

Not that the new way is likely to make any difference in the matter of paying. The taxes have to be paid as levied anyhow, unless a mistake is made. One of the benefits of this new system is that it reduces the possibility of mistake to a minimum, and at the same time saves a considerable amount of correspondence for the officials.

Treasurers Elmer Empson and George Gildemeister of the Township and City respectively, are to be congratulated on instituting the new method, which has already been adopted by other progressive townships and cities.

### Buy Early—Mail Early

You can do a good turn for some Farmington people during the next two weeks, at no cost to yourself. In the Farmington postoffice are half a dozen people, most of them undoubtedly acquaintances and friends of yours. They're looking forward—but not with pleasure, probably—to about a month's work crowded into the last week before Christmas. Everywhere are heard and seen urgings to "Shop early for Christmas." To this should be added—"And Mail Early." Not only will you avoid the rush, the tiresome waiting in line, the burden of shopping and mailing all within a few days, but you will help the postal employees immensely if you select your Christmas gifts now and mail them as soon as possible. Packages may be marked "Not to be opened until Christmas."

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### Motorists Beware!

With the first touch of cold weather newspaper headlines flare forth with the same old warning story—"MOTORIST FINDS DEATH IN DEADLY MONOXIDE FUMES"—yet despite these terse warnings death in this manner is of almost daily occurrence.

If your car is cold when you go out to start it in the morning—if the radiator is frozen—use any other method to thaw out your machine except by letting the motor run in an enclosed building. Monoxide gas attacks the respiratory organs. It usually strikes with a suddenness that prevents the victim from shutting off the motor or escaping into the fresh air. Even the smallest engines can poison the atmosphere in a few moments so that it is dangerous—often fatal. It does not pay to take chances. See that there is plenty of ventilation before starting up your engine. You'll live to enjoy much of the winter scenery if you do.—Exchange.

## CHURCHES

Clarenceville M. E. Church  
Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship.  
11:30—Sunday School.  
7:30—Evening service.

Evangelical Church  
Rev. A. A. Schoon, Pastor

Bible Sunday:  
Sunday School, 10-11.  
German service, 10 a. m.  
English worship, 11 a. m.  
Subject: "Mutilating the Bible."  
Bible Study Class, Sunday night.  
Women's Union, Wednesday afternoon.  
Young People, Wednesday night.  
Thirteen teams of solicitors will begin an every member canvass next Sunday afternoon, visiting the members and friends of our church. Before going out they will meet at the hall after English worship.  
This church will have an early Christmas candle service on Christmas morning, to which the entire community is invited.

Baptist Church  
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—The Pastor will preach the fourth sermon from the Book of Colossians.  
11:45—Bible School with classes for all ages.  
6:30—Young Peoples Hour.  
7:30—Evangelistic service.  
The sermon subject will be, "After Death—What?"  
All who are without a church home are invited to worship with us.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville  
(At Switzer Road)  
Rev. Paul Grouner, Pastor

10:30—English service.  
2:00—Sunday School.  
8:15 Thursday—Bible Class.  
The Advent season reminds us: "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee!" He came to redeem, he comes by his Word, he will come to judge. Prepare him the way by repentance and faith.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 7 a. m., 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. (Summer schedule.)  
Daily mass at 8:00.

Methodist Church

Dr. H. Addis Leeson, Pastor

"The Book That Everybody Should Know" will be the subject Sunday morning, December 8th has been designated as Universal Bible Sunday among all churches in order "that church-going Christians may be reminded of the value of the Scriptures and may be encouraged to a more faithful use of the Book of Books." How well are we acquainted with the general facts about the Book itself—how old is it, how was it compiled, in what language was it written, how was it inspired? These are questions about which we shall be informed.

In the evening the second of the Advent Vesper Hours. The hour of beginning is 6:30 and an attractive Sunday evening lunch will be in readiness for all. Then a happy hour together in thinking and singing about the phases of the approaching Christmas anniversary. "The World in which Jesus Came" will be the subject of an informal talk by the Pastor.

A thief in silk-pajamas entered the home of Commissioner of Public Works John J. Halleran in New York and stole money and valuable antiques while posing as a house guest.

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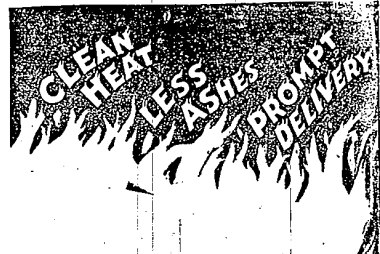
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