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SENIORS SEE FAMOUS PLACES ON TRIP TO CAPITOL

On March 28, at 4:25 the Seniors left Detroit on the B. & O. Railroad for Washington. The party included 21 Seniors, two chaperons, Miss MacKellar and Mr. Brethour, Miss Mildred I. Adams and Mrs. B. C. Banfield of Farmington, Miss Grant and Mrs. Rumsey, both of Detroit, Mr. Graves, manager of the tour, and his daughter, Margaret.

On arriving at the train a five-pound box of candy was presented to the class from Stanley Smith, Farmington druggist.

While dinner was served the Seniors saw Toledo, the first large city en route.

Few retired before passing Pittsburgh about 1:30 a. m.

The first town passed after rising was Cumberland, Md. At 7:30 the party arrived at Harper's Ferry, Va. After a long and laborious climb, Hill Top House was reached.

A breakfast was enjoyed there and several "snaps" taken before the party started for John Brown's Fort. This fort is named for the man who captured it and the U. S. arsenal which originally stood near it. Within the fort are many Civil and World War relics, including a statement by John Brown of his aims in capturing the fort.

From here the party went on to Jefferson's Rock. The hike back to the station took them a beautiful church and the ruins of a church used as a hospital in the Civil War. Near the station were the tablets marking the original site of John Brown's Fort and the U. S. arsenal. Two rivers, the Shenandoah and the Potomac, and three states, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia came together at this historic point.

A local train was taken from Harper's Ferry to Washington. A chocolate malted milk was offered to the first person to sight the Washington Monument. It was not definitely decided who really won. The train arrived at Washington about 11:30.

After luncheon the party started for Arlington. The embassies were passed on the way. A stop was made at St. Albans, America's Westminster. The crowd here, as at all places, was huge. The building itself is a huge, magnificent structure, with tall spires and wire archways, better imagined than described.

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CLASSES VISIT MOTOR CAR PLANT AT ROUGE

The Commercial Geography class and the Freshmen in the Journalism classes visited the Ford plant at River Rouge Monday morning. The purpose of the trip was to aid them in their study of manufacturing. Mr. Hall, their teacher, chaperoned the class and also drove the school bus which was used for transportation.

The class was shown through the power plant, the foundry and the assembling rooms. One of the most interesting buildings was the one of glass manufacturing where they watched the process of a sand mixture becoming large sheets of plate glass.

The class was back in Farmington in time for their first hour classes in the afternoon.

Miss Ingalls and her mother spent the week end at the home of her aunt in Ann Arbor.

EDITORIAL

The Seniors have come back from Washington bubbling over with tales of experiences in that city. To the ever-ready ear of the Junior they advise "Be sure not to miss the Washington Monument and the Pan-American building, etc."

Faculty and alumni smile knowingly and look amused for that is just what last year's class said, and the one before that. Already the Seniors have started that old, old chorus "Remember in Washington when—"

Girls whisper about handsome bus drivers and fellows wonder how they could possibly have spent so much money.

In addition to pleasant memories the trip to the nation's capitol certainly affords numerous educational values — historical places, the Capitol, famous memorials, Arlington Cemetery, the educational value and experience alone make it worth-while to go. So let's all join forces and fairly "break our necks" to get the Seniors to Washington next year!

Fifteen Girls Out For Track And Baseball

There are fifteen girls out for track and baseball this season. Among them is "Speed" Zwahlen who received a letter last year. With Roberta Russel, Dyawne Murphy, and Lucille Jacobs, who played on eighth grade teams last year, and other promising material, the prospects for this year's team are quite bright," Miss Hyde said.

The seven schools in the League, Birmingham, Northville, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Rochester, East Detroit and Farmington, will meet at Ferndale Wednesday, June 5, to compete for girls' track championship of the League.

OPERETTA SHOWING A BIG SUCCESS

The operetta, "Belle of Barcelona," given Wednesday evening was a great success. The characters were well suited for their parts and entertained the audience by many song and dance numbers.

The story was laid in Barcelona, Spain, where a young officer, Harold Wright (Francis Drake), of the United States Marines, was looking for Marguerita, the beautiful and charming daughter of the Spanish Ambassador whom he had met in Washington. June Johnson played this part very well and her charming singing voice made the star of the cast.

A great deal of amusement was provided by "Pat Maloney" (Ivan Cox), who had come down to Spain with the Americans. Ivan's fine voice helped the production immensely. Pat fell in love with Miss Ayers (Lois Murphy), the elderly and sedate English governess of Marguerita.

The colorful costumes helped to complete the success of the operetta.

Lloyd Pierson provided entertainment between the second and third acts of the operetta by playing on the xylophone four selections, "Marcheta," "I'll Get By," "A Precious Little Thing," "A Precious Little Thing," "Called Love," and "Lilac Time." Piano accompaniment was furnished by Mrs. Loomis.

The Minuet dance by eight Kindergarten children showed the result of careful training by Miss Wondergem. The second grade toy band also pleased the audience.

"ADAMLESS PARTY DATE SET FOR APRIL 26th"

April 26 is the date that has been set for the Adamless party, to be held for the Girls' League.

At a meeting of the League Council last Thursday details for the party were discussed. No boys are to be allowed, as the name implies, and the girls are to come in pairs, one of the pair dressed as a boy.

Girls must pay their dues before they can be admitted to the party, the Council decided. Since the dues have been lowered to 50 cents a year and since all this money will be needed to finance the League banquet in May, an admission fee of 15 cents a person will be charged for the Adamless party.

LOST AND FOUND

1 Fountain pen cap.
2 Fountain pens.
4 Bunches of keys.
4 Rings.
1 Comb in leather case.
2 Eversharp pencils.
2 Bar pins.
1 Black belt (ladies').
2 Pairs leather gloves.

The school lunch room is being operated by the members of the High School Foods class since Monday when members of the class took over this project. The class is divided into groups of four. One section prepares the food while the others study. The present project is "Family Meals"

The Public Speaking class is studying drama and hopes to present a play in the near future. Because of the small number of students in the class, their efforts will probably be restricted to a one-act play.

Remington pin awards for skill in typing were presented to Eileen Lapham and Edythe Cain Friday. To secure these pins it is necessary to have an average speed of at least forty words a minute with not more than seven errors.

Mr. and Mrs. Green, Miss Rudberg, Miss Campbell, and Miss Leonardson spent the week end at the Ackland cottage on Devil's Lake.

'BOOKS KEEP SOUL OF THE WORLD ALIVE' SPEAKER SAYS

"It may be more difficult to compute the influence of books and other reading matter than to compute the influence of fresh air, but it is quite as worthy of consideration," stated Mrs. E. N. Roos, president of the Board of Education, in a talk given Thursday at the P. T. A. meeting. Her speech was entitled "Cultivation of the Love of Books in Our Children." She cited Roosevelt as a perfect example of the wise parent shown by his entertaining letters written to his children and by his surrounding his children with books. "A child's reading is the basis of his views of life, moral standards, and formation of his unfolding character. His ethical character is formed by right reading habits.

"When we tell a child a great story read him a great book, or put a good book into his hands it is, to use Sylvester Hornes' phrase 'Keeping the soul of the world alive through the keeping of the soul of a child alive'".

Mrs. Roos quoted "M. Sloane, assistant director of Better Homes in America who brings this indictment "When public education has been held in high regard in the United States, yet as a nation we read trash."

"Books," continued Mrs. Roos, "Are not only magic power that awakens a child's or youth's soul but they keep that soul alive once it awakens."

"The love of reading is induced by natural exposure to books in early childhood. The greatest contribution a home can make to a child is good literature and no academy on earth is equal to a mother's reading to her child."

Mrs. Roos cited Thomas Bigelow, editor of "Good Housekeeping" as saying "Could we give one gift to every child we should choose the love of books."

She pointed out that for the price of a ticket to an ephermeral entertainment one can secure a book that will give strength to him all his life.

"Imaginative literature especially helps in development of character and the real glory of reading is not that it creates a new world for the reader but that it enables him to create one for himself."

"One is never too old for good literature but can be too young," said Mrs. Roos. "Hence the grading of books"

Little children from three to five years of age are too young for fairy tales for they are too busy learning the real world and are too young to place elves and fairies in it, but they should have books pertaining to the joy and beauty of the earth, such as of the wind, birds, and bees.

Realistic stories such as "Robin Hood" and "A Boy's King Arthur," come next.

Last is romantic adventure. This must be dealt with carefully, however and not be mistaken for trash.

"In the home where the custom of reading aloud has been observed from earliest childhood best literature is grasped more readily."

In conclusion Mrs. Roos said, "Our job, then, as parents and as teachers is first to encourage the love of reading, second to give the knowledge of that which constitutes best literature, third to see that plenty of good books supply the demand."

"For books are more than books, The very heart and core of ages past,
The reason why men worked and lived and died,
The essence and quintessence of their lives."

GIVE MUSIC PROGRAM

A musical program, planned by Mr. Eaton, was enjoyed by the High School at an assembly, Friday afternoon at 3:15.
The program follows:
On the Hike March .... Zamecnik
    Orchestra
On Wings of Song ...... Mendelssohn
    Violin Quartet
Mile a Minute Galop (description) .... Hazel
    Orchestra
Country Gardens .... Grainger
Piano Solo, Elaine Auten
Victory March .... Zamecnik
    Orchestra

A telegram wishing the Senior Class a good time was received from A. G. Leonard, former superintendent of schools of Farmington, by the class while at Washington.

Mr. Crawford spent Saturday in Pontiac and Detroit.

The kindergarten, for having the most mothers present at the last meeting of the P. T. A., received a pot of red tulips. Out of a group of about 25 mothers present the kindergarten had 8. The Fourth Grade came next with six.

Miss MacKellar visited her home in Ypsilanti Saturday.

Miss Heaton spent the week end with her sister in Orion.