

The Latch-Key

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HI-Y INITIATION

Six new members, John Brand, Jim Frantz, Roderick Howarth, John Harlan, Ralph Wixom and George Middlewood, were initiated into the Hi-Y Wednesday, November 21, at 7:30 p. m.

After the new members had been led around the gym and the officers of the club had read to them the standards and platform of the Hi-Y they were initiated.

Bob Gaff had charge of the part. First the new members had to find a penny in a dish of flour while blindfolded. After this the dish of flour was exchanged for a dish of water and each member got his face put under water instead of flour. Next, long chalk marks were made on the floor and each member was given a tooth brush and glass of water with which he had to wash up the chalk mark. The new members were lined up in a row at one end of the gym and each was given a peanut to roll to the other end with his nose. Jim Frantz won by a head.

The initiates were then taken to the lunch room where cocoa, pie, and sandwiches were served by Ivan Cox, "Mike" Nickolson, "Ed" Crosswell, and "Don" Walters. Each new member gave a speech and they were allowed to wash the dishes. The initiation was brought to a close by each member receiving four whacks with a paddle, one for clean living; one for clean speech; one for clean athletics; and one for clean scholarship.

A discussion meeting for the Hi-Y Club was held Tuesday night in Room H. The topic for discussion was "What is clean living according to Hi-Y standards?"

Roy Young had charge of the group and suggestions were made by members and Mr. Crawford.

WHY SOME PEOPLE SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR THE THANKSGIVING VACATION

Edward Fink and Harold Chamberlain because they can eat for a week.

Philo McCully and Kathryn Haynie because they can catch up on their notes.

Harford Utley and Joe Grayling because they can hitch up the team and take the folks over to "Grandmas" for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. Crawford so he can practice his little speech: "Pick up the paper."

Glady's Krumm so she can snatch a little sleep.

Mr. Eaton because he can be in Detroit for the week end.

Mr. Hall because he can go hunting—for Jack Rabbits.

Mr. Röhrer so he can get accustomed to talking plain English again.

George Mairs because he can "set by the fire and chew apples."

Helen Burrows so she can take her three dogs for a walk.

John Harlan because he can go home and practice old fashioned pieces on his clarinet.

Glenn Werner so he can say "No taint righteous."

Frank Kerr so he can read up on his Wild West stories to relate in history class.

Matilda Casey so she can practice her slow and stately walk around the Assembly room.

Mrs. Shadley so she can practice track work to be in training for running from room to room to call someone who is wanted on the phone.

BEWARE—OR ARE WE SEEING THINGS?

Alighting from a modern auto mobile a strange and sinister person approached the school.

It wouldn't have been so bad, for he looked civilized enough, but for a menacing looking sword in his right hand. "Thank goodness it was in a sheath!"

And, the story does not end here, for concealed in a walking stick was a long threatening sword.

Heavenly days! What was the dirk for, protruding conspicuously from his hip pocket? Possibly he was going to attack the school.

But no; Where was the rest of the army? Maybe he had planned an attack on some member of the faculty! If so, why did he come alone and so well armed? Certainly his face displayed no evidence of anger. What then, could this mysterious personage armed with weapons similar to those used in the Spanish-American War want at Farmington High School? As if unaware of the gaping crowd on each side he

mounted the stairs.

Which way would he turn now? Oh! to the left and toward Miss Chettles room. And she's all alone! Who'll volunteer to assist her? Yet she has called for help. Perhaps she's too terrified. Then upon quietly sneaking up to the door one could see Benny Starkey proudly displaying the weapons his father had brought home from the war in the Philippine Islands in the undisturbed and not in the least terrified Miss Chettle.

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SUMMARY OF FOOTBALL

The end of the football season of this year finds F. H. S. in the bottom place in the Suburban League, with Ypsilanti and Plymouth.

Farmington lost four games to Northville, Wayne, Dearborn, and Plymouth and won one game from Ypsilanti with a score of 2-0.

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STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

It was suggested and passed that the Student Council should buy new basketball suits. Samples were looked over and a committee composed of Mr. Crawford, Philo McCully, Captain John Lapham and Francis Drake was selected to pick out the new suits.

The Council is going to draw up a constitution and Glenn Warner, Lois Murphy and Helen Westfall, president of the Council, were chosen to start the work.

A basic standard for setting letters in all athletic events will be another project which will be worked out in the future.

THIS WEEK A YEAR AGO

In the final game of the season Farmington triumphed over Howell on a muddy gridiron with a score of 6-0.

With a score of 2 to 1 Farmington defeated Milford High School in the first League debate of the season.

Night school was held on Tuesday, November 27 at 7 o'clock in the school. School being dismissed that afternoon.

MOTTO

With an appropriate picture and verse for the Thanksgiving season, this is the motto that appears above the bulletin board this week:

"What some of us need is less wishbone and more backbone."

CLASS NOTES

The Sophomore class has more choice of subjects than any class in High School. The students are taking academic and business courses. A few students are planning to get through in three years.

Miss MacKellar's English 10 classes are studying Silas Marner.

Miss Chettles' World History classes are reviewing the first 19 chapters in "Modern Times and the Living Past," and working on their map books. Miss Chettle also teaches second year Latin.

They are now translating "The Argonauts."

Mr. Röhrer's bookkeeping students are studying special journals under the topic of accounts.

Miss Hyde's sewing class will be making Christmas gifts next week.

Mr. Crawford's geometry classes are studying Triangles.

FACULTY NEWS

Mr. Crawford expects to spend Thanksgiving Day Newago, Mich. after which he intends to attend the Older Boys Conference at Grand Rapids Friday and Saturday. He also wishes to visit Mrs. Helen Boorman Gettings who formerly taught at Farmington.

Miss Murphy entertained Miss Leah Jo Kells of Detroit last week end.

Miss Roe expects to enjoy her Thanksgiving holiday at her home in Ewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Green and Mr. Bisbee spent Sunday at Greenman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Loomis visited Miss Reid of Owosso who was a former kindergarten teacher at Farmington.

Tuesday evening Miss Leonardson of Northville visited Miss Halsted.

Miss Hyde plans to spend

Thanksgiving with her brother whose home is in Chicago.
Miss MacKellar's Thanksgiving Day will be spent with her cousin, Miss Mary Belle Grant of Detroit.

GRADE NEWS

The first grade has received some project books called "My Booklet" and they are enjoying them very much. At the present time they are studying the pilgrims.

The second grade has completed a group of things such as Indian pottery, sand table, booklets and tepees. Turkeys were drawn and cut out for a Thanksgiving project.

NEW MACHINE ATTACHES SOLES WITHOUT USING NAILS OR STITCHES

A remarkable new device, which attaches flexible soles to women's shoes without nails or stitches is in operation in the Boston Shoe Repair Shop. It was obtained from England by Thomas, proprietor.

By use of water beneath a leather covering, which makes a foam up around every portion of a hole, the new sole is applied, being held by a glue of exceptional strength. The effect, Mr. James states, is to make a resoled shoe the same as a new one.

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THE EARLY LIFE OF THOMAS A. EDISON

Following is the eighth grade prize essay in the recent Edison essay contest, written by Catherine Storms.

February 11, 1847 a little soul entered the world who, though unimportant then, is a great man today. This was Thomas A. Edison.

He was a queer, quaint little boy who looked frail and hardly capable of the pranks he hardily. His boyhood was much the same as any boy's, with all the fun, punishment and bumps.

At an early age he developed a wondrous sense of reasoning and observation. He was always asking questions and people thought him stupid because he asked about such queer things.

He got himself and friends into many scrapes with his experimenting. He once read that gas would enable people to fly, and persuaded a hired boy to take a large dose of saltpetre powder.

The result was that the lad became very ill and Edison was severely punished.

Edison lived in Milan, O., until he was seven years old. Then the family moved to Port Huron, Mich. Here he went to the local school where he received his first and only school education.

He was continually at the foot of his class, learned little of general school subjects, and probably cared less, being too much interested in the world of science.

Finally his teacher became thoroughly disgusted with him for asking questions that had nothing at all to do with the lesson and reported him as "addled."

Edison's mother did not believe him dumb but thought the right method of teaching him had not been employed. After three months of school, "Al" commenced his educational instruction at home.

As Edison grew older, he acquired a craze for experimenting and inventing. About the age of twelve he collected with money earned at odd jobs, some two hundred bottles of chemicals. The boy then set up a laboratory in the basement of his home, and labelled all the bottles "Poison" to keep out intruders. There it was that Edison spent much of his spare time experimenting.

"My chum and I were always around the telegraph office," Edison writes. "Once we constructed a telegraph line between our homes with stovepipe wire and glass bottles as insulators set on nails driven into trees."

Later Edison's mother allowed him to sell papers on the train to Detroit. He established a good business selling candy and papers and persuaded the conductor to let him have a vacant corner of the baggage car to set up his "Laboratory on Wheels." Here he spent his spare time experimenting.

But life is not happiness forever! One day a quick jerk of the train sent a stick of phosphorus flying to the floor and set fire to the car. The conductor threw Edison and the whole laboratory off the train with a sound cuffing of the ears, which resulted in permanent deafness.

Here ended the "Weekly Herald" of which Edison had been reporter, editor and printer. He had made the paper in spare time with some old type which had been given him. He then had been given him. He then printed in his own home a little paper called "Paul Pry," which was also short lived.

Later, as a reward for saving the life of the station master's little son, Edison learned the art of telegraphing and became the agent at Port Huron. From this position he gradually entered into his inventive period when he did so much to attain world-wide fame.

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Mining and The Telephone

A bell clangs, gates crash shut, and the "skip" sinks rapidly into the earth! Tightly packed with stalwart miners, the car drops down the shaft, the hat lamps fade and the bantering voices recede into the darkness. Down, down, down, a mile or more they go, to blast and pick for copper-bearing rock.

Linking these subterranean workers and their companions on the surface is a telephone system, keeping the miners in constant communication with "the top". On each underground "level", a telephone enables the "shift bosses" to receive directions from the superintendent above, or to report particular developments.

As a safety device, the telephone is indispensable.

The far-reaching telephone wireways are partners of mining, not only underground but in the surface plant, in the offices, and between all points in the nation. The copper, iron, salt, oil, and other mining industries of our state utilize the telephone to sell their products, to buy materials and to direct shipping.

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