

# THE BLUE AND WHITE

## FARMINGTON FIVE DEFEATS WALLED LAKE

Farmington High School's basketball squad virtually clinched the championship of the Southwestern Oakland County League, Friday night, when they defeated Walled Lake by a score of 21 to 20. As the score indicates, the game was a battle all the way, the lead changing hands several times.

With a minute to go in the first quarter and Walled Lake ahead by 4 points, Bob Russell broke up two Walled Lake plays, took the ball down the floor and sank baskets both times to tie the score. The quarter ended seconds later with the score knotted at 6 each.

Going into the second quarter both teams staged rallies, with Walled Lake taking the best part of it. When the whistle blew ending the first half, Walled Lake had a 10-7 lead. Farmington's score was 15 to 13. During the third quarter there was very little scoring. Walled Lake getting one basket while Farmington sank two baskets to tie the score.

With less than two minutes to go, and Walled Lake ahead by two, Bill Campbell, of Farmington, sank a basket to knot the score at 20 each. With the face of the clock showing red, indicating the last minute of play, Jim Youngblood sank a foul shot, putting Farmington on the long end of a 21-20 lead. The game ended by Farmington's Russell and Youngblood, captured high point honors with eight points followed by Bill Campbell of Farmington with seven. Farmington's Russell and Youngblood were next in line with six points each.

By defeating Walled Lake, Coach Bob Hutton's boys assured themselves of at least a tie in the league lead, and if they can defeat Milford this Friday night, they can clinch the title. No other Farmington basketball squad has come this close to a league title in the last eight years and you will have two more opportunities to see them play before the regular season ends. Both chances will be in their own gym on the next two Friday nights, February 20 and 27. So week, February 20, they are hosts to the Milford five, the game commencing at 7:30 p. m. The following Friday they look to follow the Redford Union squad, which promises to be a real battle, so if you want to see some good basketball, come out and help the fellows end one of the most successful seasons enjoyed by a Farmington basketball team in quite some time.

## Second Team Loses

In the opening encounter Friday night, Walled Lake's second team defeated Farmington's B squad by a score of 23 to 9. Farmington took the lead early but couldn't hold it. Walled Lake held Coach Shoemaker's boys scoreless in the third quarter while they were garnering thirteen points, and this meant the ball game. Goldsworthy of Walled Lake took high point honors with eight, followed by his teammate, Cox, with five. Tupter led Farmington with 3 points.

## Second Team Loses To Northville Squad

In the opening encounter last Tuesday afternoon at Northville, Farmington's second team was defeated by Northville. With Ammerman of Northville, taking high point honors with 9, followed by Northville built up a lead which increased as the game went along. Hamlin led Farmington with 8 points. The final score was 23 to 19.

## Tryouts Held

Despite the fact that Miss Bacon was ill on Wednesday last week, tryouts for the high school orchestra were held on Thursday and Friday during the seventh and eighth periods.

## Precedent Broken By Third Grader

Gall Brown has joined the band. Although she is only eight years old, she has started on clarinet and shows considerable promise. In the past, it has been required that students entering the band be in the fourth grade.

Since the drum section has become smaller, great improvement has been shown.

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## MISS STEELE ANNOUNCES CAST OF JUNIOR PLAY

The play chosen for the Junior Class is "Joy of Living", a three-act comedy, dramatized from the screen hit of the same name. In this production, which will be presented on March 20 at the Farmington High School auditorium, the cast is well chosen. It can do in roles made famous in the films not so long ago. The tentative cast consists of: Maggie, Bernice Lundberg; Dan, David Sullivan; Minerva, Virginia Redding; Dennis, Al Hubschneider; Harrison, Chris Becking; Richard Miller; Mike, Roy; Post, Richard Hill; John, John Gault; Dotsy, Joyce Brown; Betsy, Constance Rozenboom; Marie, Ruby Moody; McCarthy, Robert Keiffer; Gaines, Jack Owens; Harvey, Roy Johnson; columnist, Elene Morris; technician, Joseph Myreles; and Al Billings, Cora Billings, Roger Knoll, Pat Cole, Edith Parker, Albert Lacy, and Robert Godfrey.

## A Lumberjack Tale

"Meow-ow-ow" sounded from outside the window. As Jack was preparing for bed, "I thought I got rid of that cat once and all, but I'll get it this time," he said. "It's managed to get away six times before. I'll get it tonight, though, for good." So Jack took his shot gun and killed the cat. Then buried it deep in the wood. That night again he heard "Meow-ow-ow" as he was preparing for bed. "There's that blasted cat again! I'll kill it for good," he said. As he cut off its head he muttered, "It's through keeping me awake." He buried the body out deep in the wood. The head, he threw in the lake. That evening as Jack was going to sleep, He again heard that old cat cry. He lay there and mumbled again and again, "I can't be! It's not! It's a lie!" He threw off his blankets, ran to the window. Cautiously looked, and he saw There in the moonlight, its eyes shining brightly, Was the cat with its head on the paw.

## Photography Club Prints Pictures

Using the materials recently obtained, George Derry gave a demonstration on how to print pictures. The shades were pulled down and Tracy Black looked like Tarzan, on top of the chemical equipment cabinet, as he was putting out some of the lights.

## THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES

John Edgar; Nickname—Wimble; birthplace—British Columbia; age—17 years; years at Farmington—13; hobby—7; activities—J. Hop committee; Prom committee; Camera Club 2, basketball 2, 3, 4.

Richard Esch; Nickname—Ray; birthplace—Detroit; age—18; years at Farmington—2; ambition—draftsman; hobby—collecting old coins.

Dorris Farrell; Nickname—Farrell; birthplace—Detroit; age—17; years at Farmington—4; hobby—ice skating; ambition—to take the easy; activities—J. Hop committee, Commercial Club 3.

Whitley Fredrick; Nickname—Freddie; birthplace—Detroit; age—18; years at Farmington—4; hobby—horseback riding and swimming; activities—G.A.A. 3, basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

## STUDENTS WILL EXPRESS IDEAS ON AMERICANISM

A National Americanism essay contest is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary through the high school English classes. It is open to all students of Junior and Senior high school age. The subject is "The Characteristics of a Good American." The composition must not exceed 500 words in length.

The students enrolled in the English classes will be divided into two groups; the ninth and tenth grades will make up one group, and the eleventh and twelfth grades will be the other. Each group will compete for three prizes, \$3, \$2, \$1 respectively in Defense Stamps.

The winning school essays will be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary, Americanism Chairman of the State. The contestant who submits the winning essay in each state will receive a complete set of "The World Book Encyclopedia." The national winner will be picked from each state, including Alaska, Hawaii, Newham, and the District of Columbia; and will be given a cash award of \$100.

Essays to be entered must be turned in by Mrs. Devriendt by Miss Steele, Miss Allison, and Miss Dammon before February 27.

## CAGERS' STREAK OF EIGHT WINS SNAPPED TUESDAY

Farmington's string of consecutive wins was snapped at 8 last Tuesday afternoon, when they were defeated by Northville. The final score was 28 to 21. The Farmington team took the lead and held it until a minute to go in the first half. At this point a Northville man sank a foul shot, knotting the score at 12 each.

Entering the last half with the score, Northville went into action. With Hartner and Hunter of Northville garnering 7 points apiece, they took a 6 point lead by the end of the quarter. During the last quarter they were able to hold and increase the lead by 1 point.

Hunter and Hartner of Northville took high point honors with 9 points apiece. Youngblood and Russell led Farmington with 6 each.

## Promising Electrician Found in Freshman Class

A potential radio genius has been discovered by the freshman class in the person of Dick Sills.

When the classes were studying foundation and pronunciation, they decided to hold actual broadcasts because the microphone often shows defects otherwise slipped over. Dick Sills set up the outfit late in the afternoon. When one of the boys brought in a microphone and a short was discovered, Dick had the instrument in his hands about five minutes and it worked perfectly.

Most of his classmates expect to hear more about Dick and his work in electricity as time goes on.

## Enrollment Rises in High School

Farmington has had a very successful second semester, that is, as far as new enrollment is concerned. There have been fifteen new pupils entered, of which most are freshmen and sophomores. The juniors are third; and the seniors—well, the seniors have had no new members at all.

The seven new freshmen are: Naomi De Lao from Rochester; Joyce Taylor from Cooley High, Detroit; Helen Johnson, John Grace, Detroit; Anna Wesser, Royal Oak; Cyril Schesters, Durt High, Detroit; Walter Ragan, Redford High; and Paul Hillman, Northville.

The tenth grade added six to its list: Lillian Chubran, Novy; Mable Bennett, Royal Oak; Mary Solis, Redford; Robert Bailey, Hyden, Kentucky; and Howard Asher, Tappan, Detroit.

The eleventh grade newcomers are Norma Smith, Elyria, Mich.; and Florence Copners, Redford.

## Junior High Classes Emphasize Americanism

The grade school had a very successful start with on Tuesday. They had the whole school cleared in seven minutes. When they got to the gym, instead of returning to the school, they had a general assembly and were shown a moving picture entitled "All American Way." It was a sports review and showed the major athletic events throughout the nation.

Mrs. Rohrer is holding classes each day at 3:30 for any students who want to have extra lessons in spelling. The reason for this is that there is going to be a spelling contest given and all students are anxious to join.

In the seventh grade history class they are learning about the Civil War. In geography they are discussing war materials.

In the eighth grade history class they are studying about our government. They are learning about each citizen's obligation to the United States.

## HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

How many times have you heard that old adage or something on the same order and how many times have you applied it to yourself?

Of course the majority of us are honest, but there are still a few who are rather lax in their self-discipline and by the time they find out it usually too late.

Disonesty, like most everything else, grows through the process of evolution. First it's very little things and then pretty soon it becomes so large that it's practically impossible to control. Being dishonest is a sign of lack of self-control, and lack of self-control usually means lack of intelligence or lack of correct upbringing.

When we say dishonest, we do not mean solely the act of taking that which does not naturally belong to us—although that is a very important phase of it—but we also mean being dishonest with ourselves.

How many times have you said to yourself, "I can afford to miss a few days of school" or "This homework doesn't mean much; I'll skip it for today?"

That is our greatest fault. We see only our immediate pleasures, and, by being dishonest with ourselves, we try to make light of them. When you try to hide from your conscience or your inner self, you are not only shirking your responsibility, but you have faced your own individual problems and try to solve them for yourself.

If we but realize this fact, that dishonesty is merely a form of mental cowardness, then we can help ourselves and our community by strengthening our moral outlook.

## Twirling—As Seen By A Twirler

To the spectators to be able to twirl would be a wonderful thing. That was how I felt three years ago, but now twirling to me means only sore muscles; a very badly bruised elbow, and a number of other aches and pains.

Today was a typical day. The pep meeting was a little late ending, so I had to hurry home and hurry even faster with my lunch; then I had to get my things together in some sort of order and be ready to come to school when my sister came. I arrived here in time enough, five minutes early in fact. I was excited from English class and was able to hold on to my clothes. That was a job change in my life. That was a job, we marched onto the field between halves and went through our routine without a hitch except for a button that was dropped on the left side of the band. I wonder whose it was.

If you got to my house tomorrow, you will find me moaning and groaning every time I go up a step. Please don't take me too seriously, because if I had it to do all over, again, I would do the same thing and learn to twirl.

Lola Coers, freshman

## General Observations About The Shop

The boys in the Shop 1 class are very busy, these days making such articles as modernistic tables, desks, model airplanes, and other useful articles.

The third hour shop boys are putting the finishing touches to the defense tools—that they have made, before sending them to the Farmington State Bank, where they will be displayed in a glass case for the public to see.

None of the boys are idle, and they all seem very contented at their work.

## Mr. and Mrs. J. Forner Are Parents of A Son

Word was received by Farmington friends of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. James Forner, on Thursday, February 12, in Ann Arbor. The boy was named David James.

## Sixth Graders Mix Work With Fun

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In science they have just completed a unit on electricity. They studied how electricity makes things work.

Last week they had a very successful Valentine party. They all drew names and inserted their cards in a very attractively decorated valentine box.

## ROUND TABLE DISCUSSES HOME AND DEFENSE

During the last few weeks the third year homemaking class has been studying ways in which we can help in defense. Under the main topic, "National Defense," two sub-topics were covered: "Conservation in the Home" and "Nutrition."

Recently the class participated in a round table discussion with Annie Wells as chairman. Other members were Ruth Shaw, Grace Wagner, Dorothy Rose, Elaine Champney, and Virginia Clark. Ruth Shaw gave some very helpful hints on conserving fuel and electricity. Grace Wagner explained why and how vitamins should be saved. Dorothy Rose told how we can save when cleaning about the home. Virginia Clark told how the housewife can save by shopping wisely, both for clothing and groceries. Elaine Champney brought in general points which proved helpful throughout the discussion.

In the near future the class plans having a round table on "Safety in the Home."

## Writers And Librarians Have Party Together

Amid decorations of hearts and flowers the Library Staff and the Writers' Club celebrated Valentine's Day together with a party on Wednesday, February 11 in the Homemaking room at four o'clock.

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## SENIORS HOLD CLASS MEETING

In order to discuss various spring activities, John Orofino, president of the Senior Class, called a meeting Monday the eighth hour.

First they talked about the Senior pictures which are to be taken Thursday and Friday, February 19 and 20, by the Crane Studios.

Name cards were ordered. Plans were presented for the Senior Prom. Because the class has extra funds in their treasury, it was suggested that the party be held out of town for variety. A committee was appointed to see Mr. Dunkel to find out what places were available and at what prices.

Bob Gullen made the suggestion of having a party after commencement and the rest of the class thought it an excellent idea. Seniors expect activities to begin crowding them now that the second semester is well under way.

Loret Trickey

## A FEW SOUND TIPS



## ON WAR TIME TRIPS!

- 1. Save war materials—travel by Super-Coach instead of your car to conserve vital gasoline, oil, metals—and those precious tires!
- 2. Travel in mid-week when possible—leaving extra week-end rest-space for soldiers and war workers.
- 3. Buy Defense Bonds with the money you save by Greyhound!

## GREYHOUND TERMINAL

Dale Pharmacy, 33401 Grand River Farmington, Mich. Phone 466

## Dining Excursions

Chimpanzees and other animals journey from inland points to the seashore to feed on shellfish.

## THE STORY OF ELECTRICITY

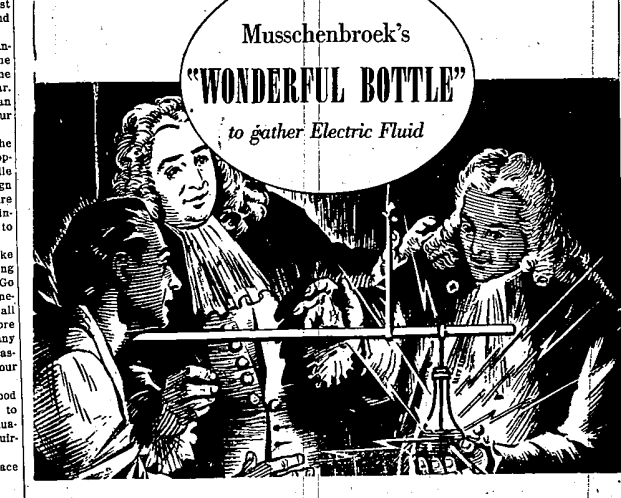
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The year 1745 marked the first time that electricity was collected in quantities large enough to facilitate experiments. The feat has been variously credited to Bishop von Nollet, dean of the Cathedral of Comin, Pomerania; to The Van Musschenbroek, professor at the University of Leyden, Holland; and to Cuneaus, a pupil of Musschenbroek and wealthy burgher of the city of Leyden. At any rate, this invention supposedly owes its name to the Abbe Nollet of France, who dubbed it the "Leyden jar."

Musschenbroek set about collecting the "electric fluid" in a wide-mouthed flask half-full of water. The flask was corked, and a wire through the cork dipped into the water of the jar. The other end of the wire was connected to a gun barrel suspended by two silk cords, and attached to an elec-

trical "spark" machine. After having charged the bottle, Cuneaus, who was assisting with the experiment, attempted to disconnect the wire, and received a violent shock.

Musschenbroek, writing to his friend Reaumur in Paris, declared he "would not take such a shock for the kingdom of France." But the Abbe Nollet repeated the experiments before King Louis XV, sending an electrical charge through 180 of the King's guardsmen. Benjamin Franklin, in a letter to Peter Collinson in 1747, said, "I cannot forbear adding a few observations on M. Musschenbroek's wonderful bottle," and described 10 different experiments that he (Franklin) had performed. Another letter told how he used five Leyden jars to kill a 10-pound turkey. Franklin added, "The birds killed in this manner cook un-



Musschenbroek's "WONDERFUL BOTTLE" to gather Electric Fluid