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Editorials

Farmington's Opportunity Around The Triangle

The American people have been rather easy-going in recent years in regard to public improvements. In an era of expanding industry and business, expenditures for public works have been approved without much study on the part of the electorate. Bond issues have been passed, with little thought as to whether they were necessary or advantageous.

With the recent slump in business and shortage of money, a reaction has, of course, set in. And the danger now lies, not on the side of extravagance and thoughtless approval of unnecessary expenditures, but rather that necessary and desirable projects may be rejected merely as a reflection of the feeling of the moment.

But knowing how and when to spend wisely is as much of an accomplishment as knowing how to save—and often of more advantage. For instance, the City of Farmington right now has the opportunity of a lifetime, if not of generations, to actually save money by spending wisely.

Through several factors Farmington can build a sewer system this summer, covering a large part of the City, for an estimated cost of half what the expense would be if the project is delayed. The State is willing to help in the cost of the Grand River sewer before the paving is laid down—once the concrete is laid, this opportunity is gone forever.

In addition, several engineers have told the City that contractors' bids right now are unbelievably low, even fifty per cent below normal prices, due to their intense desire to get any kind of work that will keep costly equipment producing. The very depression which might incline some to view the bond issue unfavorably is, in reality, one of the best reasons for voting in its favor.

Farmington needs this sewer system, cannot escape the necessity of building it within the next few years. It would be a mistake and a misfortune if, due to the momentary financial stringency (which does not extend to the City, the municipal finances being in the best condition in history), Farmington should let this opportunity slip by.

A Pleasant Convenience

Of all inconveniences, there are few more annoying than having to stop while driving along the highway because of some kind of blockade.

But few Farmington citizens will complain of the tie-ups caused on Grand River east of Brookdale, when the paving contractors' trucks back across the car-tracks to drop off the fill dirt for the new bridge. There is no doubt, from the number of trucks on the job, and the way it's being done that the State and the contractor "mean business" now.

So it's not the least disturbing to have to sit a few seconds and watch the trucks maneuver around and get into position to unload. In fact it's the most pleasant sort of inconvenience that anybody living in Farmington has ever experienced. More power to them!

The "nuisance triangle" on the north side of Grand River avenue, at Seven-Mile road, is to be eliminated, the State having settled with property-owners for the right-of-way over their frontage. Many have no doubt wondered how much it has cost motorists, in dollars and cents, to drive around the two sides of the triangle, rather than straight ahead.

One can only guess, but even a guess at it is interesting. It is probably fair to assume that traffic at that point would equal two cars a minute for every 24-hour period, which would be 120 cars an hour, 2,880 every 24 hours, and over one million a year. Calculating that each vehicle travels one-tenth of a mile additional because of the detour, this would be over 100,000 extra miles traveled every year. Even at the low figure of two cents a mile for gasoline, oil and tires, this would represent over \$2,000 a year in actual added cost to motorists during the two years or more that they have been skirting the triangle. The price paid by the State for right-of-way over the eight lots is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Possibly the State, even with the factor of extra expense to motorists included, might not have effected any saving in setting three years ago with the owners. But what a lot of annoyance would have been saved the drivers of motor cars!

"Hailing The Victory"

Winning of the nomination for a U. S. Senate post last week was hailed as a victory for opponents of the U. S. entering the World Court," according to news dispatches following the announcement of primary returns. The "hailing" was done by politicians who have themselves made as much capital as possible out of the League of Nations and world court question.

We wonder if the successful candidate, or anyone who has had the slightest contact with practical politics, believes that several hundred thousand people vote for one candidate and several hundred thousand others for another, because of opposite opinions on such a question as the League of Nations and world court.

The fact is, of course, that not one person in a hundred in any State in the Union is either deeply interested or really qualified to discuss and intelligently decide on a question so intricate and involved as the world court and League of Nations. The fact is also, as Frank Kent, one of the most astute political observers and writers in the country has pointed out, that not one important election in a dozen, or a hundred for that matter, is won without the presence of a certain other element. That element is "expense money."

Politicians will continue to "hail" the results of elections as victories for this and that. For the present the "League of Nations" idea is a favorite. It will do as well as any other. Certainly it sounds better than "lots of dough."

"KEEP IT OUT" DEPARTMENT

When we get around to building the perfect newspaper office, the entrance near the main entrance will be a frosted glass door with "Requests to Have Things Left Out of the Newspaper Department" printed on it in large, plain letters. Beyond the door will be nothing save a large sign bearing the single word, NO.—Jack Harris in the Chaunte (Kan.) Tribune.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Irvin Enapp phone 404
The I-H Handicraft Club champions were picked Thursday Donald Gow won first honors and George Graham second.

Elva Penne spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Starr Graham.

Mrs. Roshford and daughter, who has been spending the winter with her father, Frank Robinson, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Smith Green at Pontiac.

Several from here attended a delightful surprise party on Mr. and Mrs. James Heliker and family who have returned to their farm near Wixom. Four tables of progressive cards were enjoyed with Elizabeth Heliker and James Heliker winning prizes for high score.

Mrs. Starr Graham and Ivan received consolation prizes. Lunch was served. Dorothy Russell who has been very sick, is slowly improving.

Several from here attended a spaghetti held at the Walden Lake Consolidated school. Members of the glee club also took part.

Southfield Community

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Special services appropriate to Easter will be held next Sunday morning at 10:15 a. m. when Sunday School and church services will be combined.

Dr. Aukerman, the pastor, will talk on "Seeking the Living Christ." There will be no evening service on Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hulbert of Reese were guests of Mrs. Truman Oliver and family, Indian avenue, over the week end. Covers were laid for 14 at a table centered with a bowl of roses Friday when Mrs. Herbert Vician anniversary. Other table decorations were suggestive of Easter. Pedro was played and prizes went to Mrs. William La Forge, Mrs. C. Spies and Mrs. S. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Thomas and family and Mrs. E. L. Jones of Detroit visited at the Hugo Berns home Sunday. Will 500 Club was entertained Friday by Mrs. Frank Lewis, Poncianna avenue. Prizes went to Mrs. Herbert Parker, Mrs. Carl Gridley and Mrs. Carlos Dorman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kennedy and son Aubrey plan to leave on Friday for a motor trip to New Orleans, La. where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks during Easter vacation.

The S. C. A. Auxiliary will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Elmer Hardow.

Several acts of vaudeville followed by dancing is planned to be given next Tuesday evening, April 22, in the Community building. William Rodenhous, chairman of S. C. A. entertainment for April, has charge of the affair.

Mrs. E. DeTroyer of Centerline visited Mr. and Mrs. William Drow, Negawee avenue, Thursday.

Surprising Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lossing on their birthday anniversary, a number of friends and relatives from Detroit and Farmington gathered at their home Friday evening in celebration of the event.

Mrs. Charlotte Poupard of Detroit spent Thursday with Mrs. William Holbrook, Indian avenue. George Rakestraw of Farmington returned to his home Tuesday after several days' visit here in the P. C. Lossing home.

C. D. Hamill of Detroit spent Sunday with his daughter Mrs. Carl Gridley and family.

Mrs. A. Liebau and son George of Detroit were guests at the George Wakefield home, Friday.

Mrs. Lydia Lambert and daughter Doris of Detroit, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Christensen moved last week into the house formerly occupied by William White and family on Fourth Gate road. From Thursday until Tuesday Mrs. Charles Perry was in Leaper where she had been called by the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. Robert Deverell.

CHURCHES

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoer, Pastor

Good Friday:
German service, 10 a. m.
German communion, 11 a. m.
Union Good Friday service, 1:30
All pastors and congregations participating.

Easter Sunday:
Sunday School, 10 o'clock.
English service, 11:15.
English communion following.
Easter evening worship, 7:30.
Program by choir and Sunday School.

On Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock the official board members and their wives, the officers of the Ladies' Aid Society, the officers of the Epwag League, the teachers and officers of the Sunday School will assemble at the dining room for supper. After supper the various groups will hold business meetings.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor
Sunday masses at 7 a. m. 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Clarenceville M. E. Church
Rev. Robert Richards, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship.
11:30—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening service.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
Easter Sunday:
7:00—Sunrise service and breakfast conducted by the B. Y. P. U. Fred Wilkinson will speak.

10:30—Morning worship. The choir will sing an anthem and the Pastor will speak "The Resurrection."
11:45—Bible School with classes for all ages. We are anxious to set a new attendance record.

7:30—Great evening service. The Choir will render an Easter Cantata, under the leadership of James Smith. The sermon subject will be "Easter Clothes." There will be a baptismal service at the close of the message. We cordially invite all those who have no church home to worship with us on Easter Sunday at one or all of these services.

Universalist Church
Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor
Regular preaching services will be held next Sunday afternoon, at the usual hour of 3 o'clock in the Farmington Universalist Church. Dr. Adams' sermon topic will be, "The Victory of the Defeated."

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
At Sevier Road
Rev. Paul Graunper, Pastor
This evening (Good Friday) at 7:30 we will have the last of this year's Lenten meditations on the Passion of Christ.

On Easter Sunday there will be no Sunday School. The children are all invited to join in the great Easter celebration of the whole congregation. The service will begin at 10 a. m. The Pastor will preach both in German and English, after which the newly confirmed will join the congregation in Holy Communion. The choir has prepared special music.

A hearty invitation is extended to all.

St. Martin's Episcopal Mission
Lenore Ave, 3 blocks south of Grand River, Five Points
Morning service, 10:30.
Sunday School, 11:30.
Every Thursday evening during Lent.

Methodist Church
Dr. H. Addie Leeson, Pastor
Easter is becoming more and more "Everybody-at-Church" Sunday. Anticipation is high in expectation of next Sunday being a most inspiring and memorable day. Our choir will bring their best. The title of the sermon will be "The Wings of the Morning." Reception of new members and baptism will be an important feature.

In the evening at 8 o'clock a pageant will be presented in the Community Hall by a church group who will impersonate the great characters connected with the Easter story. The cast is being drilled by Miss Ernestine Pierce and the lighting and stage effects are in charge of William Pauline and Robert Cook.

The following characters will be assisted by the choir.
Pilate Harold McCracken
Joseph of Arimathea. N. Power
Roman Guards
Lloyd Whitt. C. Pettibone
High Priest Sayres Harger

Watches
Chas. Button, King Harger
Soldiers
Harry Killing, H. McCracken
Mary Louise Porter
Mary Magdalene Mrs. Whitt
The Angel Francis Brown

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