

The Latch-Key

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EDITORIAL

There is talk of the high school discontinuing track competition until a better place for practice is provided. Lack of track material is also an argument for the discontinuation.

In previous years the squad has practiced in back of the school. While this is not an excellent place it has served the purpose and no injuries were inflicted because of the ground. The space is large enough to provide practice for all events and the hills in back of the school will keep the athletes in good condition if they take a cross country run every week.

Only two track men, Otis and Cox were lost last year. Both will be missed considerably but their absence could only cripple the team, not destroy it.

There are no schools in the area that have been in the track squads before are anxious to have a team. There is also some new material that may fill in the places vacated by Cox and Otis.

A track team is beneficial to the school. It widens its publicity, trains its athletes for other sports, and creates sportsmanship in the school. We should wait for a bigger cause than lack of a cinder track before we abolish this springtime sport.

"A GOOD CARNIVAL"

Friday, March 21 is the date set for our Carnival, which is but seven days away.

A carnival is always held for the one purpose, and that is to earn money for the Student Council. This Council is but a group of students who represent us in all activities about the school. The ones who pay the bills for our referees and umpires, our new athletic suits, basketballs, footballs, baseballs and indoors. And now it is up to us to earn more money for next year's activities.

This carnival is in reality, a project of the student body, not of our Council. We are the ones who get the benefit of the earnings, not them. Therefore it is up to us as classes and organizations to do our share in making the carnival a success, by giving the project our best.

F. B. McKay, professor of speech at Ypsilanti State Normal gave a talk at an assembly Tuesday, March 11 at one o'clock.

He introduced his talk as preparing to "bat out flies" to the students in hopes they would catch them effectively.

The question, "Why should I go to school?" was explained by the Professor as one which came into the lives of every boy and girl who is imprisoning himself in school ten months out of every twelve for twelve years.

"You come to school," said Mr. McKay, "in order that you may learn how to think. Our modern buildings, democracy, and inventions are possible because man learned to think."

He compared the mind, where every little detail and thought is systematically arranged that may be used when needed, to a library with its books in order where they can be found easily.

The second reason which Prof. McKay gave as a cause to go to school was to learn to "be a somebody." He compared the different types of pupils to three ships, namely: a scow, which goes only when it is towed or forced; a sailboat, that goes only when things are bright and can overcome no hardships, and last the ideal ship which runs by steam and uses its own power, overcoming hardships and never turning back.

"The third reason why you go to school," stated Mr. McKay, "is to learn how to help. The great nations of today will find it difficult to have world peace until they co-operate and help one another. There is no place as good as the school to learn how to help."

He finished his talk by inviting any seniors who may be interested, to see him this afternoon. Prof. McKay volunteered to help anyone of them in choosing a college and would gladly answer any questions brought up about the institution which he represents.

OPERETTA CAST PICKED

Ivan Cox and June Johnson will sing the leading roles in "The Pirate's Daughter," the operetta to be given in April by the chorus and glee clubs.

Many new voices will be heard in this year's operetta. Among them are John Brand, Robert Gaff, Robert Hunter and Junior Grow, all juniors.

The show is of a present day American family whose ancestors came from Holland. They are

hypnotized by a neocomancer from India and they are transported to Holland back to the year 1624. A peaceful spring day is greatly marred by the appearance of a much larger airship flying the Jolly Rodger. The last act, however, brings them back into the twentieth century on the bank of the Hudson River.

The cast which has been chosen also includes several familiar faces of Farmington High's musical comedy and dialogue stage; they are:

- Mrs. Schuyler, A Gossip
- Vendor.....Virginia Otis
- Mrs. Van Der Meer, Mother of Elsie.....Mary Ellen Flak
- Elsie, In Love with.....Peter
- Peter.....Roberta Russell
- Willberg, A Slippery Secretary.....Johnny Lapham
- Peter, Prefect of Police.....Ivan Cox
- Jaqueline, The Pirate's Daughter.....June Johnson
- Mr. LaRue, Pirate Chief, Jaqueline's Father.....Bob Hunter
- Hans.....Frank Kerr
- Katrinka.....Dwayne Murphy
- A Dutch Pair—Servants.....Mahmet Singh, A Neocomancer from India.....Gladys Krumm
- Mr. Van Der Meer.....Burvomester.....Bob Gaff
- Schmidt, A Sailor.....Donald Walters
- Mate.....John Brand
- Gub.....Junior Grow
- Pirates.....Virginia Bostwick
- Thelma, Thelma's Girl.....Thelma Garlick
- Leni, Lena's Girl.....Lena Shepko
- Village Maidens.....

FARMINGTON ELIMINATED

Due to poor shooting Farmington was eliminated from the district tournament by St. Mary's Royal Oak Thursday at the Pontiac High gym in a score of 14 to 12.

Time after time Farmington worked the ball down under the basket only to miss the shot. The home team had almost twice as many chances at the basket as St. Mary's, but the shots seldom fell through the hoop.

The Blue and White defense was working quite well at most times, but lugged badly in the second quarter, permitting St. Mary's to score eight points.

Lapham's two foul shots put Farmington in the lead at the start of the game and this lead was held till the first quarter ended. The score 2 to 1.

The second quarter was all St. Mary's. They scored eight points on three baskets and two free throws while holding Shadley's quintet scoreless. The score at half time stood: St. Mary's 9, Farmington 2.

The scoring in the third period was even each team getting two baskets. When Cairns came in in the middle of the third quarter he proved to be the needed punch. He no sooner got on the floor than he took a pass from Howarth and sunk Farmington's first field goal.

Lapham soon duplicated this this feat and at end of the quarter the score stood 13-6 in St. Mary's favor.

Farmington rallied brilliantly in the fourth period, but when the final whistle blew the Blue and White team was two points behind. This quarter featured baskets by Mass, Cairns and Lapham. St. Mary's was held to one free throw making the final score 14 to 12. Thus ends the basketball season.

SEASON IS FAIR

Farmington's basketball season in some ways was a fluke, in other ways it was successful.

For instance, the dawning of Dearborn, in the last league game was a great success and our boys will always be proud of it, but when one looks at the won and lost column he is rather disappointed by Farmington's record. Farmington won four games and lost eleven.

Three stars were lost to the team last year, two by graduation, Cox, Otis and Schuyler. This year's team was built of recruits with the exception of Lapham and Drake. Toward the end of the season the team began to function better and won the last two games, defeating Dearborn and Walled Lake. The blue and white team also defeated Belleville and Plymouth.

Only one regular will be lost this year, McCully. He played right guard all season, missing only about a half a game. His place is likely to be filled by Howarth who has performed creditably this year.

CLASS NOTES

Freshman

The meeting was called to order by the President, Helen Bro-

chart, for the purpose of selecting committees to construct and decorate the two novelty stands for the carnival. The committees, which were chosen from volunteers, are as follows: Construction committee: Thomas Haynie, Gilbert Grimme, John Trombly, Wayne Wixon, Pierson Roos, James Dunham and Howard Westfall; The decorating committee: Marvel Auten, Elizabeth Turner, Wanda Drake, Pearl Brown, Donald McCalder, John Trombly and Ellen Cairns. This last committee will also take charge of the sale of the goods.

Sophomores

Jean Storms, President, opened the meeting which was turned over to the discussion of the Carnival. A committee was chosen to take care of the hot dogs, ice cream, pop, corn, and pop booths. The boys divided into two groups to build the booths with Bill Cairns and Harold Chamberlain as chairmen. The decorating committee will consist of girls with Dwayne Murphy and Lucille Jacobs at the head of it.

Juniors

The President, Edward Measell, called the meeting to order to discuss the side shows for the carnival; it was decided to have fortune telling, haunted house, fish pond, bowling alley, musical show, and style show with three people in charge of each. Ivan Cox was appointed general manager of the side shows.

Seniors

In the absence of the president, Alice Parker, Vice President Walters called the meeting to order. Westfall was asked to tell what the seniors were expected to do for the carnival. He stated that it was decided to give the seniors a monopoly on the selling of candy and in addition they would have charge of the dance and the check room. A committee consisting of Donald Walters, chairman, Esther Sealey, and Lois Murphy was chosen by Miss MacKellar to take care of these. Miss Chittie's room was picked out to be used as the check room with Grace Newcombe in charge. Melba Keech was appointed to take charge of the candy. The last part of the meeting was left for the students to pick their room mates for the trip to Washington.

TYPING CLASS

In the typing speed which was given during the past week, some new speedsters were present. For the advanced class: Alice P.—53 words a minute, was first. Mary M. had 51 words, and Margaret H. with 49. In the beginners class Johnny L. was first with 27 words, Virginia Otis, 29 and Marvin Turner with 28.

The Freshies and Sophs showed superiority over the upper classes Tuesday, March 4 on the basketball court when they clashed for the school championship.

The game created a great deal of excitement.

The Freshies and Sophs played a good defensive game and made it difficult for the dignified forwards to score. Having both the regular forwards the lower classwomen found good support when they got the ball near their net.

Eleanor Perry, playing her usual position at guard, found it difficult to overcome the efforts of the opposing forwards and her efforts combined with Hedwig Schen's were unable to completely stop the attack of Dwayne and Viola.

The fact that the lower classwomen had the strongest team and only one Senior was in the contest shows promising material for next year.

The line ups were:

- Juniors
- Sophs
- M. Atkinson, RF.....D. Murphy
- V. Otis.....LF.....D. Murphy
- D. Owens.....RC.....B. Gullen
- J. Johnson.....JC.....L. Jacobs
- E. Perry.....LC.....L. Shepko
- H. Schen.....RG.....G. Krumm
- Subs: Rose Larson, Marvel Auten, Elizabeth Turner, Elaine Ellen.

No. 152 STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the third day of March, A. D. 1930.

Present, Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of HENRY H. HABENMELT, Deceased.

That S. H. HERRICK, executor of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition for the examination, audit and allowance of his final account, do hereby certify that the residence, assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said executor, and the appointment of a trustee, is ordered.

That the 1st day of March, A. D. 1930 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, at said Probate Office, be and is, appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, That public notice thereof be given by the posting of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks before the date of said hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and in the office of Probate.

DAN A. MCGAFFEY, Judge of Probate.

Attest copy, With Patrick Harboldt, Probate Register.

Mar. 5, 1930

STUDENT COUNCIL

Plans were made for the Mardi Gras to be sponsored by the Student Council March, 21 at a regular meeting of that body Wednesday, March 5. It was decided that the gymnastics would be given to Mr. Hall; the candy, check room, and sale of candy to the Seniors; the novelty stands to the freshmen; assembly program to the Hi-Y Club; side shows to the Juniors; the Girls League will have charge of the tea room; and the refreshment stands were given to the sophomores.

There was class meetings Friday, March 7 to make plans for the different activities. There are only two weeks in which to prepare for the event, which means the students will be rather busy after school and during vacant periods.

PERSONALS

Miss Hyde returned to school Monday after a two day absence from school during which she suffered from an injured nose.

Overcome by the sun shining on him, Roderick Howrth fainted in the assembly room Wednesday, March 5 at 12:30. He returned to school the next day.

Donna McCalley went home from the seventh grade Monday forenoon with an attack of appendicitis.

Ray Cox, a senior of '28 was a visitor at school Tuesday forenoon.

Tuesday morning during physics experiments two pupils had a controversy over a certain apparatus. They came to blows but were separated by classmates before either was victorious. The teacher was absent from the room.

Richard Fox was the first to pay for his forty dollars for his Washington trip. He flashed a fifty dollar "goldback" on Miss MacKellar.

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