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EDITORIAL

Cultivate Courtesy

A beautiful new building for the benefit of Farmington students was not an absolute necessity, but it does afford more opportunities and promotes a finer name for Farmington High School. This building consists of a Gymnasium, Auditorium, locker rooms, a cafeteria, and a beautiful set of all modern equipment. A small portion is used for teaching academic subjects. In other words, the students, have been presented with something we could have done without. This is proof that we are very fortunate. Our athletic teams have made honorable achievements, and we are widely known as "A great school for sports."

This year we have had a change in the policy regulating extracurricular programs, and we are offered a chance to participate in these outside activities without interfering with our class work. But can we accept all these things and let them carry us to the top? No, we cannot make the grade unless we make our donations.

Sometimes schools are so concerned about the reputations of their winning athletic teams, debating teams, bands, orchestras, plays, etc. to add to their credit, that they depend upon those laurels entirely and forget that it's courtesy and friendliness within their buildings which make for more lasting good reputation. Since we don't want any malicious things said about the interior of Farmington High School, let's do something about it right now.

The first thing we can do is to abolish the feminine congregation by the downstairs drinking fountain. These unnecessary meetings and "round-ups" are only to make less room for more congestion. Omit running downstairs or putting on the way up and it would eliminate any future accidents, and I'm sure that going up or down stairs in single file would be more convenient and surely more appreciated. As much as I am sure it would be appreciated by the majority of the students and faculty if these things were carried out, but also we could be setting an example for the younger school citizens. The disadvantages of our small halls makes it necessary to form "bull sessions," for "cat chats," elsewhere. Lots more courtesy could be shown on the part of the boys, especially by the drinking fountains and stairs. We all know the correct forms of etiquette but if we don't practice them in high school, it certainly doesn't appear that we are going to do any better after we have been graduated. And in reference to those who participate in the lower arts of marking school buildings with any sort of literature or drawings, the school would ap-

was declared the winner.

At the half F.H.S. was leading 1 to 8, but after that, the lead changed many times with Clarkston leading in the final moments, but Russell tied up the score when he sank a foul shot to make it 17 all. Then came the overtime period with each team getting a field goal so the game ended at 19 all. Don Oldenburg was high man of the game with 9 points.

Featured Department

BASKETBALL MANNERS

Do you know how to conduct yourself at a basketball game? Well, here are a few tips—first, never try to upset the opposing team when they are entitled to a free shot. This shows poor sportsmanship. Never try to tie the play. If you have to shoot baskets, if you think you can do any better, why don't you get out to practices and try yourself? Don't lose your temper and run the other team down because you have lost your game. Never try to criticize a losing team; after all they have tried their best.

APPEAL TO BOOK WORMS

Books taken out before Christmas—think of it, taken out last year!—have not been returned. Miss Russ, the librarian, has been urging you to return these books and pay fines on them. A list of the names of these individuals will be found on the study hall blackboard. Check, see if your name is there; and return your books immediately. There are many new books in the library and when you have returned your due books you are entitled to another. We appeal to you to be considerate and think of other people who also may be interested in the same book that you have so carelessly neglected to return on the date it was due.

BUZZSAWS DEFEAT EAGLES

On Thursday, January 9, the Buzzsaws defeated the Eagles by a score of 8 to 6, with Fred Martindale scoring all of the Eagles' points and Norm Stewart scoring 6 points for the Buzzsaws.

In the other game of the day the Aces defeated the Tigers 12 to 10, with Hubbert scoring 6 points for the Aces.

On Friday, January 10, there was only one game played, between the Bears and a team composed of players from the other teams. The makeup team defeated the Bears by a score of 9 to 7, with Keelch scoring 7 points for the makeup team.

Literary Department

The Bear

The black bear ambled along the rushing creek. He paused and reared up on his haunches, sniffing the air searchingly. Finding no scent of danger, he resumed his search for what he did not know. Finally, he stopped and watched a huge boulder in mid-stream.

He gave a grunt of approval. A shoal of salmon were hovering near the rock, countless hundreds of them. The shoal extended several hundred yards up the creek. The bear waded into the water and commenced to procure his dinner.

Defly his clumsy black paws flipped the choice salmon up on the bank, where they flopped violently—and died.

Suddenly the bear ceased his activity and raised his head. He had smelled danger. He had smelled the man-scent on the breeze.

Then, the report of a high-powered rifle broke the forest stillness. The bear scrambled to the bank, staggered and fell. A man and a boy came down the bank, from the thicket nearby. They were dressed in brown hunting clothes and high laced boots. "I got him, Dad!" the boy cried, leaping up and down. "I got him! I got him!"

The father looked at the dead bear and smiled wearily. "He was sort of cute, tho'—fishing there with his paws."

Burke Martin, Freshman

Senior Gallery

Name, Richard A. Davison. Age, sixteen. Years at F.P.S., four. Ambitions after high school, to go to college. Achievements, three years of football, two years of track, one year of Student Council. Hobby, golf. Pet saying, "Hi!" Nick Name, Dick.

Name, Arnold Werchin. Age, seventeen. Years at F.P.S., four. Ambitions, to get some rest. Achievements, one year of track, one year of football, three years of baseball. Hobby, model airplanes, ice skating. Nick Name—Arnie.

Name, Roy Roulands. Age, seventeen. Years at F.P.S., four. Achievements, three years track, senior play. Pet saying, "Where does Doris live?"

Name, Donald Bachelor. Age, sixteen. Years at F.P.S., four. Ambitions after high school, to be a bachelor. Achievements, a senior play. Hobby, ice skating. Pet saying, "Could be." Nick Name, Don.

Classroom Notes

The Public Speaking classes will be more than helpful this week. Because of examinations January 22 and 23, they are giving twenty minutes talks to several classes. The topics will be related to the class they speak to, and therefore serve as a review for the material that class has this far covered.

Home Economics I are making a study of their bedrooms, emphasizing furniture arrangement and conveniences.

Home Economics II are studying a health unit, centering around communicable diseases. They are having lessons in first aid also.

Home Economics III are studying "How To Be a Better Buyer." They are learning the value of labels and textures in buying clothes.

PLAY TO BE GIVEN

BY DRAMATICS CLUB

The Dramatics Club has completed a casting program for a short play to be given before a general assembly in the High School Auditorium very soon.

John Christy, member of the kindergarten class, has moved to California and will attend school there.

John's former classmates are making a house of large blocks and iron. The house will be large enough to play in. In connection with the building goes the study of proper furniture for such a house.

HANDICRAFT CLUB MAKES USEFUL SCHOOL ARTICLES

The Handicraft Club is making useful articles for the school. Bill Powell and Russell Gramer are just finishing their music sorting rack for the bandhouse. Harold Beck and Ed Callan are completing a pin-punching table for use in the gym during noon hours. The club is also making a large bench and two storage racks, for unfinished projects.

Machine and cross section drawings are being made by members of the club.

J-HOP COMMITTEE AUDITIONS BANDS

Members of the general J-Hop committee are auditioning orchestras to select the one to play at the party, May 2.

Working with chairman Joy Heath, are Bob Ervin, John Edgar, Theresa Gamache, Elleen Baldwin, Judy Dates, Doris Farrell, and Arthur McMulloch.

CALM AFTER CHRISTMAS STORM HOVERS OVER GRADES

Friezes seem to be very popular among the younger ones this season. Kindergartners are making an Eskimo frieze showing their ways of living.

Third graders have already completed a winter skating scene. These take up a large section of the board.

The fourth grade geography class is studying the far North. In their library there are three new reference books on this subject called "Greatest Lightning" by Sterling North.

Fifth graders have improved so much in their handwriting that they are using ink.

Here They Come . . . Semester Examinations

A new system of giving semester examinations is going to be tried this semester. In previous semesters, exams have been given for three days. When you had an exam you had to be there, but, if you didn't, you were excused from school.

This year all exams will be given in their regular classrooms instead of some being given in the classroom and some in the study hall. All classes which take place before noon will have their exams on Wednesday, January 22. Exams will last two hours as they did before. The first hour classes will have their exams the first two hours; the second hour classes will have theirs the third and fourth hours, etc. All classes which are held in the afternoon will have their exams on Thursday, January 23, in the same manner.

This new system was decided upon at the monthly teachers' meeting, and it is believed that it will work out much better than the old one since the usual routine in daily schedule will be more clearly observed.

Student Council Will Sponsor Skating Party

A skating party was planned by the Student Council at their last meeting. The party will be held Saturday, January 18, at Riverside. Each member will invite a friend and will meet at the school about seven o'clock.

After the group have finished skating, they will stop at a restaurant to get a "bite to eat."

If the weather is not favorable for skating, the group will take in a show instead of taking a chance on the ice.

GIRLS' GUIDANCE

Miss Budde's classes are having an interesting book read to them, which is proving to be beneficial. Miss Dammun's classes have discussed "Thank you" notes. They have talked about what a "thank you" note should contain, when and to whom it should be used, what type of stationery and ink should be used, and in general how to word a "thank you" note. Cleanliness, inside and outside of our school building, was discussed. Miss Steele's classes have been studying etiquette. Members of her group have been divided into committees to gather material on different subjects.

JUNIORS ANXIOUSLY AWAIT RINGS

As a result of the very good work by the Junior ring committee, the Juniors are waiting anxiously for their rings.

Twenty four orders are ready to be sent to Wayne Brothers. Members of this committee are: Joy Heath, chairman; Margaret Miles, Dorothy Fox, and Bob Gulien.

CAMERA CLUB HEARS LECTURE

Charles Larson told the Camera Club all about "The Elements of Photography" at the club's meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Tooker accepted pictures for entrance in the month's snapshot contest.

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Greatest
Power
On
Earth
Is
The
Printed
Word.



'Mother Knows Best' Doesn't She?

Guiding their inquiring minds and dynamic activities . . . choosing their food, clothes, entertainment and health needs . . . the well-informed modern mother knows what is best for the welfare of her offspring. And it is safe to say that an incalculable share of her accurate information has had its beginning in the advertising columns of this newspaper.

Many of the advertisements today bristle with ideas. They are more than catalogs. In the true sense, they are education! Scientific minds contribute to their contents. Their recommendations are based on deep thought. Their words are carefully chosen; their diction studiously formed for clarity and understanding.

Through advertisements the mother of today learns authoritatively about new methods in the care of children's teeth. About antiseptics and hygienics. About body-building and health-giving foods. About new comforts as well as new styles, in juvenile wearing apparel. About books and schools and vacation camps. . . The advertisements pour innumerable hints and suggestions into her store of knowledge. They make her a more capable manager of the home and guardian of the family exchequer.

"Mother knows best"—is this expression heard about your home? Is it just an admonition? Or, is it founded on facts. Reading advertisements will to help make it so.

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