

# The Blue and White

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## EDITORIAL

### Student Cooperation In Assemblies

When the high school students are excused from all classes to meet for a general assembly, they should be grateful. It is for their enjoyment, not the faculty's.

The majority of the students do cooperate. They realize that it is their assembly. But, as in all public gatherings, there is a small group that act as if we all should be honored with their presence, regardless of their actions. This isn't so—Students who go to the assembly for a reason, usually for enjoyment—employment of a humbug or of an intellectual nature. But whatever the reason be, there is no reason why we all can't enjoy it.

The group that have a corner of their own spot things for the majority. Their loud comments aren't of interest to the student body, but only to a few near them. This group not only causes a disturbance during the assembly but also causes our chances to grow slim for more assemblies.

If the high school assembly is dropped because the students do not cooperate, 370 students are being hurt, because of the actions of one group.

If you do not want to go to assembly, stay in the study hall; a teacher will be glad to remain there and help you with your studies.

The faculty has done more than give us a third chance to prove ourselves worthy of assemblies; they have talked with us about disorderly conduct, about students roaming in assemblies late, about talking while speakers are talking. It seems to me it's up to us now.

If you want general assemblies, cooperate!

—Janet Wack

## TOM BACON TO REPRESENT SCHOOL AT BIRMINGHAM

Tom Bacon was winner of the first prize of \$3 at the Detroit Speakers Club, and Gordon Nelson was winner of the second prize of \$2.

This contest, which was held Wednesday, April 10, was sponsored by the Exchange clubs.

During May, the date being uncertain, Tom Bacon will represent the school at the sub-district contest which is to be held at Birmingham, Michigan.

—Shirley Baker

## P. T. A. Meeting

The P. T. A. held their first regular meeting April 16 in the Farmington high school auditorium.

The main speaker for the evening was Mr. John Haltema, Director of Research Division, Department of Public Instruction, from Lansing.

After the program refreshments were served.

—Hans Schulz

## Class Room Notes

### SHOP

The Juniors of the Industrial Arts Department are working on the tables for the Junior-Senior Banquet.

They are making 12 tables 10x3 feet, of yellow pine wood. These tables may be taken down and stored away when not in use.

The seventh and eighth graders are building bird houses.

—Shirley Baker

## SPECIALIST DEMONSTRATES M. E. EQUIPMENT

Miss Marian E. Ryan, Home Economist of the Detroit Edison Company, demonstrated how to use

the electric range, refrigerator, and mixer master to the Home-making classes; Wednesday, April 10.

Miss Ryan, after her talk by making a skillet meat, a cake and icing, and broiled meat, all of which the girls sampled.

—Shirley Baker

## DRAMATICS CLUB

Leo Carullo has been selected to play the part of Joe in the club's mystery play.

## NEW ENGLISH CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

Second semester elections for English class officers have been completed in freshmen classes. They follow:

Supervisors: Fred Martindale, first hour; William Grimes, third hour; Ernest Mitchell, sixth hour.

Custodians: James Adams, Florio Gestler, Alfred Walbank.

Hosts and Hostesses: Florence Taylor, Fred Brodel, Shirley Pope, Earl Harrison, Edith Parker, and Robert Klager.

Supervisors oversee class activities in the absence of the teacher. Custodians are responsible for all class property, such as papers, special reference books, notices, etc. Hosts and hostesses discharge social obligations for the classes. Introduces visitors, explain classroom activities to strangers, etc.

—Beth Merritt

## CLASS STUDIES GEOGRAPHY COLUMBUS

The sixth graders are studying about Columbus for geography, and they are bringing pictures of boats, ships, and anything else in connection with this study.

—Marguerite Cox

## BOOK CLUB ORGANIZED

The fourth grade has organized a new book club in which each pupil must give 20 book reports before the end of the school year. This club is supposed to create a greater interest in books. If a child keeps a book over time, he is fined. These fines are collected and when the club has a sufficient amount of money, they buy new books. Seven books have been bought by such fines, and 30 books were donated to the club by the school.

They are also making a rug which is to be given to their teacher, Miss DuBois. The class has written letters to Thales Martindale, in California.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE, CLASS STUDIES BOATS

Boats being the main subject in social science, the class has made a sand table illustrating different ideas about navigation.

For English each student wrote a letter to Richard Martindale, who is in California.

Many new bird houses have been made by the Conservation Program contest. Bird houses have been entered by the following pupils: James Bowman, Laurence Stock, Joseph Lapham, Ann Faulkner, and Thomas Nash.

—Zora Husted

## FIRST AND SECOND GRADES WORK ON SPRING PROJECTS

The first and second graders are studying about spring. The first grade is doing experiments with seeds, bulbs, and plants. The second grade is learning about different types of birds. The students made a tree and drew birds and nests, which they put on the tree.

Both classes are doing different projects on the sand tables. The first graders are making a spring object for the sand table, and the second graders are making an airport because they are studying about airplanes.

Both grades are doing well with arithmetic.

The second grade is looking forward to the return of Robert Erickson and Lois Smith, who have been absent with whooping cough.

—Doreen Butwell

## Faculty Hobbies Show Varied Interests

When the students displayed their hobbies, it was suggested that there be a faculty hobby display.

During the week you may see exhibits of faculty members as follows:

Mr. Tooker, photography; Mr. Dunckel, fishing; Mr. Thompson, hunting; Mr. Rohrer, sports (seasonal); Miss Dammon, Early American glass; Miss DuBois, books; Miss Lunny, stamps; Miss Johnston, Pottery; Mr. Spoonmaker, books and sports; Mr. Hut-ton, sports (seasonal); Mr. McKay, ping pong; Mr. Baker, violin recordings and archery; Mr. Bonnet, stamps; Mr. Spear, glass animals; Mr. Griffith, sports (summer); Mr. Forner, sports (seasonal).

—Shirley Baker

## Literary Department Anticipation Plus

I had just come out of a horrible test in World History and was ambly, when the bell was ringing and I was thinking what a terrible world it was, when who should come along to brighten my spirits but Jimmie Marshall. Now you're going to say, "What is there about Jimmie Marshall to be such a spirit brightener?"

Well, just this: By the way Jimmie said "Hi Connie," I knew something was up. I thought he'd probably try to borrow my pen or my Geometry problems or something like that, but by the way he started to stutter and fidget around I knew it was more important.

Finally he blurted it out, "Now, Connie, well, you see, if you—ah! heck! Well, (deep breath) will you go to the Junior Prom with me?"

I was so surprised that I could hardly breathe. I could talk, Jimmie Marshall! Of all people!

"Why, I'd love to go with you Jimmie, but first I'll have to ask Mom," I replied.

"When can you let me know?" he asked, rather anxiously.

"By tomorrow, I guess," was my answer.

"Okay," he hollered, as he started to walk off. "Don't forget!"

The night I tested Mom, until finally, in desperation, she consented to let me go.

Naturally, such an event as this, my first formal dance, was going to take a lot of preparation. Bill, my brother, said I was doing as much planning as was necessary to build Boulder Dam. But, then, he wouldn't understand; he's just a boy.

First of all came the clothes. Mom and I tramped all over town before we found the right ones, but we finally got them. The formal is still a dream of blue net with gold sequins sprinkled on the skirt. My slippers, of gold kid, look stunning with it, too.

Next came my hair. I should have a faint idea of what I wanted before I went to the hairdresser. Therefore, I stood in front of my vanity and brushed, combed, pulled, twisted, and curled my hair into a dozen different contortions until my arms were too tired to be held over my head any longer.

So I arrived at the beauty shop, several hours before the dance, with no more idea of how I wanted my hair done than I had of feudalism in my history examination. I finally "landed" home with a little girl hair-do that was a "knockout."

That evening, as I was dressing, I started to think about what I would say. Should I double talk like a sophisticate? No. That was definitely out, not with this hair-do and dress. Should I coo like a clinging vine and act as fragile as an antique goblet? M'mm—I'd feel terribly unnatural, and besides, Jimmie wasn't much to cling to.

Then, maybe I should riggle and blush like a demure twelve-year-old. No. I was sure Jimmie wouldn't appreciate that either. Well, I concluded I'd just have to act natural. After all, that would be the easiest.

"Hey, Mom, is that a car coming into the drive?" I called out.

"Oh, no; it went past. Mom what time is it?"

"Oh! dear, that one piece of hair just won't stay in place," I murmured to myself. "Isn't it maddening? Gee? That must be Jimmie now. No. It isn't. Goodness! maybe he will forget about it at the last minute. You never can tell what he'll do next. He's such a screwball!"

"Horror! My nail polish is chipping! Mom, oh, Mom, where's your bottle of Dusty Rose nail polish? Well I can't help it, I was the last one to use it. I can't find it anywhere. Never mind, I've got it now."

At 8:05, exactly five minutes after the time Jimmie was supposed to call for me, I was in despair.

"Do you suppose he was in an accident, Mom?" I worried. "Goodness, for all we know, he may be lying in a hospital, this very moment."

"Nyah, Nyah," Sis has been stood up! Bill started to chant. He kept repeating it "I'll I could have exterminated him. Bill is the plague of my life. If you haven't guessed it already, But then, he's a Junior at Ohio State, so I guess a Soph at El Paso Central High does seem pretty putrid to him."

"Mom, it's 8:10, and he isn't here yet," I wailed. "Gee! What'll I do? I bet he didn't even intend to come. I bet he was just trying to be funny, and this is some kind of a gag. Now, if I could get my hands on that Jimmie Marshall, I'd hammer him to pulp. Honestly, people who are always pulling

these jokes make me so mad I could scream."

Just then I heard a horrible screeching sound. My heart leaped back to its normal position. Jimmie, at last! It must be he, for no one else could possibly shift gears as he does.

I dashed up stairs frantically, so that Mom could answer the door. After the bell was over, Mom called sweetly, "Constance, James is here."

"Oh! is he?" I asked as casually as I could, coming down stairs. "Hello, Jimmie."

"Hi, Connie," he replied. "Gee, I'm sorry I'm late."

"Are you late?" I said, as I looked at the clock. "Oh! yes, I guess you are."

"Well, let's get going," Jimmie urged.

"Bye, Mom," I called.

"Bye, Mrs. Hammond, Bye Bill," Jimmie mumbled.

Just as we went out the door, I heard someone explode with laughter. Honestly, big brothers should be drowned at birth!

—Lynn Searle, sophomore

## A Junior and Freshman Win Forensic Contest

Gordon Nelson and Christine Dickson, winners of the school district contest, will represent the school in the sub-district contest, at Holly, Michigan, April 17. Competitors will come from the

schools of Holly, Fenton, Howell and Rochester.

This contest is being sponsored by the Michigan High School Forensic Association.

—Shirley Baker

## PARKWAY PLAN EXPLAINED TO STUDENTS

Dr. Henry S. Curtis, speaker at the assembly meeting, Friday, April 12, discussed the Detroit-Huron-Clinton Park and Parkway plan.

The parkway plan includes these counties, of which these cities are centers:

Clinton County, St. Johns; Wayne County, Detroit; Macomb County, Battle Creek; Oakland County, Pontiac; Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor.

The proportionate number of beaches and parks for this area are at present far below the proper percentage for the number of people living in these districts.

In Chicago and Cleveland, they have less acreage devoted to playgrounds, etc., in proportion to population than the Detroit area has.

A number of our rivers which once were just rivers—some very unsanitary—are now clean, healthy, and beautiful spots—Clinton and Huron rivers are the most beautiful rivers. Ox-Bow and Orchard Lake were also mentioned.

Rainier rivers and several other smaller rivers could be used for bathing if they were cleaned out. There are also beautiful surroundings near the Ford factories on the Plymouth-Northville road.

Everyone likes beauty around him, if two counties side by side

vote for this parkway plan, we will have a beautiful country and will know our children at the park and beaches are enjoying themselves under proper supervision in clean, lovely surroundings.

—Shirley Baker

## High School Has New Band Members

Several new members have been added to the Farmington High School Band. They are: Therese Gamache, clarinet; Ilene Morris, tenor saxophone; Orville Zylstra, baritone saxophone; Marietta Lamb, clarinet; William Connor, cornet; Jack Gröseline, cornet; and Martin Osmus, clarinet.

—Beatrice Cox

## Question Box

Question: Is it considered in good taste for a younger girl to help an elderly woman with her chair at the table if the latter's husband is present, but does not show his wife such consideration?

Answer: Numerous things must be weighed in answering your question, is the husband physically unable to aid his wife? If so, you may help immediately. If her husband is negligent and if it is apparent that she needs help, assist her as quietly and inconspicuously as possible. If, however, she is in good health and capable of seating herself, it will be less embarrassing for her to seat herself. Any girl of womanly taste to have others call attention to her escort's lack of manners!

L. Bell

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper.

## SOCIETY URGES PERIODICAL CHECK FOR CANCER SIGNS

Periodically, you take your car to a garage for a check-up, so why not have a thorough physical examination annually, asked Dr. Frank E. Aljar, New York Memorial Hospital surgeon, and official of the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

Dr. Adair, in Detroit for the meeting of the American College of Surgeons, praised the work of the Field Army and gave an illustrated talk about the cure for cancer of the lip, mouth and skin cancer at a public meeting in the Masonic Auditorium Wednesday evening.

He pointed out that tuberculosis had dropped from first to seventh place as a killer during the last 40 years because of the campaign of public education against the disease. During the same period, cancer deaths have arisen from seventh to second place. The Field Army is in the midst of its fourth nationwide campaign to teach the public that "Early Cancer is Curable."

"More than 150,000 people die annually from cancer," said Dr. Adair. "At least 500,000 are living with the disease. This means that there is a cancer case in your city block. Go see your doctor when one of the following symptoms appear:

"Any persistent lump or thickening, especially of the breast; any irregular bleeding or discharge from any of the body openings; any sore that does not heal, particularly about the tongue, mouth, or lips; persistent indigestion, and sudden changes in the form or rate of growth of a mole or wart."



### '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.