

EDITORIAL

Forward, march, — right into old F.H.S. That's an invitation to all the boys and girls in service to come around and pay us a visit when home on furlough. "We like to see your faces about. It brings us joy without a doubt." Yop, that's how we feel and we hope to see you around soon. Just pop in, and we'll greet you with open arms. We'd like to hear about your travels and experiences; but, if you'd rather not make a speech, just stand and smile. We'll be happy.

You could come over for our noon dances, fellows, and dance with all our belles to the latest selection of the recorded music on our juke-box. Or you might listen in on a freshman English class to see what this younger generation is coming to, or enjoy the varied talents of the seniors in their Public Speaking classes. Then you could run up to the Junior's Chemistry class and watch the fireworks or sit in on one of these interesting sophomore "debate" classes.

So don't forget now: "Come up and see us sometime!" —L.M.T.

Debaters to Speak in Second Tournament

The F.H.S. debaters again go forth to duel with words at the W. of D. High School. Opponents will be determined by lot. Both teams will go, and each will take part in two debates. The affirmative is debated by Lorraine Miller and Bernice Calkins, while the negative will be supported by Tom Roseberry and Pauline Early. —P.M.B.

Strange Grasshopper
Among specimens sent back to Smithsonian Institution by American armed service men is a long-horned grasshopper from New Guinea measuring nearly six inches, with nine-inch wing spread.

The BLUE and WHITE

THE J. H. S. C. PRESIDES AT SNOW PARTY

The Junior High Student Council, with Miss Crake's assistance, gave a snow party. They went tobogganing, skiing, sliding, and threw snowballs from 3:30 until 5 o'clock. Some of the mothers of Student Council members marched. They were Mrs. Carl Goers, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Delia Hamlin, Mrs. F. Budberg, Mrs. G. Udell, and Mrs. Van Every. After eating, every one participated in a treasure hunt planned by George Barrons and Dick Louny.

The Student Council also presented a play, "The Ghost of Green Mansion" directed by Velma Giers. Members of the cast were Betsy Udell, Jim Van Every, Milford Taylor, Leonard Thomas, Ivan Anderson, George Barrons, Janet Paul, Ruth Hamlin, and Dick Louny. —E.S.

MATH TEACHER GIVEN SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Ice cream and cake were sent to stealthily down the hall between 8:30 and six hours Monday. The look on Mr. Oliver's face was worth the time the senior girls put on those cakes the night before, however.

Mr. Oliver even confessed his age as a reward to the students. We will not divulge this information!

That chocolate frosting certainly was good, Joanne. Follows the old time centers at seventh hour. Lasting is the word we want here! —C.Y.

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SPECIAL BULLETIN

Attention: Any student who plans to change from one subject to another next semester must make arrangements with their class advisers. Mr. Dates emphasizes that this is to be done immediately. —C.Y.

COURSE IN MUSIC APPRECIATION IS OFFERED

This year has brought forth a new activity among the Glee Club members. It is a course in Music Appreciation given by the students for their own enjoyment. Special credit is given to the pupils who participate. These extra credits may be included in the points required for a Glee Club letter.

The procedure observed is as follows: The student must first select a group of records of some musical importance, collect a number of facts pertaining to the composer and the composition he has written; then present them to the class in an interesting fashion.

These sessions have proved very successful. Among the composers studied are Victor Herbert and George Gershwin. —C.Y.

LOIS GOERS CHOSEN FOR D. A. R. HONORS

The students of the Senior class this week elected their classmate, Lois Goers, to represent Farmington high school in the D.A.R. contest.

A group of six girls was selected by members of the faculty who have worked with and known seniors for a year or more. Included in this list were Pauline Early, Joyce Samuelson, Marion Rowland, Sue Goodrich, Lois Goers and Marian Vandenberg. It was necessary to vote three times; the first ballot showed a three-way tie between Marion Rowland, Sue Goodrich and Lois Goers. The second vote was a tie, this time between Lois Goers and Sue Goodrich. On the third and last vote Lois won a majority.

The D.A.R. Good Citizenship contest has been held in Farmington since 1942 and is sponsored by the Three Flags chapter. The first winner was Dorothy Goers, who is also the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goers, of Brookdale Avenue. In 1943 Irene Morris was chosen, and last year Dorothy Gustafson was the candidate.

This honor is regularly bestowed on that girl who shows to the highest degree these qualities: Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism. Lois has shown these qualities in her varied school activities.

During her four years of high school at Farmington, Lois has been a member of the Band and for the last three years has been Drum Major. In her Junior year she was president of the Band and is its business manager this year. She has also been in-

terested in the athletics open to girls. As a freshman, she was a member of the substitute basketball team. Interscholastic sports were discontinued for girls in 1940, but Lois remained a member of the girls' gym classes during her four high school years. She is an active member of the class of '45; in her freshman year she was class treasurer; she was on the J-Hop Orchestra committee, and this year she is on the Student Council and is editor-in-chief of the Year Book. In addition to her other activities when a freshman, Lois entered the declamatory contest and tied for first place. She is, too, a life member of the Mathematics club. As a candidate for the place she held for the second time Lois has been asked to represent Farmington High School. Last year she was one of our two representatives to Girls' State at Ann Arbor.

Lois is a member of the Farmington Methodist Youth League and is treasurer of the organization. Her patriotism has been reflected in the more than one hundred hours she has spent as a Nurse's Aid at the Children's Convalescent Home of Michigan, under the auspices of Senior Scout Troop 1.

Although her leisure hours are filled with home and community activities, Lois does not fail to have her class assignments prepared promptly and carefully prepared. Her name has never failed to be on the Honor Roll since she entered high school in 1941.

The Senior class is sure she will be a worthy representative of Farmington in the D.A.R. contest. Sue Goodrich will take Lois' place in case of illness. —L.M.

Cagers to Stimulate Uniform Campaign

The aim of the band students (New Uniforms in '45) will be come a bit closer to reality after the basketball game between Walled Lake and Farmington, Friday, January 26, for the proceeds from this game go to the Band. Each member of this organization has been given tickets to sell to the general public, and it is hoped that a record crowd will fill the gym. —C.Y.

Smooth ironing
For a smooth ironing day begin by hanging clothes straight—up and down ironing. Hang sheets over line hems down and wrong side out. When removing from line fold right half over onto left half, then fold in quarters as you pull sheet from line. Hang garments up by their firmest parts. Keep similar pieces grouped together on the line.

FALCONS TAKE THEIR SECOND LEAGUE VICTORY

In an exciting game that had many high points the Farmington Falcons beat the Milford cagers last Friday. The two teams played an evenly matched game with the Falcons finally proving to be the stronger.

The starting line-up for the Falcons was different from usual at Milford, and victory was theirs with a final score of 51-43.

In the second team game, which preceded the first team's the freshmen and sophomores of Coach Pounder again proved victorious as they came from behind in the last few minutes to win with a score of 25-21.

This Friday Farmington comes up against Keego Harbor in a game played there. Keego always packs plenty of punch in any sport, so . . . this contest should prove an interesting one. —T.R.

In the second quarter of the game both teams fought valiantly as the score bounced higher. They traded blow for blow and kept the crowd on the edges of their seats. Corky DeVriendt was sent in for

Doc AschenBregner and Dave Carley for Elliot Tyler. The half ended with the Falcons leading 26-22. In the third and fourth quarters the excitement of the game and the enthusiasm of the crowd remained at its high peak. The shooting and passing of the teams, though not exceptional in any way, was evenly balanced enough to warrant keen competition. The superior height and experience of the Falcons proved too much for Milford, and victory was theirs with a final score of 51-43.

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Green stems of young onions will make soup and stews.

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WHY Michigan Bell Will Go to Court

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company plans to appeal to the Ingham Circuit Court for relief from an order of the Michigan Public Service Commission directing the company to refund \$3,500,000 to its customers. A permanent injunction will be sought to restrain the Commission from putting the order into effect.

We have no liking for litigation. It is a time-consuming process that is as distasteful to the company as it must be to the public.

An order that jeopardizes our ability to provide good service by whittling away at our already inadequate earnings, however, cannot go unchallenged. The public interest impels us to seek the protection of the courts.

The order is based upon the theory that excess profits taxes should be returned to customers rather than to the Federal Treasury as intended by the tax law. One out of every five tax dollars collected by the Treasury today comes from excess profits taxes. In this case, the Government would take a loss of \$3,000,000.

Although the Federal Treasury would bear the brunt of the loss involved in such rebate, one-seventh of the amount would come from the company. The order for 1944, unless restrained, could be repeated for 1945 and other years. Such a whittling process takes on the aspect of a permanent rate reduction to the jeopardy of the service rendered the public.

If we are to take our place in the expanding national economy anticipated after the war, and once again provide service on a basis of "when and where wanted", the Michigan Bell must undertake a postwar construction program requiring the expenditure of \$120,000,000 in 5 years. That program will provide jobs not only for its 3,000 men and women returning from the armed forces, but for many others as well.

The telephone industry has no royal road to money to finance its postwar program. It must compete with other industries in the open market for capital. To attract the investor's dollar, our earnings must be comparable with the average for other industries—not at a rate one-third lower, as is the case today.

The Michigan Bell has no desire to profit at the expense of war. It hasn't. The company's wartime earnings today are a quarter lower than in the pre-war period, 1936-39.

The price of telephone service is one of the few things that has not undergone a sharp wartime rise. On the contrary, rate reductions since 1939 are resulting in current savings of nearly \$4,350,000 a year to our customers.

There is one thing our customers want, and that is good service. The telephone bill for the best of service is so small a part of the customer's budget that he does not want anything less than the best even though he might get it at a lower cost.

For these reasons, we believe we're under the strongest obligation to seek our day in court. We believe our cause to be a just one in the interest of those served by the company, those who own it, and those who depend upon it for their living.

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President

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