

The Latch-Key

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LOSE LAST LEAGUE GAME.

It is a rare occurrence for a tackle to make a touchdown, but Alvin Nicholson, Farmington's right tackle, crashed through Northville's line, took the ball from the punter's toe, and galloped 45 yards for a touchdown. It was the first touchdown of the year, and whites have made this year.

Although Farmington lost the game to Northville by a margin of one point, they can be proud of their playing as compared to that of previous games. The blue team was able to hold the orange jerseys to small gains.

Neither team was successful in a passing attack. Farmington's passing proved disastrous. At the end of the half they were ahead 6 to 0. In the third period a pass from Cox to Fendt was intercepted by Northville's captain and carried forty yards for a touchdown. The point was gained and Farmington lost.

Perhaps it was a mistake to call for a pass at that time but Edward Measell, calling signals for his second game, cannot be blamed. Every one, however, had one, called the wrong play at the wrong time and if Measell does no worse than he can be given credit.

Hi-Y

The Hi-Y held a meeting Monday, November 4, in Room 1 in preparation for the meeting with Walled Lake Monday November 11th.

A new form of conducting a meeting was put into use. It is as follows: The meeting opened with the President saying, "Brother Secretary. Why are we here?"

Secretary: "To transact business, bible study and to make the Hi-Y Club of greater service."

President: "Brother members, What is our purpose?"

All: "To create, maintain and extend throughout the school and community high standard of Christian Character."

President: "What is our platform?"

All: "Clean speech, clean athletics, clean scholarship and clean living."

The roll was taken and then the meeting was turned over to Kenneth Langbecker who led the discussion on "Interscholastic Scholarship."

Another short meeting was held Thursday to find out how many were going to Walled Lake and to give special topics to members who were to give talks on these subjects. George Mairs and Roy Young were selected to give talks on "Interscholastic Scholarship."

LIBRARY CORNER

Two interesting fiction books in the Library are "The Odd Number," by Guy de Maupassant and "Tales of New England" by Sarah Jewett.

"The Odd Number" by a French author, is a book containing 13 short stories which are surrounded by an air of mystery and gruesomeness. Most of them are imaginative ideas of the author in print as he seldom clarifies the mystery in the end.

In contrast to this book is "Tales of New England," which includes delightful stories of early days. These stories have a historical background and because of the quaint and tranquil atmosphere, they are full of interest as well as historical value.

OH! WHAT A NIGHT FOR PRACTICE

At 4 o'clock the rain was coming down in torrents. The weather was very cold and snow was fluttering down between the raindrops. At this time the Farmington High School football team came strutting on the field for practice. And what a team! They looked more like Eskimos than a civilized race of football players from Michigan.

Jack Jyleen was indeed very hard to recognize with his four sweatshirts, two jerseys, three pairs of socks and under his helmet, a wool lined hat.

On the contrary, Philo McCully wore just a jersey, pants and shoes. He didn't even have any socks or a helmet on for McCully is one of these "flashy sheiks" that thinks he is so tough he can subdue anything.

Just behind McCully, a very funny looking thing came lumbering down the field. It had on rubber boots under a pair of

football shoes. It also wore a fireman's hat. When it began talking, the voice could be recognized as Joe Gravin.

"Hey, what is this skipping down the field?" "Why it's Percy John Lapham with a scarf around his neck and his dainty feet decorated in new rubber."

"Here comes on of the veterans of the Spanish-American War!" "No, that is only Ivan Cox dressed in one of the football uniforms of that period. His pants are so old that they have probably made with a spinning wheel."

"Who is next to come on the field?"

"It looks like a white camel."

"Yep, it sure does."

Then slowly the camel lifted his head and much to the surprise of everyone it was Frenchy in his sweatshirt with a great big hump in his back. No wonder everyone thought he was a camel!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Philo McCully and Raymond Fendt were appointed to look up and report on the condition of the basketball equipment.

It was suggested and voted upon that Mr. Crawford place the plan of determining a classman by the number of credits he has, before Mr. Baker.

CORRECTIONS

Through an oversight Mildred Stanley's name was omitted from the Honor Roll. Mildred received 3 B's and one A.

In last week's Latch-Key it was stated that the orchestra for the all school party was under the direction of Kenneth Langbecker. However, the orchestra was under the direction of Robert Russell.

THIS WEEK A YEAR AGO

Northville defeated Farmington's grid team with a score of 20 to 7.

Philo McCully, Louise Perry and Dean Peck, Farmington's debating team, met Ferndale's team in a trial debate, November 15, 1928.

The Exchange Club of Farmington visited the school, and at an assembly program Arthur Lamb, Edgar S. Pierce, N. H. Power and Dr. Leonard Deane on "Know Your School Day."

Dr. Leeson gave a talk on "Citizenship," before the assembly which concluded the Educational Week in Farmington.

Lois Murphy and Rose Larson's groups went over the top in the "Big Ten" Ticket Selling Contest which was to help the selling and the publicity of the Senior Play "When's Your Birthday?"

Lois' group receives a 25 cent treat, while Rose's group receives a 20 cent treat.

The Seniors are selling Christmas greeting cards, tags and stickers. They have three kinds of cards and the price of them ranges from \$1 to \$1.25 per box. The tags are 25 cents a box.

Esther Seeley has charge of the engraved cards and Helen Westfall the boxes.

A large group of students from the Farmington High School went to Judd Vincent's funeral Tuesday.

The band and orchestra of the Farmington High School will play Sunday morning at the West Point Park Church.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

A small library partitioned off with the large blocks in the first grade room delights the pupils in that class.

Stories of the American Indians are helping the first and second graders to learn something of the life that the natives of America lived until the Europeans came here and settled.

The first grade made Indian vases out of colored paper.

The school grade has had pictures and slides about the Indians. They are going to make a sand table soon.

The perfect spellers in the Third grade are: Edgar Barrons, Wade Dickerson, Ardis Greenman, Ruby Poe, Dixon Riddle, Helen Louise Ward, Shirley Williams.

Mrs. Green enjoyed a visit by her father, W. J. Ackland of Morenci, Mich., at her home. Miss MacKellar's parents and sister attended the Senior play last Saturday night.

PRIZE ESSAY IS ILLUSTRATED BY CLIPPED PHOTOS

Carl Lehman, Winner in Ninth And Tenth Grades, Add Interest To Paper

In the recent Edison essay contest for Farmington public school students, first prize among the ninth and tenth grade students was won by Carl Lehman. His essay was made interesting by the use of photographs clipped from newspapers and periodicals. It reads as follows:

Menlo Park, New Jersey, is the home of the well known incandescent lamp, which we now use to great extent. It was invented by Thomas Alva Edison, fifty years ago. He also contributed many other inventions useful to daily purposes and comforts. Among them are the electric railway, storage battery, telephone transmitters, phonograph, telegraphic devices, and moving pictures. All these inventions have increased human comfort and happiness.

Many previous inventors had tried to make an incandescent lamp, before Edison became interested in the problem. Some were successful but did not have any commercial possibilities.

Edison started to work to find the proper materials for the incandescent lamp. He realized, that the incandescent substance must have a high resistance, and take up little space. Commercially, it must be proof against

ordinary impacts of daily use, easy to manage and cheaply produced.

The difficulty Edison was forced to face was to find materials for the burner. It was found that one of his notebooks contained 1600 different tests of earths, minerals and ores.

After a long series of failures, Edison finally discovered hope in a carbonized cotton thread. It was a difficult task to withdraw the carbonized cotton thread from the mold and seal it in an air tight bulb. Again and again he failed. Finally on Oct. 21, 1878 the lamp was finished and the current turned on. At last the long desired sight met his eyes. The lamp continued to burn for forty hours.

After this successful test, Edison began to manufacture lamps. Many doubtful people who did not believe an electric lamp on wires could give light came to Menlo Park to witness this miracle, and went away to report that it was actually true.

It was in 1877, that Thomas A. Edison invented the phonograph. The instrument at first was very crude but entirely successful. He first used a sheet of tin foil for the recording surface. The first words he spoke into his new microphone were "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Rev. John H. Vincent could not believe this invention was a talking machine until he spoke a collection of proper names from the bible at a top-rate speed on the recording surface. When these names had been properly repeated he was convinced because he

knew no other man in the country could pronounce them correctly with the same speed.

With the aid of Edison, Christopher L. Sholes made the first practical typewriter. Edison has now received nearly 1000 patents granted by the government. Some of his inventions not mentioned so far include the vote recorder, stock ticker, and a instrument with an alphabetical dial, direct telegraphy between business houses. Much of Edison's work is connected with electricity, due to his early experience in telegraphy.

It is estimated that the industries based on, or aided by Edison's inventions have a total value of sixteen billion dollars. They have also become necessities in home life, have aided various sciences, and introduced new amusements. Some of these inventions are considered necessities of life while others are luxuries. The people of the world certainly ought to appreciate the work of Thomas Alva Edison.

OWN 41,000 ACRES

With recent purchases added the State now owns 41,036 acres of land of the 55,280 acres of the Hardwood State Forest which is located in Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. The additional 13,755 acres of state owned land in this tract which has a total area of 94,000 acres, The Au Sable River in Oscoda and Crawford counties.

Never pull your gun through a fence after you.

HUNTING DEATHS ARE 11 SO FAR THIS YEAR

Eleven people were killed and 15 were injured in hunting accidents in Michigan so far this year, according to reports now being obtained by the Department of Conservation. These figures include all accidents before November 1.

Of the 11 fatalities, three were caused when guns exploded while being carried through over fences. One man was injured for the same reason.

Three were killed and two were hurt when they were accidentally shot by companions in the woods. Two were killed and one was hurt when their guns exploded as they were being lifted from the bottoms of duck boats.

Five were injured by stray shots and five were hurt when guns accidentally exploded for various reasons. One officer was killed while attempting to enforce game laws, another officer was wounded and a man was wounded in an altercation with an officer.

Hunters are now mailing in the game bird tally cards which were distributed by the Department of Conservation at the opening of the bird season.

About 200 of these cards were sent to every county in the state in which partridge, prairie chickens or pheasants were hunted this year.

In 39 years the number of telephones in the Milwaukee exchange has grown from 2,300 to 150,000.

Railways and The Telephone

A freight train puffs quietly on the siding—waiting—the outlines of the cars showing dimly through the darkness. A minute passes—two—three. Then over the night air floats a muffled whistle. Far down the track a light appears. The rails begin to hum, the light grows bright, and a passenger train roars past, windows gleaming. Then the freight comes to life and the long, shadowy outline moves away.

Four million persons in Michigan are served by this steam transport system—four million persons rely upon it, and upon its worthy partner, the electric railway lines. Michigan desires the prosperity of these efficient and progressive railways, for only as they prosper can they serve.

Over hill, across valley—paralleling the rails or following the highways—go the telephone wires, freighted with the spoken commands of industry, agriculture, finance and business.

Railways and wireways traverse the land as partners in progress. Upon the one you depend for the transportation of yourself, your family and your goods. To the other you give your voice to be flashed immediately, one mile or thousands, from your home or your office.

The great rail transportation systems and the universal service of the telephone are vital factors in this country's development and prosperity.

Our policy—"To continue to furnish the best possible telephone service at the lowest cost consistent with financial safety."



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