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EDITORIALS

HOW ABOUT IT?

Now that basketball season is over, the "forgotten sport" of Farmington High School is about to begin.

This orphan of the athletic program is baseball. Although we have excellent crowds for football and basketball, most students think baseball is beneath their attention. Even though no admission is charged, few are willing to make the trip to the athletic field for home games. As for the attendance at away games, there is none.

Is this neglect justified? Are Farmington's baseball teams that bad? Let's look at the record.

In 1946 the Falcons won all but one game. This record gave F.H.S. a tie with Walled Lake in the Southwestern Oakland County League. The 1947 team lost three games and finished second in the inter-lake conference, but lost year Farmington swept every league game for another championship.

This record speaks for itself. The baseball team deserves the support of everyone. Why not have a good crowd at every game and cheer the Falcons to another championship?

F.A.

BEWARE — WOMAN DRIVER!

Remember that accident you almost had? The rain-swept pavement, the screech of hard-pressed brakes and you, bewildered in an emergency. If you had been able to benefit by a Driver Training Course during high school days and had been drilled so that reactions were instantaneous and mechanical, all much less strain and anxiety would be forthcoming.

Skill is required to maintain full control of a car in slippery weather. It's your duty to have enough practice so when you apply for a driver's license, you are able to keep a steady eye on other motorists as well as on yourself.

Of course, a Driver Training Course could not guarantee alertness in times of stress, but it would enable you to be better prepared for anything that might happen.

Don't wait until it is too late to instruct you in all the ins and outs of good driving. Perhaps he was uncertain about some phase himself. Maybe he could not spare the time to teach you; however, urge him to take a few minutes during the next P.T.A. meeting to bring up this worthwhile subject. P.T.A.'s for the present and the discussion of new ideas; your parents can show the school board that they are in favor of such instruction.

D. S.

SPRING VACATION

Farmington Grade School and High School will not be in session Good Friday and the Monday following Easter Sunday. This is the students' spring vacation.

D. S.

WHY AND WHEREFORE

Why is the new school building where it is and will it always be there in mud?

A survey was made in 1942 concerning the site of the present new grade school. Such factors as size, expandability, traffic, nearness to business district (present and future), landscaping, playground, and parking space were considered.

This survey was conducted by the school board and the University of Michigan. They found that the site on Ten Mile most nearly met the above requirements.

Approximately ten to 15 acres are needed for grade schools and fifteen to forty for high schools. If the building had been placed near those on Thomas Street, there would not have been room for sufficient playgrounds or expansion.

In future years the new building on Ten Mile will be used as a service building where it is no longer needed for classrooms.

Plans are already in motion to landscape both the Ten Mile building and the new building at Noble. The new is only a temporary inconvenience.

A. A. F.

ARE YOU A WET BLANKET?

What good does it do you to skip school?

When you skip, you only give yourself more work to do — you have to make up your work, sometimes do extra work, and even then you do not receive any credit for it.

Skipping lowers you in the eyes of the principal and the faculty. For that once or twice that you

can.

B. K.

RETAILING CLASS GOES VISITING: TOURS HUDSON'S

Wednesday morning Miss Lyng-Klip's retailing class took a "behind the scenes" tour of the J. L. Hudson Store.

Starting at the fourth basement in the receiving section, they were taken by a guide through the various departments. Among them were the marking room and the central switch board, or personal shopping service, where telephone orders are taken.

The purpose of the trip was to learn how the store is operated from the time the merchandise is received until it is sold to the consumer.

C. L.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE ALUMNI

Hi, Kids!

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fisher, with son Ricky (two years old) and daughter Dianne Lynn (one), are living on Lenane Street.

Marilyn Vivier is now an active member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority at Albion, Michigan.

Margaret and Tracy Black announce the birth of a baby girl, their second child, on March 19; her name is Ann Christine.

Students from Farmington attending M.S.C. paid us a nice visit while they were enjoying a short vacation from their studies. Next week will be visited by the Albion students, as their vacation begins April 9.

That's all for this time.

As Ever, Barb.

Girls' Bowling News

Thundering pins were witness that the Rolaways, winning team of the Farmington Girls' Bowling League, bowled a total of 2384 pins.

Five girls took part in the fourth handicap tournament, rolled Saturday, March 26, at Farmington Recreation.

Captain Nora Bragg totaled 106, 110 and 112, followed by high scorer Velma Goers with 155, 164 and 125. Lore Ledig followed with 77, 66 and 90 while Margaret had 169, 135 and 132. Dorothy Simon bowled 111, 129 and 105.

A handicap of 182 per game brought the total for each game up to 551, 754 and 749 respectively.

D. S.

Through The Years

This week we really have a collection of pictures illustrating "Back Through The Years".

To begin, there is a picture of the Class of '18, taken during their second grade year. You ought to come in and see it; there certainly have been some changes made in these former students. We also have a snapshot of Dorothy Hendray and Ann Pierce, former student of F.H.S. There are photos of Bill Gardner and Charlotte Matthews; Bob Aulger and Jerry Miller; and, last but not least, we have a picture of Claire Yulhaus in her cap and gown. Claire was a graduate of the Class of '45.

D. S.

Entertainment Sparks

'April Showers' Dance

Spring blossomed forth in the form of violets and raindrops in the "April Showers" dance held on Saturday, April 2, at the Farmington High School Gymnasium.

Musical talent from Farmington and Detroit entertained the dancers. Charles Gronlund played "Caravan" and "Hora Staccato" on his marimba. A trio, who called themselves the "Three Little Sisters", sang "If I Could" and "The Tico". "Embraceable You" and "Pretty Melody" were sung by Eunice Smalley; her brother, Bill Smalley, sang "So In Love" and "Where or When".

In the cafeteria ginger ale, root beer floats and coke were served for refreshments.

A. R.

Student Body Sees Safe Driving Films

Tuesday morning Mr. William H. Bartlette, Superintendent of the Michigan Temperance Education Council, presented two movies to the student body.

The first movie was an attempt in story form to portray the danger caused by "drunk" driving. The second film was made by the National Safety Council and stressed the importance of careful driving.

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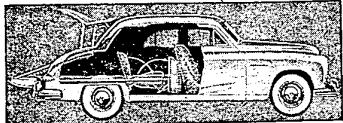
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Arrangements Complete For "Sample Fair"

Arrangements for the Sample Fair, to be held on Saturday, April 9, at the Farmington High School Gymnasium, will be under way.

Already 5,000 samples have arrived and 6,000 more are expected before Saturday.

Included in the numerous samples, there will be free pop, potato chips, candy, etc., for refreshments.

Entertainment will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a motion picture, "Mr. Chips". A tumbling act, a band and other acts will conclude the program. Following the entertainment, the free samples will be given away.

Committee Chairmen who have been working to complete the plans are: Jack Doyce, tickets; Jim Whitman, entertainment; Ruth Hamlin, table arrangements; and Charles Guesquiere, who in the absence of Suzanne Labadie, the regular chairman, has taken over the advertisement.

The fair will begin at 7 p.m. and end at approximately 11 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the junior class or at the door.

A. R.

CALENDAR

April 9, Sample Fair, 7 to 11 in the gym.

April 11, Band Rehearsal, 7 to 9, in the Bandhouse.

April 12, Choir, 7 to 9 in the Bandhouse.

April 12, Farmington State Bank Recreation, 6 to 8 in the gym.

April 13, G.A.A. at 3:30 to five, in the gym.

April 19, Choir, 7 to 9 in the Bandhouse.

April 19, P.T.A. meeting, 8 to 11 in the gym.

P. T.

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