

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Service Bldg, 2nd Bn.
123rd Field Artillery
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
Dear Sir:
Tonight I am in a camp that is far away from any kind of recreation. I enjoy reading good books and papers, but the most enjoyable is the Farmington Enterprise. Thank you and your staff for keeping me in close contact with home.
Sergeant Dan W. Starkey

33503 Shawassaw Road
Farmington, Michigan
January 10, 1942
Mr. J. M. Tazg, Editor
The Farmington Enterprise
Farmington, Michigan

Dear Mr. Tazg:
I wish to take this opportunity to commend the Volunteer Firemen of the City of Farmington for the efficient work they did at the Mahoney home Thursday afternoon, although seriously handicapped by the lack of proper fire clothing with which to fight fires. These men have no fire hats, rubber coats, and boots to protect them from water, ice, and smoke, which they must enter at all times. These men risk their lives by fire and exposure, especially now in the winter season. Their compensation is so small and the risk so great that it would not be asking too much of the people of Farmington to contribute toward the purchase of rubber clothes for these volunteers who are so willing to serve the city.

Let's have a Fireman's Ball and get them the necessary rubber clothes they need so badly. Yours for Better Fire Protection,
Chas. W. Muehner

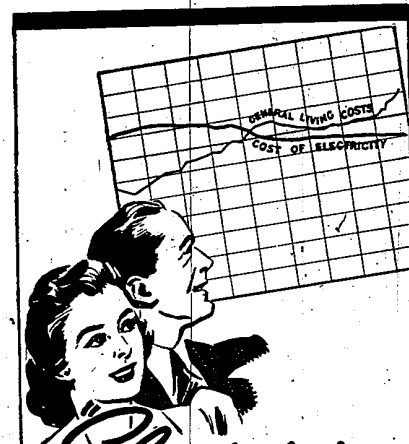
Oakland Road,
Farmington, Mich.
January 11, 1942

To the Editor,
The Farmington Enterprise,
Farmington, Mich.

Editor:
I can't quite agree with the fellow who recently condemned feminine styles. We men also have faults.

Perhaps some women and girls do go around scantily attired on cold days for the sake of fashion, but they number in the minority now. Nobody wants to freeze. Most women and girls have common sense. They know that it can be just as modern to dress adequately on cold days as it is to wear less in warm weather, and far more sensible than freezing. Any fashion working a hardship on the people would be quickly discarded.

Besides, no silk shortage is going to cause the American people to give up anything while our country has been blessed with an abundance of other good materials. We have more than enough for clothing and defense too.
—Resident



Electricity
is one thing that
HASN'T GONE UP

Today when most living costs are rising, and nearly every household budget must be revised upward, it is a welcome relief to find one price that HASN'T advanced. Electricity costs less today than it did a year ago, two years ago, five years ago. And it costs a good deal less than ten or twenty years ago.

Your residence rates have been reduced five times in the last twenty years. The average price per kilowatt-hour paid by our residence customers today is 46 per cent less than in 1921. Electricity is one of the smallest items in the family budget—way down at the bottom of the list.

Food	33.8c
Housing	21.0c
Clothing	11.4c
Miscellaneous	23.8c
Fuel, Ice, Gas	6.1c
Household Equipment	2.2c
Electricity	1.7c

(at Detroit Edison residence rates)

TOTAL \$1.00
(All figures except electricity U.S. Department of Labor statistics)

Small as it is, this 1.7c for electricity does a BIG job—lighting, refrigeration, cooking, washing, ironing, vacuum cleaning, the radio. It operates electric percolators, toasters, clocks, shavers and many other household appliances. In today's way of living, electricity plays an increasingly important part.

How is it possible to furnish an ever-improved electric service at lower and lower rates? Only by making continual improvements, by thinking up new and better ways of doing things at lower cost, by believing the savings on to our customers so that they can buy more electricity for less money. That is the way of progress.

The Detroit Edison Company.

THE BLUE AND WHITE

MUSIC DEPARTMENT SHOWS PROGRESS IN ALL DIVISIONS

The senior band of the Farmington High School, under the direction of Mr. Ayres played at the Defense Rally held Monday night, January 12, in the high school gymnasium-auditorium. The band played marches and patriotic numbers to open the program.

Miss Bacon reports that the Boys' Glee Club, an organization formed this year, has reached a membership of seventeen. Both the Boys' Glee Club and the Girls' Glee Club have new books. The girls are planning to give an operetta in the spring.

Writers' Club Plans To Present Short Play

The Writers' club, under the direction of Miss Allison has membership of nine freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The president of the club is Doris King, a junior. Writing poems and stories has been their interest the first semester, but they are working on a one act play, which they hope to give before the year is over. During the year they have had two parties, one being a theater party.

Handicraft Club Starts New Projects

Twenty-three members, boys and girls, are starting a new year in handicraft. The girls have been making rings and bracelets out of different colored beads. In stringing their bracelets they carried out the clever idea of wearing their names on the upper sides of their hands and has started a flower stand. Robert Lundberg is beginning a bookcase, and Don Youles is making a combination bookcase and table. Mr. Snell is the club's instructor.

Student Librarians Save Readers' Time

The library staff is working on a bibliography file of recent authors who are not listed in the library's reference books. They are also organizing all material on vocational education into one book of occupational guidance. A record is being kept of all books and information which have been asked for and are not in the library. When new books are ordered, as many of these requests will be included as possible.

Photography Club Arranges Lectures

The 15 members of the Photography club have been organized into committees to take care of special club business. They also have been divided into five lecture groups, each group consisting of three members. The lectures are from the Eastman company and contain a great deal of information for the amateur photographer. The club is also expecting a sound movie on photography sometime after May 13.

Every month the club holds a contest for the best pictures on some chosen subject. December's winners were: John Gault, first; Paul Mench, second; and Tracy Black, third.

JUNIOR HIGH WINS FIRST GAME

Farmington Junior High defeated Walled Lake in a one-sided affair on Friday, January 9. Farmington ran up the score 10 to 0 before Walled Lake scored. The half-time score was 10 to 0.

This was Farmington's first game, and they played exceedingly well for a group of boys as young as they are. The high scorers were Bob Cook, Elliot Trier and Dick Ruffell, with 6 points each.

The Junior High team consists of the following players: Bill Conroy, Bob Miller, Bill Daines, Theophil Mulling, Bob Wise, Bob Newlin, E. Ernst, Bob Cook, Elliot Trier, Dick Ruffell, and Coach Robert Chapman.

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EDUCATION IS THE STUDENTS' CHIEF DEFENSE OF OUR NATION

In this great national emergency and unsettled period when the highest cooperation is necessary every high school student is wondering where he can do the most good. What can I do? "How can I help?" "Where is my place in this national emergency?" These are the questions that are running through the students' minds. They can't seem to find their places, but they have a whole hearted devotion to their country. At the present time there is no branch of the service in which the student can actively participate and still attend school. He can, of course, contribute to the Red Cross and buy Defense Savings Bonds, but there is as yet, nothing he can take a more direct part in. We all can't be sailors or soldiers, or nurses, but we can take advantage of our educational facilities and thus further our education. In this way we are not only strengthening and helping ourselves, but we strengthen and help our nation, "for a chain is only as strong as its weakest link."

RED LETTER DAYS FOR FINAL EXAMS ARE 21ST AND 22ND

Well, kids, the semester is almost done, and that means examinations so you had better buckle down and really study. There will be two class hours for each final. First hour tests will take place the first and second periods on Wednesday; the second hour exams will be the rest of the morning. Third hour tests will start right after the noon-hour and go through fifth and sixth periods; fourth hour tests will carry through the eighth period. There will be no eighth hour activities. On Thursday tests for fifth and sixth periods will be the first and second periods; sixth hour tests will be third and fourth periods; seventh hour exams will be fifth and sixth periods. There will be no classes after that, and on Friday you can recuperate while the teachers struggle, trying to decide what you really do mean!

A student having no classes first and second hours need not come to school until the afternoon; but, if he should have a class second hour, he must report at eight o'clock, in other words school will run in half-day sessions. A bit of advice from an old-timer: "Success in writing an examination requires that you (1) think accurately and quickly, (2) plan your answers carefully, (3) express them in clear, correct English, and (4) write legibly."

CLOCK TROUBLE

Returning from Christmas vacation, students of Farmington High School found the clocks on strike. During the holidays the master clock, which is in Mr. Dunckel's office, had stopped, causing all the others to stop. Last week they were hand run by Mr. Dunckel or Miss Pirum, and this proved very inconvenient at times.

The reason the master clock stopped wasn't exactly known, but Mr. Bell believes that the trouble was due to a little mechanism that is supposed to wind the master clock. When this mechanism doesn't wind the clock, it will stop after one hour, thus preventing electricity from connecting with the magnets every minute. These magnets when charged, cause the hands on all to stop.

Lately Mr. Bell has been winding the master clock every hour, thus keeping the clocks fairly accurate.

After life's world is once again peaceful, our country will undoubtedly have to go through one of the most critical periods it has faced since the Civil War. It is then that the student of today will have the opportunity to do his part, in fact, the most important part in his career as a citizen of the United States. During these throes of rehabilitation on the unstable social and educational front, a fertile will be required. There can be and will be no place for the uneducated, unintelligent or untrained citizens in this "fast-moving, high-gear" democracy of the future. Every individual must not only be capable of recognizing his problems as a citizen of this country, but he must also be able to cope with them. He must be able to see his duty and do it for the good of himself and his community. It is only by the voluntary sacrifice of patriotic citizens that this is possible, only through education, logical, clear thinking. As we said before, if each student takes advantage of his educational opportunities, this great nation of ours needs have no fear of the future, for when the student of today becomes the intelligent, educated citizen of tomorrow we can face our problems of economic, social and political reconstruction with such courage and fortitude as only the American people can show during such great crises.

F.H.S. DEFEATS WALLED LAKE

In a fast moving thrill-packed ball game Friday, January 9, Farmington High's basketball squad defeated Walled Lake's quintet by a score of 33 to 29 on the latter's home floor.

The game started with the Lakers scoring 4 points, while Farmington could get but 1. This lead was erased shortly, and Coach Bob Hutton's boys were never far behind after that. The score stood 12 to 8 at half time, but in the third quarter the Farmington boys found their range and rang up 15 points.

STUDENTS CONFER WITH TEACHERS IN HOMEROOMS

In freshman and sophomore homerooms during the past four weeks scholastic achievement has been emphasized.

The freshmen advisors are discussing with their students the importance of their exams in their meetings on Mondays during eighth period. They are being taught how to make the best use of their time studying for the exams in order to raise their grades. As a result of the freshmen Christmas party, it was discovered that many students didn't know how to dance but would like to learn. They are going to have a few get-together dances for the purpose of learning how to dance.

The freshmen advisors are: Mr. Forner, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Snell and Miss Allison. Failure diagnosis blanks are being given to all sophomores who are failing in their classes. In addition the blanks to their classroom and study hall teachers to analyze the causes of failures and to make suggestions for improvements. Then after analyzing both reports, their sponsors discuss work plans in students' preparation and work out with them ways for improving.

The sophomore advisors are: Miss Dammon, Miss Hazeltine, and Miss Van Weide.

L. Trickey, Louise Eble, a sophomore, has been transferred from Harrison, Michigan, to Farmington High School.

GIRLS' TEAMS LOOK FORWARD TO EXCITING SEASON

Two girls' teams and no boys' basketball teams were defeated by scores of 12 to 6 and 19 to 13, every one agreed it was one of the best set of games that has been played by the girls in several years. "It looks as if F.H.S. might have unusually good basketball teams the next couple of years," one very interested spectator said.

The girls playing on the first team were: Guards—Dorothy Goers, Annabelle Hupert, Bernice Lundberg, Cora Billings, and Dorothy Gustafson; forwards—Betty Aschenbrenner, Clara Billings, who made two baskets, Shirley Frederick, Margaret Miles and Tip Schram who also made two baskets.

Members of the second team were: Forwards—Peggy Dwyer, who made five baskets; Lorraine Goers, who made two; Audrey Lathrup, who made one; Shirley Geyer, and Marion Vanderburg; the guards—Virginia Brown, Jean Dickerson, Marietta Lamb, Joyce Samuelson and Mary Tadeo.

Current Events Occupy Students' Attention

The fifth and sixth graders are now studying about the war in geography. They are finding facts about the countries in Europe which are now involved in the present war. They are also keeping up on their current events. In arithmetic they have been studying fractions. They have completed addition, multiplication and subtraction, and are ready to work on division.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS LEARN AMERICAN CREED

The New Year finds the seventh and eighth graders more than busy. Since the war started, the English classes have been really working, learning the American Creed and practicing patriotism.

In the history classes they have been learning about the development of the United States' territory. On this subject they had a movie showing movements in the making of the present day. As for sports in these grades—they are really going to town. They are practicing for a basketball game with Walled Lake Junior High.

Fourth Graders Set Stamp Sale Example

Fourth graders have shown exceptional interest in contributing to the defense bond campaign. Last week they bought \$55 worth of stamps. Most of the pupils are sacrificing something so they can buy stamps. Many are giving the money which they normally would spend for candy, gum, and entertainment. They are being very attractively decorated with "V" posters, because they are all sure of an outstanding victory.

Recent Best Sellers Added To Library

Recent additions to the school library include nine new books of fiction. They are: "Eyes of the Kingdom" by A. J. Cronin, "Wakefield's Course" by Mazo de la Roche, "Above Suspicion" by Helen MacIntyre, "High Hurdles" by Frances Duntombe, "Leon Feather" by John Fuller, "Down Byron Water" by E. R. Garglin, "Cabin on Kettle Creek" by May Justus, and "Northwest Passage" and "Oliver Wiswell" both by Kenneth Roberts. The non-fiction include two biographies: "As I Remember Him" by Kings Zimmer, "Heroic Lives" by Sabadini, and "A.P. The Story of the News" by Gramling.

Changing Classes? Read This

Each student whose second semester schedule will be different from his first semester schedule must receive written permission from Mr. Ayres to change classes before the close of school Monday, January 20. The office will be open each afternoon for this purpose. A change from Business English to Economic Geography or from American Government to Economics where no change in periods results will not require written permission. Dropping a class or enrolling in a new one does require written permission—from latest high school bulletin.

VARIED ACTIVITY ON ELEMENTARY PUPILS' PROGRAM

Defense stamps are very popular in the grade school. Many of the pupils of the lower grades have defense stamp books which are kept by the office. Every Thursday the stamps are on sale and the students buy them and turn them in to the office to avoid loss of their albums. The office gives each pupil a receipt.

Now that the Christmas vacation is over, the kindergarten are back in school where many more songs, games, poems, and books are awaiting them. Miss Gilmore, their teacher, has been teaching them two new songs entitled, "Snow" and "Northwind." They are learning a new game called "Skipitap" and a poem called "Wintertime." Most of all they are enjoying the intricacies of manuscript writing.

Miss Bacon taught the first graders a new song, which they like to sing. From their reading book, "Nancy and Bob," the pupils have a poster reviewing the characters of the book.

The members of the second grade welcome two new boys, Donald Anglin from Kenosha and Clellie Nichols from Farmington. They are enjoying the book that they are on the reading table for their use. They also have a reading chart on the board.

The third grade began a new adventure when they wrote with pen and ink for the first time. The room has a new border of names above the bookshelves. Each pupil contributed. On the side of the room is a table with many interesting books for the children to read and give written reports on. Some of the students have read as many as 20 books since the first of September.

Archery Club Closes Fall Program

Under the guidance of Miss Hazeltine the archery club has been quite active during the first semester with several competitive shooting matches.

The club will be discontinued until next spring when the weather permits the resuming of activities. There are approximately 22 boys and girls in the club.

Student Council Offers Prize

A contest is being sponsored by the Student Council to find a new name for the F.H.S. athletic teams. The old name of "Longhorns" is to be discarded. The winner of the contest will receive a new baseball ticket.

Students Can Take Part in Minstrel Show

The Farmington Kiwanis Club is sponsoring its annual minstrel show the end of January, and they would like any high school student who is interested to take part in the show. Those wishing to take part should sign their names on the notice which is on the assembly room bulletin board. They plan to begin practice next week.

BEHAVIOR

Did you ever have anyone tell you, "Now, at the party behave your best?" But at one of their parties if there was peace, you'd really feel best.

Or did big brother ever tell you, "Please don't make any noise?" And then he whistled and hollered down the street to some of the boys.

And your father must have told you, "Now, don't be silly, and please be good!" Then he's in the annual pitiful dance and you're sure he's in his second childhood.

Now, I wrote this to give you my advice, And I'm sure that you'll agree That if people would practice what they teach, What a nice world this would be!

SENIOR NOTICE

The date for the Senior Prom has been changed from February 5 to April 24.

The Greatest Power On Earth Is the Printed Word.