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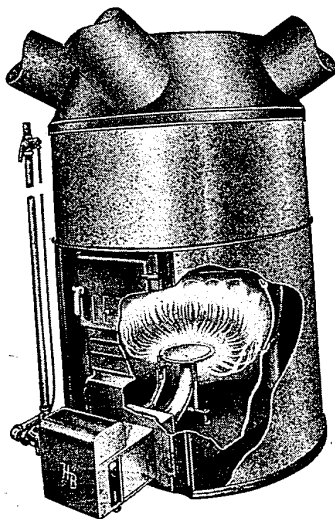
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Editorial

WHAT ABOUT VOCABULARY?
It is through written messages, speeches, radio programs, and other types of communication that we are informed of the progress and changes taking place in our modern world. Today our methods of communication are very highly developed; but, unfortunately, our knowledge and ability to use words and express our thoughts effectively is not so great.

Is there any person who has never felt embarrassed and ill at ease because he could think of no intelligent subject for conversation? Who has wanted to accept certain invitations but declined because it would be necessary to meet too many people and be revealed to them as a "nice, but dull" person? Individual who will get little pleasure from life because he is too frightened to make any contacts, and his friendships are limited to other mousy characters like himself.

Just as undesirable is the opposite character type who insists on continually hogging the spotlight for himself and quite obviously displays his lengthy vocabulary for the benefit of his long-suffering audience. In him we find the insincere "joker" or the empty-headed braggart.

However, the person who can easily participate in conversation, who can adequately and concisely express his own opinions, will find that he has the power to influence his associates and to improve his business standing. He will also discover that his circle of personal friends will increase, his interests will become more varied, and he will actually look forward to making new social and business contacts.

Words in themselves are interesting; they can be used either constructively or destructively, and to the persons who master them they become strong assets and allies.

Of the surest keys to success is a good vocabulary — not just a passing one but a vivid, growing power of self expression.

Through clear thinking, representatives and citizens who know how to explain what they want, America will find voice — powerful enough perhaps to settle disputes by using words as weapons instead of guns.

Here And There With The Alumni
Hi there,
Perhaps last week you saw the announcements of the Lois Gately and Katherine Kingsley weddings. Best wishes and best of luck to you both.

I saw Fred Hamlin the other day when he was home for the week-end. He was out to see Simone (Van Ruler) and Clyde Yokom, who are living in Wayne. Both Abe and Simone are working now.

Jack Elmhurst has been working over at Conroy's so you may have seen him around some time.

Saw Joe O'Connor last week talking to Mr. Harrison. Glad to see you home, Joe.

Margaret Mass is working in the bakery on Saturdays and going to Junior College during the week.

Love,
Betty

G. A. A. Makes Final Plans
The G. A. A. girls have chosen baseball and kickball as their main spring activities.

They are planning a banquet at an Inn or some place other than the school.

Elections of officers for next year will be held soon. B. H.

FUTURISTIC FROLIC BECKONS JUNIORS AND SENIORS

The Junior-Senior Reception, which is to be held on May 29 in the gym, is said to be quite different from the usual sort of affairs.

Futuristic Frolic, as it is called, will take on an entirely new atmosphere — that of the future!! The evening is to be divided into three parts, from 9 until 12 o'clock. First will be a carnival, which promises a gay time second comes a show and contest; and last, but not least, dancing and a new kind of entertainment. Instead of using the talent from the school to entertain, the seniors and juniors are paying outside performers to come to entertain. That has not been done in F. H. S. in a long while. Seniors are allowed to bring one guest.

SENIORS BEWARE!

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of — skipping school. This dreaded disease of skipping is rapidly spreading in Farmington.

To most students the thought of skipping is always a great temptation in the spring; this year however, it is different from others, the urge has started. This disease always has fatal consequences, e.g., after school sessions, long essays, and so forth. To seniors especially, this is a dangerous practice; for it is on their general attitude that much of the question of whether they will be required to take final examinations.

This article is written by seniors for seniors who happen to be afflicted with the disease. It is up to the seniors themselves whether or not they will be exempt from finals. Their unexcused absence and tardiness and all poor citizenship shown by them in this vital question comes up for a vote.

As a final warning, then, from us who have the desire to depart from the daily grind of school as much as anyone, we wish to urge all students, seniors in particular, not to yield to this annual temptation.

Elect 1950 - 51 Cheerleaders

The girls who will open the 1950-51 cheerleading season next fall were chosen at the try-outs May 4 in the gym, by the Student Council and members of the faculty. They are as follows: Dorothy Cant, Virginia Fryhoff, Gerrie Haskins, Charlotte Mathews, Jackie Margaret, Helen Higgins, Miss Margaret Lingo will instruct the girls in their practice.

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PTA Presents Spring Tea

Wednesday, May 3, the Farmington P. T. A. Room Mothers gave a tea for the parents and teachers of Farmington. The tea was held in the high school library. Many parents turned out for the occasion.

The refreshments consisted of tea and coffee, fancy cookies, and small party sandwiches. Mrs. Dunckel and Miss Zieho poured tea, while Mrs. Clifford and Mrs. Clark poured coffee.

Student Council girls took care of the small children of the parents while everybody enjoyed the tea.

F. W.

Special Students To Receive Awards

On Thursday, May 15, the Honors Assembly will be held in the gymnasium at 9 a.m. At this event, outstanding students will receive awards in the subject fields, American Legion, D. A. R., good citizenship, essay contests, vocal and instrumental music, speech and scholarship.

One award will be presented in each subject field, if there is a student who has the necessary qualifications.

M. W.

Spring Concert Set For May 13

The annual spring concert which is presented by the vocal department is scheduled to be given May 13.

Under the direction of Mr. J. W. Henderson, vocal instructor at the high school, the senior choir, junior choir, and girls' glee club plan to present an evening of popular as well as religious and classical songs. Pieces by such famous composers as Jean Sibelius, Cole Porter, and George Gershwin will be included in the program. L. G.

Manual Art Classes Sponsor Exhibits

On the evening of May 19, a school Arts Exhibit and Style Show will be featured attractions at the Farmington High School Gymnasium. Exhibits will be open at 7:30 p.m. with the Style Show at 8 p.m.

The exhibits are sponsored by the Art Shop, Mechanical Drawing and Homemaking Departments.

Mary Welch passed a 120-word-minute Gregg Shorthand Test on May 1 and will receive a gold pin. She leads the shorthand class of Miss Mary Alice Lynch by attaining the highest speed of all second year shorthand students. J.S.

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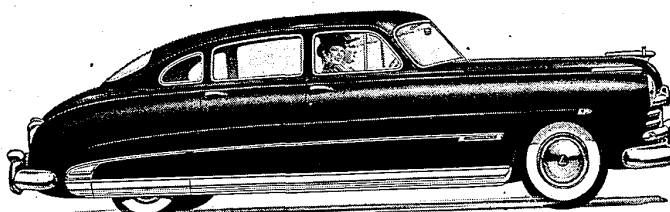
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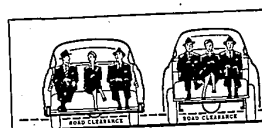
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