

# The Blue and White

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## EDITORIAL

### Education?

By Viola Dietrich  
The question which is running through the minds of the students today is "What is Education?" This question is a reasonable one, because at the present there is so much unemployment that it seems useless to devote our years in studying when no results are secured.  
Twelve long years of a boy's or girl's life are devoted to studying and planning for his future, but after graduation exercises, the worry begins—worry over unemployment and being kept from the business world.  
Maybe we are expecting success to come too readily. Perhaps our patience is not great enough to allow us to start at the bottom and gradually climb to greater opportunities. Whatever it is, let us remember that patience and initiative are the greatest fundamentals for acquiring success.

If employment is elusive when we are out of school; after being graduated, certainly it will be just as elusive if we leave school, hoping to find a suitable position with a decent salary.

A high school education can be of great value if we put our heart into our work. We can obtain a well balanced education by scientific perseverance. The outside world, but as long as the schools are open to every boy or girl, why not use such an opportunity to receive the best education possible to fit us for real citizenship and happy living?

### Know Your Money

Mr. Ralph Roebuck, a member of the United States Secret Service, spoke before the senior class, who were the guests of the Exchange club, Wednesday, May 1. Counterfeiting was the subject of Mr. Roebuck's interesting talk and the movie which was shown afterwards. Many tips on the detecting of a counterfeit bill or coin were given by Mr. Roebuck. The printing on a counterfeit is rather blurred and the lettering is badly spaced. The "phony" plainly lacks the delicate detail and the fine engraving of the genuine. It is impossible to duplicate a genuine bill. A counterfeit coin is usually made of soft metal and can be easily cut with a knife.  
The maximum penalty for passing a counterfeit bill is 14 years in jail and a \$5,000 fine.  
A movie that was both educational and enjoyable was then shown. Lovell Thomas was the narrator, and the amateur actors in the counterfeiting drama were members of the Secret Service department.  
After the movie, Mr. Roebuck explained counterfeiting further. The detecting is fairly easy if you know your money. The U. S. government prints about 210,000,000 a year and about \$7,000,000,000 of this is in circulation.  
Many interesting experiences with counterfeits were told by the F. B. I. man. One man who was very clever with ink changed \$1 bills to \$4 ones. The fact that there isn't such a bill as a \$4 one didn't seem to dawn on a lot of people, because he passed about 35 of them before he was caught.  
A reward up to \$2,500 is given for tips that lead to the capture of a counterfeiting gang. Up to 2 or 3 million dollars worth of counterfeit bills have been passed. It is impossible for a counterfeiter to duplicate the silk threads of an American dollar. 12 men make this paper, and each knows only his portion of the formula. No one knows the complete formula.  
Contrary to popular belief, there isn't supposed to be a star on a Jefferson nickel. Rubbing the ink

off a bill is not a way to detect counterfeit money as the ink will rub off the genuine also.

Booklets issued by the Treasury department were then passed out. These contained important information in regard to counterfeiting. An interesting program was brought to a close by the singing of America.

—Mary Redding

### M. E. A. Meeting Held In FHS Auditorium

The Farmington faculty was host at the M. E. A. sub-district meeting, Tuesday, May 8. Officers for next year were elected and plans for the annual county meeting were made. The Farmington grade clarinet trio furnished the musical portion of the entertainment.

At the close of the meeting a light lunch was served by members of the Home Economics department.

—Hans Schulz

### Dr. Hardy Wins Audubon With Unusual Delivery

Have you ever been embarrassed because you were asked to give a speech? If you have you should have attended the assembly program given on May 1, seventh hour, in the high school gym.

The speaker was Dr. Hardy, head of the Hardy Institute of Speech in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Mr. Duckel introduced our speaker and the talk began right away.  
Mr. Hardy told of a man who was asked to speak on his wedding day. The young man was stumped and he did not know what to say. Finally, he said, "This thing was forced on me."

The members of the assembly enjoyed Mr. Hardy's talk very much and would like to welcome him back sometime in the future. Mr. Hardy impressed on the students that "you don't get things without paying for them."

—By Leona Jayne Brovage

## Clubs

### GIRLS ORGANIZE BACHELOR CLUB

18 independently-minded girls have formed a new club. This organization, which is to depart from traditional precedents as much as possible, is known as the Bachelor Club.

It will meet every Wednesday at noon near the ball field. The "bachelors" plan to form a girl's baseball team in the near future.  
In order that they might be full-fledged bachelors, the girls are to choose boys' names. The other "bachelors" are then to call them by that name all of the time. A fine of one cent is to be paid to the treasurer will be imposed on anyone who violates this rule.

### CASTING OF MYSTERY PLAY COMPLETED

"The final cast for 'The Tiger's Claw,' has been selected and rehearsals are under way.  
The cast is as follows: Willie Riordan, Hugh Schram, Mrs. Riordan, Mary Redding, Malinda (Tootsie) Riordan, Betty Orlesby; Herbie Sheridan, Barton Smith; Cora, Beatrice Coe; Hattie Randall, Shirley Lake; Joe Williams, Leo Champagne; Mrs. Butler Thorpe, Bernice Lundberg.  
—Mary Redding

### Corporation Authority Addresses Law Class

Mr. Harold Groehn, Deputy Commissioner of the Corporations and Securities Commission of Michigan, talked to a group of commercial students on Tuesday, April 30. His talk was based on corporations. It was especially helpful to the students who plan to continue in this line of work, but all found it interesting and enlightening.

—Shirley Turpin

### J-HOP MOST BEAUTIFUL AFFAIR OF THE YEAR

A group of approximately a hundred couples attended the J-hop, sponsored by the Juniors, Friday night, May 3. The music and decorations furnished a lovely background for dancing.  
Pinks, flowers, swings, and wicker seats allowed the dancers to sit out dances with comfort. Jack-o-lanterns with the stage lights only, gave the auditorium an ensemble of color.  
The members of the decoration committee deserve a round of applause for their hard work. The members are: Paulette Gambee, chairman; Bob Smith, Charlie Lawach, Dot Baldwin, Mildred Allen, and Leona Brovage.  
—Janet Wazek

### Fluorescent Lighting Wins Student Approval

The new fluorescent lamps which have been installed in the high school building are being approved by most of the students.

These lamps which have been placed in the hall and the mathematics room are demonstrators. They also have some fog eggs and are waiting patiently for them to hatch.  
The second graders have a grand airport on the sand pile. In connection with this project they have made airplane booklets.

Many of the schoolrooms have very poor reading light. The fluorescent lamp system would improve this condition greatly.

## Grade News

### GRADE OPERETTA PROMISES EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

By Marion Champagne  
Would you like to toss your cares and troubles out of the way and come to see the operetta "Tom Sawyer," given by children in the grades, Friday, May 11, in the high school auditorium at 8 p. m.?

You will have a grand time, and there will be lots of good entertainment.

### SPEAKERS AND VISUAL AIDS VITALIZE GRADE OPERETTA

During the absence of Miss Erickson, Mrs. Miles taught the sixth grade. She took the class over to her house, and Mr. Miles showed them some slides on India, which is the subject they are studying for geography. Last Thursday afternoon Miss Johnson of the Home Economics department gave a talk on China and showed them some things she purchased there.

For their study of science, they visited Mr. Tooker's laboratory, where he explained to them the work of electricity and experiments.

—Marguerite Coe

### SOCIAL SCIENCE CLASS STUDIES FROGS

The social science class is studying frogs. The class has a collection of frog eggs and multi-pup eggs. They are watching these eggs hatch. The students now have about 40 pollywogs.

The students enjoyed a recent movie on beavers. Beavers are also being studied in science.

The class room is decorated with spring flowers and a flag poster made by Tommy Nash.

—Zora Husted

### FIRST AND SECOND GRADE NOTES

The first and second graders are glad spring is here. They have taken quite an interest in flowers and

### Freshmen' Defeat Juniors in Wild Game

In the first game of an interclass football tournament which will extend to the end of the school year, the freshmen defeated the juniors by the score of 11 to 7. The resulting score did not come about because of good play by the freshmen but because of faulty play on the part of third basemen Schram and the wild pitching of Elmer Born, who tossed "em for one third inning. The freshmen, too, were weak offensively, but the juniors were five runs weaker.  
The game was played Thursday, May 2.

### Literary Department A Trip to the Moon

I had just finished eating my Sunday dinner and had decided to take a nap. It didn't take me long to go sound asleep.

"Ah, finished at last! Say, this rocket ship sure is a beauty! It has superstratosphere power. Now I am ready to take off on my trip to the moon. I believe I will take a tour, with my final destination on the moon. I've always wanted to investigate the rings on Saturn, also visit the many other planets.

"Well, the next morning I took off on my trip through the celestial bodies. The take-off was an exciting one because I was going to leave the earth behind. When I looked back, the earth was nothing but a mere ball. I had begun to feel very light and springy. I had left earth's gravity. Boy, this was certainly great, being a million miles from nowhere! Or was I mistaken? I thought I saw something ahead. I wondered what planet this was? Well, I might as well land here first. I landed the ship and looked about for some signs of life. Suddenly a very beautiful person appeared. Why, this must be Venus! She greeted me very cordially and asked me to have lunch with her. I did, although somehow I didn't

feel very hungry. During the conversation she advised that I call on her brother Jupiter next. He said, 'It will be a very pleasant journey if you take the Milky Way.' I bade him goodbye and took off again. After I had taken off, I remembered Jupiter's saying something about seeing Saturn, Mercury, and then the moon.

"When traveling along the Milky Way, I saw hundreds of little objects floating by. They were Milky Ways.

"Next came Saturn. I saw to my amazement an old man sitting on top of a mountain, smoking a huge cigar, blowing smoke rings. So Saturn, the blowing smoke rings, must be the Mercury. I didn't have time to stop so I sped onward toward the moon.

"Next in line was Mercury. I saw on this planet roads winding in all directions; then I actually saw something hard to believe. Going down one of the roads was an old jalopy. Then I understood the reason for my amazement. This must be the Mercury. I didn't have time to stop so I sped onward toward the moon.

"I arrived on the moon around midnight. An old man with a big white beard greeted me. He said he was the man in the moon and that he had been expecting me. He had a party all planned for the main event being a bridled cow with a crumpled horn jumping over the moon with a cat accompanying in a riddle. After this I was ready to go home. The man in the moon gave me some of his green cheese and bade me farewell.

"It was homeward bound at last. Just after I took off, I decided to eat some of the green cheese. As soon as I took one little nibble, I felt very dizzy and weak. The rocket had gotten out of control; it was lurching from side to side. I was going to crash or go wandering through space forever. Then I saw something looming ahead of me. It was Mars, the fierce. I was going to crash; it was terrifying."

Then I did crash—right on the living room floor!

Bill Carpenter, sophomore

**BACON PLACES FIFTH**  
Tom Bacon placed fifth in the Ohio Oratorical Contest, held at Birmingham, April 30.  
This contest was sponsored by the Detroit Speakers' Club.

### SENIORS, COUNT YOUR PENNIES!

Money for the senior caps and gowns must be in by May 20. The price is \$15.00.

All seniors wishing to go on the bond trip should have their dues paid up by May 20. If they are not paid by then, a boat ticket will not be available.

In last week's archery story, "The Bull's Eye," the name Earl Stephenson, chairman, appeared. It should have been Earl Streling.

The who curbs not his anger will wish undone that which vexation and wrath prompted.—Horace.

### Sorensen's Cows Make New Official Records

Two Guernsey cows owned by Charles E. Sorensen of Farmington, have just finished new official records for production which entitles them to entry in the Advanced Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. These animals include four year old Sepsacot Diana Duck 43217 producing 1205.3 pounds of milk and 716.8 pounds of butter fat in class C and two year old Primrose of Sepsacot 512821 producing 1187.5 pounds of milk and 621.6 pounds of butter fat in class G.

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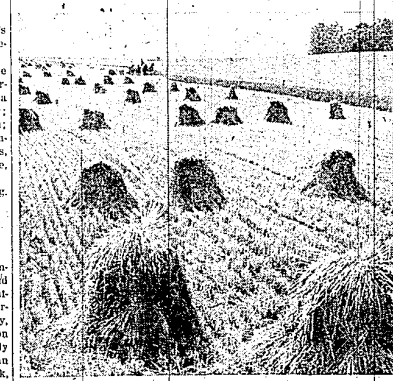
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### Boosting Michigan Soil Fertility



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TWO questions usually occur to a farmer in Michigan when he is considering the use of commercial fertilizer.  
One is: "What kind of plant food shall I select and how much shall I apply?" The other is: "Can I afford to use fertilizer?"  
The answer to the first question, says a statement of the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee, "is that the selection of the fertilizer that will produce the most effective results in higher yields and better quality crops depends on the type of soil, the crops to be grown, the kind of rotation and other factors."  
The soils and agronomy departments of the state agricultural colleges and experiment stations have useful information in easily available form. County agents, likewise, will gladly cooperate by recommending grades of fertilizer best suited to certain crops and types of soils.  
"Soils differ widely in their need for fertilizer—that is, in the proportions of the individual plant food elements. Unusual problems due to variations in soil types and crop productivity can be solved by furnishing samples of soil to your state experiment station for analysis, which will provide information on the need of the land for nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash."  
The answer to the second question is furnished by the experience of successful farmers throughout the Middle West. Records on an use of fertilizers show that the average dollar spent for fertilizer may be expected to return at least \$3 in increased crop yields, higher quality and feeding value, besides building up and increasing the fertility of the soil for future crops.