

The Blue and White

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EDITORIAL

The Last Lap

With memories of a happy spring vacation we Farmington students trod back to school with books, pads, paper, and pencils tucked under our arms. We are on our last lap home now—home before graduation for some of us and the conclusion of another school year for most of us. How satisfactorily we reach home depends on how satisfactorily we have planned and executed the details of our trip for 1939-40.

"Routine again," we groan after a week of complete relaxation. We almost go to sleep in study hall because we have been sleeping late. We put off studying because for several days we haven't had to study. The sun outside looks good, so we stare out of the windows and think about baseball, swimming, fishing, tennis, steak roasts, or just lying on the grass looking up at the sky. It's a strange, lazy, half-reckless feeling. "Couldn't be Spring Fever, could it?"

Spring Fever or no Spring Fever—there's still that last lap ahead of us, and our natural tendency to complacency eventually will be the antidote for this dreaded spring malady.

V. Dietrich

Literary Department

Town Gossip

"Shoo! Seat! Get down! That's all I hear, Veb, it's been ages since I've been able to get a fish or a chip without being caught!" moaned the poor tabby cat to her friend next door.

"It's awful," wailed her companion. "Why do you realize the ice box door hasn't been left open twice in this last week?"

"Yes," whimpered Tabby, "and—oh, by the way, have you seen our new neighbor across the street?"

"Yes," answered her friend, "and I think she's simply terrible. I passed her on the street yesterday and said 'Hello,' and do you know she didn't even look at me. She thinks she's so smart with that beautiful angora coat."

"Well," said Tabby, "last night we happened to be sitting on the same fence, and I spoke to her. I asked her where she lived before, and she said she lived in a large hotel. Can you imagine that? I asked her why she moved, and she said that her mistress had gone on a vacation and that she was just staying here until her mistress returned. Though in my opinion she was left behind. The family across the street probably felt sorry for her and took her in."

"She's an outrageous flirt, too," replied Tabby's friend. "She was at every Tom cat in the neighborhood! They all adore her."

"Oh, my dear," cried Tabby, "is that a plat that was just set out on the window-sill? And a lemon pie at that? Well, if I see Miss Smart tonight, I'll ask her if she had anything like lemon pie for dinner!"

—Catherine Logue, freshman

Special Nurse Teaches Advanced H. E. Girls

Miss Blitrich, Oakland County State Health nurse, is giving the girls in Homemaking III a course on "Child Care and Community Health."

Lessons will be given Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. When the course is completed, a diploma will be awarded each girl who has completed the requirements of the course.

—Shirley Baker

ROLLCALL IS NEARING COMPLETION

Read yourself, as others see you! Read what is prophesied for the seniors in Bill Hardwick's fantastic poem. See candid snapshots of high school sweethearts, students at work, and teachers at play! Read what the seniors are leaving behind and who the recipients are!

All this and more will be in the yearbook. Every grade, club, and organization in high school is represented in the Rollcall. All snapshots that you think will be of interest to the readers of the Rollcall please turn in to one of the following committee members: Jim Barjans, Jim Schukins, Norman Parent, Dick Sholtz, Charlie Oldenburg, Janet Waack, Betty Pagel or Wanda Kellogg.

As a snap of the yearbooks are to be made, it will be necessary for you to have your order in as soon as possible. A fifty cent deposit is necessary.

—Janet Waack

Attention, Archery Enthusiasts!

Archery enthusiasts of Farmington High School are invited to exhibit their archery equipment, made during the past month and a half in the Industrial Arts Department, at the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Michigan Industrial Education Society. This exhibit will be held April 18, 19 and 20, at the Book Cadillac Hotel.

Ten boys from the Industrial Arts class will display their equipment in the making of their exhibits they have observed many things concerning archery as a hobby.

Some people think archery is just a game and do not realize what a help it is to the health. Since archery is a game for both sexes, it is believed there is no better sport, because a certain amount of leg, arm and back movement is required, thus exercising all muscles in the body.

Archery is not only a target game, as there is archery golf, small and big game hunt, and many other interesting sport angles.

Archery equipment is cheaper to make in the shop than to buy ready-made. It is not only cheaper, but the experience and pleasure of making it makes it more valuable to you.

Equipment needed for this sport is: bow, arrow shaft, feather, bull's top and cord.

Many of our outstanding citizens of the United States, namely: Mrs. Roosevelt, first Lady; and Howard Hill, who received fame in the movie "Robin Hood" for his archery ability, took archery up as a hobby and became outstanding in the field.

Students interested in archery are asked to help the Industrial Arts Department in bringing this sport to our school.

—Shirley Baker

Clubs

"OUR THEATER" CLUB TO GIVE MYSTERY PLAY

The casting of "The Tiger's Claw," a one act mystery play to be given by the "Our Theater" club is completed except for one role. The characters are as follows: The villain, a policeman, Hugh Schramm. Mrs. Rildan, his homely, neering wife, Mary Redding, Malvina (Tootsie) Rildan, their daughter, Joan Erickson. Herbie Sheridan, in love with Malvina. Barton Smith, Cora, a society matron, Laura Leahn, Hattie Randall, a wise cracking maid, Shirley Lake. Mrs. Butler Thorpe, the new tenant, Doris King.

The part of Joe Williams has yet to be filled.

Thrills, chills, and excitement are experienced when the hunt for a vicious criminal, known as the "Tiger" begins.

The club plans to purchase a new play, in which the club members who are not in "The Tiger's Claw" will be cast.

CLUBS DISPLAY TALENTS

The Artists and Poster Clubs, under the direction of Mr. Barker, are making the scenery for the operetta "Tom Sawyer," based on Mark Twain's novel, which is being given by the grade school.

The clubs meet every Wednesday after dinner and Thursday seventh and eighth hours. Anyone interested in either of these clubs is invited to develop his talent with these groups.

—Shirley Baker

WRITERS AND ARTISTS HAVE MEETING

On April 5 the Upsilon Alpha Kappa club changed their club meetings from once a month to

semi-monthly, on Fridays.

The club had previously decided to meet once a month in order that the members who have a class the 7th hour on Friday could be excused to attend the meetings.

When the prospective members failed to show up, the time was changed back to twice a month.

Dues amounting to 10c every two weeks were voted upon and approved. This money is to be used for a publication which the club plans to have sometime this spring.

—Mary Redding

BASKETBALL GIRLS TO RECEIVE AWARDS

The girls "F" Club, an organization composed of the girls who have received letters in basketball, decided at their meeting Friday, April 5, that the following girls should receive letters this year: Dorothy Coers, Shirley Friedrich, Annabelle Rupert, Betty Jane Worsfold, and Ethel Pink.

Mary Himmelsbach and Betty Pagel chose medals instead of letters.

—Mary Redding

Class Room Notes

Shirley Baker

The Homemaking girls are enjoying their classes more, as they started to cook this week.

Miss Moore, Miss McLennan, and Miss Miller, of Highland Park School, visited the Homemaking classes, Wednesday, April 3.

They inspected the department to get ideas for a similar department in their school.

Homemaking I, and II are making sport clothes and dresses for their spring wardrobes. Each girl is to add one new garment to her wardrobe.

The Civics and Public Speaking classes are writing orations on "The Constitution of the United States."

Writing of these talks will enter a contest sponsored by the Exchange Clubs, to be held Wednesday, April 10. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$5.00.

The Industrial Arts Department would like to thank the girls in Homemaking III for the dust cover that was made for one of the machines in the department.

PIANO RECITAL

Piano recital was presented Friday afternoon, in the auditorium, by Clara Mae Hanks and pupils from the Visual Method piano classes of the Farmington schools.

Among the better typing tests handed in during the last week: Ruth Esch, second year, typing, wrote an accuracy test 42 words a minute with no mistakes, for 10 minutes.

In the first year typing Richard Sholtz wrote 26 words a minute with no mistakes, for 10 minutes.

Lois Bell thinks she should have an audience every time she takes a speed test, because the other girls at the P. T. A. open house held in the school she was one of the students Mr. Forner had taking speed tests while the parents watched them. Lois typed 61 words a minute with three mistakes, on a 15 minute test.

Freshman English class have started a new unit on social correspondence. They are studying this unit from two view points: the terms and style of writing and the correct paper and ink to be used.

Miss Dammon's sophomore class is starting a three weeks' contract on "Silas Marner."

The bookkeeping class is starting Set 4, which consists of the business transactions performed by the wholesale furniture business of Butts and Ward. These sets give the students practical experience in keeping books for business concerns.

—Shirley Turpin

On the Monday after vacation, students in Miss Budd's English classes spent pleasurable periods reading one of the few plays in their literature books. Without scenery and without reading of the parts previously many of the readers showed exceptional ability in interpreting character.

For one class period the tenth graders became so interested in making illustrated drawings of their literature that hardly a word was seen to raise for the next period. Even those "who couldn't draw" decided they would try it for the one time in the year that it was requested. No one was displeased with the results.

Two days of the week are spent on grammar assignments and class drills. Recently we have been emphasizing verbs and their correct usage.

Question Box

This question box will appear each time the paper is published. Readers are requested to ask, on paper, any worthwhile question and mail it to the Farmington High School.

The answer will appear in the next issue.

Question: Is it considered in good taste to attend church without wearing a hat?

Answer: It is customary that women wear their hats to church. It is considered in bad taste if a woman doesn't wear it, but there are a good many who don't.

Question: How are "don't" and "doesn't" used in sentences?

Answer: "Doesn't" is used in the singular number; while "don't" is used in the plural number. Examples: She doesn't care to go. They don't know whether they will go or not.

—L. Bell

Freshmen Vie For Spelling Honors

The freshmen, under the direction of Miss Dammon, have organized a spelling team which will challenge the sophomore class in the near future. Each of the three freshman English classes had a spell down to determine who were the best spellers. Following are the group champions with their runners-up:

First hour—Elaine Calhoun, Shirley Kekkonen; third hour—Shirley

Pope, Esther Wager; sixth hour—Catherine Logue, Ilene Morris.

Other members, who are not cornerstones, such as the Calhouns, Logues and Papes, but who are an important part of the team structure are: Ernest Carter, Dave Sullivan, Doris King, Bill Grimes, Lous Young, and Evelyn Romanuk.

—Hugh Schramm

Fourth Grade Making Study of Dictionary

The fourth grade is spending most of its time in the study of the dictionary. In this study the children are learning key words, synonyms, homonyms, meaning, and the pronunciation of words.

In the next month each child must give twelve book reports if he wants an A in literature.

The class is watching for signs of spring. When any one finds a sign of spring, he puts his name and the date on which he saw the sign on a record which is posted on the board.

—Zora Husted

Speech Class to Take Part in Contests

The Public Speaking class are writing orations on subjects of interest, as "Crime," "The Wanderer (Jew)," and "Maritana." The person delivering the best oration will represent the school in a declamation contest.

Declamation candidates will be chosen from the ninth and tenth grades.

There will also be extempore speakers.

The winners from all the schools participating in the sub-district contest, which is sponsored by the Michigan High School Forensic

Association, will meet Wednesday, April 17, at Holly, Michigan.

—Shirley Baker

Ninth Grade Girls Win B. B. Championship

Both Merritt Thursday morning, April 4, the eighth grade girls' basketball team played the freshman girls, the latter winning by a score of 12 to 8.

The eighth grade girls' team consisted of:

Captain, Kathryn Schramm; Betty Aachenbrenner, Norma Stapert, Margene Morris, Annaliese Foster, Mary Jean Smith. Substitute, Isabel Davis.

The ninth grade girls' team consisted of:

Captain, Susan Stocum; Bernice Lundberg; Shirley Pope, Connie Rosenboom, Edith Stevenson, Fred Hinton, Shirley Lake, Adeline Houtz, Betty Ann Markie, Betty Oseable, Christine Bicking.

Spelling Bee Held By Third Grade

Lawrence Stock was the winner of a spelling bee recently held by the third grade. The two runners-up were Betty Mae Dickerson and Yelma Goers.

In arithmetic class the children are learning how to do division problems with remainders.

They also enjoyed a health picture which was shown Wednesday, March 20. The subject of this movie was "Tuberculosis."

—Zora Husted

DEFINITE DATES SET FOR SPRING PARTIES

The Senior Banquet, given by the Juniors, will be held May 17 in the Gym. After the banquet there will be a dance, amateur

program or some other type of entertainment.

The Junior J-Hop will be held May 3. Music will be furnished by Bob Peters' well-known orchestra of ten pieces.

—Janet Waack

FIFTH GRADE HONOR ROLL FOR THE FOURTH PERIOD

Joan Aachenbrenner, Bobby Auglar, Dorothy Beckwith, Edward Burckick, Donald Dickinson, Vera Dietrich, Dorothy Eisenlord, Edward Ernst, Jerome Heene, Carol Joy, Avis Make, Cherry Richards, Jerry Stewart, Mary Stock, Valery Walters.

—Marquette Coe

ASLEEP IN PHONE BOOTH. MAN IS LOCKED IN STORE

If James Robinson had to go to sleep, he certainly selected an opportune place when he chose a telephone booth. For when he needed to be rescued, all he had to do was to reach for the telephone and call the police.

The telephone booth is located in a drugstore on Eighth Avenue in New York City and James Robinson entered the booth one night recently at 1 A. M. after having worked for many hours. He was tired, and after making his call he fell asleep. Meanwhile, the employees of the store locked it up and went home, not realizing any more than did Robinson that he was in the booth.

The taxi driver slept for some two hours, and when he woke up and found he couldn't get out, he went back to his temporary bedroom and telephoned to police headquarters. Soon three radio patrol cars were on the scene, but they had to wait for the arrival of the chief pharmacist, with a door key, before Robinson could be released.



'Mother Knows Best'

Doesn't She?

Guiding their inquiring minds and dynamic activities... choosing their food, clothes, entertainment and health needs... the well-informed modern mother knows what is best for the welfare of her offspring. And it is safe to say that an incalculable share of her accurate information has had its beginning in the advertising columns of this newspaper.

Many of the advertisements today bristle with ideas. They are more than catalogs. In the true sense, they are education! Scientific minds contribute to their contents. Their recommendations are based on deep thought. Their words are carefully chosen; their diction studiously formed for clarity and understanding.

Through advertisements the mother of today learns authoritatively about new methods in the care of children's teeth. About antiseptics and hygienics. About body-building and health-giving foods. About new comforts as well as new styles, in juvenile wearing apparel. About books and schools and vacation camps... The advertisements pour innumerable hints and suggestions into her store of knowledge. They make her a more capable manager of the home and guardian of the family exchequer.

"Mother knows best"—is this expression heard about your home? Is it just an admonition? Or, is it founded on facts. Reading advertisements will to help make it so.