

The Blue And White

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A FAVORITE TEACHER LEAVES FARMINGTON

Farmington High School regrets the loss of Mr. Grady McKay, well known teacher, who is leaving for a new position May 6, with an advertising agency.

For four years, Mr. McKay has advised the class of '41. He was very active as an advisor of the class and made everything he supervised successful. Such activities as the J-Hop and the Prom were thoroughly enjoyed. He directed the class plays, and always scored a complete sell-out. Following his long list of money making schemes, his class was able to throw a Junior-Senior banquet the first in town. He did his last bit of work for the seniors when he helped supervise the "Rollcall," the senior yearbook.

Mr. McKay has been a teacher of a variety of subjects. For two years he was Journalism instructor. He also taught public speaking and American history.

Retail selling was his greatest feat. From nothing he built up this course until now it is rated among the best that are offered in any schools in the state. Students are trained in theory and then placed, through Mr. McKay, in positions giving them necessary practical experience. He has also established a Student Employment Agency. Concerns such as Montgomery Ward & Co., Sears-Roebuck, Wilson Bros., Kroger's and A & P. regularly call his bureau for student employees.

Because of his friendly nature and his desire to help "the guy who needs a job," the entire school will have more to remember him by than his "stiff" history exams and jokes.

J Hop Decorations Made in Shop

Scenery for the J-Hop is being made by the shop class.

The gymnasium will be designed as a ship with life boats, a soft drink bar and a gang plank.

The boys are also making rings and bracelets out of plastic.

FARMINGTON LODGE NO. 151 F. & A. M.

Regular meetings 2nd Monday night of each month.

Lodge room open every Monday night.

Worshipful Master to James Smith. James L. Hogle is secretary.

America Can Be Defended

By Myrl Whitesell

Second article in a series of five. In beginning to build our defenses, I think we should look at a few places outside of our own coast lines that will have to be extra well protected. I have found that there are three such places. These are, Panama, Honolulu, and the Aleutian Islands. Alaska and Cuba might also be included with these three. If an enemy could capture one of these places it might prove very dangerous to us as it could be used as a base where munitions could be brought and also serve as a point where naval boats could dock and an air base established. But these four or five points, being practically the only places of grave importance outside our coasts that would need any special protection, should be very well, and very easily defended.

Has an enemy very much chance to invade us by way of breaking our naval blockade and landing on our coast? To answer this, let us reverse the situation and say that we wanted to attack Germany, Japan, or Russia. I don't even have to explain the difficulties we would encounter by such an absurd attempt. Take, for instance, the trouble we had in the World War when we attempted to land two million men and their supplies on a basis of forty thousand tons per day. We even lowered our objective to as low as twenty-five thousand, and still our amount of munitions we needed were tremendously short. If we encountered all of this trouble when we had open ports to France to go to and our communication across the sea was never hampered very seriously, how can any foreign country even give a second thought to such a thing as an invasion of America? Yet, look what unexpected things Germany has accomplished already, and who knows what she may try next, or when any other country might attempt. That is why I stick to my opinion to build up America's defense.

Journalism Class Visits Ann Arbor News

The marvels of modern newspaper writing, editing and publishing were unfolded to the Journalism students when they visited the Ann Arbor News plant Tuesday afternoon.

The electric typewriters, typing of Associated Press news, the autotype machine, and the speedy presses particularly impressed them.

BLUE AND WHITE WINS FIRST BASEBALL GAME

Farmington high school's baseball team took off to a flying start April 23 by defeating Redford Union with a score of 7 to 5, on the F.H.S. baseball field, to win the opening game of the season.

Marshall was the starting pitcher for Farmington and was picked for all five runs that Redford Union made in the first three innings. He also had three strikeouts, and four hits were made off him. The second pitcher for Farmington was Art McCulloch, who pitched the fourth and fifth innings, allowing no runs and having two strikeouts. The last pitcher for Farmington was Verschni who pitched the sixth and seventh innings, allowing no runs, no hits, and five strikeouts in the last two innings.

The first pitcher for Redford Union was Kalfleisch, who pitched the first inning and part of the second, but was nicked for six runs and three hits. In the second inning Frear took over the mound duties for Redford Union and had eleven strikeouts in the five innings he worked. Farmington finally broke the spell that Frear had over them and scored a run in the last inning.

Boj Russell made the longest hit of the game with a triple for Farmington.

Scullivan of F.H.S. and Close of Redford Union each scored two runs.

F.H.S. made three hits, seven runs, and four errors.

Redford Union made four hits, five runs and three errors.

FRUITS OF LABOR IN DRAMATIC CLASS PLAY

"When a Man's Sixteen"—it may be only the name of a play to some, but to others it seems to be the turning point of their lives, for then they assume that they have reached the brink of manhood.

Members of the Dramatics Class have chosen to present the play "When a Man's Sixteen" by Betty Smith and Robert Finch, on Thursday evening, May 22. Extra members needed to complete the cast were taken from the junior and sophomore classes.

The cast of characters is as follows:

Miss Gunther, Charlotte King; Miss Stuckey, Lynn Searle; Mrs. Rathbone, Mary Wood; Mrs. Christine Bickling; Ethel Joy Heath; Snooky Phipps, Laura Laehn; Dittie Brice, Joyce Brown; Mrs. Thurston, Margaret Barnes; Peggy Brown, Dorothy Baldwin; Betty Brown, Betty Lynch; Gloria, Suzanne Warner; Barbara, Rosemary Ingwallier; Girl in Pink Sweater, Susan Slocum; Girl in Blue Sweater, Mary Gray; Girl in Green Sweater, Dorothy Wierczewski; Girl in Lavender Sweater, Virginia Reddick; Girl in Yellow Sweater, Lorraine O'Donovan; Pop, Ralph Howie; Doctor Pierson, Gordon Nelson; Mr. Anderson, Robert Anderson; Swinburne Jones, John O'Griffin; Albert Williams, John O'Griffin; Gus Lander, Ed Carlson; Red Barry, Max Rowe; Lenny Ellis, Wm. Fournier; Henry, Douglas Bell; The Postman, Alfred Wallbank.

The story of this play centers around a sixteen-year-old boy, Albert Williams, who has an astonishing knack for getting into trouble and has such a bad reputation that teachers naturally suspect him of everything. Dr. Pierson, the local high school's new principal, has his own ideas about reforming bad boys by giving them a big responsibility. He gives Albert the position of President of the League for Young Citizens and agrees to raise money, he stages a carnival; true to form he mixes things up. Poor Albert has an awful time straightening things out.

Seniors To Take Trip At End of Term

After serious thought the seniors have decided to take a class trip June 7.

The choice was an all day boat trip. The boat will leave Detroit in the morning and go to Port Huron, under the Blue Water Bridge, and into Lake Huron, turn around and come back to Detroit. The seniors will have their dinner and supper on the boat. After the boat docks the class will attend a show downtown.

Student Council to Elect on May 20

The date for the election of the Student Council president has been set for May 20. The petitions must be in by May 9 and must have at least 50 names. Only juniors are eligible

for candidacy. The election will be held in the gym just as the election last fall. Petitions must not be circulated during classes.

The Student Council elected a candidate at their last meeting whom they will support because of his interest and experience. Ed Funkh, who has served on the council for two years, is the council's choice.

Inspector Visits Farmington Schools

Farmington High and Elementary schools were visited by Mr. Edgar G. Johnson, from the Bureau of Cooperation with Educational Institutions, University of Michigan, accompanied by Mr. Percy Danforth of the University Elementary School on Tuesday, April 23.

The two men inspected both the high school and the elementary for the purpose of reaccertifying. In a letter of April 18, Mr. Johnson expressed commendation on improvements in the school building during the last year as well as changes in the high school curriculum.

Snatches From Classes

Miss Diddle is reading parts of the book "My Name is Aram" by Saroyan, to her English II classes.

Miss Bitterlich, the county nurse, is giving 12 lessons in child care to Home Economics III two days a week.

Wednesday, Miss Johnston, Marguerite and Beatrice Cline, Mabel Wiggle and a guest, Donna Kehrl, dined at Dearborn Inn.

The Girls' Discussion groups which meet on Tuesdays went roller-skating at Keego Harbor, Tuesday. Miss Diddle and Miss Steele were present. Miss Dammon was unable to attend because her Journalism students and she were visiting the Ann Arbor News plant. To show the girls who are in shop, two boys showed that they learned to cook really, boys in Home Economics prepared a simple luncheon for them. It was served buffet style. Mr. Duncker and Mr. Ayres attended.

Poppy posters, optional work in Miss Steele's citizenship classes, were handed in to her April 24. It is reported that some of them were very well done.

Literary Department

What I Am?

Did you ever imagine that you were a canary or a cat? Did you ever imagine that you were a beetle or a bat? Really like to imagine; I think it is fun; I can almost imagine myself a cookie or a bun.

Sometimes I am a fairy with my golden wand and wings. And then I am a butterfly or a big queen bee that stings. Yesterday I was a story book; my pages were all bright.

Today I am a goblin or a ghost—my face is white.

Edith Kargetta, freshman

Faculty Attends Annual Schoolmasters Club

The Junior High and High School faculty attended the seventh annual meeting of the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club Friday, April 25. "What the High Schools Ought to Teach," was the general topic of the conference Friday morning. L. L. Forsythe, Ann Arbor, was general chairman. Forty-five minute basic considerations and discussions were led by Thomas H. Briggs, Teachers College, Columbia University; Hayward Keniston, Chairman of the Department of Romance Languages, University of Michigan; and John R. Barnes, Supervisor of Instruction, Grosse Pointe High School.

In the afternoon section, conferences were held.

Farmington Track Team Loses to Milford

Farmington high school's track team went to Milford April 23 and lost their first meet of the season by a score of 72 to 34.

F.H.S. won four firsts, two seconds and a tie for second, and six threes.

Rowlands—first (880); Oldenburg—first (440); Brykalski—second (low hurdles); Devroy—second (mile); Erwin—third (low hurdles); Davidson—third (100 and 220); Carlson—third (880); Pascoe—third (mile).

Field Events
Oldenburg—first (high jump); Joyal—first (broad jump); Oldenburg—tied for second (pole vault); Brykalski—third (shot put).

Band Offers Varied Numbers in Concert

Selecting well-known works of music for their program, the F.H.S. Concert Band will give their concert Thursday, May 8 at 8 p. m.

In the auditorium.

Miss Geraldine Budde, vocalist, will be one of the two soloists. The other, Myrl Whitesell, Junior, is the instrumental soloist.

The program will be as follows:

"Lights Out".....M. Coy
"The Caliph of Bagdad".....Boleideu
"Old Refrain".....Kreiser
"The Donkey Serenade".....Kreiser

Print-Stro chart
"Children's March".....Goldman
"Colonel Bogey on Parade".....Alford
"Scenes From The Sierras".....Bennett

"King Arthur Overture".....Tannhauser

The public is invited to attend. No charge will be made for admission.

U. OF M. PLANS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Michigan and its University will be host to one of the largest international educational meetings ever to be held in the Western Hemisphere when the New Education Fellowship convenes in Ann Arbor July 6-12.

The score of outstanding figures in the world of education, public affairs, literature and the arts have been invited to speak before this international conference, which is expected to bring 2,000 delegates from every corner of the earth.

Vice-President Henry A. Wallace and Secretary of State Cordell Hull are among the headline speakers listed on a tentative program that will be made public. While the condition of world affairs at the time of the meeting will determine whether they will be able to attend, both have indicated their interest in and their desire to address the meeting.

Other speakers of world-wide reputation on the program include: Thomas Mann, author; John Dewey, American philosopher; Laurin Zilliacus, Finnish educator and international president of the New Education Fellowship; John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Carlton Washburne, president of the Progressive Education Association; Luis Sanchez Ponton, Mexican minister of education; Jonathan Daniels, author; Frederick Charles, prominent English educator; Aldous Huxley, English author; Waldo Frank, lecturer; and Mrs. J. Borden Harrison, U. S. Minister to Norway.

The New Education Fellowship is an international organization of educators devoted to solving the problems of civilization by the improvement of education. It has 51 national sections in countries the world over and is represented in the United States by the Progressive Education Association.

Conservation Clubs Distribute Handbooks

Handbooks for guidance of Michigan's junior conservation clubs are off the press and ready for distribution, the conservation department announced recently. For children of junior high and high school age, the clubs are counterparts of the sportsmen's organizations to which their fathers belong.

In an introductory letter endorsing the growing junior conservation club movement, Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, director of the federal Fish and Wildlife service, quotes approvingly a friend who remarked, "It is the kids who are going to carry on conservation." He adds, "I am sure this will help prepare them for the important responsibility that is certainly ahead of them."

Written by Charles F. Welch of the department's education division and Harold Little, chairman of the junior conservation committee of the MUCC, the 32 page booklet recommends specific seasonal programs and projects in practical conservation work, and supplies reference guides. Many of the programs are to be carried out with the assistance of local sportsmen.

Tree Planting an Aid to Prairie Chickens, Grouse

Prairie chickens and sharpshinned grouse will find a guarantee against being crowded from their open ranges on state acres by tree planting written into a management program now being developed by the conservation department. These game birds do not thrive in dense cover.

Ornithologists Farley F. Tubbs and Donald Douglass, working with game area managers, are locating areas which will be designated as grouse and chicken range and reserved from future plantations for timber. Work began in Hickey Lake state forest will be extended to other parts of the northern half of lower Michigan, and to the upper peninsula where prairie chickens and sharpshins are found.

A new Michigan lake and stream directory, modernized from the 1931 edition in lake names, road designations and other data, lists 6,454 named lakes in the state.

Alaskan Eskimos sometimes use kumdrups for money.

Beamer Resigns as Head Of State Agriculture

Elmer A. Beamer, for the past two years, Commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture, has resigned to devote full time to his own personal affairs.

In presenting his resignation to Governor Van Wagener, Mr. Beamer stated that inasmuch as the Commissioner's position would undoubtedly require, at least for the next two years, a political appointment it was his desire to give the Governor an opportunity to fill the position with an appointee of his own choice at the earliest possible date.

Commissioner Beamer expressed his appreciation for the fine cooperation that he had received from Governor Van Wagener's office and assured the Governor of his continued interest as an individual farmer in the activities of the Michigan State Department of Agriculture.

STUDENTS PRUNE, GET CASH

Twelve Michigan State College students majoring in horticulture worked in orchards and vineyards

during the recent spring vacation at the college and received \$325 in cash for their work out in the state. Members of the college staff supervised work of the students in answering demands of commercial orchardists for the work in 800 hours the students, pruned 5,700 fruit trees and 800 grape vines.

News items always welcome.

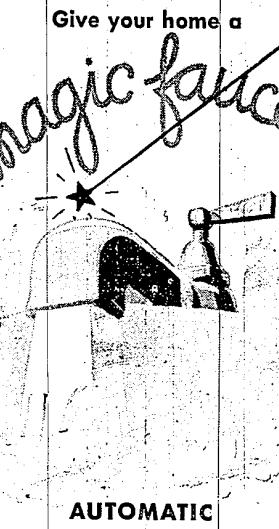
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