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EDITORIAL

This issue of the Latch-Key will be the last one published by the present staff, for our term in Journalism ends with the mid-semester exams.

Our work in Journalism and on the Latch-Key has been a year of happy, exciting and delightful work, and now the paper will be turned over to the hands of the "baby" class (a term coined in Journalism), who will publish it for the rest of the year.

We, the present staff, which is as follows:

Editor-in-chief.....Beulah Gullen
Athletic editor ...Elroy Edwards
Feature editor ..... Lucille Jacobs
Classes and music.....Ethel Hill
Society editor .....Myra Killom
Clubs .....Don Walters

urge the students to take up Journalism, which will begin in a new class this semester.

Journalism certainly is an interesting subject, at least we found it so, and are reluctant about leaving our places.

However, we wish the "baby" class, which will assume our duties on January 23, for the remainder of the year, a prosperous and happy time in carrying out this work.

S. O. S.!

Some one please do something! The situation is becoming terrible, and drastic measures, such as committing suicide, ending it all by means of the creek, or one swallow of arsenic will be the outcome of this maddening, agitating silence.

Day after day we sit gnashing our teeth, biting our nails and pulling our hair, trying to write news thrillers from basketball games, class meetings or assembly programs. We are nearly crazy from thinking.

Some one of you readers of the Latch-Key—couldn't you please come to our rescue or create a little excitement.

The Journalism students are badly in need of news articles!

BAND TO GET LETTERS

Starting with the coming semester the members of the band, and those who are now taking up band work will be given a chance to show their ability as musicians and earn letters which they will be proud of.

To earn a letter each player must pass a certain test which will be given by the instructor. This examination must be passed with a grade of not less than 90 per cent. Here are a few of tests which will have to be passed in order to get a letter:

"Play America on some other instrument besides his own."

"Transpose America for his instrument from the piano music."

"Write a treatise of not less than two hundred words on 'Care of Instrument'."

"Baritones must learn both bass and treble clefs."

And there will be many others just as difficult if not more so.

Mr. Eaton states that it is a rigid test but he will give necessary work in class or individually so as to qualify the members to meet it.

The students are not required to take all the examination at one time but will take it by portions and are free to ask the instructor for assistance in preparing for the test.

This step in band work should establish and create more interest in music throughout the organization.

It is not yet known but the letters will probably be placed on a lyre as a background and the letter F. or F. B. will be placed upon it.

MUSIC

The band is slowly climbing up!

It is now working on three classical numbers, "The Bouquet," "The Spirit of Youth" and "Under the Double Eagle." Other numbers are to be secured by the instructor soon.

DEFEAT PLYMOUTH

After a series of defeats at the hands of Northville, Belleville, and Wayne, Farmington's basketball team came through with two victories last Friday on the home floor.

The first team defeated Plymouth by 22 to 6.

The game started with Farmington taking the lead but the third quarter ended with the score 13 all.

In the last quarter Ivan Cox starred by sinking several baskets, and acting as the center of attack by passing the ball to Maas, who also dropped in several.

The second team of the boys' squad also came through with a decisive victory over Plymouth second string players by a score of 20-7. The score was made one-sided when "Ed" Measell and "Bill" Cairns were sent into action as the last quarter started.

The lineup for the first team was:

McCully, Drake, guards; Cox, Lapham, forwards; Maas, center.

The subs were:

Turner for McCully and Fendt for Lapham.

The lineup for the second team was:

Middlewood, Roos, guards; Kerr, Brooks, forwards; Nicholson, center.

The subs were:

"Ed" Measell, Marsh, guards; "Bill" Cairns, Turner, forwards.

WIN FIRST LEAGUE GAME

Friday, January 17, was a day of victory for Farmington, the blue and white winning three games in one day. After the girls' victory over Hazel Park High they came home to watch the boys, first and second teams, defeat Plymouth.

The girls' game with Hazel Park was the first game of the season. The game was very fast. The girls showed splendid and fast passing. The first quarter ended 8 to 4, favor F. H. S. The score at the end of the half was 13 to 6 favor Farmington. Viola Lamb started off the third quarter with a long shot, scoring two more points for Farmington.

The lineup was as follows:

Forwards. Murphy, Lamb, Atkinson, Jacobs; jumping center, Johnson, Jacobs; side center, Shefpo, Owens; guards, Perry, Schoen, Krumm.

The next league game for the girls will be January 31 with East Detroit on the home floor.

TO PLAY DEARBORN

Dearborn will be our next antagonist on our own floor Friday, January 24.

Last year Farmington lost the last game of the season to Dearborn on the home floor, 23-15, although they had won the first game from Dearborn by two points in an overtime period.

TO TAKE SENIOR PHOTOS

The Senior Class pictures are to be taken at the High School during the week of March 24. Appointments may be made outside of the school hours to have them taken at the studio.

The committee consisted of Philo McCulley, Glenn Werner, Esther Seeley and Alice Parker.

SENIORS PLAN RUMMAGE SALE AND SUPPER

The Senior Class Rummage Sale is to be held Saturday, February 1. The Seniors are collecting all rummage and it is being stored in the old A. & P. store. Helen Westfall is the chairman of the committee and requests that anyone phone her at Farmington 306, if they have anything to contribute.

The Seniors have set February 27 as the date for their annual Senior supper.

H.I.Y

The Hi-Y Club held another discussion meeting Tuesday, January 21, in Room 11 at 10 o'clock.

The discussion leader was Roderick Howarth and the subject that he chose, "Why A Christian?" was one that has caused much interest in this organization. It was a continuance of the last discussion meeting that was held two weeks ago, but the members had many new ideas to offer which proved interesting.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

The Girls' League held a meeting Tuesday, January 14, in the Assembly Room. A talk was given by Miss Barbour.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council spent their meeting period for collection of funds for reforestation. The amount turned in by the High School was very low in percentages as recorded by each class. The Freshmen had 62% of its students turn in a small amount; the Sophomores 86%; the Juniors 50%, and the Seniors 46%.

TREATS BASKETBALL BOYS

By winning the game Friday, the members of the basketball team earned a malted milk each.

After the game Friday the proprietor of the Sugar Bowl was so pleased with the way the boys had played, that he invited all the boys for a malted milk.

PERSONALS

Homer Middlewood, student at Cass Technical High School, visited here last Tuesday.

Ethel Hill will take Mildred Stanley's place in the Glee Club.

Shirley Howarth returned to school Monday after a week's illness.

GIRLS RECEIVE TREAT

So delighted with the girls defeat of Hazel Park, Friday, was Mr. Smith of the drug store, that he invited all the girls of the first team to the store Tuesday, where they received a treat.

JOURNALISM

A short mid-semester examination covering but 45 minutes was given the Journalism "baby" class on Wednesday, during the class period. While the staff of the Latch-Key was given no examination this last edition of the paper, under their publication, will be considered as one.

The first grade art class is learning free-hand cutting. At the present they are making snow scenes.

The fourth grade students are cutting free hand posters.

The fifth and sixth grades are studying and making designs.

The seventh and eighth grades are having a detailed course in free hand pen and ink sketches.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

A number of students in the grade school receive mention for their high standard in scholarship throughout the past semester.

First grade: James Blair, Margaret Leech, Junior Pagel, Edward Erwin, and Patsy Lapham.

Second grade: Jimmy Barrons, Gloria Crawford, Mary Himmelspach, and Simona Van Hulle.

Third grade: Edgar Barrons, Ardis Greenman, Jane Hill, Theresa Himmelspach, Dixon Riddle, Bobby Stokes, and Shirley Williams.

Fourth grade: Ralph Banfield, J. W. Erwin, Ruth Greenman, Donald Lee, Vernice Van Marter, Ross Van Volkkenburg, and Dorothy Warner.

Fifth grade: Gerald Grace, Ernest Ham, and Victor Schoen.

FOREST ACREAGE 71,851

At the beginning of the year 1930, Michigan had planted in its 12 state forests, 71,8551 acres of trees. A program as extensive as that of the last year, is planned by the Forestry Division for the coming season.

How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"POET LAUREATE"

FROM our school days most of us have sensed romance in the title of "Poet Laureate," which is conferred upon only one poet in England to be held by him until his death, when the next Poet Laureate is chosen.

The term "Laureate" comes from "laurel" and the reference is to the old custom at the English universities of presenting those receiving degrees in poetry and rhetoric with a wreath of laurel. This was originally an ancient custom, the Greeks being known to have so crowned their popular poets.

The title was first conferred in 1670. The early Poet Laureate was an officer in the greatly beloved king's household, whose business it was to compose an ode for the king's birthday and other important occasions. The modern title however is purely honorary.

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SMILES

GABBY GERTIE

"What one hears on the air may be hectic rather than static."

Something to Whisper About

Fable—Once upon a time two cars collided on a highway and the drivers conferred thereafter in whispers.—New Castle News.

Oakland County Boys Will Play In Their Own Y. M. C. A. Camp At Loon Lake This Summer

Although the snows of early winter may lie deep in the hushed and silent woods and fields of northern Michigan and along the banks of the winding, swiftly-flowing AuSable, scores of boys in Oakland county already can conjure up in the vivid imagination that is boyhood's, a picture of the joys which await them next summer. They can do it and not half try, for they visualize the Oakland County Y. M. C. A. Camp on Loon Lake, in Iosco county.

Behind this movement for a comprehensive program of summer enjoyment and health-giving character education, stand several prominent men who are devoting time and attention as their contribution toward a worthy investment in Oakland county boys and their welfare. Cooperative and entirely non-profit making, the Oakland County Y. M. C. A. Camp, Inc., is sponsored in behalf of four Young Men's Christian Associations of Oakland County: Pontiac, Birmingham, Royal Oak Township and Town and Country.

In selecting a site for the camp, the men who are working for its success scanned carefully much of the region north of Saginaw Bay in the vicinity of the AuSable river, one of the most picturesque streams in Michigan. When their choice was made, finally, they believed they had selected a spot unrivalled for the purpose intended. The location embraces 427 acres of land on the shores of Loon Lake, with nearly a mile and a half of dandy swimming beach, and is virtually flanked by the AuSable. The camp is 150 miles north of Pontiac—far enough away to give the boys that feeling of being "up north" for the summer, close enough to allow their parents to keep in touch with them. U. S. Highway 23 leads directly to the camp.

So thickly wooded are 100 acres of the tract that the boys at the camp will get some idea of how their state looked in years past, before the woodsman's axe and saw swept through its forests. They will see quite a variety of trees native to their state, among them the trees the poet sang of, "The murmuring pines and the hemlocks," for both white pine and Norway pine help to make up the standing timber, along with tamarack, spruce and cedar, and the more familiar oak, beech, maple, poplar and birch.

In contrast to this the boys will have an opportunity to note how, after the lumber went, the electric power projects came. These dams and stations are located on the AuSable. Along Silver creek, where the largest and most elusive trout fool the fisherman, they can inspect a new hatchery. Not far away is the National Forest, where vast acres are being given over to reforestation. Within striking distance of the camp are numerous lakes, the state park at Lake Huron and points of interest in the hills and bluffs and in the valleys that go to make up the terrain of the region.

The trustees of this investment in the boyhood of Oakland County are Charles J. Shain, Birmingham, president; Maurice P. Cole, Ferndale, secretary; Otto Sasche, Pontiac, treasurer; George T. Hendrie, Bloomfield Hills, vice-president; Fred T. Baker, Pontiac, assistant treasurer; E. W. Seaholm, Birmingham, Frederick D. Madison, Royal Oak, and Charles J. Merz, Pontiac.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the City of Farmington held January 20, 1930.

Called to order by Mayor Lamb at 7:45 p. m.

Commissioners present, Staman, Hatton, Hogle, Goers, Gildemeister and Otis.

Minutes of the meeting of January 6 read and approved.

Mr. Sam Engel addressed the Commission in regard to the water situation at his place of business.

C. V. Fenner of the B. C. Arnold Co. exhibited samples of street signs and gave the Commission the prices of the same.

Motion made by Hogle, supported by Gildemeister, that Otis and Hatton be appointed a committee on street signs with power to purchase if prices are satisfactory. Yeas, Hatton, Otis, Hogle, Staman and Gildemeister, 5. Nays Goers, 1. Carried.

George H. Rutling, civil engineer of Detroit spoke to the Commission in regard to making assessors plats, setting concrete monuments where needed and making a map of the entire city. The price named will hold good if his bid is accepted by February 3, 1930.

Bernard Banfield was appointed fire chief.

The Commission authorized the City Clerk to notify the Township Board that if they desired to submit a proposition to the City Commission in regard to the Town Hall controversy the latter body would be glad to consider it.

Adjourned, 9:25 p. m.

N. H. Power, City Clerk.

Purchase of 720 acres by the Parks Division of the Department of Conservation, to be added to the Hartwick Pines State Park in Crawford County, was authorized by the Conservation Commission at its last regular meeting.

The purchase includes a section of 640 acres lying south and adjacent to the present park, and 80 acres within the present parks boundary.

The additional area will give the park a total acreage of 9,080.

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Pelton and McGee, Peoples State Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Mich.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, praying for the vacation of the Plat of Tarnbull Maryland Gardens, a subdivision of the West half o fthe Northeast quarter of Section 23, in Town one, North of Range 9 East, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, and that an application founded upon the said petition will be made to the said Court at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, on Monday, the 24th day of February, A. D. 1930, for an Order vacating the said plat, at which time and place any person owning any part of the said Township of Farmington immediately adjoining that part thereof which it is proposed to vacate, may appear and oppose the same.

ROYAL G. ADAMS
LAVERNA M. ADAMS
By ROYAL G. ADAMS
Petitioners.

Dated: January 16th, 1930.
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At St. Louis the Standard School Equipment Company has moved from Housel building on North Mill Street to new suite of rooms on E. Washington Street.

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MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by F. DeVere Fleming and Elizabeth Fleming, his wife, of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, to George R. Bostwick and Minnie Fendt Bostwick, his wife, of the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, dated the 11th day of February A. D. 1925, and recorded the 17th day of February, 1925 in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland in Liber 346 of mortgages on page 279, and thereafter assigned by George R. Bostwick and Minnie Fendt Bostwick, his wife, to the Farmington State Savings Bank, a Banking Corporation, by written assignment dated November 18th, 1928 and recorded November 19th, 1928 in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland in Liber 527 of mortgages on pages 409 and 410, and upon which mortgage default has been made in the payments of principal, interest and taxes, and by reason of the provision in said mortgage the whole amount of principal and interest has become due, and is hereby declared due and payable, and there is claimed to be due and payable at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and taxes, the sum of $17,782.13, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover said sum, or any part thereof, now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public vendue, on SATURDAY, THE 15th DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1930, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern standard time, at the Easterly entrance to the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within said County, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 7 per cent and all the legal costs allowed by law and provided for in said mortgage, including attorney fees, said premises being located in the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and described as follows, towit:

A parcel of land situated in the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 9 East, bounded on the North by a highway on the East by a highway; and the South by a certain parcel of land sold to Kirchner; and on the West by a parcel of land owned by Sofa Fendt; excepting and reserving 2 acres in the Northwest corner of said above described 38 acres of land, more or less; the said 2 acres having a frontage of 330 feet on the highway and extend from the northerly boundary line to a depth sufficient to make exactly 2 acres; and in addition thereto, the parties of the first part hereby reserve the title to and possession of all buildings on said 2 acres of land. The above land being more particularly described as: Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 33 of the Township of Farmington, in the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, thence running southerly along the east line of said Section 33,1650.07 feet to a point; thence westerly parallel with the east and west quarter line of said Section 991 feet to a point; thence northerly parallel with the east line of said Section 1651.4 feet to the north line of said section; thence easterly along the north line of said section 991 feet to the place of beginning, excepting therefrom 2 acres of land in the northwest corner thereof, described as follows: Beginning at a point in the north line of said Section 33, 661 feet west from the northeast corner of said section; thence southerly parallel with the east line of said Section 264 feet to a point; thence westerly parallel with the north line of said Section 330 feet to a point; thence northerly parallel with the east line of said Section 264 feet to the north line of said section; thence east along the north line of said Section 330 feet to the place of beginning, containing, exclusive of said exception, 36.466 acres of land.

Part of the lands being known as Flemings Roseland Park, a subdivision of part of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 9 East, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, except lots 251 to 256 inclusive, 259 to 264 inclusive, 218 to 250 inclusive, lots 190 to 217 inclusive, 137 to 141 inclusive, part of lot 257 and 79 to 85 inclusive.

Also a part of the lands embraced in said mortgage lie in Builders Park, a subdivision of part of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 9 East, Farmington Township, being lots 61, 62, 76, 77, 88 to 97 inclusive.

Dated: November 26th, 1929.

FARMINGTON STATE SAVINGS BANK, Assignee.
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Pontiac, Michigan.

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MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by F. DeVere Fleming, his wife, of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, to Sophia Fendt and Minnie Fendt Bostwick, as joint tenants and to the survivor of them, of Farmington, Michigan, dated the 28th day of October A. D. 1925 and recorded the 12th day of November A. D. 1925 in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, in Liber 355 of mortgages on pages 73 to 76 inclusive, and upon which mortgage default has been made in the payments of principal, interest and taxes, and by reason of the provision in said mortgage the whole amount of principal and interest has become due, and is hereby declared due and payable, and there is claimed to be due and payable at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and taxes, the sum of $19,033.58, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover said sum, or any part thereof, now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public vendue, on SATURDAY, THE 15th DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1930, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern standard time, at the Easterly entrance to the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within said County, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 7 per cent and all the legal costs allowed by law and provided for in said mortgage, including attorney fees, said premises being located in the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and described as follows, towit:

Parcel 1. Twenty acres off the West side of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 9 East, excepting and reserving the following described parcel, towit: Commencing at a point in the center of the East and West highway 25 feet East of the Northwest corner of said above described parcel, running thence South 315 feet; thence East parallel with the North section line 138.3 feet; thence North parallel with the West line of said parcel to the center of the highway; thence, West along the center of the highway to the place of beginning, containing 1 acre of land.

Parcel 2. Starting at the Southeast corner thence West half of the East half of the Northeast quarter of said Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 9 East, running thence North parallel with the East line of said Section, 16 rods; thence West 20 rods; thence South 16 rods to the quarter section line; thence East on the said quarter section line 20 rods to starting point, all in the Northeast quarter of said Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 9 East.

The two parcels herein containing 21 acres and the excepted parcel 1 acre.

Part of the above described lands being embraced in Fleming's Roseland Park, a subdivision of part of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 9 East, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, known as lots 251 to 256 inclusive; 259 to 264 inclusive; 218 to 250 inclusive; also lots 190 to 217 inclusive, 137 to 141 inclusive, part of lot 257, 79 to 85 inclusive.

Dated: November 26th, 1929.

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