

Shop Class Begins New Project

The boys in the shop class at Farmington recently started the project of making things useful to their family or themselves.

Among the individual projects are gun racks and ash trays. Many boys work on the mechanics of their cars, and others keep school desks and chairs in repair.

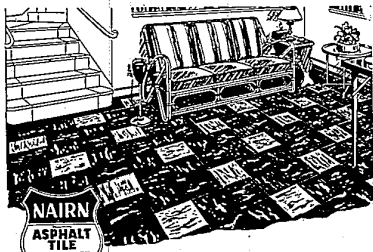
David Dirmeyer is the shop foreman this year.

Farmington Adds New Teacher

A graduate of Michigan State College, Miss Margaret Taylor, recently joined the Farmington High School staff as a home economics instructor.

Miss Taylor previously taught art and grade school in Pontiac, Michigan. Also she has been in interior decorator and a bank teller.

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EDITORIAL

A NEW RULE

A new rule has been made regarding traffic in the Farmington High School halls. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with it, we will attempt to explain it.

The single steps descending to the door between the two buildings are now "down-only" steps. There is to be no traffic going up those steps.

Cooperation on the part of all students will help cause a little less congestion and maybe even prevent an accident.

Students Hear Cartoonist

Monday, October 3, Farmington High School was entertained by Paul Burke, a cartoonist, in a mass assembly.

Mr. Burke, who has been a cartoonist and first came to the United States with Robert "Believe It or Not" Ripley. He has never worked on the staff of a paper, but is employed purely as an entertainer.

His tours have carried him to every state in the United States, to the British Isles, and to many places in Europe. He worked on the creative department of "Snow White" for the Disney Company.

Mr. Burke served in the infantry for two and one-half years. He lectured at various Army and Navy hospitals, amusing the injured with his cartoons. He has toured with Grace Fields and entertained such notables as General MacArthur and Winston Churchill.

At the assembly Mr. Burke drew cartoons of comic strip characters and some movie cartoon characters. He had students call out numbers and letters, which he made a cartoon out of the figure.

He demonstrated his method of drawing two cartoons at the same time and then three at once, using his left hand for the first one.

To conclude the assembly, Mr. Burke made a sketch of General MacArthur.

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A future U. S. M. ball carrier. Betta, that's hard for us States to take! The Mattheis, live in Birmingham.

Henry and Marian (Rifout) Tudball also announce the arrival of a son, Gary Henry, on September 18.

Pat Elm and Bernice Dix, '49, are greeting the hungry folks who eat at Sandra's with a smile and quick service.

Mrs. Dennis will be busy keeping contact with these moms.

High school friendships often are the basis of long, life-time affairs, and one of the nicest things we've heard of in some time is about a group of ten girls who graduated from Western High in Detroit 23 years ago this January. Most of them married boys from that same school, and graduation didn't sever those girlhood ties. For 23 years these women have gathered at each other's homes for bridge, wedding showers, and baby showers.

Many of the latter, we presume, for there have been 26 children to date!

Mrs. Vernon J. Hawley of 21125 Middlebelt represents the group here, and she served another of her scrumptious meals of fried chicken with biscuits and honey.

Last Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. this time it was a shower for Mrs. Mercedes Spatheis, whose husband is the dean of students at Wayne University.

Mrs. R. K. McConechie is somewhat improved from her recent illness and is permitted to have visitors.

Mrs. Alfred DuCharme, who was painfully injured by a fall in her home several weeks ago, now has had the bandages removed from her shoulder. X-ray reports of the blood clot in her arm are favorable.

The Catlett family on Shawansee entertained 25 relatives at a grilled steak dinner on their lawn Sunday.

Mrs. Louise Habermehl on Shawansee is improving from her illness of several months. Mrs. Mabel Pessley is staying with her at present.

Mrs. Raymond Gowing and son Bobby of Southfield called on her parents, the McGintyrs, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grigsby and daughter, of Peoria, Illinois, spent the week with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grigsby on Power Road.

MSC Holds Annual J-Day

Michigan State College has invited the Farmington High School Journalism students to take part in the annual High School Journalism Day activities. Several are planning to attend the meeting, which will be held on Friday, October 21.

Highlighting the day are numerous lectures on all phases of Journalism, including discussions of yearbook problems and all types of newspaper stories.

Beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m., these meetings will continue throughout the day until 4:30 p.m. At this time the awards for the newspapers and yearbooks will be made at a general assembly.

The best newspaper, regardless of class, will be awarded the John S. Knight trophy. Quilt and Scroll year entered Rollins in 1948 for evaluation. The 1949-50 staff hopes to benefit by the criticism.

A special speaker will conclude the program with an address related to Journalism's endeavor. The speaker has not been named, but he will be someone recognized in the field.

A. R.

Varsity Club Plans Constitution

The Varsity Club held its first meeting of the year on Friday, September 23. Plans were made to form a constitution. Herbert Deibel was named chairman of the committee to organize the articles of the constitution and draw up the laws.

Included in the constitution will be rules regarding membership, officers and their elections, meetings and sessions, quorum, and amendments to the constitution.

The Varsity Club voted on and decided to sell programs at the basketball games again this year.

S. L.

South African Statue Shown

Tim Thomas, a student of Farmington Junior High, brought a wooden statue of a South African goddess to school. She is carved from teak wood and has Mongolian features, with ears set unusually far back on the head. Great toes are carved in geometric patterns on various places on the goddess's body.

The statue is nine inches high, including the round platform on which she stands. It is adorned with several strings of gay colored beads. Hanging from the waist are two strings of odd shaped shells, which are used for money in that South African territory.

Miss Hallenback, a missionary sent to South Africa by the United Missionary Church, brought the goddess back to the United States when she returned home from that region.

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Meadowbrook Murmurs

By Mrs. Dean Eckert
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If anyone spots a big, gorgeous, grey kitty streaking it out Grand River this way, give him a ride to our corner, will you? The Bolan moved into the big city last week to keep the sister's kids in line while she was away. Of course, the managerie had to go along too. "Happy" chose that week to have her five pups, so we came back loaded. But, alas, "Cowboy the Cat" disappeared and home isn't the same. They say cats always come home, but he's an awful handsome critter!

Now we've heard everything! The Justice of the Peace in our neighborhood, Harry F. Shafer of 2221 1st, claims that he's never been called upon to perform a marriage ceremony in the 12 years he has held that office. Not once have he and Mrs. Shafer been asked to perform a wedding in the middle of the night to greet a wide-eyed, shaking couple. The good of days must be over, or perhaps this younger generation is paying attention to their parents! In any event, something should be done to break this tradition for Mr. Shafer. For we know his job does involve a lot of high pleasant tasks. Does anyone have a bride and groom handy?

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehr were dinner guests Saturday evening at the home of his brother, Fred Lehr of Grosse Pointe. The George Buchanans of 29230 Eight Mile Road spent the week end in their favorite way, keeping their six-month-old niece, Patricia. Her daddy, William Keobane of Detroit, was taken ill with pneumonia Monday morning, so little Pat may be spending some time this week with her doting aunt and uncle.

Have you met Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schukins, our new neighbors at 21110 Middlebelt? Since this is the couple's first home, their enthusiasm in decorating it is

sky-high. Mrs. Schukins is employed also, and we know she's very busy. But she's a friendly soul and would like to know her neighbors.

A good many of the neighbors are still busy with hammer and nail, trying to beat the cold weather. The new LaPointe residence on Dresden is making its appearance rapidly. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haight of 29220 Dresden have been helping on Richard Bucher's new ranch home in the Beach Road Schoolcraft area. Mrs. Haight claims she's served her apprenticeship as a mortar-mixer and can stand up with the best!

"Do you know what I did last night?" young Robert Swarthout asked his kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Maurice Wanck. "I knocked some plaster right off our wall!" She shook her head in natural dismay, wondering what his family said. "Oh, they didn't care!" he laughed. "We've been doing that since Mrs. Swarthout's mother, Mrs. Charles Swarthout, in a war widow and they reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ruff, in their being-much-remodeled home on Scotten Street.

Tonight, October 6, there's a meeting at eight o'clock at Clarenceville High for all the leaders and folks interested in Girl Scout leader training. This is the first of eight weekly meetings and Mrs. Gordon Moore will conduct the class. Mrs. Moore is a present president of the local association and is active in that capacity again (temporarily since Mrs. Mary Hansen resigned).

Mrs. Robert Dennis was elected committee chairman at an afternoon tea held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Margaret Meehan for leaders of Brownie Troop I and mothers of the Brownies. The mothers of the little girls are so important in planning their projects, and

All Classes Elect Officers

Tuesday, September 27, the seventh through twelfth grades elected class officers. The winning candidates are listed below.

Twelfth grade: Bruce Treweek; president; Richard Tupper, vice-president; Corinne Garbow, secretary; Ralph Klees, treasurer.

Eleventh grade: Vincent Stock, president; Paul Jones, vice-president; Jean Martindale, secretary; Charlotte Mathews, treasurer.

Tenth grade: Eugene McCracken, president; William Weber, vice-president; Rita Christian, secretary; Donald Spenser, treasurer.

Ninth grade: Doyle Nichols, president; Deaver Nichols, vice-president; Gertrude White, secretary; Marlene Robinson, treasurer.

Eighth grade: Wayne Dryden, president; Darly Morris, vice-president; Coach Burchard, the starting lineup for the football game, and Coach Hoesler a brief pep talk.

The singing of the school "Fight Song" concluded the program when students were dismissed to go to the game.

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Glee Clubs Fall Football Season

In connection with the current football season, the F.H.S. Glee clubs presented the "Pigskin France" on September 30.

Beginning at 8 p.m., dancing continued until 11:30 p.m. with a 30-minute break for entertainment.

Dick Kosmynsky as master of ceremonies introduced Max Trowbridge, Shirley Gibbs, Rosamond LeMieux, Helen Tamm, and a girl's quartet composed of Barbara Eichler, Mary Lou Petresmark, Joyce Gouget, and Marjorie Conker.

Decorations were in keeping with the gildron theme.

Homemade pies and pop were served in the cafeteria by the refreshment committee.

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