

An eloquent plea for a road in 1867

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posed turnpike from your place to the county line. Let us have the road by all means. It will be the best 'institution in the county.'"

It was his belief that the construction of the turnpike near Stanford could lead to bigger and better things for the community.

He added, "By having a good outlet our place will greatly improve, a hotel will be erected, men will seek new homes among us, and Stanford will rise into prosperity and enterprise."

Nemo projected even further into

the future and saw Indiana University students coming out in that direction for recreation. Assuming that the turnpike would be built, he concluded, "Out this far will be a pleasant drive for the students, and if they dance to court the Muses, or have any aspirations in an athletic direction, the rocks, hills, woods and streams around Stanford will furnish material for both."

His parting sentence left something to be desired in the realm of clarity.

"Run the pike in this direction, but keep it above the ground."