

Farmington High School News

Material for this column is prepared by members of the Farmington High School Journalism Class.

Now Rehearsing for Cantata "Seven Last Words of Christ"

This year's Cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," will be presented by a group of approximately 140 people. These people consist of the Cantata and Girls' Glee Club and the boys from Orchard Lake, Michigan, and George McWorther, St. Mary's bassline soloist. St. Mary's bassline soloist will be presented on two nights, the first presentation will be on Monday, March 16 at Orchard Lake, and the second presentation will be on Tuesday, March 17, at Farmington Senior High Gym on Tuesday, March 17.

Local Forensic Contest Slated

If speech students are seen wandering blindly down the hall mulling unidentifiable words and making crazy statements, they can draw the conclusion that the student has entered the Forensics Contest.

The local contest will be held before the middle of March and the district contest will be held before the middle of April. There are five fields which a person may enter.

The original oration, which anyone in high school may enter, is a speech written by the student. The declamation, written by someone else is for tenth graders only. "More students are needed in these two areas," said Raymond Sherpits, speech instructor.

Other fields which may be entered are: the dramatic readings, humorous reading and extemporaneous speeches.

The extemporaneous speech is one given with little or no preparation. A topic is selected at home or on the spot and the student is given five minutes to prepare. Magazines and other informative sources will be available for the person writing the speech.

"Students are urged to sign up now," Mr. Sherpits commented.

Essay Contest Writing Starts

The essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the VFW and the American Legion Auxiliary, is now open to all students in Farmington. History classes and to English classes.

All American History students are required to write an essay. English teachers will help with background information and English teachers will check writing techniques. Students in English classes may enter, but are not required to do so.

Students have their choice between two contests. The American Legion essay must not be over 500 words and the topic is "Faith in America, God and Country."

"The Space Age-Challenge to the Imagination" is the topic of the VFW. Essays may not be over 1000 words.

Essays which teachers believe are of good quality, and those that students wish to enter, must be turned in to James Geiger, principal, by Friday, March 6.

Writing Letters To French Pals

Some students in French I are having trouble in writing French letters to their French friends. This is due to the fact that they are writing to their French friends across the Atlantic.

He started last fall when Miss Margaret Lauerman, the French I teacher, sent in student names to a French letter writing contest. From Paris the names were sent to French cities, such as: Marseilles, Calais, Strasbourg, Algeria and Nice.

After several months, French I students started to receive mail from their new pen-pals. Several students have written first letters to their pen-pals in France.

Many of the French I students have already received postcards, French newspapers, stamps, pictures of their pen-pals and letters about their pen-pals' cities.

The boys from St. Mary's have also practiced during class period with the choir and Glee Club separately.

The three soloists for the Cantata are Diane Franja, Dan Franja and George McWorther. Diane Franja is a 1956 graduate of Farmington High School.

"The Holy City," which the FHS vocal music department presented in 1957.

The tenor soloist, Dan Karney, was born a member of the United States Army Chorus for the past couple of years.

George McWorther is a graduate student in music at the U of M and recently sang the lead in "Oklahoma".

Tickets can be bought from any vocal music member. The tickets are \$3.50 for students and \$7.50 for adults. Anyone from kindergarten up through the high school is eligible to attend.

Anyone from the tenth grade up is considered an adult.

B.L.K.

Musicians Win Highest Ratings In State Meet

The Twelve Tones received a rating of Superior and the Falconettes received a rating of Excellent in the Michigan School Music Association Solo-Ensemble Festival District Four which was held last Saturday, March 14, at Wayne State University.

Groups and vocal and piano soloists from schools in District four were eligible to compete in the Festival.

Each group or soloist was judged on tone, intonation, diction, technique, balance, interpretation, music effect, etc.

Each was given a rating of Superior, Excellent, Good, Poor, or Bad.

Other than the ensemble groups, there were three piano soloists and six vocal soloists from Farmington. Two of these people received a rating of Superior, three received ratings of Excellent, and four received ratings of Good.

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Landscaping, Fire Fighting to Be Topics at League of "Subs" Meet

The League of Subdivisions of Farmington held a general meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 8:00 p.m. at the Dunkle Jr. high school. All members of the various subdivisions belonging to the League are cordially invited.

The general theme of the meeting will be "Subdivision Improvement." The subjects which will be covered are: (1) Landscaping on a subdivision scale, (2) Landscaping on an individual lot basis, and (3) Maintenance and preservation of the landscaping once completed.

The above topics will be discussed by three authorities in their field. Following their talks, time will be allowed for a question and answer period.

"Everyone should come away from the meeting with a better knowledge of how, when and where he should do his landscaping to more greatly enhance the beauty of his property," an official spokesman of the League commented.

As an attraction to those who might feel their landscaping days are over, the League is offering prizes and refreshments.

A somewhat unrelated subject but nevertheless one that is vital to the preservation of homes is the subject of fire fighting equipment to be discussed.

"Many of us overlook the fact that large scale fires could have possibly been prevented by the use of small hand operated piece of equipment during the initial stages of the fire," the League spokesman said.

"Fires are classified into three types. No one kind of extinguisher works efficiently for all three types. Therefore, each individual should make up his mind what kind of extinguisher, or perhaps extinguishers he should have around the house."

There will be a booth at the meeting where fire fighting equipment can be seen and discussed.

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PROGRESS REPORT FOR WATER IN 'DRY AREA'

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Wheeler St. Fire Station

Dean Stanley, financial consultant, and Larry Pate, engineer, will be present to answer questions.

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At Home in Old Homestead

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Sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. time in Orlando with Leslie and Raymond McCreight of Drake Stephen Richardson, who moved on the sudden loss of their wife there from Wood Creek.

Mr. Bernard, who was fourteen years old at the time was spent with the family in the home of the late Mrs. Richardson in St. Joseph's Hospital in Betty's mother, Mrs. Dave, in Rocky.

During the two weeks the temperature ranged between 75 years.

Mr. Bernard leaves his mother, Mrs. Beulah Barnes; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Lynch and Miss Margaret Barnes, all of Livonia.

He was a member of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F & AM; the Northville Commandery No. 29, Knights Templar; Union Chapter No. 50 Royal Arch Masons, Northville; Trinity Shrine No. 44 and a Life Member of Farmington Chapter No. 228 Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were held from the Spencer J. Heene Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Friday with Rev. Richard Markham of First Methodist Church, Farmington, officiating. Graveside services were under the auspices of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F & AM.

Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Lee Leslie Walser
Lee Leslie Walser, 20025 St. Francis, City of Livonia, passed away February 19th in Bedford Community Hospital from a heart condition.

He was born in Geneva, Indiana, August 8, 1891, the son of Harrison and Estelle (Smith) Walser and was united in marriage to Fern W. Tolliver May 19, 1910. They had resided in Farmington for many years.

Walser leaves his wife, Fern W., one son, Austin H. Walser of Spokane, Washington; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Lee (Walser) Flynn of Redford Township; four grandchildren and two brothers, Miles Walser of Hillsdale, Michigan and Wade Walser of Compton, California.

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Interment was in North Farmington Cemetery.

Public Letter Box
Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the views of the Enterprise. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

Says Bus Drivers Aren't Nursemaids
Dear Sir:

This school bus article in your issue of Monday, March 2, in your last new magazine section, "Subs," was quite amusing.

Union Lake Saturday, Feb. 8, I saw a bus driver who was making such a big job of his bus.

In Michigan a school bus driver is not allowed to leave his bus when there are children on board, unless some responsible person is left in charge. As for chasing a child who wants to run home, that is unheard of.

Also, if any youngster is not in his bus stop, and not in sight, the driver has to wait for him. Why make everybody late?

After all, we are not running a taxi. Some riders, by the way, who expect to give them the bus, are not so sure they are running taxis.

Mr. Welsh can play nursemaid if he chooses, but we'll let the bus drivers do their own jobs. Our job is driving the bus, not being a nurse or doctor or parent or half a dozen other things.

If the brains don't appreciate their bus service, get noisy. We don't hesitate to apply a whack or so now and then. Our job is no less than that of a teacher.

Disgusted Driver.

A week ago Sunday Del and Betty Natto and Don and Rocky returned from a two week Florida trip. They spent part of the

Obituaries

Floyd M. Barnes

Floyd M. Barnes, 27025 Long Avenue, Livonia, passed away suddenly February 10 at his residence from a heart condition.

He was born in Lebanon, Missouri, November 14, 1892, the son of Lewis and Beulah (Morgan) Barnes. He had served in the United States Army during World War I. A retired mail carrier he had resided in the community thirty-five years.

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