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EDITORIAL

Value of Student Assemblies

By Viola Dietrich

This new method of having an assembly program held in the gymnasium as often as possible is proving to be very satisfactory among the high school students.

The programs and lectures planned for these assembly evenings are very appropriate for the needs of our ages. They seem to take us away from the study of the three R's and to stimulate our minds by turning our interest to things which are the concern of every citizen, regardless of age.

In the past we have heard speeches on "What's Right With America," "Tuberculosis," and also talks pertaining to historical events.

We will be leading citizens of tomorrow, therefore we need to participate in these assembly programs as well as to hear lectures from others of greater eminence.

The way in which we can take an active part is to plan student programs. For example, we might have a round table discussion pertaining to the crisis in Europe. This is a mere suggestion, but it is one that if carried out, would be entertaining as well as educational. The news of students today could be the laws of legislators tomorrow.

F. H. S. LOSES IN EXTRA INNING TO WALLED LAKE

Farmington lost the first league game of the season by the close score of 2 to 1, Friday, April 19, when Walled Lake's ace pitcher, overwhelmed the home team's catcher by a margin of one hit, one run, and eight strikeouts.

Smith allowed Farmington two hits. Both were off the bat of Jim Davis, who singled to open the game and again singled after one man was out in the third inning.

Jim Champagne was picked for three hits. The first came in the fourth inning, when third baseman Green opened the inning with a one-base hit. The score stood at 1 to 0 when Walled Lake came to bat in the eighth inning. Pitcher Smith opened with a hit and stole second. He was then sent home on a hit by second baseman Crum, ending the extra-inning hit.

Walled Lake scored their first run in the fifth inning, in an unexpected manner. Long opened the inning by drawing a pass. He stole second, but was forced at third when Schwab grounded to Bacon. Then Schwab stole second. Smith reached first on an error by shortstop Hight, sending Schwab to third. Crum was out on a ground ball to Davis at second base. Schwab scored on the play, and Smith was thrown out on an attempt to reach third.

Champagne pitched brilliantly, allowing only three hits and striking out nine batters. But Smith, as we have said before, fanned 17 batters, and he did not walk a man, whereas Champagne allowed three men to take first on free passes.

Score by Innings:
Farmington..... 000 00-1
Walled Lake..... 000 010 01-2

DANCING CLASSES HAVE NEW TEACHER

"One, two, three, hop," is part of a new dance step, the Military Shoutcase, learned by the class Tuesday, April 16.

Mr. Moulter, former dancing instructor, has been transferred to a different part of the state, and Mr. Moore is taking his place.

SERIOUS THOUGHT SHOWN IN WINNING ESSAY

Paulite Gamber, junior, winner of second prize (\$15) in the Americanization contest, sponsored by the Elks Lodge No. 810 of Pontiac, Michigan, received her award and read the first paragraph of her essay over station WCAR Sunday night, April 14.

Although the first paragraph summarizes the thought of the essay, it is necessary to read the entire theme to really appreciate the fine development of thought.

Paulite's essay follows:

THE EIGHTH WONDER

America is the eighth wonder of the universe. She, alone, is the child prodigy of civilization. No where on the face of this planet sphere is there such unity and patriotic spirit as the feeling of brotherhood common to the varied nationalities of our great nation. It is fitting to call our nationalities, for they have come from the far corners of the earth. Their blood is the mottled blood of the world. Many of our peoples speak their native tongues, remain faithful to their homelands' traditions, and practice "old world" customs, but still they are not blind to America and the wealth of opportunity she has so benevolently bestowed upon her humbled children. In their hearts they are very patriotic, and are seeking immigration to the land of glorious rebirth and refuge, and courageously for her sake if she should be attacked, for she has lifted them from the abject poverty, ignorance, and totalitarian superiority of Europe into the infinite scope of intelligence and freedom of these United States.

Gradually these people are absorbed into the brotherhood of peoples that combine to make true America. Year after year America lifts the dark veil from the souls of immigrants and refugees. When the wonder and dazzling splendor of this first glimpse of light has become less startling, these outcasts of Europe find their release in America's liberty and in America's privileges. They know that their heritage is the heritage of all Americans—"Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Intelligent human beings do not believe in magic. America is not the key to a vast land of make-believe. Every nation has problems, which loom gigantic upon its silver horizon of idealism. But America's mounting tide of dejection are infinitely smaller than those of any other nation. She has eroded her difficulties inch by inch with the sweat of her millions of boys. Our standards of living are higher, our material and spiritual progress greater, for we are free to men and women who approached our shores with dreams and ideals. With our vast fields of liberty and opportunity America has given these dreams new life and, therefore, enriched her spirit of progress and achievement. These fulfillments have so far bettered our country that we have long ago surpassed all other nations of the world.

Today there are men and women blinded not by liberty's dazzling rays, but by gold's glittering fancies, who stand deliberately upon their weakened pedestals and shout for all to hear their message of dictatorial despotism and racial dogmas, but they cannot realize how quickly the foundations of their thrones will be swept away before the overwhelming deluge of the red, white and blue. They cannot know how stupidly their little tin god sits staring unseeing from its blood-thirsty eyes. Nothing, not even the herds of fens, can dim the lights of liberty. We have stood the storms before. We have listened to radicals who gathered before our door with pleading voices and reddened claws. We have seen our country torn asunder by civil conflict, and it has survived to become even greater in unity and loyalty. Our nation knows what it means to be oppressed, for America was conceived and born in conflict which destroyed forever the band of tyrants. This country destroyed that grip so thoroughly that not even the scars remain, and our duty to mar the lovely purity of freedom and good-will.

Our nation is not a genius. The men who christened her and directed her first feeble steps were not prodigies who dreamed of a Utopia. Their victory came slowly but surely from the muck and filth of monarchy into the cleanliness of freedom. They sought not a paradise, but a land of equity and justice. When man's reward is earned by fair competition in the field of endeavor, and where the people rule the state, there is no need of a dictator, and every heart should have engraved upon it in words of finest reverence the Pledge of Allegiance, and every soul should raise his voice in gratitude to thank the God of our forefathers, the God of our future for this, our heritage. Sing out across the smudge of war and hatred: "Thank God I am American—and America is mine!"

Practice Game Shows Strength of Team

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Two Cooley players reached third on long punches deep into the outfield, and another attempted reaching that base on a double. However, even though he was given credit for a hit, he was badly blocked and tagged out by Mr. Bacon upon receiving the throw from the outfield. The runner didn't like the idea of being tagged out, and the defensive infielder didn't like the idea of being bumped with such force, so they engaged in a brief round of fist cuffs. Umpire Drucker parted them before any hard swinging took place.

The final score was Cooley, 8; Farmington, 0.

Hugh Schram

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It consisted of three drawers, a cupboard, and solid maple top which is characteristic of the early American commode.

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had learned in school. We would bring our problems to her.

She would answer our perplexing questions and send us out to play.

There were eight grades to cover, eight new steps to climb seeking knowledge. Then there was high school. I remember well the first day of high school, I was confused and perplexed. There seemed to be so many students and teachers. No one seemed to have much time for a bewildered freshman. There were schedules to make out. I hadn't the faintest idea when to take what. My sister and other older students helped me.

I went to my classes. It was strange to have each class in a different room and a different teacher for each class. The teachers told us what was expected of us. It sounded like a big order, and I was rather frightened as to what lay ahead. At home my parents and sister assured me that it wasn't so bad as it seemed, that the teachers weren't so strict as they sounded, and that I would soon feel at home there.

As the days went by, I discovered that they were right. I was soon acquainted with the students and teachers, and things were running smoothly. Once again I felt confident and independent.

Now the time is approaching when I, along with many others, will be graduated from high school.

Another new and different horizon is before me. More steps must be taken. New worlds must be conquered, but I am not afraid. High school has prepared me. Experiences, troubles, and triumphs have given me confidence. If I have conquered other worlds, I can conquer this one.

Betty Jane Worsfold, senior

BAND NOTES

The Farmington High School Band gave a short concert at the installation of the Macbees Saturday, April 20.

A clarinet trio, Patricia Lapham, Jean Power, and Joyce Samuelson, played two numbers at P. T. A. last Tuesday.

Beatrice Coe

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Letters to the Editor MUST BE SIGNED

Original Ship-to-Shore Telephone Is Gift to Leviathan's Commander



Captain H. A. Cunningham, former commander of the S. S. Leviathan (second from right), receives from R. A. Heising, radio research engineer at the Bell-Telephone Laboratories, the original telephone instrument over which Capt. Cunningham spoke with President Walter S. Gifford of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company on December 8, 1929, when regular service was inaugurated between telephones on land and those on liners at sea.

Marking the tenth anniversary of the introduction of commercial ship-to-shore telephone service on the S. S. Leviathan, first liner to be equipped for conversation with the mainland while at sea, Bell System and the Leviathan, Captain Cunningham of the service held a luncheon, recently.

Their guest was Captain Harold A. Cunningham, former commander of the Leviathan, Captain Cunningham was presented with the original telephone, suitably inscribed, over which he spoke from his ship during the ceremonies establishing the service more than ten years ago.

On that occasion, Captain Cunningham, on his ship 209 miles at sea, talked with Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in his office in New York City. The telephone was later salvaged as a souvenir when the test equipment was removed from the Leviathan. First ship-to-shore conversation was actually held in May, 1916, between Secretary of the Navy J. P. Daniels, in Washington, and Captain Lieut. H. Chandler, commander of the battleship New Hampshire, off Cape Hatteras, interrupted by the World War, tests were resumed later, and finally regular service was inaugurated on December 8, 1929, with the Leviathan.

So successful was ship-to-shore telephone service when the Leviathan, and so useful to passengers did it prove, that a number of other vessels were similarly equipped. Prior to the outbreak of the present hostilities in Europe, about a score of liners were within voice reach of the land. At present, the service is available only to vessels of neutral nations.

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