



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

His Punch is His Signature

Was on the train up to Central City the other day and when the conductor came around, I asked him why their ticket punches make such odd-shaped holes in the ticket. "Every conductor in the country has a different design for his punch," he tells me. "Some even show up a fellow's preferences. Now take mine. The hole it makes looks like a beer goblet."

Sure enough! Then he went on to say that the punch is just like the conductor's signature. Makes it easy to trace tickets... to check up if something happens.

From where I sit, even though your ticket is punched differently from mine, it still gets you where you're going. Just like people with their opinions. You might like coffee, another person, tea—and I'll settle for a temperate glass of beer. But what does it matter, so long as we respect the right of the other to have tastes and opinions? We're all trying to go in the same direction—towards a friendlier, more pleasant world for all of us.

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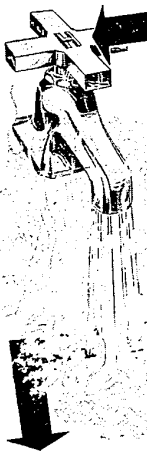
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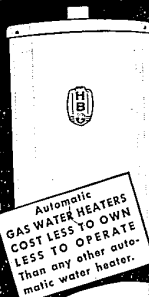
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FALCON NINE SNOWED OUT AT BERKLEY

On Friday, Farmington journeyed to Berkley only to have the game called at the end of one inning because of rain and snow. The starting hurlers were Art Olson, making his initial start for Farmington, and Shock, of Berkley. Farmington threatened mildly in the only inning played, when Alexander walked, but Markham and Aschen-Brenner struck out; then Ditchfield walked, only to have Bates end it by striking out Olson in order by striking out Sorensen and forcing Blackwell and Shock to ground out.

The Falcons' next game is against Holly on Tuesday, April 25, at home.

Here And There With The Alumni

Good news from Al Garchow! He was elected treasurer of the Business Ad for the term. Wedding bells are still ringing! Katherine Kingsley was married on April 14 to Bob Sheldon. The event took place in the Methodist Church. Mary Stark, another alumna, was the maid of honor. We hear Bud Locker was married in Detroit last Friday. Good luck to you both, Kate and Bud.

A few weeks ago I saw Bob Augur, Elbridge Danckel, and Jim Beall at "The Taming of the Shrew."

Bill Gardner, Margaret Maas, Betty Gerda, and Lore Leidig have been down to see us. All were home from school: Olivet, Highland Park, J. C. Wayne, and U. of M. respectively. Bill has been home this semester because of a foot infection, which is now almost well.

Jack and Clara (Billings) Simpson have moved into their own house on Violet Street. The baby, Richard, is a lovely sixteen-months old now.

Love,

Betty.

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Editorial

SPRING FEVER CAN BE SERIOUS

At this season of the year, a common ailment of both young and old is Spring Fever, which, although it has no serious effect on the person afflicted, may cause a marked decline in school attendance.

As fair weather approaches, it is quite natural for young people to find many ways to spend a warm, sunny day in places more tempting than a classroom. The swimming hole is beckoning small boys, and a long hike or biking tour is hard to resist. To many students of all ages, the enticing weather can be easily withstood, and they maintain a good attendance record with no regret that they must spend a good part of the day inside. But others, whose will power is not so strong, tend to miss a few days now and then. They have fun for a while; but when they return to school, they find that they have slipped far behind in their assignments and they must spend a long time making up their neglected homework. Besides, they may be admitted, instead of excused, to their classes. What have they gained?

Spring is a wonderful time of the year for everyone to enjoy, but why let it interfere with education? Are you going to allow Spring Fever to leave its scars on your report card? M. V.

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Noted Pianist Visits School

A dramatic-lecture concert was presented to the student body by Mr. Donald Scott Morrison, a noted American pianist, on Thursday, April 20, in the gymnasium.

Mr. Morrison, who has given over three thousand concerts, portrayed three of the world's great composers. As he played make-up, he gave a brief synopsis of the life and traits of each man.

The first artist he impersonated was Johann Sebastian Bach; then he played one of his compositions on the harpsichord. His next portrayal was that of Frederick Chopin. On the piano he played "The Polonaise." As Claude Debussy, he presented "Suite for La Piano".

After his last portrayal, he played his own arrangement of "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin.

For an encore he played "On the Fenchel Field", which he classed as an amusing composition.

Before Mr. Morrison left the stage, he complimented Farmington students for their courteous and interested attention. H. W.

Sixteen students, accompanied by Miss Alice Montes, attended a Spanish and French poetry contest at Michigan State Normal on Saturday, April 22.

After the high school contest, all victors toured the campus under the guidance of college students. Everyone met at McKenny Hall to see the college competition.

An entertaining Spanish program of dancing and recitation was presented. As refreshments, chocolate sundaes were served following the program.

Farmington's representatives returned to school on the school bus. H. W.

We Believe... UNITED STATES NEEDS MORE PROFESSIONAL-MINDED TEACHERS

From Superintendent O. E. Dunckel's report of the Atlantic City Convention of the American Association of School Administrators, the speech made by Waurine Walker, Vice-Chairman of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards, and a classroom teacher of Waco, Texas, will be briefly outlined. Also, the talk presented by Fairfield Osborn, President of the Conservation Foundation, New York, will be summarized.

In a talk before a large discussion group to consider the future of teacher salaries, Waurine Walker presented several principles adopted by the Commission. She stressed:

1. The importance of professionally prepared and competent teachers in every classroom. "Good teachers cost more, but poor teachers cost most."
2. The need for attracting better teachers to the profession through security and salaries on a professional basis.
3. The inherent obligation of teachers to continue their professional growth.

Fairfield Osborn presented the subject, "What Schools Can Do For Conservation." Mr. Osborn placed emphasis upon the problems of conservation as related to our political and social life as well as to our economic life. He stated that there seemed to be a steadily growing interest in conservation.

This is the final series of the "We Believe", featuring the various ideas and beliefs of outstanding people concerning public education, international problems, and racial prejudice. M. W.

Cheerleading Practice Gets Underway

On Monday, April 17, and Thursday, April 20, twenty girls from the eighth through the eleventh grades turned out for the first week of cheerleading practice. The girls are limbering up for the try-outs, which will take place Thursday, May 4.

Under the instruction of Miss Margaret Linco the girls have been taught a few cheers and acrobatics, which they will use at the try-out. Members of the Student Council and the faculty will vote on six of the girls, who will be 1950-1951 cheerleaders. N. S.

Four Attain Shorthand Hundred Speed Rate

Four of the second year shorthand people passed their one hundred word speed test last Friday, April 21.

Those to attain this speed were: Joan Alnoworth, Rosemond Oliver, Norma Smith, and Donelda Sundrini. Each will receive a gold pin with the inscription "Gregg Shorthand 100". J. S.

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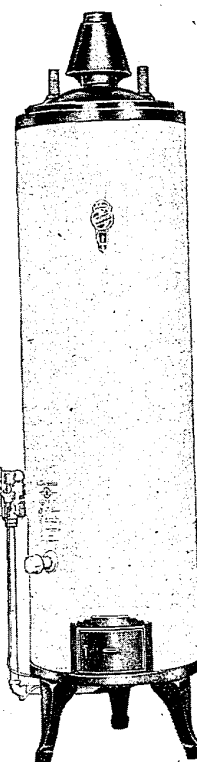
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