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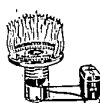
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## Last Basketball Rally Given By Varsity Club

The Farmington High hand opened the last pep meeting of the season with a medley of jazz numbers. The meeting preceded the Romeo Varsity Club member Dick Alexander was master of ceremonies. He commended the good sportsmanship which the students showed throughout the basketball season. Following Dick's short talk, several Varsity Club members illustrated the way people should not behave at a basketball game in a very comical manner. The students cheered loudly and all sang the school song accompanied by the band.

## Two Commercial Classes Visit J. L. Hudson Co.

Farmington High's bookkeeping and retailing classes under the supervision of Miss Marion Eberle, commercial studies teacher, visited the J. L. Hudson Company on Thursday, March 1. The groups learned that Hudson's is the second largest department store in the world; that for every person selling, there are two people behind the scenes for them; and at various holiday seasons there are as many as 14,000 employees. The groups also saw the fur storage vaults where over 10,000 furs are stored in the summer by Detroiters. The girls saw the display department where all window and advertising displays are planned and completed. Also the telephone department and the telephone shopper department. Later the groups visited the store hospital for employees and any customers who become ill while shopping.

## Farmington Sophomore Places In Writing Contest

Bob Roberts, tenth grader, received honorable mention in the short story division of the Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastic Writing Awards Contest sponsored by the Detroit News. The title of his story was, "The Thing". More than 4,000 manuscripts were submitted in this contest from grades seven through twelve. The 316 manuscripts which have been awarded achievement keys or honorable mention will be forwarded to New York where entries will be read by the remainder of Michigan as well as the entire United States. Alaska and Hawaii will be read by National Judges.

## BLUE AND WHITE

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**EDITORIAL**  
IS IT FAIR TO DRAFT 18 YEAR OLDS?  
When the proposed plan of drafting 18 year olds was first presented to us, our immediate reaction, like that of many others, was one of surprise. After thinking it over and considering the arguments on both sides, however, the feasibility of the plan became clear.

If boys under 19 do not have to do any fighting, it seems logical that they would be doing the boys of 18 a favor by drafting them at 18 instead of 19. The boys who are planning on college would be interrupted in their educational program so that when they came back to continue school they would have to review anyway. The boys who are not going to college would not be able to get started on their training for their life work, either. Since it costs so much to train a man, no employer is going to want to train a man and then have the draft whisk him off to the armed forces.

Drafting 18 year olds would also relieve many men over 19, now working in supply, for active duty. It takes several men behind the lines to keep one fighter man supplied.

The 18 year olds would also be better prepared for actual fighting because of the longer training period. Army discipline is good for anyone. Learning to take and carry out orders and practice in getting along with others under varying conditions will be valuable to most of them in later life.

Besides, who is doing most of the complaining? Is it the 18 year olds themselves, or is it their families who are more worried? This is actually a selfish attitude, understandable as it is. The fact is, that the 18 year olds have already responded in great numbers by volunteering for the various branches of the armed forces.

In our opinion, the year that must be lost under the proposed draft will be used to greater advantage by the boys upon their discharge from the armed services rather than have their educational or occupational plans interrupted now.

## SLIDES, SOUVENIRS SHOWN AT ASSEMBLY OF CECIL HOUGHTON

"My Two Years in Greenland With The Eskimos," is the title of Mr. Houghton's illustrated lecture to be presented at the Farmington High assembly this morning.

Mr. Houghton will explain and show picture slides, souvenirs and native costumes of his two years' stay in the northland, where he learned the Eskimo language, trained over 150 sled dogs, built a greenhouse and raised vegetables north of the Arctic Circle. He also made a collection of arctic plants, and wrote a scientific article "Legends and Uses of Plants on the West Coast of Greenland."

During World War II, Mr. Houghton was a member of the U. S. Army Air Force Weather Service and was in charge of a weather outpost in Greenland. Mr. Houghton lived with the Greenlandic Eskimos from 1943 - 1945.

**SIDEGLANCES:  
Tournament Trivia**

Farmington's good sportsmanship was outstanding in both team and student body. Art Olson reminded one of the Birmingham team members that he should meet his unorthodox way when he shook his finger at the fellow who fouled him.

The cheerleaders threw a party for the team after the game Friday night. As the team members boarded the bus to go home, each was handed a glass of milk and a piece of cake. Four cakes and several gallons of milk were consumed by the surprised and hungry team.

Despite the heart-breaking loss to Utica Saturday night, there is consolation — if we stop to consider it — that the team scored a remarkably high percentage of their shots in the games Thursday and Friday. The law of averages was just against us.

But we are still very proud of the team and want to congratulate them on their valiant efforts.

## Eleven Students To Compete For Speech Honors Tonight

Eleven Farmington High students will bid for top honors in the annual speech contest to be held in the high school library Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.

First and second place winners in each division — declamations, oration, dramatic and extemporaneous — will compete later in district meets.

Three students will give declamations. These are memorized speeches written by other persons. The title of Dick Mason's declamation is "Deep Roots."

Four students will give orations. These are written by the students themselves. Bill Kingsley will give his "Darkness Tomorrow" and Tom Isley, "Dope-Kings".

Four students signed up for dramatic readings. They are: Lou Dowling, "Darkness"; Edna McKerracher, "Mary Stuart"; June Turner, "Into a Better Kingdom"; and Virginia Fryhoff, "Joan of Lorraine".

Dick Alexander and Charles Tulp were interested in extemporaneous speaking. They do not have titles for their talks because assignments will be given by the judges at the time of the contest.

The judges are Mrs. Fernandez, Mr. Smith and Mr. Peel. Students and parents are invited to attend this contest.

**MATH CLASS MAKES PROJECTS**  
Farmington High's solid geometry class was assigned to make a six week project. Each student has constructed and mounted thirteen geometric figures ranging from spheres to twenty-sided figures.

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**Waterford High Admitted  
To Inter-Lakes League**

At a meeting of the Inter-Lakes Athletic Conference on Tuesday, March 6, Waterford High was admitted to the Inter-Lakes League.

The Inter-Lakes League now consists of six schools, Southfield, Waterford, Berkley, Walled Lake, Keego Harter and Farmington.

Farmington will first meet Waterford during the baseball season; however, these games will not be considered league games because all of the Inter-Lakes schools can not arrange to play waterford.

New officers were elected at the meeting. Mr. R. Fleming, Berkley's principal, was elected president. Vice-president is Mr. E. Ayres, Walled Lake's principal, and Mr. R. Hall, Southfield's Athletic Director, was elected secretary-treasurer.

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