

Milford bowed low to the Farmington Falcons last Friday night when they met on the Milford floor and took the game by a score of 66 to 37. The Falcons took an early lead and at no time during the game were they in danger of losing that lead.

Winter Is J-Hop King

The High School gym last Saturday night from 8 to 12 p.m. was the scene of the annual J-Hop. According to reports from various students, it was very successful. Approximately 200 couples were present.

The theme was "Winter Wonderland" with the decorations pertaining to winter sports. In one corner there were the figures of a skating couple on artificial ice. On all the walls various sports were shown with cut-out pictures. The false ceiling represented a dark sky, with a large star in the center.

The refreshments consisted of punch and homemade cookies. The Juniors engaged Jimmie Stevenson's 6-piece orchestra for the occasion.

A committee consisting of four Student Council members, Ann Dick, Judy Henry, Sue Dickie and Dick Mason, and Mr. G. V. Harrison have chosen assemblies for 1950 and 1951.

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Editorial

YOUR CODE OF ETHICS

Everyone at some time during his life must choose between right and wrong, must meet and conquer the vain pleasures of a blind community, or be overcome by them. In this modern age, there are too few people searching for a sustaining truth, a standard of living that will guide and lead them past the fruitless, temporary pleasures of society, to reward them with a knowledge of a promise fulfilled.

There are too many people living today who merely exist. They live for the present with no goal in mind other than "follow the crowd." They do not believe in God; they do not disbelieve in God. They are neither negative nor positive. They are idle drifters, wandering aimlessly on any path that looks the smoothest.

This is the type of person who enjoys a fog, feeling protected by his surrounding blanket of darkness, taking satisfaction from the hazy mist, content to be unidentified and unrecognized, stumbling through life seeing no clear objective, and finding himself too lazy to grope through this fog for a guiding light and fight his way back to clear, clean air again.

The fog lover eventually becomes dependent upon this atmosphere of mist, uncertainty and spinning tops, to which he has become accustomed. He becomes absorbed in the gloom and dreads returning into the open where he would be forced to face other individuals and form and defend his own opinions. So he shuffles on, until by chance he meets a fellow wanderer also caught in the fog. Being weak-willed, he is easily convinced that his new companion will solve all his difficulties. Therefore, the admirer adopts his friend's ideals and ignorantly follows him down many "dead-end" streets, finally becoming helplessly snared in a whirlpool of easy living and temptation that wraps him in an endless state of mental turmoil. It is too easy for the idle-drifter to be influenced and led by a stronger personality, often an evil one. The mere idea of momentary pleasure is enough to decide his course for him.

There is a difference between this type and the person who also lives for the present, but is constantly aiming at a goal in the future with a definite purpose in mind. Whether or not others may agree with his beliefs, he has them; and he is at least striving for something. He is being guided by what his heart tells him is right.

Every individual in this world has a personality to be developed, and through his influences and environment, either becomes a typical "fog lover" or an independent, mentally healthy person.

Your life is your happiness, and you must decide what happiness means to you! You, too, will eventually become either a person who succumbs to all the temptations and evils that surround you or someone seeking for something better and beyond the accepted ideal of everyday satisfaction and pleasure.

Make your life worthwhile and keep your mind clear and free from corruption. Set a high goal for yourself and be independent rather than a follower of the mob.

Believe! Believe in your own ideals, but live by your beliefs. Search your heart and look for the truth in every decision you make. Have courage to adhere to and to defend your ideals, and you will find a self-satisfaction that all the commonplace adornments and trivialities, seemingly important to us, will never equal or replace. S.S.

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New Students Join Seventh Grade

Farmington's Junior high has accepted two new pupils, Frances and Tito Serra, from Rome, Italy.

The children like America, but they miss their mother and three sisters, who are still in Italy. They live here in Farmington with their half-brother, John Arpino, who also is enrolled in the seventh grade. Despite the fact they have been in America only five weeks and can neither speak nor read English, both are progressing rapidly. Special efforts to help them have been made by their advisor, Mr. Robert Burich, and a fifth grade teacher, Miss Bernice Tompkins, who is teaching them spelling. A fellow student, Robert Flinn, is trying especially hard to get them acquainted with their classmates. It seems to enjoy his mathematics and physical education classes most, while his sister likes her reading.

The Serras are the third family to come to Farmington schools from Europe.

Kodak Opens New Photo Contest

The Eastman Kodak Company recently announced a nationwide picture-taking contest with cash prizes up to \$500. The company is offering \$3,500 in cash prizes for the best pictures.

The 1950 contest opened January 12 and closes April 14, 1950. Any pictures taken after the close of the 1949 contest are eligible for entry, except color pictures or "trick" touched black-and-white or "trick" photos made from more than one negative.

A cash prize of \$100, \$75, \$50 is given in each class. In addition there will be a Grand Prize of \$500 for the best picture in the contest. The classes into which the pictures are divided are as follows: School Life, Fine Arts, Sports, and Everyday Life.

Anyone who is interested can get further information from Frank Coon, Camera Club.

American Legion Sponsors Speech Contest

The American Legion Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the National Americanism Commission, is now open to all students who are enrolled in high school during the current school year. This is the thirteenth annual national high school oratorical contest to be held.

The subject will be on some phase of the Constitution of the United States which will give emphasis to the duties and obligations of the citizen to our government.

Contestants will have a choice of two types of speeches: (1) The prepared oration, which must be the original effort of the contestant, and must not take less than ten minutes or more than twelve minutes for delivery; and (2) the extemporaneous oration, which must not be less than four minutes or more than six minutes long.

To the winner of the local contest, a \$25 Savings Bond will be presented by the Groves-Walker Post No. 346, American Legion.

Since this contest must be held on or before March 16, students who are interested in entering should see Miss Alice Montes immediately for further information.

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Seniors Hold Scholastic Lead

The semester honor roll as announced by Mr. G. V. Harrison, principal of the high school, shows that the seniors again lead the other classes. Twenty-eight per cent of the class received a "B" or better average for the mid-year grade.

The following honor roll students are — Seventh Grade: Anna Bilbat, Mary Bryan, Rodger Clarke, Ronald Clarke, William Dickerson, Ronald Donoghue, Linda Esterline, Henry Evert, Rudolph Golla, Jane Grinager, Merv Powell, Joan Puckett, Gerald Rice, Billie Smith, Bonnie Sovereign, Shirley Temple, Lois Wood, Sue Andrews.

Eighth Grade: Carolyn Brill, James Brewbaker, June Brakke, Donna Cox, Louise Duquette, Wayne Dryden, Anthony Ferrante, Marilyn Goers, Robert Isley, Carol James, Paul Komeny, Nancy Lutz, Hilda Mass, Werner Maki, Joseph Petty, Joan Rosenbaum, Martha Smith, Timothy Thomas, Mary Weber, Eldon Wilson, Ruth Zingelmann, Fred Zingelmann, Betty Brunson, Patricia Brown, Dorothy Cant, Loren Clifton, Carl Duquet, Edward Klees, William Kinsley, David Mitchell, Colleen Morris, Donald Osmus, Patricia Pold, Dina Shaw, Joyce Smith, Joan Smith, Dorothy Sunasack, Ann Tarr, Richard Tyler, Gertrude White.

Sophomores: Arlene Aho, Joseph Coyner, Sally Delong, Barbara Elchler, James Fanzini, Carolyn Gardner, Noreen Hamlin, Ruth Jones, Geraldine Lombard, Eugene McCracken, Frederick Murphy, Helen Rogers, David Sonmitt, Donald Stephen, Grace Toman, William Weber, Florence Wheeler.

Juniors: Foster Aschenbrenner, Annabelle Blair, Margaret Clapp, Ann Cunningham, Sally Gifford, Joyce Gunnelt, Barbara Howie, Nancy Isley, Gail Midland, Jean Martindale, Alice Miller, Gabrielle Muhling, Marlon Petersmark, Rita Pierson, Vincent Stock, Mary Weaver.

Seniors: Joan Alinsworth, Clark Bates, Donna Bryan, Thomas Chaff, Herbert Douglas, Marjorie Garthoff, Charles Greenham, Barbara Jones, Joan Kemp, Ralph Klees, Suzanne Labadie, Betty McKay, Joan Paez, Ann Plumton, Gladys Pysor, Anne Marie Ruel, Joanne Russell, Charlotte Simpson, Barbara Smith, Glenn Smith, Joanne Stroben, Sara Stuntz, Bruce Treweek, Richard Tupper, Lee Tyler, Helen Tamm, Audrey Vivier, Mary Welch, Stella Zarzycki.

Here And There With The Alumni

Hello there — Wales Martindale's address was changed in the past week, so here it is: Wales Martindale, A.E.T., U. C. 32, N. A. S., Norfolk Vt. I'm sure he would like to hear from any of you.

Hurray! Al Garschow has pinned the girl from Farmington on the "U.S. Girl" trophy. She is in pursuit of training at U. of M., where Al is studying.

Two engagements have been announced lately. The earlier to Jack Brown, also an F.H.S. alumnus, and Milford Pierson ('44) to Margaret Ann Brown from O'Fallon, Illinois. Congratulations!

You may have seen Margaret Wolfe around town since she is working in Dr. Gadsback's office. She was graduated from Mercy College of Nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder (Betty Paez) have a new baby boy. His name is William John. They are living on Maple, so if any of you would like to see them, they will be happy to see you.

Audrey Lathrup Haddock and her husband are doing fine after their recent accident last December. Audrey is back teaching, since her arm is out of the cast now. The accident happened near Saginaw when another driver lost control of his car. We are very glad to hear of your quick recovery, Audrey.

Love, Betsy

Former Editor Recovers From Accident

Mrs. Dean Haddock (Audrey Lathrup), editor of The Blue and White in '44, was injured in an automobile accident the day after Christmas.

She and her husband were near Saginaw when the accident occurred, and fortunately for them, they could be taken to Audrey's uncle, who is a surgeon in that city. Her neck was cut internally and externally; one of her arms was broken; and she had cuts and many bruises. Mr. Haddock also had a broken arm.

Under the care of her uncle they have made a very satisfactory recovery and have returned to their home in Battle Creek.

"Fun-Night" turned out to be a most unusual event. Music, basketball, and volleyball provided a host of people with hilarious entertainment.

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