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Bob Carlson to Head School Paper Staff

By a unanimous vote the Journalism Class elected Bob Carlson, senior, as Managing Editor of The Blue and White for 1940-41. He is interested in newspaper work and seems deserving of the confidence placed in him.

The class up to this time have been studying the fundamentals and background of newspaper work. On account of their lack of experience and knowledge they have not edited the news for The Blue and White.

School news has been furnished generally by a few members of last year's staff, and we commit them to their new duties.

D. Hacheler.

STUDENT COUNCIL PLANS DANCE SATURDAY, DEC. 7

At the meeting of the Student Council Tuesday it was decided that the council give a school dance to be held Saturday night, December 7. The name of the orchestra is as yet unknown, but the council promises good dancing music and announces that this party is open to the public.

A football banquet was discussed at this meeting. Advantages and disadvantages were brought up, but nothing definite was planned. A committee was appointed and they are expected to give more details in a week or two.

A committee was also appointed by the president to decide on student council pins. The members wanted to get their pins before Christmas if possible.

Members were also assigned to their duties for the basketball game Monday night. These duties consist of selling tickets, candy, and refreshments; of guarding the exits, taking tickets, and assisting the visiting teams in every way. The game is between the Huskies of David and Detroit Automobile Club.

Ed Barrons.

HANDICRAFT CLUB DEVELOPS INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS

The Handicraft Club of Farmington High School is now organized and is turning out different articles in the shop.

There are 13 girls and 61 boys in this Club, and each person has a chance to meet once a week eight hours on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. The members follow their own interests. The girls are making what-nots, waste baskets, and posters. The boys are making bows and arrows, hunting knives, and models, while others are doing wood turning.

Francis Powell.

LIBRARY CLUB DRAWS OWN LAWS

The library club, which meets every Tuesday and which is run on a democratic basis is forming its Constitution.

Once a month the Club has activities and three times discussion. "Sometime before Christmas," Miss Russe contemplated, "we hope to have a Christmas Party." Your reporter agreed with Miss Russe very thoroughly and suggested that he would like to be a guest.

Office Notes

According to the announcement by the Department of Public Instruction final payment for the primary school interest fund is now being made to the various counties. This will make a total of \$11.72 per census child for the year.

Notice is now being mailed to the various rural school districts. As in the past years this amounts to the primary school interest fund money which is deducted from the tuition allowed the high school district for each non-resident pupil.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAKING TESTS

A testing program now being administered in the elementary schools includes the Detroit Intelligence Tests and the Progressive tests to determine levels of achievement in reading, arithmetic, and language.

P. Wehrly

Effective Citizenship Emphasized by Faculty

Once each year the schools of Michigan are asked to file with the Department of Public Instruction a survey of instructional progress.

A survey of this sort is being made now in the Farmington Public Schools by the faculty and the administration.

Particular emphasis is being put on effective citizenship. This is doubly important today as international events focus attention upon the necessity of effective training in citizenship for a better democracy.

However, in an interview with your reporter, Superintendent Dunclick suggested that such training involves not only the educational program but also the influence of many community groups. It can be said that one organization only influences the development of effective citizens.

Phyllis Wehrly

FOOD PRICES RAISED IN CAFETERIA

An increase in the cost of the food has necessitated a raise in the price of lunches in the school cafeteria.

The ten cent lunch consists of a hot dish, milk, and dessert. Sandwiches are five cents and may not be substituted for any other part of the ten cent meal. If purchased separately, the hot dish is four cents, milk three cents, and dessert three cents.

Phyllis Wehrly.

BAND TO ENTERTAIN PARENTS

A Band Concert and social evening will be held Thursday, December 5, for band members and their parents. The Concert will be given in the Farmington High School auditorium and will be directed by Mr. Ayres.

A Christmas program is to be held Friday afternoon, December 6. Miss St. John is coordinating the program. The committee is making plans for the entertainment.

Ernest Bracken.

JUNIORS HOLD ROLLER SKATING PARTY

On the night of Tuesday, November 26, the Junior Class of Farmington High School held a roller skating party at Keego Harbor. Because of the bad weather only about one third of the class went there, but all those present seemed to have a very pleasant evening. Faculty members who attended the party were Miss Johnson, Miss Bulde, and Mr. Tober.

The first fall of the evening was credited to Ernest Bracken.

Ralph Howie.

HOME ROOM PROGRAM TEMPORARILY DISARMED

For the last two weeks no home room meetings have been held in any of the grades. On November 25, the hours for the usual meetings were used by the girls for study in assembly while the boys met with Mr. Shoemaker in the gymnasium to plan intramural games during the noon hour. Last Monday a teachers' meeting, regularly scheduled for the first Monday of every calendar month, was held during the eighth hour.

Lillian Boyce.

JUNIORS SELECT RINGS

The Juniors chose class rings at their meeting, Monday, November 25. Those who want rings are to place deposits, at least \$5, at Tim Chamberlain's Jewelry Store. At their next meeting the Juniors will start planning for the J-Top. Instead of giving noon dances to earn money for the dance, they will give a class play.

John Edgar.

GOODWILL DOLLS ARRIVE

Sixty dolls, sent by the Goodwill Industry, arrived Thursday, November 28, to be dressed by the girls of the Homemaking Classes. Miss Johnston said, "Girls not in the Homemaking Classes may dress the dolls if there are any left after the Homemaking girls have taken theirs."

The dolls, completely dressed, will be returned December 10.

M. Collins.

VARSITY CLUB

A new club has sprung up at F.H.S. made up of letter men in all sports. The boys have aptly named it the "Varsity Club."

The club is sponsored by Mr. Shoemaker, football and track coach; and although it was organized for social as well as scholastic reasons, it aims for better and finer things on the sports fields around Farmington High School.

Officers of the "Varsity Club" are as follows:

Mark Farrell, President; Chuck Sullivan, Vice President; George Brykalski, Secretary-Treasurer.

John Haggard.

IN AND OUT OF CLASSROOMS

Homemaking I is working on a breakfast unit. Homemaking III has completed curtains, with the help of Homemaking II, for Miss Steel's room. They are now working on curtains for Miss Russe's office.

Margery Collins

Literary Department

THE WORLD AROUND US

The tiresome clutter of the day. Makes my thoughts wander far away.

They wander to a quiet place. Where there is sunshine, rest, and grace.

So many things I've tried. My wondering wanderlust to hide; But all these other things did fail. For the things of the world are dim and pale.

I long to travel far away.

To better place on a sunnier day; I long for things the earth can't hold;

I don't want her riches or people bold.

All I want is some one to love. And the quiet and restfulness of up above.

You can have the world's riches and her golds.

For the things I want only Heaven holds.

Ruth Wyckoff, Freshman

Freshmen Find Hard Going in Noon Sports

In the second girls' intramural game of the year, Monday, December 2, the Junior 11 team played the Freshmen 1 team. The Juniors winning by a 10 to 0 score.

Points were scored by J. Beam and M. Miles.

The Line-up:

Freshmen: R. Wyckoff, M. Gordon, J. Dickerson, R. Wilson, P. Cale, K. Schram, Juniors: J. Beam, F. S. M. Miles, F. 2; L. Banks, F. E. Green, G. J. Oates, G.

Tuesday, November 26, the Junior 1 team played the Freshmen 11 team. The Juniors defeated the freshmen by a 19 point lead. The score was 20 to 1. The points were made by B. Aschenbrenner, for the freshmen team, who scored on a foul shot, and S. Fredericks and E. Baldwin, for the Juniors.

This was the first girls' intramural game played this year.

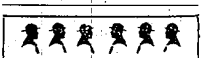
The line-up was as follows:

Juniors: S. Fredericks, F. 14; E. Baldwin, F. 6; M. Collins, F. A. Hupert, G. E. Gunning, G. D. Goers, G.

Freshmen: M. Smith, F. B. Aschenbrenner, F. 1; K. Schram, F. D. Gustafson, G. F. Hutton, G. A. Lathrop, G.

—E. Baldwin.

Letters to the Editor MUST BE SIGNED



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Tragedy Revives Debate Over Grief Causing Death

Can a person die merely as a result of grief? For generations this has been a moot question, debated by physicians and others interested. Occasionally occurs a death which it is insisted has been the result of overwhelming sorrow and no other cause. Those who oppose the theory that grief alone can be a sufficient reason for death, appear willing to concede that it may sometimes be an important contributory element, but not of itself sufficient.

Generally, instances which give rise to this debate occur, in the cases of elderly people, accustomed to living together for decades and for whom the prospect of life alone appears more bleak than death itself. But in the past few days there occurred a double tragedy or more than usual sadness, involving a former resident of this area and his daughter, the one instantly killed in a traffic accident and the other to follow in death only three days later—and solely it was contended, as a result of grief.

A single paragraph in a Detroit newspaper Monday reported that Leo G. Smircina, 51, of Dearborn, had died Sunday night of grief over the death last Thursday of his eight-year old daughter, Shirley Ann, under the wheels of an automobile. Most readers of the paper probably wondered a bit and passed on. But for those who knew Smircina, and considered his comparative youth in relation to those about whom such stories are usually reported, there arose in addition to sadness, a feeling of wonder.

Strong and Healthy: A strong healthy man, usually a stocky build, Smircina would be taken much more readily for a former college football guard of the stolid type than for a person of extremely delicate sensibilities.

Quick and active for a man of his build and weight, he presented a picture of ruggedness and energy. Father of a large family, he had struggled through years of hardships during the depression, living in various places and settling finally in a small subdivision house of the "building boom" type, near the outskirts of Plymouth. Beginning in June, 1938, he worked in The Enterprise plant as a printer. Improvement in the family fortunes by October of that year made it possible for him to look to still better things (financially) and to his moving on to Dearborn, where after working there for some time, he had recently been contemplating an arrangement for taking over a printing plant for himself, at the time of his death Sunday.

Killed at Play: But on Thursday, Shirley Ann coasted down a driveway at Stanley, and was killed by a passing automobile. Funeral services were arranged, but before the rites were held, the father, overcome with grief, joined his daughter in death.

Services for the daughter were delayed and a double funeral was held Wednesday at St. Patrick's Church at Palms.

Doubts Expressed: Farmington physicians, asked for opinions about the likelihood of grief alone causing death in such an instance, expressed viewpoints distinctly in the negative. One gave it as his definite opinion that the grief-stricken father must have been suffering from some physical ailment, such as perhaps

an undisclosed heart condition. The physician discounted the probability of grief itself causing the death of a 51-year old man apparently in normal health and good physical condition. Even in the case of elderly couples, this physician said, the more important factors in the death of one person following closely that of another, are undoubtedly physical, brought on by lack of nourishment due to inadequate eating; lack of proper repose, etc. Grief, he said, might in occasional cases be held a possible contributory cause, but no more than that.

Another Farmington physician concurred, stating definitely that there is no such thing as fatal shock, but that such a shock as Smircina suffered might cause or aggravate physical complications that would result in death—but that in such instances, the real cause of death would be perhaps heart failure, high blood pressure, or some such condition.

FERNDALE AND PONTIAC PARCELS LISTED FOR SALE

An analysis of the land sales transacted by the State Land Office Board in its second scavenger sale, during the week of November 25, shows that 2,406 parcels were offered and 1,136 were sold. The appraised value of the parcels sold was \$30,556 and the amount of sales was \$157,734.75.

The schedule of sales for the week of December 9 through December 13 follows:

Monday, December 9—Beginning with land in Utica Subdivision in the City of Ferndale on Page 22, and completing land in Utica Subdivision on Page 23 of Book 1.

Tuesday, December 10—Beginning with land in Watts Farm Subdivision in the City of Ferndale

on Page 23, and through Woodward Homes Subdivision on Page 24, completing the lands in the City of Ferndale, and beginning lands in Banks Park Subdivision in the City of Huntington Woods on Page 24, and through lands in Huntington Woods Subdivision on Page 25, completing the lands in the City of Pleasant Ridge, and through lands in Woodward Park Subdivision on page 25 of Book 1, completing lands in the City of Pleasant Ridge.

Wednesday, December 11—Beginning with unplatted lands in Section 7 in the City of Pontiac, on Page 25, Page 26 and through land in Assessor's Plat No. 88 on Page 27 of Book 1.

Thursday, December 12—Beginning with land in Assessor's Plat No. 90 in the City of Pontiac, on Page 27, Page 28 and through land in Assessor's Plat No. 119 on Page 29 of Book 1.

Friday, December 13—Beginning with lands in Citizen's Development Company's Addition in the City of Pontiac on Page 29, Page 30 and through land in Dupont Heights Subdivision, Page 31, completing lands to be offered in Book No. 1.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Edith Graham attended the wedding of her grandson, Leo Gelfer, when Marian Graybeal became his bride at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graybeal, November 23. Rev. Karney of Howell, performed the ceremony about 5:30 p. m. before about 25 relatives and friends.

Several young men of this locality are attending the part-time class work in agriculture held at Walpole Lake High School. The first meeting was held Monday evening.

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