

The Question Of The Week

The topic for debate this week is "Should we have Compulsory Military Training?" What is your opinion and why?

Dolly Tipu, senior: "No, because I think if you have it, it's a preparation for war."

Thelma Collins, sophomore: "Yes, I think that every boy should have to be prepared."

Dave Carley, senior: "No! I plan to go on to college right away, and compulsory military training would make this difficult."

Mary Ann Isley, senior: "I am definitely against it. We didn't fight this last war to have a militaristic government."

John Greco, sophomore: "Yes, if there should be another war, we would be able to stop it, lose fewer lives. We would be prepared for any feud or anything." —M.B.

The BLUE and WHITE

EDITORIAL

Our first deadline has been met. With the traditional motto, Accuracy Always, as our sustaining support, we, the "new" staff, hope to live up to the "old" standard of news coverage.

Many observations have been made by this staff throughout the first half semester. The most noticeable trait, perhaps, is the unusual spirit of friendly cooperation in our High School. Part of the credit for this good feeling goes to the individual classes and their advisors, who sponsored class parties, the Carnival, and the J-Hop. The other part goes to the Student Council, who initiated a number of ideas ranging from the monitor system to hot-dogs at the football games.

We have started out on one of the high ranges of the ladder this week — there are two directions in which to move. Let's keep pushing upward! —N.B.C.

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GRADE STUDENTS CREATE HOLIDAY ATMOSPHERE

The first graders certainly are busy with their Christmas program as well as with their new reading and work books. They had a visit last week with their new teacher, Miss Margaret Cottrell. Miss Cottrell will start teaching in January.

It almost seems like an empty room when you walk into the Second Grade room now. About one-third of the class is home in bed with chicken pox, but back in a few days, it won't last forever! The rest of the class is getting ready to take part in the Christmas program that the grades are putting on.

It surely looks Christmas in the gymnasium with the big Santa in the front and the jolly old fellow dashing over snow-covered hills on the windows. These folks, too, have designed clever ornaments in red to put on the black bulletin board.

Another thing of interest is the assembly they attended. They heard a talk on China, which was illustrated by Chinese articles and clothing.

Christmas calls for gifts, so the fourth graders are making them for their mothers and fathers. A big Christmas tree decorates the front of the room, while gold stars with the students' names on them are pasted on its branches. Spelling isn't liked by all, and studying is a problem, so the plan is to interest them in having perfect scores. Their names are then printed on stars or candles and put on the tree. In this way the tree will gradually become decorated.

Travel folders for almost every where have been received in answer to business letters written by the fifth graders. This project of the English class makes an interesting display.

The "Silver Star Club" has been formed with Bobby Smith as its president. Every Friday is its meeting date. As a part of the Junior Audubon Society, once a month they study birds. At present a committee is planning a hike.

The sixth grade is going in for decorating in a big way. Ropes of black tinsel have been strung low from the ceiling and silver icicles hang over this, while colorful chalk drawings brighten the blackboards.

"Scop No. 1" and "Scop No. 2" are the newspapers which the class is publishing. To date they have put out two editions, one for Halloween and the other for Thanksgiving. —M.B., M.J.S.

THE CAGERS ARE OFF WITH A BANG

Shoulder-pads, helmets, cleats and the old plunkin' itself have all been put away until next fall. Yes, the Falcons have finished their 1945 football schedule, and with only a week left off they have started practice Monday November 19, and a big squad attended. With seven returning lettermen the varsity got down to business in a hurry as they had a scrimmage game with East Lansing on Wednesday. The Falcons practiced hard for two days, and by Wednesday they were in good enough condition to outscore their opponents 47-7.

The squad, as a whole, looked good and promise an exciting year. Bob Miller was top scorer with 11 points, and close behind was Dave Carley, who dropped the ball through the hoop 5 times. Other boys scoring were Elliot Tyler, 9 points; Bob Neff, 6 points; Bob Jackson, 7 points; Alvin Sarchow, 7 points and Bill VanHulle, 2 points.

The Falcons also had a scrimmage last Thursday with the Farmington Merchants. The Merchants consisted of returned veterans, who in a 23-4 defeat found the Falcon Cagers too much to handle.

The F.H.S. Reserves are on the go again. Assistant Coach Maatala has a squad of about 50 boys, who ought to play some pretty good football.

The Falcon Cagers play their first game here December 7 with Northville. Along with the two games, the Band will present a special program in honor of Pearl Harbor Day. —B.J.C.

TAIL LIGHTS

If you hear any screams or sereeches from the Biology room, it will no doubt be from some frightened girl. They are studying live crayfish, and the girls would rather not touch them — according to Mr. Peterson.

Miss Bailey is listening to certain Shakespearean plays, which are being given by the authorities in her second hour English Lit. class. Maybe some of us will get to be professionals someday.

The sound effects man at WJR will be the main attraction for Mr. Smith's speech class on a Monday night. We hope that learning all these tricks won't spool the "Lone Ranger" for anyone. —M.A.I.

Miss Parson's first hour class has been discussing girl and boy relationships in connection with the J-Hop. As this was the first formal dance for many of the girls, the consultation and advice received helped immensely to give them the necessary confidence and poise.

One of the third year Home Economics students, Muriel Harrel, brought to school the four-year-old tot for whom she made a dress. The youngster modeled the dress for the class and wore it all day. The children's dresses, made by the third year group, were actually for real children. This advanced group is organizing a Home Ec. Club.

The show case just outside the cafeteria in the entrance hall to the auditorium hasn't been empty all year. Outside of the Carnival decorations, the Home Ec girls have had their handiwork, dresses and suits continuously on display. As a part of their classwork, the third year students are required to make some article of knitting outside of class. Some of the girls who have done a little knitting before have decided to knit sweaters. Perhaps the results of this project will be exhibited.

The sophomores English classes celebrated National Book week by making and arranging posters, book displays, and writings by the students themselves.

Guidance Tests Given In High School

The first and second periods of last Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted to giving mental maturity and aptitude tests to all sophomores and other senior high students who had not previously taken them at this school. These tests are used in scheduling the students, counseling them, and recommending them for college entrance or for positions if they do not plan to attend college. Every senior and any other high school student may receive a special conference with Miss Dammion, discussing results of these tests in relation to educational and vocational opportunities. —M.J.E.

Juniors Add To Their Treasury

The Junior class is selling attractive "pennants" which have "Farmington" in white letters and a white falcon against a blue background. —N.S.

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J-Hop Draws Good Crowd

Dancing to the music of Bill Galt and his orchestra, about 250 people enjoyed the J-Hop, held Saturday evening, December 1, in the High School auditorium.

The decorations were simple and unusual. The walls were lined with Venetian shades. Starlike lights gave an outdoor feeling.

Good music and an exotic atmosphere made a perfect background for a perfect evening. —M.A.I.

MUSIC STUDENTS TO APPEAR IN PROGRAMS

Honoring Pearl Harbor, the Band and the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs will appear for the first basketball game on December 7. A medley of patriotic songs will end the fifteen minute program.

A donation has been made by Mr. Eicher for a collapsible shell to be used by the Music Department. "Timothy the Goat" was also given as the Bands' mascot. You'll be seeing him at all the games.

The Band is very active this year under the leadership of its president, Bill Conroy. A council has been formed within the organization, which acts on various ideas and suggestions.

Last week the first edition of their weekly bulletin was published. A hash column and announcements are the main features of the little paper.

The future holds a lot for Music students, especially January. The combined talents of this department have an opportunity to put on three radio shows — in Pontiac, Ann Arbor, and East Lansing. —M.J.S.

OFFICE NEWS

The West Farmington school bus was laid up for repairs Thursday and Friday. Students and parents have been so cooperative in the makeshift transportation. The administration hopes that no more difficulty will be experienced with the bus this year.

Tuesday, December 4, some 23 pupils from the Farmington and Glidden schools will be given a recess check on hearing through the Michigan Department of Health.

Miss Abbott, Mr. Davis and Mr. Ayres attended a Michigan Education Association meeting last Monday evening. Miss Abbott was elected chairman of the Library. Mr. Davis of the Science and Mr. Ayres of the Bus-Drivers sections respectively. —C.R.

'TIS SAID . . .

Hi, kids! Another school year and another 'Tis Said Column. This time we'll be giving a little herby artist is Iva Longmose. And, since we're so modest about telling our virtues, we'll let the name speak for itself.

You'd think it was spring around F.H.S. the way all these little "love affairs" are popping up. Even the Freshmen have been infected.

If you see students going around muttering "H Cl, H2SO4, valence, 15 points off" etc., don't rush off and call those little "love affairs" the white suits. The kids are merely Juniors studying their chemistry, which is especially hard just now.

A new batch of sophs and upperclassmen who haven't had their tests. Now we'll get how many hidden geniuses we have.

If the rest of the basketball season shapes up as well as the first practice games, we'll expect to see another trophy in the collection. How about it, folks? —Iva Longmose.

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Student Council Asks Cooperation

After repeated warnings the Student Council has been forced to end noontime candy sales in the gym because of careless students who insisted on dropping their candy wrappers, food, etc., in the gym or about the school grounds.

The Council was disappointed over the failure of this project, for as we all know, they have worked hard this year, and the lack of cooperation shown on this was discouraging in itself. Unless more cooperation is shown by students in other matters, the Council will lose any voice that it ever had in student government and in planning of student affairs.

Candy will be sold at the basketball game Friday, but we are warned to keep wrappers off the floor, for the consequences could be serious if a player were to slip. And of course, if the floor is not kept clean, there will be no further sale of candy at future games. —H.M.H.

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