

The Blue And White

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EDITORIAL

Gratiae Amici!

When outside schools come to Farmington to play in the tournaments, they will benefit by the use of our electric scoreboard. Undoubtedly they will remark how fortunate we are to possess such a modern device.

All the students of Farmington High School should be very grateful to the class of 1940 for their generosity.

The class of 1940 also should be very proud for being so considerate in their giving. As long as the score board remains at Farmington High School that class will be remembered for materially sharing with its classmates.

Should We Have A Censored Press?

(Number Four in a Series of Six)

Democracy cannot exist without freedom of the press. The framers of our Constitution knew this fact from bitter experience. They found out that popular rule is impossible without full freedom to criticize the government in print. Good ideas destroy bad ideas. That helps to balance our government. Newspapers are very valuable to the government in the fact that they are the barometer of public opinion and such a barometer enables government officials to make decisions that will get them the favor of the public.

I do not believe that there is a necessity for the censorship of the press. I believe that there are more good points for a free press than there are bad points.

Some claim that because advertisers pay for the cost of making the paper, they bear pressure on the paper, but they don't do enough to cause any harm. A newspaper can not exist if it does not please the public and the advertiser won't desire to place an advertisement in a paper without enough circulation to make it profitable.

I hope this fact should erase any doubts that you may have on that subject.

The news services and special features are beneficial to the public. United States offers uncollected foreign news service, and we are the best informed peoples of the world—thanks to the newspaper.

As the newspapers grow in strength they fought wrong; overthrew corrupt bosses, drove in competent men from office, unseated governors and senators, and saved our Constitution time and time again.

These are but a few of the great achievements of the newspapers. They should be considered great when we compare their little harm with their good. Many sacrifices have been made in these achievements.

Basketball Tournament Schedule Drawn

Friday, February 28, the coaches of the different schools taking part in the Basketball Tournament met in the gym to draw the teams they were to play. Mr. Ayres took charge of the drawing and explained the terms.

The following schedule is the outcome of the drawing:

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Class D		
Hartland	6:35	
St. Mary's		6:35
Drayton Plains		
New Hudson	7:55	
Class C		
Holly, Bye		
Clarkston, Bye	6:45	
Brighton, Bye		7:55
Keego, Bye	5:30	
Class B		
Milford, Bye		
Walled Lake	9:15	
Farmington		9:15
Penton, Bye		
Redford Union, Bye	8:00	

Grade News

Kindergarten

Journalism is the latest fad in kindergarten, after taking a tour through the new school. They saw the gymnasium-auditorium, home-making department, and the shop; wrote these kindergarten students wrote a special feature story concerning their adventure.

Painting is another sport in kindergarten, since they were presented with two new easels, and as soon as they learn how to apply these two arts, they can begin work on their latest project. Their project is a study of wild animals and their habits, which they can put in their books of "Wild Animals."

First Grade

Inspired by their new project, "The Farmer in the Dell," which is being enacted by the first graders, the whole class has been affected by the country atmosphere. Now they have farm books which tell them all about farm life.

Second Grade

I'll bet if you ask a second grader what the time is, he can tell you. Why? It has been announced that the second grade have nearly completed their project on clocks, and when they have finished, they won't forget to tell the time—because they will begin to make clock scrap books.

Third Grade

Spring fever has hit the third grade right in the head, inspired by old man sun. These unique youngsters made some very nice spring posters. They are all free hand cuttings.

Incidentally, if you ever have the occasion to pass by the third graders' door, stop in and admire the sand table display at the back of the room. You will see the three main military divisions—air corps, navy, and army.

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are discussing the Scandinavian Peninsula as an outside activity. They are studying about every type of home in the world. Carol Pascoe's book was selected as the finest on this subject.

Big events occurred Friday afternoon for the fourth graders when they presented their puppet show in the presence of their parents.

The program was very original and showed initiative on the part of the class. The program consisted of a double feature comprised of shadow figures and stick puppets.

Fifth Grade

The fifth graders are preparing for the spelling bee sponsored each year by the Detroit News.

Ernest Tyler deserves credit for the hobby that he is displaying. His hobby is that of collecting match covers, and from the looks of his display he certainly has perseverance.

Membership in the fifth grade has reached its forty-seventh with the enrollment of Janet Quirk.

Sixth Grade

The sixth grade are having a wide variety in their study of science.

Doris Lathrup is giving a report on butterflies and Carol Joy is illustrating impurities of iron. Nancy Robertson is talking about rocks and fossils. Cherry Richards is discussing sea life.

Besides these reports, the class enjoyed a movie on Conservation of Natural Resources in which they saw sea animals, crabs, and sea anemone.

Joan Archenbrener gave a half hour discussion on a film she saw about China.

Shop Class Uses Talent For Other Groups

Two ticket booths for the basketball tournament, a temporary score board, and 150 small basketball emblems for the junior class are being made by the shop. The juniors are going to sell the emblems. The temporary score board will be used in addition to the electric scoreboard so that all the tournament spectators can tell the score.

The other ping-pong table is completed and is in use during noon hours.

Wooden parts for 45 marionettes and their controls are being made for Miss DuBois.

Hungary has no salt, the only food product she does not produce, which must be imported. The state of Pennsylvania has enough salt to supply the United States for 150,000 years, and Potter County alone, can keep the American people in salt for 27,000 years.

Junior High Show Lively Sport Interest

The junior high ended their basketball season Tuesday, February 25, by defeating Detroit Country Day by a score of 14 to 12. Out of eight games played, they were defeated only once by Plymouth in a close game. The junior high coach, Mr. Chapman stated that school athletics bring up the boys' marks in many cases. He said that seven boys' grades came up during basketball season.

The junior high students plan four tournaments this spring: ping pong, shuffleboard, foul shooting, and a twenty-one tournament. As soon as the weather permits, Mr. Chapman will organize a junior high baseball team. It has not been decided whether the team will be a softball or a hardball team.

Snatches From Classes

Some very clever sketches of characters or scenes that impressed the reader most were handed in to Miss Dammon by her Freshman English classes. The stories are those which they have read so far this semester. The most popular story (illustrated was "The Trial in Tom Belcher's Store," by Samuel Delmore.

The Journalism class Monday afternoon visited the Enterprise office and saw the setting up of type.

Monday, a Hoover representative gave a demonstration for Home Economics III.

The play, scheduled to be given by the Dramatics Club last Wednesday afternoon, has been postponed for several weeks.

Doris King, Rudy Moody, and Shirley Kekkonen gave a short play for their World History class,

Wednesday. All three girls helped in the writing of the play and made their own costumes. The play concerned the life and explorations of Christopher Columbus.

Four Seniors to Enter Exchange Club Contest

Four seniors, Max Rowe, Gordon Nelson, Edgar Barrons and Ralph Howie, will speak before the Exchange club Wednesday afternoon. They are the entrants in the extemporaneous speech contest sponsored by the Exchange club of Wayne and Oakland counties.

The speeches are to be on the subject of the Constitution. There are twenty-five subjects on different phases of the Constitution. The entrants draw their subjects and then have an hour and a half to prepare a speech, on the phase drawn, to last not less than four and not more than six minutes.

The drawing Wednesday morning will take place at school at eleven o'clock. The speakers will be the guests of the Exchange Club for luncheon, after which the contest will be held.

The winner will go to the district contest in Birmingham.

Senior Gallery

Name, Irene V. Hlatz.	Age, eighteen.	Years at F.H.S., one.
Ambition after school, position, Nickname, Rene, Hobbies, Roller skating, reading good books.		
Name, Raymond Goers.	Age, seventeen.	Years at F.H.S., three.
Nickname, Ray.		
Name, Dorothy Baldwin.	Age, seventeen.	Years at F.H.S., four.
Achievements, two years Student Council, J-Hop and Prom Committee, Roll Call. Ambition after graduation, college. Nickname, Doe. Hobby, stamp collecting.		

Frosh Enjoy Skate Party

Although there were falls too numerous to count and many stiff backs Sunday, ninety freshmen and their friends had a really good time at their roller-skating party time at their roller-skating party Friday night at Keego Harbor. Most of them put their skates on at seven o'clock and stayed with it, despite a few minor tragedies, until eleven. Several had never skated before, but they mastered the art before the evening was over.

Miss Hazeltine, Miss Dammon and Mr. Forner accompanied the group. Mr. Chapman was guest of honor and, like Phineas Flogg, entertained them with his version of "Old Black Joe."

Goal Set For Writers

Securing twenty subscriptions from each member of the Writers Club is the goal the members are aiming to reach. Some of the members have come close to that number already.

Names for their book have been coming from all club members, but none has been selected.

GOOSE RIOT STARTS

Approach of spring is heralded by much fighting and honking among the 28 Canada geese, held at the conservation department game farm near Mason to furnish stock for sanctuaries, parks and refuges.

The commotion and squabbling mark the period when the geese of the flock pair off and select territories for nesting sites. According to Walter Van Dien, game farm superintendent, the sites, once chosen, are vigorously defended against all intruders, including persons visiting the farm.

Great Johnstown Flood Caused by Breaking Dam

There was only one great Johnstown flood. This occurred on Friday, May 31, 1889, and was caused by the breaking of the dam at Conemaugh lake, which released a huge reservoir of water that rushed madly down the Conemaugh valley, washing out its villages and hurling itself in a deadly torrent on the city of Johnstown.

The bursting of the dam was due to the unprecedented and long-continued rains, which resulted not only in this disaster, but also in the destruction of a heavy railroad bridge between Harrisburg and Altoona, and in floods in various other parts of Pennsylvania and adjoining states, from which there was even greater loss of property than in Johnstown.

Warning of the impending danger was given the inhabitants of Johnstown by railroad officials and others, but many disregarded them. The final break of the dam came at three o'clock in the afternoon, and there was a sound like tremendous and continued claps of thunder. In an hour's time Johnstown was wrecked and ruined. The loss of life was between 2,000 and 3,000, and of property, about \$12,000,000.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

News items always welcome.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

PROGRAM

Tuesday Evening

March 11 9:45-10 p. m.

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Royal Oak



'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.