

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY TO BE FORMED

Systematic Betterment at
Forest Home Is the Object
in View

Forest Home, May 7.—At the close of the school meeting at Forest Home on Tuesday evening, the residents of the village were asked by A. J. Lamoureux to remain a short time to consider a proposition for the organization of a village improvement association. He explained that betterments in the shape of footpaths, shade trees, road improvements, etc., if carried out in accordance with a common plan, would add greatly to the beauty of the place and to the value of its property. He did not ask the village to enter into any scheme for spending money for improvements beyond what would be naturally made by the residents themselves, but he thought that were an intelligent plan adopted, such as might be drawn up by a landscape artist, these expenditures from year to year could be made in accordance with such plan and lead to better results. He believed that help in this respect could be obtained from the Department of Landscape Architecture, whose students have already made several plans for the improvement of Forest Home.

Professors Warren, Wheeler and others supported the suggestion, and Messrs. Lamoureux, Wheeler and Guthrie were chosen to prepare a plan for an organization, with the understanding that a meeting will be called at an early day for its consideration.

The number of children now living in the district is large enough to raise the question whether it would not be cheaper to have a local school. The absorption of the district's assessable lands by Cornell University, and the small number of children living in the district, caused the voters to give up the maintenance of a school many years ago. The growth of the College of Agriculture in recent years, however, has caused a number of professors to make their homes in the village, and has largely increased the school population.

Thanks to the Town Board

At the close of the meeting W. F. Head moved that a vote of thanks be passed for the service rendered to the people of Forest Home by the Town Board of the township of Ithaca in having a foot-walk added to the bridge across Fall Creek at Bool's mills. The bridge had become very dangerous because of augmented automobile traffic. The vote was unanimously passed.

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