

# THE BLUE AND WHITE

## Here And There With The Alumni

Hallo — and how are you?

Everyone I've talked to lately seems to be "just fine." We hope that holds for all of you. Sgt. Burke Martin, ex-Navy and now of the Air Force, surprised us last Friday. Surprised us in more ways than one — first, we thought he was in Texas or Arizona; second — he's so — so minus that extra weight civilian Burke used to put on. He went to the game; but, accustomed to New Mexico sunshine, shivered his way back to the old school building before the final score. About to complete six years of service, Burke is now stationed at the Walker Air Force Base, where he instructs radio at the base school — Morse Code, High Speed and Radio Procedure. He'll be in these parts about thirty days. We might add that he recently returned from a short sojourn to Alaska. "A. F. 2620013 — H. Q. 509th Bomb Gp., Walker Air Base" will reach him.

Bob Morris and Burke were barracks mates for a time in New Mexico. Bob is Sgt. Morris now, light radio operator. He didn't tell us, but his friend did: Bob was honor student of his class at Scott Field. Good going — and good luck. Bob's address is 393rd Bomb Sqdn., Walker Air Force Base.

I saw Homer Carlee Saturday. He joined the navy, you know, before his graduation. He was home on 72-hour leave from Great Lakes, where he's stationed as Ship's Company. He's just off the Roosevelt. When he finishes, he hopes to go to a diesel motor school in Memphis.

Jim Brodel, who also left school to join the Navy, will be home for good in January. Jo said she didn't believe he'd resign.

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## EDITORIAL

### YOU AND THE TORCH

A great cause is brought to our minds at the present time, a cause affecting all of us: our parents, our classmates, and most of all — ourselves. We refer to the United Foundation Torch Drive. Most of the money received from donors in Farmington will remain here to aid our people. This fact and the dire need of our country's health should urge us all to give our best. We, as students, as junior citizens, have an obligation of our own. Most of us cannot contribute large sums of money, but we can donate our selves. We can support the drive wholeheartedly with our words and actions. Our tongues can tell the world of our brothers' need and our actions can prove the need.

Epilepsy, heart disease, polio! Each word strikes terror into our hearts. Yet, we think it could never happen to us. But how wrong this is! No living creature is immune to these dreaded diseases. So let us work and strive for cures and preventions. Let us speak and act to save our country from slow destruction by disease.

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## 6-School Debate League Organized

The formation of a debate league between Farmington, Clareville, Milford, Bentley, Northville, and Walled Lake was announced recently by Mr. Lloyd Smith, Farmington debate director.

Principal motives for organizing the league were that it stimulates better relations between neighboring schools, reduces distances the teams must travel, and equalizes competition. Formerly Farmington debaters were forced to travel as far as Lansing and there compete with class A schools such as Lansing Eastern.

To open the activities of the new league, as yet unnamed, a tournament will be held on November 21, with all schools participating. Members are now working on plans to have a supper following the debates for debaters, coaches, and school principals. At this time the formal organization of the league will be set up.

November 7 Farmington debaters traveled to Pontiac to engage in a practice session.

## P. T. A. Program Features Vocalists

The students of Farmington High School are presenting music for the P. T. A. meeting on Tuesday evening, November 15. The program will include the following: Shirley Gibbs, vocal solo; Rosamund Le Mieux, piano solo; "Malguna"; Kenneth Siler, trumpet solo; Junior Falconnaires singing "Villa"; and "In The Gloaming" Sally Lutz, piano solo. Chopin's Nocturne in E Flat; and the Falconnaires singing "Winter Song".



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## Boys Form Bowling Teams

At a meeting Tuesday, November 2, six boys' bowling teams of four members each were formed. The teams are as follows: First team — James Whitman (captain), Dale Gillespie, Bob Erickson and Morgan Thomas; second team — Albert Stosiek (captain), Dick Alexander, Jim Crane and Allen McFarland; third team — George Gores (captain), John Gaseley, Bob Casey and Dick Kosmowski; fourth team — Frank Gout (captain), Pat Bradley, Bob Peeling and Duane Baggott; fifth team — Fred Groux (captain), Ken Siler, Charles Chesquire and Carl Milburn; sixth team — Dick Deam (captain), Russell Stephen, Bob Slusser and Louis Hatch.

The boys will begin bowling on Thursday, November 10, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Bowling will take place in the Farmington Recreation on Grand River and Brookdale. All members are planning to work hard in an effort to top a 185 game bowled by a girl.

## Miss M. J. Leach Gets Transfer

Miss Margaret J. Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Leach, of 33309 Oakland Road, Farmington, Michigan, was recently transferred to the Army Service Club, at Zamia, from the Shiga Heights Hotel where she had been assigned as program director since September, 1948.

In her new position as recreational director at the Army Service Club near Yokohama, it will be the responsibility of Miss Leach to plan and execute a winter recreation program for men of the 70th AAA Group, 40th AAA Brigade, who are assigned to the post.

Before going overseas Miss Leach had been a teacher in the public schools of South Bend, Indiana, for two years.

She attended high school in Farmington, and received her AB degree from Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, in 1945.

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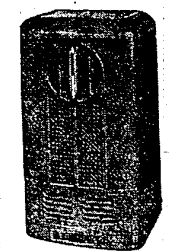
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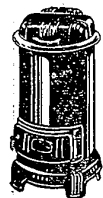
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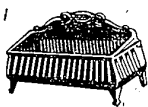
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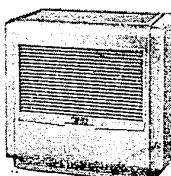
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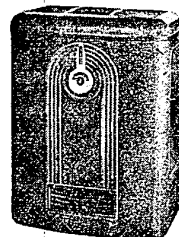
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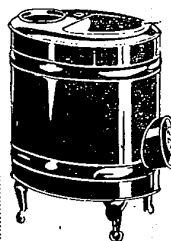
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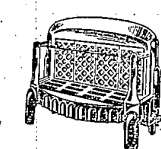
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