

# The Blue and White

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## Comments on the School Year

### Faculty

Mr. Thompson—"I have enjoyed the cooperation of the faculty and students. And I hope I'll be near enough to Farmington to visit everyone."

Mr. Hutton—"In my first year at Farmington I have been fortunate in working with the seniors in 1940. Their cooperation in all school projects, academic and extra-curricular, has been fine. Mr. Hutton also said in one of his truthful moods he was "tickled to death" the seniors are "chickens."

Miss Damon—"Because I have enjoyed knowing the few seniors I have had in class, I am sorry I didn't have the opportunity to know the others better. However, here's to them all! The best of everything."

Mr. Griffith—"As sponsor for the class of 1940 for the past three years, I wish to express my appreciation for their hearty cooperation in all our class projects. I wish them all the success there is."

Miss Lunny—"The seniors are a fine group, and I wish them every kind of success in life."

Mr. Baker—"Out of the seniors I have had, I have found one who is going to be an industrial arts teacher, and I think he will be a success. I have enjoyed working with a most cooperative group while building the senior play set. It was a splendid job. These things, together with many others, make me, as a teacher, most happy."

Mr. McKay—"I have enjoyed the seniors I have worked with this year. I think they have possibilities if they will be willing to make the effort necessary to really bring themselves out. I wish them all success and happiness."

Mr. Rohrer—"I have had seniors in nearly all my classes this year. I enjoyed working with them very much and wish them every success."

Miss Budge—"Every year tells the same story. I am always saddened a little by seeing the seniors leave because they have been a part of each day's experience for nine months."

Mr. Shoemaker—"The contributions of the '40' class have been outstanding in the history of Farmington."

Miss Johnston—"I enjoyed working with the senior girls and wish them all the success they are going to miss them very much."

Mr. Benner—"Knowing and working with the seniors of 1940 has given me a great source of pleasure. I know that they will go out into the every day world and be a credit to the community of Farmington."

Mr. Dunkel—"Although I have known the seniors but a short time I have appreciated their fine attitude and spirit of cooperation in many ways they have contributed to a very pleasant year. I sincerely hope that the future may be filled with success and happiness for each member of the class."

Mr. Forner—"I think you have done a grand job with your seniors during the past year and have given the future classes something to work for. Best wishes to all of you."

Mr. Tooker—"Of all the seniors with whom I have come in contact, there are none, in my estimation, who could not make a success of their capabilities" were fully realized. This is a safe and conservative statement, because of my personal definition of success."

### Seniors

Jimmy Barrons—"As president of the Senior class I wish the best of luck to all my classmates. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of them, with the guidance of our advisor, Mr. Griffith. Jerrie Slusser—"I enjoyed my four years at Farmington High

School very much. Koebel—"I'm glad to be out of school but sorry to leave it."

Janet Waack—"I wish it was coming back to school this fall."

Helmut Bayer—"Whoopie! I made it."

Jim Davis—"Whoopie! I made it."

Doreen Bothwell—"Coming from a larger school a year ago I thought I would be glad to graduate and get it over with, but now I find I don't want to leave. It has been the best year of school days, in a small school, knowing all my classmates."

Bill Brigham—"I appreciate the help Mr. Thompson has given us during the past four years."

Tom Bacon—"I'm glad I'm graduating from a smaller school than the one I came from, as here I know all my classmates."

Elmer Bora—"Any expression I might possibly make concerning Farmington High School, despite my deepest sincerity, would be grossly inadequate to cover the situation."

Doris Gilbert—"I'm glad I'm graduating. The last four years have been the happiest, knowing the students and faculty."

Arlene Kellogg—"Of all the 12 years I've spent at Farmington school, the last four have been the happiest."

Sam Prisk—"I have had a very enjoyable time at Farmington and wish I was coming back for another four years."

Mary Redding—"When I was a freshman I wished I was a senior; now that I'm a senior I wish I was a freshman again."

Thelma White—"I'm proud to be a graduate of the '40' graduating class of Farmington High."

Tom Koebel—"My opinion is that the freshman class is too fresh."

Mary Butler—"Although I haven't been at Farmington long as the other graduates, I feel that this has been my happiest year in school."

Betty Ready—"I'm going to be very homesick for the school and the students when the fall term begins."

Tom Dwyer—"I never spent any more happier years than the four I spent at Farmington High School."

Phyllis Caplin—"I am very glad that I am graduating from Farmington High School. I think all the teachers are swell and just as helpful as they could be. When I pass here in years to come, I know I shall be homesick."

Elsie Crook—"I am glad to be graduating and I know I shall miss coming back to school when it opens in the fall."

Barney Matra—"The last two years I have spent at Farmington High School have been the best of my life."

Maida Scanlan—"This has been a happy school year and I will miss not coming back next fall. I wish to say to all the seniors that the last four years of my life are the best ever."

Carl Hunt—"The last four years are the best ever in school and sports."

Bud Auten—"This is only the beginning."

Virginia Byrnes—"I enjoyed my last two years here very much. I also enjoyed the friendships of many of my classmates."

Dick Shultz—"I can always proudly point to the fact that I was a member of the '40' class, the largest and most successful, I believe, of any class in Farmington's history."

Jim Schulkins—"To have a happy life you have to please those who love you. That is the reason for having my hair cut short. I'm glad the girls like it. They aren't so hard to please after all."

### Flower Arrangements Shown to Class

Mrs. Clarence Bickling, a former student at Farmington High School, demonstrated flower arrangements to the girls of the tenth grade Homemaking class Thursday morning, June 6.

Using a variety of colored flowers, Mrs. Bickling showed arrangements of bouquets for baskets, table settings and miniature vases. She emphasized color selection, balance, and appropriate containers.

The girls were pleased with this practical talk because they know now that they can arrange flowers for the flower show to be held next Tuesday.

—Beatrice Coe.

### FOUR EARN PERFECT SCORES

The typing students who have written perfect accuracy tests during the past six weeks are: Lois Bell, Lois Nelson, June Keya, Mary Ann Cooke.

—Shirley Baker.

## SENIOR CLASS ENTERTAINED BY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Senior Banquet was given by the Baptist church Tuesday, June 1.

Bryce Greenman was the toastmaster, and Mr. Miles gave the benediction and introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. A. Leonard.

A dinner was served, and then Mr. Dunkel gave a short talk, which was followed by Jim Schulkins presentation to Mr. Thompson of an Elgin watch from the Senior Class.

The group, led by Mr. Benner, sang songs throughout the evening. A key to the school was given to Damon Knight, junior president, by Jim Barrons, senior president. Mr. Leonard gave a very impressive talk concerning the past graduates can play in maintaining democracy in America.

—Beatrice Coe.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SEASON FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Rather than highlights, the fall season opened up with a resemblance of a blackout for our band; the band was almost completely missing her back on one of our favorite school activities.

By the end of the first two weeks of school Mr. Benner found that he was minus 17 of his former band members, including seven first chair players and the drum major.

Of these 17, six were lost by graduation, five by transfer to other schools, one by illness, and five by schedule difficulties, or other minor reasons.

A dark future to be sure, but when the band took the field for the Milford football game, a pleasant surprise was in store for the audience: something new at Farmington, a boy drum major, two junior twirlers, and six attractive senior girls twirlers were marching at the head of the band.

Football season was over and basketball season under way. This found the band engaged in furnishing a high time of musical entertainment at the home games. Some very clever lighting effects were made possible by use of added facilities in our new building.

The musical portion of the very popular senior play "Spring Fever" was furnished by the band.

A short concert preceding the installation of a new order of Macabees was well received by many local and out of town guests.

The annual Spring Concert was played in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club program. Mr. Cameron McLean of Detroit was the guest soloist of the evening.

Despite the rainy day the band made a good appearance in the Memorial Day Parade.

With the commencement program, the final curtain was lowered on an interesting school year. The band loses only three members by graduation this June and a most favorable beginning is looked for when school starts in the fall.

This year the band members are to receive a new system of awards, letters and service stripes are to be received. Stars are awarded to first division winners of State Solo Festival, Librarian, and manager.

Better, 3 service stripes and star: Robert Ham, Jack Samuelson.

Letter, 2 service stripes and star: Joyce Samuelson.

Letters, 3 service stripes: C. Bickling, W. Carpenter, J. Davis, F. Hamilton, P. Lapham, C. Larson, M. Leach, M. Miles, J. Norton, E. Parker, B. Paulsen.

Letters, 3 service stripes: J. Brown, L. Canzillo, B. Finley, Joyce Heeneey, Jerree Heeneey, J. Power, H. Richards, G. Scutland, M. Smith.

Letters: O. Zylstra, W. Conroy, I. Davis, W. Deines, V. Erickson, S. Friedrich, T. Gamache, J. Goetz, J. Gravlin, M. Lamb, I. Morris, M. Osmus, B. Smith, B. Coe.

### Class News

The fifth grade pupils plan to visit the Detroit Zoo for their last picnic of the year.

The first and second graders visited the Zoo last Thursday for their final picnic.

### An Interesting Trip

(This essay was written by Betty Hunt who visited Greenfield Village with the sixth graders.)

When our class went to Greenfield Village, it was May 29, 1940. As we entered the Institute Museum, we saw a showcase in the

showcase was Thomas A. Edison's footprints and name.

We went through a long hall. This was just like Independence Hall. On shelves along the walls were old-fashioned statues, fans, and dolls.

After we had gone through this long hall, we saw a huge room. The floors of the room were made of teakwood imported from India. As we went into this room, we saw a long aisle in front of us. On both sides were agricultural machinery. There was a Russian Plough and different kinds of sickles and harrows.

There was a treadmill, which I think was very interesting. A small animal such as a sheep or calf would be placed on a small platform. The animal would be frightened and try to run. This would make the platform turn over and over, making the handle of the churn go up and down.

There was a lot of bicycles too. One had a large wheel in front and a small wheel in the back. There was also a bicycle that held ten people.

We visited Lincoln's Memorial, Edison's Laboratory, and Stephen Foster's home, also.

We enjoyed the trip very much. I think it was very educational.

### Literary Department

#### The Skylark

I'm a skylark small and light,  
I fly so high, I'm lost from sight.  
Yet ever in my skylark flight,  
I sing a song that does delight  
The hearts of all who hear.

My song so sweet, so light, so tender  
Breathes the spirit of the sender  
And makes man wish that he could sing,  
With the mellow sweetness which  
make the heavens ring.

No song that ever came from lyre  
Did ever to man so much inspire.  
That he should write a poem so sweet  
In reverence of such a feat  
As did my song sung o'er the valley.

Inspire Percy Bysshe Shelley.  
—Bill Hardwick.

### Why the West Wind Blows so Hard

Sally Nelson

Ah, so I am destructive, am I? I loose the clouds and send the leaves flying, do I? Well, why shouldn't I? Nature's fickleness has brought me pain. If you will listen quietly, I will tell you a story of something that happened many, many years ago.

I used to be as gentle as my sister except when I was playing tricks. One day as I was enjoying myself by blowing the fuzz off the dandelions, the most beautiful sight came to my eyes. A lovely sixteen-haired maiden came dancing through the fields. Her cheeks were like rose petals and her eyes were like the early morning dew. Her grace and agility enchanted me. Is it any wonder that I fell in love with her at once? I wanted her to notice me, so I flew by her, and over so gently lifted and pushed back her beautiful flaxen hair. She felt me and knew that I was there. She seemed delighted, and I thought she loved me. Every day I loved her more.

One day something happened that shattered my happiness. She told me that she was to be married. She was very happy about it, but I grew angry. I thought she had loved me. I began to blow the leaves about. The more I thought about it, the madder I became and the harder I blew. The maiden screamed and ran, but I chased her. She tried to find shelter, but there was none. I flattened every abode to the ground. I chased her on and on, and the harder I blew the louder the maiden screamed.

That is why on the anniversary of the days when the maiden and I had played together, I become angry and blow hard. The whistling you hear is the maiden still screaming, still running. That is her punishment for having spurned me.

### Seniors Give Sponsor Emyr Griffith a Watch

Upon presentation of a watch to the Senior Class Sponsor, Mr. Griffith, by Class President Jim Barrons, the former said:

"Now I'll always be on time." His appreciation, however, showed in the gay way he walked around the rest of the day.

The tongue of the just is as choice silver; the heart of the wicked is little worth.—Proverbs 10:20.

Read the Want Ads!

## F.H.S. Band Invited to Play at State Fair

The Farmington High School Band has just been asked by Clarence H. Dusenberry, Director of Music, Entertainment, and Veterans Activities, to participate in the program to be held at the fairgrounds this fall. With the fine comments that Mr. Dusenberry received regarding the band's organization, he feels that their appearance at the 1940 State Fair would be an asset, not only to the band, but to the fair activities.

Dr. Linwood W. Snow, General Manager of the Michigan State Fair, said that this year the fair will be the finest and most interesting ever to be held.

—Beatrice Coe.

## Farewell to Friends

By Viola M. Dietrich

We, the students of Farmington High School, regret that our principal, Mr. Max Thompson, will not be here to welcome us all back to school after our summer vacation.

Mr. Thompson has been with us four years; and during that time we have grown to respect him highly. His efforts to make this school a cooperative institution have been very successful. It is said that where a deep trust is held between the advisor and the student cooperation exists; that is the reason why Mr. Thompson has been a success with every student in the school.

Mr. Thompson, we have really enjoyed you as a teacher, friend, and advisor; and we will strive to attain your high standards during your absence. As good fellow students, we will not say goodbye, because we hope to hear from and see you often.

Two other teachers who are leaving the beloved school are Miss Mary Lunny and Mr. Alvin Benner. Miss Lunny has been here for four years majoring in Latin and History. Miss Lunny is leaving us to be married sometime during the summer. We wish to extend our appreciation for a capable and grand teacher as Miss Lunny.

Mr. Benner has been with us for two years and in that time has really "put all he had" toward

making a success of the band. He certainly has improved the band immensely and ranks high with each band member. Our band goes out to each teacher, wishing them the best life can offer.

## Machines vs. Industry

By Viola M. Dietrich

Machines—I wonder about them. I wonder if they are worth the price we pay for them?

In the old days a ranch hand could walk from one ranch to another and pick up a job wherever he went. Everyone wanted labor then. Trouble was there weren't enough men to go around. The machines have spoiled all that. They have actually thrown thousands of men out of work!

Time was when hand-work counted—when everything used was put together by someone's own capable hands. The machines made scores of families go hungry. The work was not so good either. I suppose even though it did put people out of work that is what indicated progress: machines and more machines. As long as work was done quickly and cheaply, what mattered?

Men's calloused hands were still strong and eager to work. They were honest and good men. They

They had a sense of responsibility, but what good did it do? The machines had taken away their jobs. Today, some young men will not quite believe there was a time like that! Not they. Why, anybody that did work like that was a "chick!"

The machine problem presents itself in two different ways in our modern world. Machines—they are wonderful! They have helped us, but have they helped us too much? Have we robbed men to take machines?

## DIPPING AFTER SHEARING

There's no economy in dipping sheep and lambs immediately after shearing the ewe mothers, explains E. L. Benton, animal husbandry specialist in extension service at Michigan State College.

Without sufficient wool, the dip solution cannot be retained adequately. Result, say Benton, is that the animals become reinfested and the lambs as well. By letting the new wool grow for a time before dipping, the effectiveness of the dip continues for several weeks. A million ewes in Michigan are involved in this problem.

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