

## Debate Club Divides For Special Instruction

Instead of their usual informal discussion the debaters had a formal debate during their weekly meeting on December 19. It was decided, by drawing lots, that the affirmative would work with Mr. Smith and the negative with Miss Allison.

## Two Weeks' Holiday Recess Granted

The kids will be glad to hear about the two week Christmas vacation which starts December 23 and ends January 8, 1945. During this time the gym will be open every day except December 24 and December 31 in honor of the Yuletide season. —B.W.



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For A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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# The BLUE and WHITE

## EDITORIAL

Every Wednesday during the fourth hour our teachers ask each one of us the same question: "Would you like to buy any defense stamps?" That's one question for which all know the right answer without having to do any midnight reading or research work. "Yes," is the answer. "Yes, I'll buy one, or two, or as many as I can to help out my brother, my buddy, and my friends. I'll gladly forego a couple of hot-fudge sundaes, even though I could give excuses like: 'My Pop buys them, or I can't spare the change.'"

We know the right answer, but it seems we don't always give it; instead, a good many of us keep silent and let it go.

In our classrooms we know what happens when we seldom volunteer to answer questions. Our teacher puts a little "goose-egg" in her record book and, with a number of those by our names, we fail and have to repeat the subject. That means twice as much work and twice as much time to be spent.

We know the value of a correct answer, so how about it, gang? Let's all come up with the right answer next stamp day. Let's do our share in helping out the boys over there and bringing them home sooner. —M.T.

## FLASH...

Dick Banghart and Dick Campbell have reported for duty in the Maritime service.

KEEP ON BUYING  
U.S. WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!

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## GIRLS CHORUS JOINS ME CHOR FOR VESPERS

The Girls' Chorus of Farmington High School made their first public appearance Sunday evening, December 17, at the Vesper services of the Methodist Church. The ten special numbers were "The Gloria" and "No Candle Was There." By combining the Adult Choir, Boys' Choir and the F.H.S. Girls' Choir the interior of the church rang with harmony.

The members of the choir are: first sopranos, Betty Winters, Clara Roberts, Eileen Whitehead, Helen Kruger, Margaret Yuhaz, Barbara Wigal, Sally Roseberg, Nancy Ferguson; second sopranos, Doris Colebank, Dorothy Beckwith, Naomi Cox, Pamela Nordway, Mary Mitchell, Claire Yuhaz, Marge Young; altos, Pat Young, Sally Gildemeister, Avis Maki, Joyce Gerds, Lorraine Smith, Janice Garchow, Marguerite Wedin, and Margaret Prisk. —C.Y.

## "YOUNG STIRS"

The third grade has a very tough assignment, which is carried throughout the semester: giving book reports, ten no less. In making their reports, they must tell the name of the book, its author, the characters, the type, and write a brief summary. Gary Walters is the first and only one to have finished.

Miss Tanber's fourth grade class is putting on a clean-up campaign. They have already placed many of their posters in various classrooms. They are working on skits and composing poems, by which they plan to abide. The following is one of the poems they have learned:

"Let's Have That Pick Up"  
How about that lunch room?  
It's a very nice place to eat,  
But oh—when you throw food on the table,

It doesn't look very neat!  
Mrs. Loomis's third grade class sold \$19.03 in Christmas Seals. —E.S.

## School Board To Be Host For New Year's Party

The Senior Class has been relieved of financial worries for the New Year's party, scheduled for December 29. Although the Seniors will do the planning and the decorating, the School Board will assume financial obligations, and, as a result, admission and refreshments will be free. More details may be found on posters around town. —P.E.

## FALCON FIVE SWAMP NORTHVILLE CAGERS

Twisting, dodging, throwing and shooting with amazing skill and accuracy, the Farmington basketball squad won their second straight victory of the season last Friday. The game, which was played at Northville against a stunned opponent, started at 8:30. The first four minutes of the game moved slowly as the team put on a very awkward exhibition, leaving the score 4 to 3 in Northville's favor. Coach Hutton yanked out his first string, and in went a whole new team which scored immediately. The score was boosted to 8 to 6. The main scorers in this out-burst were Bob McLean, Alvin Garchow and Bob Miller. After a two-minute rest and the score now in their favor, the first team returned to the floor. They jogged through the remaining three and a half second quarters with the greatest deal of traveling and little scoring.

Bursting forth like fire from a flame thrower, the varsity squad completely downed the Northville team in the last half. The plays and shots that they put so badly in their first half worked with amazing smoothness. Every varsity player on the floor made at least two baskets. Corkey's windmill guarding did much to confuse the struggling Northville team members.

With four minutes left in the last quarter and a substantial lead of 29-16, the sweating first team was taken out and a new team put in. Not to be outdone, this new team tallied 14 points to the Falcons' credit. Bob Miller dropped the ball through the hoop as the buzzer rang at the end of the game. Not realizing that he had been fouled during the play, he left the floor. Dave Carley, who remained behind sank the shot for Bob as the crowds swarmed around him, giving the Falcons a final 53-22 score. —T.R.

## Skilled Workmanship Emphasized In Shop

In a recent inspection of the Farmington High School Shop a definite trend toward skilled workmanship was noticed. Special attention should be directed to a screw driver made by Bob Herbert. In this category, also, comes the occasional table of red birch being constructed by Don McArthur.

Electric lamps, "C" clamps, and a ticket booth for the school are among the new projects. Mr. Bell has profited by the abilities of these students. Recently a cabinet was needed for the basement of the gym. The fellows got busy, and now Mr. Bell is happy. —C.Y.

## Organization Of Choir Completed

Miss Phyllis Gardner, director of the Girls' Glee Club, has organized a school choir of approximately twenty-five members. This group was selected from the male glee club. Two of the activities of this group will be to sing in churches and to entertain the PTA meeting. —C.Y.

**The Basques**  
Basques are an independent people inhabiting the Pyrenean foothills in northern Spain and southwestern France. A lot from their neighbors they have kept their ancient customs and dress and unique language.

**Develop Wastes**  
Chemists are studying the possibilities of developing chemical and fibrous byproducts from the large amounts of redwood and redwood bark wastes which normally result from lumbering operations in the West.

HAPPY  
HOLIDAY



BETTER  
NEW YEAR

THE SEASON'S BEST TO OUR CUSTOMERS  
AND ALL THEIR FRIENDS

**Earl Vivier**  
OLDSMOBILE SERVICE

## Greetings

As the years go by, we come to realize more and more how much it really means to have the Confidence, Friendship, and Loyalty of folks like you. It is our genuine pleasure to wish you and yours

A Very  
Merry Christmas

and a New Year of Health and Happiness, Peace and Prosperity

**HATTON'S**  
**FARMINGTON HARDWARE**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS, FOLKS!**

You've been grand passengers  
on this eventful trip through 1944

Next stop, 1945! But just before we arrive, let me say to every one of you — "Thanks for being good sports and good Americans — thanks for using buses with careful regard to war needs — thanks for being good natured about occasional discomfort and crowding."

The fact that you can take travel at its worst, and still smile with us, has helped us do a far more efficient wartime job. It has made us even more determined to give you highway travel such as this nation has never known — come Victory! Right now, new

Super-Coaches with amazing comfort features are shaping up — innovations of convenience and sightseeing are on their way.

The months just ahead will be decisive ones for all the world. We know you'll keep right on with that patriotic cooperation that has helped transportation do its tremendous job all through the war years.

## For A Happier Trip Through 1945...

Keep on buying War Bonds — each bond is a bomb for our enemies. Keep on giving blood through the Red Cross — to save the lives of our fighting men.



WISHING YOU  
ALL THE JOYS OF THE SEASON  
And  
A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**The Handmark**



CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA has always been a day of family participation, renewed friendship and generous hearts — all enveloped in the glow of that which is the finest in the character of man — human kindness.

The traditional observance of Christmas this year carries another thought for all Americans — the terribly real appreciation of comfort and security in a land unmarked by the tragic desolation of war.

In many homes service flags and empty chairs are more evidence of the sacrifices that are necessary to keep our homes secure — our children safe and Christmas by our firesides — not in the depths of bomb shelter.

Millions of Americans in all parts of the world will turn their thoughts to the beauty and remembered joys of Christmas at home. Our men and women in the service will unite with us as again the universal message of the Festival of Christ's birth offers sustenance to faith and renews the old yet ageless hope of the world for "peace on earth!"

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