

EDITORIAL

There is an old saying that "the archer who shoots at the sun never hits it but his arrow goes farther than that of him who aims at a bush." This can be very aptly applied to school life, the "sun" being an all "A" average if you are a poor student, and if a good student a very active part in the school activities, as well as the "A" average.

Maybe the poor student will never reach his goal, but if he has been getting a "C" average he might be able to raise it to a "B," and while the "A" student may not have a very responsible part in the managing of the school reform, he might have had if he had not "aimed at the sun."

The "sun" now being established, the bush might be defined as a position in school beneath your capabilities. If the all "A" student, instead of aiming at the sun, settled down and did no more work than was required of him, he would have no place in the social life of the school, and if the "C" student did no more work than he could help, and just scraped through his exams, he would probably have to do more work in the long run than if he had kept steadily at a "B."

Which are you going to aim at the "sun" or the bush?

The Library Corner

By Virginia Adams

A set of fifteen books entitled "Popular Science and Invention" has just been added to the school library.

The set is exceptionally useful for reference work in the Physics, Chemistry and General Science classes. The students who do not take these courses will find them very interesting as story books. Though the articles are on technical subjects, the language is very simple.

Each volume is a book by itself as they have the same main topics. Following are the chief subjects discussed in each book: The Universe, the Earth, Life, Plant Life, Animal Life, Health, Power, Commerce, Industry, Society, Biography, Household Science, and Color Plates. Under Power there are accounts of such things as "Machines That Talk," "The Sun As An Artist," "A Jet of Steam," Science of Democracy, Society, and Labor, and the Religion of Liberty are discussed under Society.

How the Useful Plants Came to Mankind

By E. STEWARD
WMS Service

Spinach

IN CONTRAST with such vegetables of ancient use as the cabbage, turnip and bean, spinach was introduced into Europe as recently as the sixteenth century, at which time there was controversy whether the name should be spinach, a vegetable from Spain, or spinache, a vegetable with prickly pods. Eventually it was shown that spinach was a Persian plant, almost certainly coming from the ancient empire of the Medes and Persians, whose borders extended continually to menace the Greek civilization from the East. The Persian name is *ispaghi* or *ispaghi*, and the Arabic, *ispanich* or *ispaghi*. That it is a Persian name indicates that even in those regions its cultivation does not reach back into remote antiquity.

Further evidence of the Persian origin is found in its Chinese name, characters which are translated "rich of Persia."

Cultivation of spinach probably originated about the time of the Greek and Roman civilization, when the Persian empire was also flourishing. Its spread was slow, both to the east and to the west. No mention of it in Chinese records is found until between 690 and 700 A. D. Ebn Battuta, a resident of Malaga and a great traveler, reported evidence that it was raised extensively in ancient Nineveh and Babylon, which he obtained from Arabian writings.

Spinach has frequently been identified as wild, but the facts are not wholly beyond question. A variety, *spinacia tetrandra*, is found to the south of the Caucasus in Turkey and in Persia, and the modern spinach may be a derivation through cultivation from this plant. *Tetrandra* has been brought under cultivation in India and some botanists, after a careful examination of the resulting plant, claim that it is identical with the garden spinach of the modern world.

In this respect it differs markedly from lettuce, which has been positively identified in the wild state in a great variety of places, ranging from the Canary Islands and Algeria to temperate and southern Europe, Persia, Abyssinia and China. It does especially well in Europe. Two thousand years ago botanists described three varieties, while latterly this number has grown to more than fifty, many of the kinds having been developed in the gardens of temperate Europe.

The Latch-Key

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FARMINGTON CITIZENS' High School Carnival

EXPRESS VIEWS ON 'THE LATCH-KEY'

Commendations and condemnations on the Latch-Key were received when the members of the Journalism class interviewed prominent business men recently. These criticisms were both helpful, encouraging and interesting. It seemed to be generally agreed that the paper was a great benefit to both town and students.

In answer to the question, "What do you think of the Latch-Key?" Wells D. Butterfield said, "I think it is fine. It is news, and most of it is news that would never reach the people in any other way. One reason why everyone should read the Latch-Key and why I do is that it is about the school and everyone is interested in school work."

Mrs. Butterfield, who was a school teacher, said, "I always read anything that has anything to do with the school. It is a very interesting paper."

Some suggestions were made by Mr. Butterfield. He said that although athletics were a fine thing some people would be interested to know what the classes were doing. He suggested writing about interesting things that were being done in the daily classes.

Mr. Miller, the former editor of the Farmington Enterprise, took this stand upon being asked what he thought of the school paper.

"The ambition of the Class of '29 of the Farmington High School to produce a paper for its purpose the creating of interest in school work, disseminating news of school activities and bringing pupils, teachers and parents into closer touch, has been realized," "The Latch-Key" published weekly during the school year.

"The creditable measure of success attained is due to a laudable ambition on the part of its staff and directors to make the Latch-Key something more than a mere joke book, and to a close adherence to principles of usefulness."

"The taxpayers should read the school paper as they pay for the where the money is paid in for the school goes," said Fred L. Cook. When asked what he read first he replied that when he read the school paper he read the editorials, a few of the school notes and the humorous stories. He ended by saying, "Now that I have been asked to criticize the paper, I believe I will read it more in the future."

"I think the Latch-Key is quite essential to the High School," stated Stanley Smith. "And not only to the High School but to the town in general. It keeps one posted on the activities of the school proper and the High School athletics. It helps to keep spirit among the students—put forward their best efforts to accomplish their end."

On being asked if he thought that the paper was widely read, Mr. Smith answered, "I believe I could easily say that the majority of the people in Farmington read it. I do myself."

E. O. Hutton stated that he thought the paper very essential to the people in general and very good writing for the class which writes it.

Mr. Brethour and Mr. Hall played on the independent team which defeated the Walled Lake Merchants Saturday night following the High School game. Clinton Treadway, class of '22, Kenneth Wilson, '24, Percy Spaller, '27, and Howard Middlewood '28 comprised the rest of the team.

The fourth grade is completing a project on the Plateau States. They are making maps and booklets on the subject.

The Girl Scouts discussed their stunt for the Carnival at the last meeting and studied first aid work.

The Seniors received \$22.14 for a load of papers taken to the city Monday.

Miss Roe spent the week end at the home of her parents in Evart, Mich.

MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL!!!

MARCH 5, 1929

High School
Main Show 25c-15c

Includes chance on fountain pen
Dancing Ping-Pong Game

OVERTIME GAME ENDS IN VICTORY FOR FARMINGTON

Two overtime periods were necessary to decide the contest between Farmington and Walled Lake on the home floor Saturday evening. By a score of 15 to 13, Farmington atoned for the defeat by Walled Lake earlier in the season.

In the first quarter shot after shot was missed by both teams and a basket by Cox was the only score. Farmington outplayed Walled Lake the second quarter and the period ended with Coach Brethour's quintet leading 9 to 4.

At the end of the third quarter Farmington was still five points ahead, the score being 11 to 16. Fenot and Measell substituted for Otis and R. Cox in the fourth quarter and Walled Lake ran up their score within one point of Farmington's 11. After the F. H. S. regulars were put back, Walled Lake made good a foul shot which left the score tied at the final whistle.

In the five three-minute overtime period Walled Lake scored a basket which was soon matched by one by Lapham. Otis made the winning basket in the second overtime period.

McCulley, substituting for Drake, played a good game at standing guard, Walled Lake getting only one close shot.

SENIORS TO GIVE BAKE SALE NEXT SATURDAY

A bake sale will be given by the Seniors next Saturday, it was decided at the class meeting Friday. Dorothy Bachelor, Olla Whitney and Louise Perry were appointed as the committee.

A committee to take care of the carnival booth was also appointed. This committee consisted of Eileen Lapham, Olive Grimwade, Kathryn Richardson, Henry Otis, and Dean Parker.

Plans for taking a load of papers to Detroit Monday were made. Arrangements for advertising the Minstrel Show were completed.

FRESHMAN TALK OVER CARNIVAL PLANS, PARTY

The Freshman booth for the carnival and a Freshman party were the subjects discussed at the class meeting Friday. Helen Burrows was appointed chairman of the committee to attend to the carnival booth.

Plans for a coasting party were made at the Sophomore class meeting. New plans were made for a sleigh-ride party at the Junior class meeting Friday. Plans for raising money for their Washington trip were also discussed. Mrs. Brethour had charge in the absence of Miss Ingalls.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Eaton participated in the program given at the Father and Son banquet by the Baptist Church. Mr. Hall gave a short talk on "What A Son Has a Right to Expect of His Father."

Mr. Eaton, accompanied by Russell, rendered two vocal selections, "Give A Man A Horse He Can Ride" and "Bon Jour, ma Belle." The orchestra played frequently during the program.

An experimental test consisting of questions of right and wrong was given to the Girls' League Thursday. The results will be tabulated and the right answers to the questions will be determined by the majority opinion. The ninth grade cooking class dramatized a health play.

The Near-East Relief campaign ended February 14 and \$28.65 was taken in. The Grade School contributed \$15.51; the High School \$8.14 and the H-Y \$5.00.

The Home Economics Club advisor, Miss Hyde, state, "No evening meetings of the Club will be held until after the basketball season."

Mr. Brethour and Mr. Hall were given the First Degree in the Masonic Order Monday night.

Miss Campbell visited her home in Kalamazoo, Saturday.

Miss Roe spent the week end at the home of her parents in Evart, Mich.

BAKSET BALL

GIRLS vs. FERNDALE
There—4:30

BOYS vs. PLYMOUTH
Here—7:30

Friday, February 22

WAYNE IS CONQUERED IN A CLOSE GAME; GIRLS VICTORS

Farmington defeated Wayne by a score of 20-15 on the opponent floor Friday evening. The game was closely contested neither team being more than two baskets ahead of the other at any point in the game.

The first quarter ended in a tie and at the end of the half, Wayne was leading 12 to 10. The score was again tied at the end of the third quarter, 15 to 15. With only a few seconds to play in the fourth quarter and the score standing 20 to 18, Wayne gave two free throws but both were unsuccessful and the game ended without further score.

Farmington made eight of 45 field goals attempted of 47.7%. This figure compares favorably with averages maintained by colleges and universities.

The Farmington Reserves were defeated in a preliminary game, 12 to 10.

Farmington girls added another victory to their credit last Friday afternoon when they defeated East Detroit (Halfway) by a score of 23 to 15. In the first quarter not much scoring was done. East scored two points to East Detroit's three. The second quarter was faster, the period ending 10 to 9 in favor of East Detroit.

The second half showed a marked improvement in the F. H. S. girls who far outplayed East Detroit, the score being 21 to 23 at the end of the third quarter. In the last quarter one basket was scored by each team and the game ended 23 to 15 in favor of Farmington.

MINSTREL SHOW

The Minstrel Show given in the Community Hall Wednesday evening was successful. The show was put on by a group of people from West Point Park. Half of the proceeds were given to the Senior club.

The Hi-Y Club voted \$5.00 for the Near Relief, \$5.00 for World Wide Brotherhood, and \$8.00 to pay for the enlarging of the picture of last year's championship basketball team.

DeWane Murphy, Alice Parker, Alice Davis, Joe Gravelin, Elroy Edwards, and Sidney Robinson were absent last week because of illness. Sidney was absent for two weeks.

Saturday Miss Hyde attended a bridge party at the home of Mrs. D. Ackerman on Collingwood avenue, Detroit, and afterward saw the musical comedy "Good News."

A coasting party was held on the slide by the Sophomore class Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served in the lunch room later in the evening.

Toxin-Antitoxin treatments for diphtheria will be given by the County Board of Health in the School on Wednesday March 6.

A Hi-Y breakfast was held in the lunch-room last Tuesday. The cooks were James Hogle, Glen Werner, and Elroy Edwards.

Mr. Eaton attended an evening performance of the French opera "Thais" by Massenet at the Masonic Auditorium Saturday.

Miss Campbell visited her home in Kalamazoo, Saturday.

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SENIOR BAKE SALE!!!

Saturday, February 23
LEE'S HARDWARE

Cakes, Pies, Fried Cakes,
Cookies, Candies

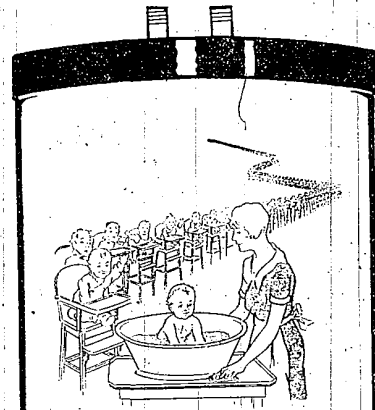
2:00 O'clock

TRAGEDY OF HASTE

There is no logic in rushing across a railroad track. There is no sense in not stopping and taking every precaution to avoid being struck by a train. There is only a world of laziness—and criminal recklessness.

A grade crossing is a rendezvous with death. There is ALWAYS a train coming.

Instead of regretting yesterday's busy and prepare for tomorrow.



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