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# THE BLUE AND WHITE

## We Believe ...

**SCHOOLS MUST RECTIFY  
MISINTERPRETED BELIEFS  
ON ATOMIC ENERGY**  
This week, the speech made by David E. Lillenthal, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, at the Atlantic City Convention of the American Association of School Administrators will be summarized. The information for this account was gathered from a report made by Superintendent O. E. Dunkel after he attended the convention.

Mr. Lillenthal's talk concerned the need for correcting mistaken ideas about atomic energy, which endangers democratic freedoms. In an address, "Atomic Energy for Peace," Mr. Lillenthal declared that misconceptions about atomic energy resulted in part from the "ultra-dramatic way in which secrecy, during the war, blanketed this understanding." He stated that there are three false impressions generally held by the American people.

First, that atomic energy is too technical and complicated for the average man to understand. Second, that the whole subject of atomic energy is a closely-held military secret and that there is no way for the average citizen to learn what is going on in its development.

Third, that atomic energy is only a military weapon. He stressed the fact that the blessings of liberty are "only for the eternally vigilant" and urged that in developing atomic energy, we do not adopt authoritarian or dictatorial practices through carelessness or fright which deny the essentials of our democratic way of life. He pointed out the changing influences which atomic energy has had on international relations; functions of armies, navies, and air forces; industry; medicine and human health; agriculture and human nutrition; and the relation of universities to Government.

Mr. Lillenthal declared that the American system of free education is the most important weapon in our country's possession; the widespread system of education is important for this nation's freedom as well as for its material and spiritual progress. A talk by U. S. Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon will appear in the next issue of the Blue and White. He declared that schools must help to instruct the people regarding the current international problems. M. W.

## Here And There With the Alumni

Hi There — Perhaps you saw Dolores Wilke when she was home last week. She is taking a business course at Ypsi. Glad to see you again.

We have Ed Hiler's new address for those of you who have asked for it. It's: Edwin Hiler, I.C.F.C., U.U.S.: Orion A.S.; 8th Div., P.O., New York, N. Y. I'll bet he would like to receive mail.

Congratulations to Bud Aschen-Brenner! He has been accepted into Iowa State's medical school. He is expected home quite soon.

The last few weeks we have seen a few of the alumni around — Jerry Fisher, Jerry Matz from State; Jim VanEvery from Houghton; Bob Neft from Florida, and Secoras, Martindale from Norfolk. Golly, Walter and Bob's tans certainly show up among us pale folk.

Good news from Don Kolman. He was elected president of the Theta Chi frat at State. Don hopes to teach English after graduation.

Best of luck to June Toth, who will represent State's Delta Omicron sorority at a music conference in Milwaukee.

Edgar Lind and Anita Barnum were married last Saturday at the Baptist Church. From what I hear it was a beautiful wedding. Best of luck to you both. Love, Betty.

## Typists Show Gain In Speed

Typists in first and second year typing classes, since drilling regularly and taking tests every day, have produced some good results. In the second year classes Helen Tamm made seventy-two words a minute with 4 errors on a ten-minute test. Joyce Gunneth reached seventy-one words a minute with 3 errors on a ten-minute test. Ann Plimton, in a first year class, typed sixty-two words a minute with one error on a five minute test. J. P.

## "Jokers' Jump" Welcomes April

Quotations and jokes, as decorations, lined the walls of the gym last Saturday for the "Jokers' Jump." Dorothy King and Queen Jokers, led the grand march. They were selected by the members on the ticket stub.

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## Editorial

### ARE YOU ENDANGERING A LIFE?

You have probably noticed many houses with a lawn well worth envying. Also, you have noticed many homes without even a blade of grass. ... nothing but mud and grime. Which of these was the most appealing to you? You will no doubt say the first one. That would indeed be a lawn to consider with pride. Wouldn't you like to be just as proud of your schoolyard?

During these early spring days when everything is in a state of soup and slush, the grass is trying, once more, to provide a friendly atmosphere around the school. If you trample on the young shoots and kill them, naturally the lawn is going to be drab. Why not give it a chance? There are plenty of wide sidewalks on which you can walk, instead of ruining what little grass we do have.

There are signs up now. They have been posted to remind us to "Keep Off." We can read, "We can in-ter-pret." We can prove we can do these things by following directions. Surely the reward of a beautiful yard is worth the few extra steps it costs to go around. P. N.

## Exchange Club Honors Athletes

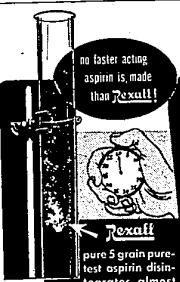
At a luncheon given by the Farmington Exchange Club, seven seniors of the varsity basketball squad and the team's managers were honored with gold basketballs. They were: Captain Dick Tupper, George Barrons, Dave Dirmeyer, Lee Tyler, Dick Loyce, Chuck Markham, Harry Deibel, and the managers — Tom Sechler and Clark Bates.

Two juniors, Smoky Aschen-Brenner and Jim Bates, were also awarded.

The speaker at the luncheon was Bill Orwig, end coach of the University of Michigan football team. The Farmington Senior Quartet provided entertainment with barbershop harmony. H. D.

## Strike One!

In the cold, biting wind of last Thursday, you could hear the girls at G. A. A. running across the field to start a baseball game. Edna McKerracher and Pat Poole were chosen as captain of the teams. Real competition has not actually begun yet, and since it was so cold, the girls went up at 4:30 instead of the usual 4:45. B. H.



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## Senior Quartet Revives Barbershop Harmony

The senior class of Farmington High School seems to have an unlimited supply of talent, the latest being a quartet composed of four senior boys: Bruce Treves, George Barrons, Lee Tyler and Larry Gilson.

The boys organized last April, making their first public appearance with their accompanist Ann Plimton in the class's Sample Fair. Since then, they have sung at many school activities, community affairs, and have tried in general to re-kind the interest in barbershop singing.

In January they won first place in the high school's Talent Show and are scheduled to appear with the winners of similar shows in the other schools in the Lakes Conference in a combined exhibition. This will be presented in all the schools as an assembly program. The quartet expects to appear in the near future on a television program. C. G.

## Turner Wins District Speech Contest

June Turner of Farmington tied for first place in the dramatic reading class with Carol Baumgardner of Northville in the district speech contest held in the Farmington Methodist Church on March 25.

Pat Brennan brought home a very close second place in the extempore section.

June Turner will represent Farmington in the regional contest to be held on or about May 12. A special vote of thanks is extended to Rev. Stanley Stone of the Methodist Church, who made it possible to have this district contest here at Farmington. L. G.

## Local Contest Marks Pan-American Day

A Spanish and French poetry contest is being sponsored by Michigan State Normal College for all schools in Northeastern Michigan, except Detroit.

A primary contest is now being held here by the Spanish Club. All Spanish students may compete. Those entering must memorize a poem in Spanish and tell something about the author and the background of the selection. They will be judged in pronunciation and expression by Miss Alice Montes, Miss Margaret Lingo, and Rita Pearson on April 14, Pan-American Day. A winner will be chosen from both first and second year classes. Each will receive a prize.

On April 22 they will go to Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti for further competition. No awards will be given there for those who win, but all entering will receive souvenirs. J. S. her father last week. C. G.

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## Spring Concert Draws Near

Band members anxiously await the coming of the annual spring concert to be held on April 21. The music will include an overture, a chorale, stirring marches, and other pieces that promise to furnish enjoyment. The music will be played by the senior, the intermediate, and the beginner bands. F. C.

## Students Enjoyed King Lear Presentation

Last Saturday approximately fifty English students and teachers enjoyed the presentation of King Lear in Ann Arbor. It was given at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater at 2:30 o'clock. King Lear is the story of Lear, King of Britain, and his personal problems concerning the selfishness of two of his daughters. R. H.

## In Sympathy

On behalf of the student body the Blue and White staff wishes to extend their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald V. Harrison in the loss of Mrs. Harrison's mother. We also wish to send condolence to Miss Shirley Hatfield in the loss of her father last week. C. G.

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