



The Blue Star Mothers, at their February meeting, would like to know why all the football, basketball and baseball schedule boards must be placed directly in front of the monument dedicated to our sons who gave their lives for your country and ours. At Christmas time a huge tree was placed in front of this monument that means much to many fathers and mothers of Farmington.

Could some of our American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars members help us make this small monument a memorial to our sons of World War I and II to whom it was dedicated?

There is an American flag purchased and placed in the City Hall to be on the pole on the corner waiting for someone to do this honor to the boys who couldn't come home to do it for us.

Much of the wear of sheets and pillow-cases comes in the laundry, say Michigan State College home economists. You can avoid some of this if you wash the sheets and pillow cases before they become very soiled. Take stains out before you rub the bed clothes.

Meadowbrook Murmurs

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Get your hip boots out of the mud! The Mud Men tell us they're going to reap the biggest harvest of mud this Spring that we've ever known. Those living off down the country road more than a couple of paces are warned to have their cupboards well stocked. Now is the time of year, incidentally, when you can plan those more expensive meals that don't go so far. You can be sure the mud will keep your usual week end city friends away!

We're wondering, and we doubt if the mud and ruts will keep the dogs home that usually tag first grader Larry Johnston to school. Larry, son of the George Johnstons of Belfast Street, meets his pal, Rob Swarthout, at the corner of Roosevelt and Scotten every morning. And the three big dogs that always accompany him wait patiently at the corner with Larry if Rob happens to be a minute late. One morning Robert's mother, in her new car, met Larry at that corner and drove the boys on to school. You never saw more dejected looks than each of those three disappointed, dejected dogs wore as they watched the car pull away and up the hill.

These same two boys, by the way, caused quite a sensation at Central School last week. Rumors (few that a boy had fallen in the creek

and every child at school soon was conscious of the dangers he must avoid. Mrs. Beatrice Hawkins, first grade teacher, misquoted the affair over in her usual calm, understanding way, but recognized the opportunity for a good lesson. And all because of a pair of fence-climbing socks that were too torn and too muddy to dare to go home!

Three volunteers are needed each Wednesday morning from 9 to 12 to help in the eye survey which is being conducted. One lady points the letters and numbers, one is secretary and writes the information on little cards, and one — who has the biggest job of all — keeps the kids in a straight, even line. It sounds like fun, doesn't it, and you don't have to be a P. T. A. member to volunteer. They prefer that different ladies help each week so that no one will have to overwork.

Girl Scout Troop 2 had a thrilling trip to see Santa Henie last night, February 21. Accompanying them were Mr. and Mrs. Pierce VanCamp, Mr. and Mrs. Vera Hawley, Mrs. Maudlin, and their leader, Mrs. Gordon Rice. Also tagging along were some friends and little brothers.

Mrs. Rex Agar's Brownie Troop 1 is planning a trip to the Shrine Circus. And before February slips away we'd better mention who their officers are this month, since this is very important business to these little girls.

Sandra Buckner is president, Carolyn Payne is vice-president, and Dorothy Sukowski is treasurer. February's scribe is Rosalyn Kerrick. This troop was the guest of Brownie Troop 1 at the Elgwood School at a wonderful Valentine's party. Busy leaders of Troop 1 are Mrs. Howard Best and Mrs. John Horn.

Beautifully decorated, mysterious, exciting Valentine boxes were the main interest in life to most kids last week Wednesday, and one of the most thrilling of all had the place of honor at Paula Kronholm's party, 2225 Dresden Street. And the reason was that it not only held wonderful surprises that the children had brought, but also an extra Valentine which said "You are the lucky one," with a special prize. Paula's bright-eyed guests were Karen Snider, Sandra and Larry Johnston, Harold and Rachel Horn, Barbara Watwood, Robert Swarthout, Jeff LaFollette, and Johnny and George Dennis. Johnny and

George have been eating birthday cake at their house nearly every day lately since George was three years old last Saturday, and his big brother 8 yesterday. Bob Godette is thinking about attending Valparaiso University next year, so he particularly enjoyed the trip to that Indiana School last week end. He traveled with Wilbert Kopp, teacher of the St. Paul's Lutheran School, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ulrich of 2924 Eight Mile Road.

Rifle River Watershed Plan Work Continues

All is not quiet in the Rifle River watershed, front. Winter has suspended construction and planting on the conservation department's \$200,000 pioneer program to overhaul the watershed, but mapping, further planning and conferences with cooperating farmers are underway. The "showcase" project, attracting attention in other states, was started last July and is scheduled for completion in July, 1954. Objective of the four-year plan, involving the entire drainage system above M-65, is to stabilize water flow and thereby lower stream temperatures, reduce siltation and in the end make the Rifle river system the more productive trout waters of the past. An important by-product will be the preservation of farm soils. Area encompassed includes about 150 square miles, all in Ogemaw county.

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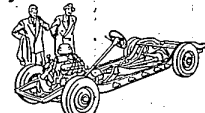
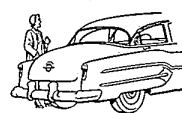
Bring down that old violin from the attic and learn how to play it by radio with the help of the University of Michigan.

Joseph Maddy, professor of music at the University and the founder of the famed National Music Camp at Interlochen, is starting a new class on February 8 over WUOM, the FM station of the University of Michigan Broadcasting Service. Besides the violin, instruction is given in the viola, cello and bass viol.

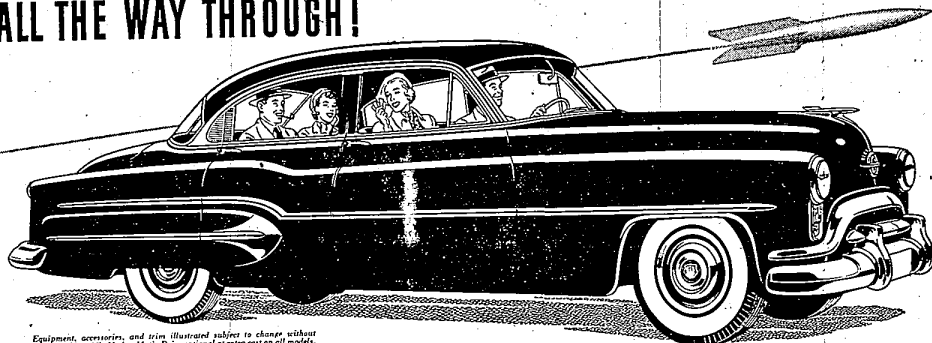
The lessons will be given from 2 to 2:30 each Thursday, starting February 8, until May 10. Persons living within 100 miles of Ann Arbor are within the listening area of WUOM, which may be tuned in at 91.7 megacycles. Free instruction books to use in conjunction with the radio lessons may be obtained by writing to the Broadcasting Service.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Sometimes Good Intentions Aren't Enough

That fire at the Griffin place didn't do much damage last week, but Volunteer Chief Murphy was pretty angry about it. Spike to some of us over dinner and a bottle of beer.

"Griffin's farm is a good mile from town," he said. "And by the time we'd dodged all the people on the highway who were going to watch, we hadn't a minute to waste."

"Then blamed if those sight-seers hadn't parked cars right in Griffin's driveway and there was a mob of people milling around the house—just gawking. Joe, tell

folks a fire's no sideshow. Ask 'em to think of the other fellow!"

From where I sit, some of us need to be reminded occasionally that even though our intentions are good we may be unfairly interfering. Whether it's blocking the right-of-way of fire equipment or criticizing a person's right to enjoy a temperate glass of beer now and then—the American Way is to give way, and give the other fellow his fair "share of the road!"

Joe Marsh

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