

THE BLUE AND WHITE

JOHN PETTIBONE WINS CONTEST IN JUNIOR HIGH

The first place winner in the Americanism contest, sponsored in Farmington Schools by the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, was a seventh grader, John Pettibone. His essay on "Making America Strong" appears below.

Making America Strong

America is our country. It is our future, for we prosper only if our country itself is strong. Therefore, we must do our part in making this, our America, strong. We must have a mighty military force, capable of defending our shores and other continents, for, if we do not, we shall meet disaster in the form of conquerors and revolutionaries. Not only to foreigners, but also to foreign lands, it is a land of peace and plenty. We are the richest country in the world, and, as such, we are the most in danger of conquest.

The Atlantic and the Pacific no longer are barriers to armies. Airplanes are being used to some extent now, and in the future will be the most potent means of conquest known to man. Blockades around ports are no longer means of winning wars, for materiel of war can be shipped over land and under the blockade. We must have a mighty air armada to defend ourselves, for nations with such genius for self-abandonment and for conquest as Japan and Germany will rise again and again under new leaders. All of this requires great training programs and alertness for our own safety, but we must be done.

We must be strong as a democracy, stronger in the ways of democracy than in any other way. A true democracy is well managed and always "on its toes," and such a nation is never in great danger. We must be good citizens. We must exercise our rights and privileges to the fullest extent, and we must know them and guard them. If we do not, men will take advantage of us.

We have more privileges than any other country in the world, but they also have more. We can say what we think about anybody, just as long as it does not come to slander. The police can not enter a home without a warrant, but a warrant is always issued for a good reason and for the common good, not because we have spoken against the government.

Some men take public offices and live on their salaries, without taking good care of the affairs of the office. A public office is a trust, and a chance to serve the people, a chance to help make our America strong, and prosperous, and should be regarded as such. We must see that good men are put in office, for this is one of the best ways to build up a nation and prevent it from being torn down.

We, the people, make the laws, so let us obey them. We are fighting a war now, a long, hard war, and we must be sure that we have something worth fighting for. We must fulfill our civic duties and responsibilities if we are to be able to keep our privileges.

We must be strong, physically and mentally, morally, too. We must keep ourselves strong and healthy, in every way we know how. We must make ourselves intelligent and learned, for if we don't, we will not be able to keep our country strong. We must be fair and honest, and considerate in our dealings with other nations, so we will make them our friends, not our enemies. We must make ourselves strong, intelligent people, not a lot of decadent droops. If we don't, we will be sorry. We must all do our individual part to make America strong, for if our country goes "on the rocks," we go, too.

We must have a strong economical foundation for our country, to try to prevent financial panics which can, in no time at all, make our country anything but the model of strength. The people are as strong as the nation as a whole, and the nation is as strong as the people. It is a sort of vicious circle but it can work to the good also. We can have a large army, but with nothing to back it up it will be useless, and if the country is rotten inside there will be nothing to fight for. All of us, everyone, must do our part to see that it does not come to that.

Everyone of us must put every thing we have behind the war effort, for, if we don't, there will be no country here for us to make strong. This war is a danger to all of us, and even if we are not too patriotic (which we should be),

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Editorial
LET'S HAVE MORE SCHOOL SPIRIT!
Do you back up your school? Or are you content to go back and forth to school never going to any school function that isn't required? Are you out to cheer for your team?
Basketball and track seasons are just coming around the corner. Last year the attendance at the spring sports events wasn't what it could have been.
We've got to do all these things and many more to be able to prosper and be strong. This may all sound very good on paper and we can say "it's a very good theory" and let it go at that, but the only thing that's going to help is to get out there and do something about it. It's up to John G. Public.
—J.P.

Selections Announced For Band Concert
The program for the Band Concert to be given April 16 in the Farmington High School gymnasium was announced this week by Mr. E. V. Ayres, director.
Although most of the music will be furnished by the Concert band, two marches and an overture will be played by the Second band.
The numbers will be:
Star Spangled Banner, Keyes.
Torch of Liberty (March), Klor.
Eleanor—Selection, Deppen.
In A Persian March (Interlude to Scene), Kletley.
Spirit of the Day (March), Whistler.
Vocal Soloist:
Clarinet (Duet), Jean Power, Lois Goers.
God Bless America (Concert Arrangement), Berlin.
Star Dust, Carl Michael.
The Wanderer's Call (Overture), Guenzel.
Colorado (Concert March), by Holmes.
—J.H.

WAR GUIDANCE STUDIED AT CONFERENCE
At meetings sponsored Saturday, April 3, at the Hotel Statler by the Guidance Association of Detroit and vicinity, problems of war guidance were discussed. Mr. Duncanson was Farmington's representative.

In the morning addresses Dr. Harry A. Jager (Chief, Occupational Information and Guidance, United States Office of Education) and from the federal point of view, spoke about the place of schools in guidance and mentioned the need for aptitude surveys in every school; Mr. Carl H. Horn (Chief, Occupational Information and Guidance, State Board of Control for Vocational Education), from state point of view, discussed the state program and the bulletin to be released soon. At noon the guest speaker was Spencer Gordon, Executive Secretary, Willow Run Community Council, who led the effects of constantly changing population upon standards of living and the necessity for closer community cooperation. In the afternoon an open forum concerning Orientation to Military Service was held. This was led by a representative from the Armed Services.

As a result of these discussions, a more complete testing program will be introduced for Farmington's pre-induction boys. The tests will include California Short Form Test of Mental Maturity, Kuder Preference Record, Detroit General Aptitudes Examination, O'Rourke Clerical Aptitude Test, and Special Applications of Mathematics.

Following this battery of tests, a special inventory sheet will be made out by the pupil, the counselor, the physician, and the school administrator. This, when taken to the induction center, will help place the draftee more suitably.
—S.W.

Nurses' Reg'd Ahead
Famous books are read aloud to patients by nurses under a new method of leading in hospitals of Madrid, Spain, and humorous stories are said to give the best results.

With apologies to Shakespeare and Shubert.
—Gaynell Edwards.

Baseball Schedule

April 18. Walled Lake vs. Farmington, Here.
April 22. Farmington vs. Keego Harbor, there.
April 27. Brighton vs. Farmington, here.
May 4. Northville vs. Farmington, here.
May 11. Farmington vs. Redford Union, there.
May 14. Holly vs. Farmington, here.
May 21. League Field Day.

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Junior High Boys Herald Spring

On April 1 the seventh and eighth grade boys had their first hard ball baseball game.

The captains were John Grace, seventh grade, and Bob Cook, eighth grade. The seventh grade was victorious by a score of 13-0. Bud Aschenbrenner and Dick Fisher, of high school, acted as umpires.

The seventh graders have organized their hard ball team league with Lee Lathrop and Bob West acting as managers. Lee's team won by a score of 14-12. This game was also played on April 1.
—J. Leach

Under Classmen Have Rustic Party

Despite cold that made colder noses, 20 freshmen and sophomores enjoyed a hayride at May's Saturday night. The girls brought lunches, and general comments around school indicate they all had a "swell time."
—Marie Slusser

TIS SAID . . .

Geel! If you should notice the senior girls floating around, don't be too astonished. It will only be their reaction to that great event next Saturday night. About one hundred soldiers will take Farmington by storm for maneuvers and otherwise.

One beautiful day last week we definitely decided that spring had come. So we went home and took off our long underwear. We knew that spring had arrived. But she fooled us; so home again we went and sadly put them back on. Well, we know if we remain hopeful, someday—yes, sir, someday spring will put in her formal appearance.

Have you noticed the funny expressions on the faces of the senior English class? Well, who wouldn't have a funny expression having read novels by Sir Walter Scott when Ellery Queen is a general favorite!

At the hay-ride Saturday night we hear the kids almost froze to death. What say?
Now that spring is almost here—yes, of course, will hear of a lot of kids skipping. Why, I literally ran into dozens of them when I was downtown last week. The seniors who aren't doing so well in school had better see that they don't get spring fever. You know, if you were close to the brink, everyday counts. We have all worked too hard to fall now—just when we are almost through.
—Inna Surchin

Caps And Gowns Will Arrive Soon

The seniors are trying to avoid the rush this year. They are being asked to bring their money for caps and gowns just as soon as possible. The caps and gowns are expected to arrive the Thursday before Baccalaureate.
—Marie Slusser

Schools Will Help Farmers With Crops

Superintendents met Thursday to discuss the farm labor situation with Frederick B. Knight, formerly of Purdue University but now a member of the Agricultural Department. Methods for training unskilled boys and placing them in and about Detroit were emphasized.
Farmers are urged to call schools in their localities if they need help.
—S.W.

WAR PLANT NEEDS UNSKILLED MEN Good Wage Rates Steady Work PRODUCTION

Apply in person Employment Office, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Detroit Diesel Engine, Division of GM, 13400 West Outer Drive, Detroit.

Only those eligible under War Manpower Commission Employment Stabilization Plan need apply.
Take Plymouth through bus to factory.

SURVEY STARTS FOR EXTENSION OF NORTHWESTERN

Work has been started on surveying a proposed parkway extension of Northwestern Highway following the approval of the board of Commissioners of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority as a post-war project. Plans call for extending the highway from its present terminal at Orchard Lake Road approximately fifteen miles to the intersection of M39, near Highland, Michigan, with the proposed Huron-Clinton Parkway, probably will intercept, according to H. B. Earhart, board chairman.

"It has long been suggested by highway engineers that the extension of Northwestern Highway as a parkway, would do a great deal to alleviate congestion on Grand River Avenue in addition to serving a large area to the northwest of Detroit," Earhart pointed out.

"Northwestern Highway already has been widened at the Detroit terminals in Chicago. Gifts of the Union League Club to the USO, the mobile libraries move from one part of the station to another, giving books and magazines to troops in transit. Often the men are not allowed to break ranks as they go through the station, so with the permission of the commanding officers, the cars roll along with them. The men return the books to the USO at their next stop. Books are furnished by the Victory Book Campaign.

"By extending this great highway to the lake region of Oakland County, and probably later carrying it through toward Durand and northeastern Livingston County, the Parkway Authority will be carrying out one of the original purposes for which it was created, namely to provide quick and easy travel between the lake region and the metropolitan district," Earhart continued.

"The Authority's decision to select the right-of-way at this time was predicted upon conferences with Oakland County highway officials who assured us that they wanted this extension as their 'number one' project in that area. When or not the existing section will be converted into a limited-access type of parkway will be decided at a later date when we have concluded what can be done about extending it to the north and south route within the city, as well as a cross-town highway connection.

"Northwestern Highway leads into some potential park land and the area is being surveyed for the location for a large park development somewhere in the vicinity," Earhart said. "The Authority has been working with officials of the State Conservation Department in an attempt to select a site for a large recreational development in the area surrounded by a green belt or background as one of the four or five large parks which the Authority hopes to undertake along the routes of the proposed parkways. The work will be carried on throughout the summer months and plans developed last fall construction after the war, not only as employment insurance, but as another step in the solution of our traffic problems in the metropolitan region of Detroit."

SOARING FOOD COSTS CONFRONT FARMERS WITH TOUGHEST JOB

CHICAGO—Can American farmers lick history's toughest crop-producing job and meet Uncle Sam's soaring war goals for meat, dairy, poultry, egg, and vegetable and vitamin crops in 1943?
The answer depends on two major factors, agricultural economists believe.

1—Solution of some of the most pressing aspects of the farm labor shortage.

2—Effective utilization of fertilizer supplies to reinforce the soil's crop-producing ability.

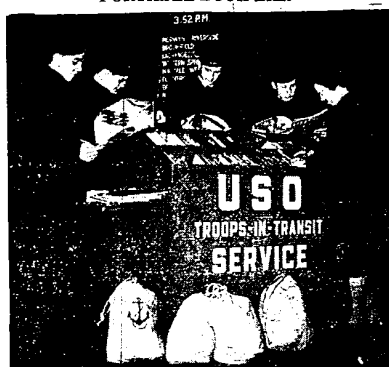
"Concerning labor," says a statement issued here by the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee, "it is estimated that 2,000,000 additional hands will be required for spring work to put in the same acreage this year as last. Draft deferment will be a help, but other measures may be required."

"Important as labor is, however, the effective utilization of fertilizer supplies is equally necessary. Fortunately, its solution is simpler. The key to it is in the hands of individual farmers, themselves. By taking immediate steps to consult their fertilizer distributor, they can learn what plant foods are available and arrange for their purchase at once."

"Since munitions manufacturing has first call on chemical nitrogen, every pound of the supply available for agriculture must be utilized to produce the maximum results. With careful management there will be sufficient chemical nitrogen to meet all essential needs. So important is the allocation of mixed fertilizers that the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been given authority over regulations governing their production, distribution and use."

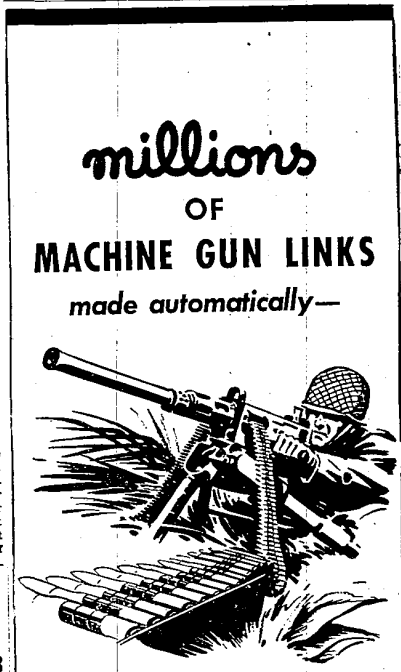
"Detailed information on these regulations is in the hands of county agents, experiment station agronomists, fertilizer dealers and distributors. These men are glad to cooperate in giving farmers specific advice on how to fill out applications."

PORTABLE BOOK BAR



CHICAGO, ILL.—The latest style in service to men in uniform is the "Book Bar" or "Culture Cart" now in use in the six large railroad terminals in Chicago. Gifts of the Union League Club to the USO, the mobile libraries move from one part of the station to another, giving books and magazines to troops in transit. Often the men are not allowed to break ranks as they go through the station, so with the permission of the commanding officers, the cars roll along with them. The men return the books to the USO at their next stop. Books are furnished by the Victory Book Campaign.

late From Nazi Newspaper
A Nazi newspaper deplors "quarrels and unpleasant scenes" created by Westphalian housewives pushing and shoving to get rationed vegetables.
Feed
Wise poultrymen plan to store a reserve of feed equal to their needs for two weeks or a month. This will be a protection against transportation delays this winter.



...another job Electricity is doing to help win the war

A MACHINE GUN firing 1200 shells per minute requires mass production on a big scale to keep it supplied with ammunition. The metal links that make a continuous chain of machine gun bullets are a good example. Millions of these links are turned out daily in a single local plant, and thanks to electricity, the whole job is completely automatic from start to finish.

Starting with a steel strip, the stock feeds through multiple stamping machines to make the "green" link (not yet heat treated). Then on a continuous conveyor belt, the links go successively to electric furnaces for hardening, to shot blasting machines, to draw furnaces for more heat treating, to a rust preventive bath, and finally to bins where every link is tested for strength and accurate dimensions. They then slide down a chute and are packaged into waterproof cartons, which—after spot testing by Army inspectors—are conveyed directly into box cars.

Machine gun links by the carload are only ONE of the thousands of jobs that electricity is doing today in armaments and war plants. Electric power is a weapon of war... making its strength felt on the production lines that equip our fighting men. The Detroit Edison Company.