

## FARM MACHINERY SCARCITY IS FORECAST

Contrary to the expectations of many farmers, there is a good chance that a definite scarcity of farm machinery will exist for the 1945 production season, extension agricultural engineers at Michigan State College believe. For this reason farmers are cautioned against permitting any old machine to go through the winter into the busy season unprepared.

Optimism concerning the farm machinery outlook became widespread following recent announcements of the lifting of the restrictions on the manufacturing of machinery. There was a growing belief that an abundance of new machinery would become available next spring. As a result, a slackening of old machine repairing has become an epidemic. But all old equipment will be needed, for it is expected that the

"lead time" (period necessary from the time materials are made available until machines can be manufactured and placed on market) that is necessary for the production of many types of equipment will probably prevent any significant increase in the quantity. Labor and production facilities will be utilized for manufacture of such labor saving equipment as corn pickers, side delivery rakes, pickup balers and combines. Production of repair parts will remain at a high level in 1945, college agricultural engineers have learned. Any parts used in quantities in war production will remain difficult to obtain. These include engine and electrical equipment parts.

## BAND COLORED F.H.S.-WALLED LAKE BASKETBALL GAME

Last Friday, before one of the largest crowds in the history of basketball at Farmington, a band benefit game was played. Wearing the trim gray uniforms of the A.C.C. Miss Ruth Bacon, former glen club director, was present as guest of the evening. Following a grand program by the F.H.S. band between the halves, Miss Bacon sprang to the floor and beat the school song with her usual vigor and vision. After the game, in which the Falcons bowed to defeat to the Walled Lake team with a score of 27-16, members of the band furnished music for dancing. The surprise of the evening was a gold trophy, from the Exchange Club to the undefeated football team of '44. Fred Hamlin and Bud Aschenbrenner, co-captains, are credited for their team. Next week the Falcons play Detroit Country Day School here.

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## NO EXAMS FOR SENIORS? WELL -- MAYBE!

Seniors, if your class raises its attendance percentage one percent (from 83 per cent to 94 per cent) students who have not been absent more than 3 days and have at least a D average will be excused from final exams next June. Tardy marks also should be kept to the lowest minimum possible. The attendance should come up to 86 per cent, then practically everyone will be excused from exams. The reason behind all this? Mr. Bates says that by the time a student is a Senior he should be responsible for his attitudes and habits and should not have to be forced to such things as arriving at school on time or holding good grade averages. Seniors, attention! Give your

cial attention to your grades and attendance. Everyone co-operate to make this plan a big success! —R.E.

## EDITORIAL

When you take the last bite of a good candy bar, you take it slowly to enjoy its lasting goodness; when you spend your last hour with a parting friend, you are pleasant and make every moment count; when you play your last game, you play hard and well. So it is — when you begin your last semester in high school, you should store up all the wonderful memories possible by taking part in school affairs, being pals with underclassmen as well as your own classmates, and working hard for success in scholastic achievement and in outside activities. —M.T.

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**"Essential" and "Critical" Draft Guides**

The guides set up by the War Manpower Commission for Selective Service in inducting men in the 25 through 29 age group make a nice difference between the "essential" industrial employment and that which is considered "critical" to the war production program. Most smaller communities (excepting time making and specialized manufacturing towns) which are closely related to their agricultural areas, will find that most of the men in the affected age group fall in the category of "essential" employment when they work in such fields as:

Agricultural services: Commercial poultry hatcheries, seed processing, animal breeding, crop disease protection services, initial processing services of compressing, threshing, cleaning, shelling, curing and the like, irrigation services, farm repair and maintenance services, farm product assembly service, custom grain milling and ice harvesting. No "critical" employment is listed under the WMC guide for agricultural services. The production of packaging materials for shipping and preserving essential products is also listed as an essential class of employment.

In the category of "critical" employment, as it may affect the draft status of citizens of non-industrial smaller towns, is listed such work as the repair of automobiles, busses, trucks, tractors and farm equipment. However, it is intended that in the category of repair services consideration be given only to individuals qualified to render all-round repair services on the types of equipment included in the essential list. Types of repair service other than the above are deemed "essential."

In the field of health and welfare services the critical classification is applied to physicians, surgeons, dentists, oculists, osteopaths, sanitary engineers, veterinarians engaged in farm live stock treatment, medical, dental and optical laboratories, pharmaceutical services, hospitals, nursing services, and institutional care, also the "essential" class group mortuary services, auxiliary civilian welfare services to the armed forces, welfare services to civilians, church activities, accident and fire prevention services and structures.

**Talk Forests**

The tall forests of the Carpathian mountains—pine, oak, and beech—have helped make Romania a timber exporter, with wood products forming a quarter of the country's industrial output in times of peace. The disputed wedge of Transylvania contains three of Romania's five largest sawmills.

**Sew on Hooks**

Hooks, eyes and snaps are most satisfactory when sewed on with the buttonhole stitch.

**'TIS SAID . . .**

Wasn't it swell to see Miss Bacon? Her voice leading our school song brought back memories of the pep and plauds she gave to F.H.S.

Speaking of plauds, it seems as if the Corn Band got a tallion instead of a pint of blood, judging by their musical fervor.

"Bad Bill" Doll was back for a visit Monday. His uniform certainly looks different from that old moth-eaten fur coat he used to wear.

It was grand to see Don Kormensky, Cecil Kellner, Dick Banghart, Dick Campbell, Dick Miller, Doug Bell, Oscar Aulen and Cliff Streling.

Overheard was the fact that Norman Putts really is a good tumbler! We believe you, Norm! And incidentally that band setups on a wicked pep meeting, doesn't it?

Lucky Bob Brough—or is he? He is out of school now, waiting to go into the Army Air Corps, but he will be graduated with our class in June. What will we seniors do for a vice-president?

Didn't the cheerleaders look nice in those white sweaters and skirts? —J. Thea Lott.

al pest control services. Only educational service considered critical is the United States Maritime Service Training Program; most others are listed as essential services.

In the forestry and lumbering fields the only critical classifications are those of timber tracts and logging camps, cutting of pulpwood, wood for tanning extract, sawmills, veneer and planing and plywood mills.

Substantially, the guide system set up by WMC, which is in accordance with the Directive to Selective Service by the Director of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, James F. Byrnes, reflects the intensified demands on American resources of men and materials to wage the war, and the fact that the past years of war have absorbed the more readily available resources.

**War Expenditures At New High**

Evidence of the demands of a vast war effort is the fact that in December, according to the Treasury Department and the War Production Board, War Expenditures averaged \$13,400,000 a day; A new high for the daily outlay. The daily rate last month was 14.9 per cent higher than in November.

**Seeing Tasks**

Whether primitive peoples had better eyes than civilian races is a much-debated question, for which there is little factual proof one way or the other. However, says the Better Vision Institute, up until recent times seeing tasks were comparatively simple.

## HOME MAKERS ORGANIZE IDEAL KITCHENS


If help is desired in planning a "Dream Kitchen," the information could be obtained from a member of the Home Economics class. The students are learning the importance of colors used in the kitchen and the means of making it compact as well as attractive. In their study they take into consideration the following factors: convenience of the furnishings of the room (the room which is usually the pride and joy of the housewife); the color harmony to be introduced; and the decorations which are to be used.

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