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# Editorials

## Unbalanced Competition

Farmington High School's football games this season emphasize a fact which has been indicated for the past several years. That is, that the athletic league of which Farmington is a member comprises schools too large for Farmington to compete with successfully and satisfactorily.

Farmington has been beaten week after week by the larger teams of these schools. The defeats are of little importance. If athletic competition builds character, then a defeat is as beneficial as a victory, probably more so. Indeed, one former big college star, member of a highly successful team, has said recently that his team's few defeats did every one of the players more good than all their victories. And in high school even more, it is important to teach the young men to play first for the sake of the game, rather than primarily for victory.

Thus it is not Farmington's defeats that need concern anyone more than temporarily. Of greater importance is the circumstance that the Farmington boys are continually opposed by teams much larger, heavier, and stronger than they. In baseball, track, or golf, this matters little, but in football and basketball it is important. It has been demonstrated time and again that wits can outstrip weight in football as well as other sports. But pitting any group of youths week after week against bigger teams is a handicap that they should not be asked to face.

Whether because of the rapid growth of Wayne, Dearborn, Plymouth, and other towns, the League appears to have become rather unbalanced, at least as far as Farmington is concerned. In a school the size of Farmington, two or three big, husky boys for football or basketball are found. In the larger schools, there are dozens.

There has been no serious harm in the situation, and so there need be no alarm. Someone must occupy the positions down toward the cellar of the league each fall, and if Farmington can do it gracefully, that is an achievement more worthy than it would be to get on top and then develop a "swelled head." But there is no particular advantage to be found in constantly competing on uneven terms.

It would seem that Farmington should be playing the schools in towns like Milford, Brighton, Walled Lake, and others, including, of course, Northville. Students and alumni would probably prefer very much to continue the intense rivalry with our near neighbor, and this one "contest" with a larger school need not be given up. But as for the remaining opponents, high school students themselves are saying that Farmington hardly has a fair chance with teams on its schedules now.

It is a matter that the athletic authorities who arrange the school leagues in this part of the State ought to consider soon, with the view of bringing Farmington into relations with schools more nearly its own size.

## An Editor's Prayer

Quite often we find it necessary to ask the indulgence of our readers for errors that creep into the columns of the Enterprise. We know the time will never come when this or any other newspaper is published without mistakes. And yet we fervently pray that no mistake of ours will ever be so funny—and at the same time so tragic—as one which appeared this week in Detroit daily. The story is told in full in the "correction" which appeared in that paper the next day, as follows:

### MARRIAGE LICENSES LISTED WRONG AGE

"In the list of marriage licenses published in Monday's Detroit Times the age of Emily P. Brown, who obtained a license to wed William Horsburgh, was given as 63. Through an error the figures were transposed and the age should have read 36."

But if it should some day be our lot to fall into an error of this kind, then we do humbly beseech the Being who watches over the fate of newspaper editors (some may doubt that they are so guided), then we implore that if we ever do confuse a lady's age, that the lady's age be 63, and we report it as 36, rather than that she be 36, and her age be printed by us as 63!

## Another Birthday

This week brings another birthday to the Farmington Enterprise.

Forty-one years ago November 2, Farmington's first newspaper came from the little hand-press in Edgar Bloomer's shop. It is not a centennial—in fact, we still have some years yet to go before we reach the half-century mark.

But though the Enterprise is not a youngster as newspapers go, yet it hopes that its worth may be measured by other means than by years. While year follows year quickly and its age increases, it hopes that, each birthday will find it a little more useful, a bit nearer indispensable, in this community.

## The Annual 'Roll Call'

From November 11 to November 28 we will be asked to participate in the annual roll call of the American Red Cross. This appeal will be made to every city, village and hamlet in the state. There should be a generous response.

The Red Cross maintains a permanent organization. It is ready to respond to a call, no matter from what part of the country it may come. Funds for this regular maintenance are obtained through the enrollment of membership in the national organization by the various chapters each year. We do not know where the next blow to humanity will fall. That we have been spared in this state is our own good fortune, but we are equally as interested in as though it were here in Michigan.

The Red Cross, "common mother of us all," is the angel of mercy that steps in when death and devastation have wrought their

havoc. The dollar given to aid their work is used to alleviate suffering and repair waste places. Year after year it continues its work for humanity, never seeking high places of glory, but content to go down into the valleys to minister to those in need. Let Michigan citizens meet this annual appeal in the spirit that they should.—Jonia County News.

## A Happy Time

There have been joyful occasions in Farmington before but none happier—in years, we believe, than the Methodist Centennial banquet Tuesday evening. Though the program that followed the dinner continued for two hours, none seemed to feel that it was too long, but rather that it was all too short.

No one who attended this Centennial will attend the next, and such one present seemed to catch the spirit of Supt. Pearce's counsel that we live, not for the past, nor for the future, but for the present moment. Beaming faces and happy smiles around the handsome birthday cake formed in enjoyable ending for the main public gathering of the celebration.

It was an occasion which everyone present will long remember.

## WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen.  
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Mr. and Mrs. John Altama and daughter Dorothy and son Junior, returned home Monday from a ten days' trip to Mason City, Ill., where they visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Quick and to Sullivan, Mo. to visit the latter's sister, Mrs. Mary Harrison, Mrs. Quick going with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burns and Mrs. Mabel Hinkle of Detroit visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen Monday evening.

Miss Leona McCully of Farmington spent Thursday evening as the guest of Miss Shirley Zwahlen.

June and Barbara Whipple were guests last Saturday of Elizabeth Mercer.

Mrs. B. C. Thomas and niece, Margaret Mills were guests Sunday of the former's sister, Mrs. Steadman at Lyons.

Roy Clay and Alvin Myers of William and Mrs. Nelson Baker of Detroit were guests of Mrs. John Mercer last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mercer and daughter Elizabeth attended the installation of juvenile officers of the schools of Wayne County, Monday evening, which was held at Plymouth. Elizabeth was one of the health officers in the first grade.

Dr. and Mrs. McLean of Detroit formerly of West Point Park were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Banks and others.

Mrs. Albert Owen was a Detroit visitor Monday.

The Adult Bible Class will meet next Wednesday evening, November 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman. All adults are invited.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood and daughter Barbara were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harrison.

On account of the scarlet fever cases in the neighborhood, our Sunday services were postponed one week. Rev. Brown of Detroit will speak next Sunday.

The Ladies' Community Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Zwahlen. Plans were completed for the bazaar which will be held December 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and daughter Betty and son Bobby of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barger of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman.

William Zwahlen Jr. left last Friday for a training camp at Great Lakes, Ill. where he will be located for the next nine weeks.

Because he banged a telephone receiver in Judge Comerford's ear, while the judge was talking to him relative to his having ignored a subpoena, a Chicago man days in jail for contempt of recently was sentenced to ten

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