

THE BLUE AND WHITE

JOHN PITTIBONE 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 Pittibone. 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 selves and other continents, for, in the cans, to win this war. And if we do not, we shall meet disaster in the form of conquerors and make a firm, lasting peace. We must study this question with no partiality, and do what is best. It will take every one doing his part in the United States and South America, a land of ease and plenty, we do, we will all be happy. But, we are the richest country in the world, and, as such, we are the "coup" together.

The Atlantic and the Pacific no longer are barriers to armies. Air, born armes are being used to a some extent now, and in the future, we will be the most potent means known to man. Blockades around ports are no longer means of winning wars, for materials of war can be shipped over land under the blockade. We must have a mighty air armada to defend ourselves for nations with such forces for self-subordination 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 must be done.

Selections Announced For Band Concert

The program for the Band Concert to be given April 15 in the Farmington High School gymnasium was announced this week by Mr. E. V. Averill, director.

Almost all 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), Kahr, Eleanor—Selection, Deppen, football.

In A Persian Market (Intermezzo Scene), Ketelby, Spirit of the Day (March), Whistler.

Vocal Soloist: Clarinet (Duet), Jean Power, Lois Goers.

God Bless America (Concert Arrangement), Berlin.

Star Dust, Campichael. The Wanderer's Call (Overture) Guenzel.

Colorado (Concert March), by Holmes.

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. Dunckel was Farmington's representative.

In the morning addresses Dr. Harry C. Jagger (Chief, Occupational Information and Guidance, United States Office of Education) 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 bullet to be released soon.

At noon the guest speaker was Spencer Gordon, Executive Secretary, Willow Run Community Council, who told 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.

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, Elimination, O-Score 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 drafted more suitably.

—S.W.

WHO IS HITLER?

Who is Hitler? What is he?

That all his subjects "command" him?

Shrewd, selfish, and unjust; he, the junkpile his mustache did lead him?

That "dignified" he might be.

Is he insane as he is sly?

For insanity lives with slyness.

To his eyes, many are there

To help him in his "kindness."

And being "kind" inhabits there.

Then to Hitler let us sing

That he and his are smelting.

He smelts above each mortal thing.

Upon this dull earth dwelling.

To him let us dirision fling.

With apologies to Shakespeare and Shubert.

—Gaynell Edwards.

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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?

Baseball 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.

School spirit has been going up this year. Let's have it hit the peak now. Show other schools we have school spirit. We're sure you can do it! Attend all the school functions you possibly can.

—A.W.

THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES

Marie Slusser, age 18

Nickname—"Shorty"

Pet saying—"Bear Hair"

Activities—Blue and White, Club, Dramatics.

Ambition—To go to Texas.

Norman Stewart, age 17

Nickname—"Timothy"

Pet saying—"I don't know"

Years at Farmington—5

Activities—Basketball, baseball, football.

Ambition—To join the Air Corps

Dave Sullivan, age 18

Pet saying—"I tellin' ya."

Years at Farmington—7

Activities—Football 4 years, captain (senior); baseball manager 1; basketball manager; 2; Blue and White; Student Council 3 and 4; president (senior); vice-president of Senior class; J.Hop Committee; Senior Play; Varsity Club 2; Camera Club 2.

Ambition—To be a foreign correspondent.

Mary Tamm, age 17

Pet saying—"I tellin' ya."

Years at Farmington—12

Activities—Library Club, Writers' Club 2 years, Glee Club 2 years, Homemaking Club, Blue and White.

Ambition—To become an Army nurse.

Paul Tuck, age 18

Nickname—"Fullback"

Years at Farmington—1

Ambition—To join the Army

TIS SAID . . .

Gee! 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 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 with Ellery Queen is a general majority.

At the hay ride Saturday night we hear the kids almost froze to death. What say?

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

—Ima 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 a member of the Agricultural Department. Methods for training unskilled boys and placing them in and about Detroit were emphasized.

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Baseball Schedule

April 16. Walled Lake vs. Farmington, Here.

April 22. Farmington vs. Keego Harbor, there.

April 27. Brighton vs. Farmington, there.

May 4. Northville vs. Farmington, here.

May 11. Farmington vs. Redford Union, there.

May 14. Holly vs. Farmington, here.

May 21. League Field Day.

Buy Farmington Products

SURVEY STARTS FOR EXTENSION OF NORTHWESTERN

Work has been started on surveying a proposed parkway extension of Northwestern Highway following its approval by the board of Commissioners of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks 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 M-59, near Highland, Michigan, where the proposed Huron-Clinton Parkway probably will intersect, according to H. B. Earhart, board Chairman.

"It has long been admitted 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.

"By extending this great highway to the lake region of Oakland County, and probably later carrying it 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. Whether or not the existing section will be converted into an elevated 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.

"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 due to 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 later for 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 needs for meat, dairy, produce, oil, rubber, cotton and vital 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 sufficient 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 deferments will help, but other measures may be required."

"Important as labor is, however, 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 dealer, 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 nitrogen to meet all essential needs. Care must be taken in 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, extension agents, agricultural fertilizer dealers and distributors. These men are glad to cooperate in giving farmers specific advice on how to fill out their applications."

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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 library service from one part of the station to another, giving books and magazines to troops in transit. Often the men are not allowed to read in their ranks as they go through the station, so with the permission of the commanding officers, the carts roll along with them. The men return the books to the USO at their next stop. Books are furnished by the Victory Book Campaign.

—Lieutenant, USO

Books and unpleasant scenes" created by Westphalian housewives pushing and shoving to get rationed vegetables.

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.

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...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 packedaged into waterproof cartons, which after spot testing by Army inspectors are conveyed directly into box cars.

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