

## EDITORIAL

## THANKSGIVING

The day of steaming turkey has arrived again, and once more the counting of mercies is in order. There are many things for High School students to be thankful for. One of these is the "Latch-Key." For many years it has been the wish of Farmington High School to have a school paper. The present one is only in its infancy, but it is the foundation for a better paper that future Journalism Classes will build up.

The lawns have been sodded and shrubs set out; there is a new athletic field under construction. In place of one tennis court, there are two, and both quite recent additions. There are in the making splendid basketball teams. Our debating team has shown up favorably.

Why say "We are thankful?" why not show our thankfulness? The eye is quicker than the ear. Prove thankfulness, not only November 29, but everyday. How? By supporting the teams, working with "The Latch-Key" not complaining, keeping the hall clean, conversing with the faculty, the janitor, and the reporters. Act thankful, don't merely say that you are.

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP

There is much talk about a good citizen, but used in the abstract the term means little. It is possible to apply it to high school life however. For instance, a good citizen is courteous. It is certainly a mark of poor sportsmanship as well as courtesy to squeeze seats unnecessarily, drop pencils or cause other disturbances during an assembly talk. About the poorest "sport" is one who leaves the assembly when a speaker from a visiting debating team is talking. If you must leave the room it is better to do so between speeches.

A good citizen is fair. No matter what the circumstances or personal dislikes, credit should be given on merit. If a teacher is really good he should be given credit even if he is strict. If a person has a dislike for a football or a basketball player or a debater, that person should not hesitate to give him credit if he plays or speaks well. If one's candidate does not win one should not belittle the winner if he is really deserving.

If those points are observed the school will certainly be improved.

## ERNEST THOMPSON SETON

(A Freshman Theme—By Lewis Maas)

Ernest Thompson Seton was an artist, author and lecturer. He was born at Seth Shields, England, August 24, 1860. He lived in the backwoods of Canada 1866 to 1870, and on Western Plains from 1882 to 1887. He was educated at the Toronto Collegiate Institution, and the Royal Academy in London. He then became official Naturalist to the government of Manitoba.

He published "Mammals of Manitoba" in 1886, and "Birds of Manitoba" in 1891.

He studied art at Paris from 1890 to 1896, and is now well known as an animal painter and illustrator.

He wrote a great many books all of which are about animals, birds, and wonderraft. His animal stories are not like "bedtime stories," but are very real.

One of the reasons his books are interesting is because he knew about every animal he wrote about.

## FACULTY

Mr. and Mrs. Brethour attended a Detroit theatre last week end.

Ruth Harrison, if Detroit, was a week end guest of her sister, Miss Leonardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gettins of Grand Rapids were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford. Mrs. Gettins was formerly Helen Boorman, coach and foreign language teacher.

The school nurse, Miss Barber, has been given Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to spend at the Novi school.

The Library Corner  
By Eleanor Perry

"Miss Angela Adorable," "Miss Cucumber Green," by Bonner, "Dicky Byrd," by Woodruff, "184 Stories of Vital Interest," by Evans, and "White Patch," by Patri, are several of the group of new books received by the library for the younger grade pupils. "The Jolly Roger," by French and Cap, "Chief-of-Police Dog," by Cleveland, are for the slightly older students of the grades.

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## WINNING THEMES TELL OF COOKING, FROSH INITIATION

Two themes, "Such A Meal," by Emma Ische, and "Initiating the Freshmen," by Hedwig Schoen were declared winners in a theme contest held in Farmington High School recently. The winning themes are printed below.

## SUCH A MEAL!

By Emma Ische

It was a cold, dismal, foggy and very unpleasant Saturday morning when this most unfortunate incident occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Cain had gone away so they had left me in charge with their children, Jimmy, Paty and Richard. As they were to be gone all day, I was also to prepare dinner. Of course, nearly all day long I was very enthusiastic about it, and wondered just how I should go at it to cook my first meal alone.

After I had finished my long and tedious job of house-work, I sat down to my school studies. After I had sat there for nearly two long tiresome hours, it began to grow dark and I had forgotten all about getting dinner. I was deep in thought when Paty suddenly started me by exclaiming, "My goodness! Haven't you got dinner ready yet? Nearly all the rest of the children have had theirs."

At this exclamation I almost

went down stairs and started peeling the potatoes. I was in such a hurry, however, that I cut them various sizes. Stupid as I was, I had put the stew, that I was to reheat on, as soon as I started the potatoes. Naturally, the stew was done long before the potatoes even gave a sign of boiling. So, I guess, we had what one could regard as cold stew to eat.

My next mishap was that I had forgotten to put butter in the frying pan for the macaroni, and only now, and then would I stir it, so then I took the macaroni out of the pan, it was all burn on the bottom, and when dish-washing time came the pan was not very easy to wash, even if it had been soaked in hot water for an unlimited length of time. When I thought it was about time for the potatoes to be done, I took the lid off and looked at them. Now, as I had cut them different sizes, the smaller ones were done, while the larger ones were just about as hard as rock. So by the time the large ones were cooked through the smaller ones were all mush.

After I had set everything on the table as daintily as I could, although it certainly did look like a dreadful mess, I went out to call the children. Calling seemed to be of little significance, so I ultimately decided to look around for them. After some time of aimless searching, I finally rounded the three of them up. When we got into the house the things didn't seem so very appealing to me anymore, and I hardly felt like eating, especially not when Jimmy started telling some of the worms that had pulled out of the ground, for the birds to eat. Of course, when I told him to keep still, he just went right on discussing them, even though I told them to be quiet, and cut it in a woe as possible. After eating our meat and potatoes, Paty got up from the table and went to dish out the chocolate pudding, left over from Friday night. But, she took the bowl and stuck her fingers right in it. When the rest of us saw that we, of course, didn't want any, so we were left with dessert. When the whole house was surely glad that only children were there to eat it, and then at that I was much astonished to find that they even ate it.

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INITIATING THE FRESHIES  
By Hedwig Schoen

Custom prevailed at the school in which I entered the ninth grade. At the beginning of every year a party was given for the purpose of initiating the Freshies.

After this occasion had been announced we freshies all stood in dread of its coming. Each of us would have to perform a stunt and, as the Seniors were the founders, they were often hard on us. They also threatened to duck all in the river which flows near the school.

When the evening of the reception came the freshies assembled in the auditorium room. We were, of course, all dressed and looking our best. Soon a senior girl came in and informed us that we were to wear bibs. So we were decorated with green crepe-paper bibs. Then we marched single file up the stairs. When

High School Orchestra  
In First Appearance

1928 GRIDIRON RECORD BETTER THAN '27;

WIN 4 IN 9

Farmington High School's football team won four out of nine games during the season just completed, as compared with one victory out of six games last year. The four of the four victories this year were over teams not in the league of which Farmington is a member.

The high mark of the season was the defeat of Cooley, a strong Detroit High School, and the other victories, over Belleville, Howell, and Roosevelt, of Ypsilanti, brought much satisfaction. In addition, the defeats suffered were all by comparatively small margins, and in practically every game, Farmington was considerably outweighed.

Captain Otis, McCullly and Cox, were outstanding stars. Otis and Cox, along with Parker, who played football for the first time this year, have played their last games for the Blue and White.

The season's record follows:

Farmington 0; Berkley 18. Farmington 12; Belleville 0. Philo McCullly 10; Poly 12. Marvin Turner, George Grimes, Sophomores, Edward Measell, Alvin Nickelson, John Lapham, Frank Blake, Jack Jules, Joe Grimes, Fremont, Paul Becker, "R's"—Lyon, Glen Werner, Jr., Leroy Taagart, Roy Young, William Cairns, Lester Vaden, Donald Ross, Raymond Fendt, Duke Wixom.

The High School sewing class made the football letters and also felt numbers up through "10" to be put on basketball suits.

## THINGS WE ARE THANKFUL FOR:

That Mr. Bisbee always remembers to turn on the lights down in the lunch room.

That Mr. Crawford hasn't the chicken pox, as rumored.

That we have exams so we are

afraid that the teachers don't

fully appreciate our intellectual capacities.

That we have "Bigger and Better."

That Thanksgiving comes on Thursday so we get out of our usual history reports.

That there won't be another Freshman Class until next September.

That the "Bells" are out of the way. No more blood curdling shouts from Room 1 during the fourth period.

That it is settled that the seniors are to have formal invitations.

And—Mr. Rohrer is thankful that there is only one Journalism class.

## FRESHMAN CLASS PARTY HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

The Freshman class party held in the gymnasium Friday evening was well-attended. All but three of the entire membership of 42 were present.

The "Bells" part of the evening was spent in playing games and later there was dancing. Refreshments, consisting of cider, doughnuts, and sandwiches, were served.

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ATHLETIC FIELD MAY HAVE COASTING SLIDE  
No definite plans have been made as yet for the construction of the new athletic field. Miss Curtis, assistant director of the State Athletic Department, visited here recently and looked over the field.

It is suggested that the best plan for an approach is to have an inclined walk which can be made into a slide for sleds in winter. Plans for a skating rink were discussed but not decided.

TEACHER'S CAR STOLEN  
A Chevrolet sedan, owned by Miss Heaton, was stolen in Pontiac Saturday while she and her sister were shopping.

Miss Heaton had parked her car on Perry street near the High School. A short time back to the machine just before it was stolen, about \$15 worth of goods, which she had previously forgotten.

TO GO TO ANN ARBOR  
The F. H. S. debating team will journey to the library at Ann Arbor again for a meeting on the question: "Resolved: A federal subsidy for the development of the United States Merchant Marine would be a wise national policy."

M. S. C. TEACHER HERE  
Miss Anderson, instructor at M. S. C. and some girl students from the college, stopped to visit Miss Hyde last week on their way from East Lansing to Detroit.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?  
Mr. and Mrs. Brethour were

Eaton Baker's cookies in the Hall. When they were discovered they tried to Hyde a Miet away. This made MacKellar and Ingalls Rohrer—Anonymous.

Marion Brock, a graduate of 1927, was pledged to the Kappa Delta sorority at Ann Arbor lately. Marion was president of the Girls' League and treasurer of the Student Council in her senior year.

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