

We Believe . . . Education Can Relieve Prejudice

Beginning with this issue of the Blue and White, a series of talks delivered by nationally known men at the Atlantic City Convention of School Administrators will be briefly outlined. The purpose of these articles, obtained from a report by Superintendent O. E. Dunkel, is to acquaint the reader with the opinions of many of the prominent leaders in the United States concerning public education and its relationship to democracy, conservation, racial discrimination, and atomic energy.

The first speaker in the opening session was Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn National League Baseball Club. His topic was racial discrimination. He emphasized the importance of "helping the work you are doing" and the "desire to succeed". He discussed prejudices in the light of his experiences of having been the first major league club to employ a negro player.

"It never occurred to me that I should not hire a Negro to play baseball," said Mr. Rickey. "I had been so much interested in that in the last syllable of his name or in the pigmentation of his skin. I wanted to win a pennant. I wanted to be better than 15 other clubs so I wanted to win. I wanted to win the prize of being first rather than the obscurity of a mere second. I wanted to find men with the grace and swing, the dexterity of motion, and I told my scouts to find me the one human being who could play the game the best."

He told his audience that racial discrimination in the United States was rapidly approaching a solution — but not through legislative processes. He warned that a law prohibiting racial discrimination might create so much antagonism that it would hurt, rather than help, the campaign to end racial discrimination. He emphasized the importance of education in meeting the problem.

Next week, a summary of the address made by David Lillenthal, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, will be published. In his discussion he urged educators to correct misunderstandings about atomic energy. M. W.

Calendar

Thursday, March 30 — Boys' bowling, 4 p.m. alleys. Camera Club, 7 p.m., Room 3. G.A.A., 7 p.m., gym.
Saturday, April 1 — G. A. A. Dance, "Jokers' Jump".
Tuesday, April 4 — Girls' Bowling, 4 p.m., alleys. Choir, 7 p.m., band house.
Wednesday, April 5 — Assembly, 2:35 p.m., gym. F. W.

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Have you seniors invited your favorite seniors yet? Only a few days left before the "Jokers' Jump" girl-band dance, sponsored by the G. A. A. It begins at 8:30 on April 1.

The chairman of the committees for the dance are: decorations, Alice Miller; refreshments, Margaret Clapp; advertisement, Phyllis Pringle; tickets and clean-up, Barb Howie.

Ann Plumton Gets D.A.R. Honorable Mention

While attending a convention at Hotel Olds in Lansing Saturday, March 25, given by the D.A.R., Ann Plumton received honorable mention for an examination on governmental procedure. The exam also included personal opinions of the 250 girls who took part on government questions.

The "State D. A. R. Pilgrim" was announced. The winning girl will receive a \$100 war bond and will attend the National Convention. An alternate was also selected. Governor Williams spoke to the girls. Later they were taken on a tour of the Michigan State campus. N. S.

Home Economics Group Sees Fashion Show

Sixty-five girls and Miss Freda Olshewsky attended the fashion show given by the Bates Fabric, Inc., of New York, March 10. Different styles were shown to the students in the auditorium of the Plymouth High School. Creations by famous Paris designers were displayed. Twenty dresses by Poth, Baltimore, Helm, and other well-knowns were modeled by high school girls from Plymouth.

After the show, the girls were taken on a conducted tour of the Home Economics Department. Tea was served before a movie on the subject of materials was shown. H. W.

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Editorial

IN APPRECIATION

For the more than 25 seniors who generously donated their time and efforts toward the publication of the 1950 "Rollcall," last Wednesday saw the climax of more than five months' work. At that time the editors delivered the completed copy to the lithographers in Ypsilanti.

With the election of an editor, assistant editor, and various other officers last October the staff began work on the project. Since then, under the direction of their sponsor, Miss Marian Dammon, they have written, rewritten, typed, retyped, cut, pasted, and mounted while school photographers, Dick Schreiber and Robert Erickson, were busy getting informal pictures for the special pages.

The book covers all the school's activities during the scholastic year of 1949-50 and contains pictures of all the students in the junior and senior high grades, grades seven through twelve, as well as faculty pictures and candid shots. This makes the "Rollcall" of interest to all high school students, their families, and everyone connected with the Farmington High School. Of course, it is of special interest to the seniors, for whom it is a last record of high school life.

It is on behalf of these persons that we wish to thank not only the staff but also the entire senior class, which sponsored this project for their work in producing the 1950 "Rollcall". C. G.

Here And There With The Alumni

Hi There.
We're happy to see Bill Long and Al Lind home again. They arrived two weeks ago, beards and all. They liked getting home, but "it's cold" here after Arizona. They have shed those sunbaked beards now, however.

Virginia Lint's marriage has been postponed until summer since her fiancé's (Bob Harris) motorcycle accident. Ginny is still working at the Civic.

May we extend our best to Carolyn Farmer? Her engagement has been announced to Kenny Hall of Detroit. The wedding will be in the summer.

Mary (Hamilton) and Jim Youngblood would like to have any of the alumni drop in to see their seven-month-old baby girl, Linda. They are living on Jacksonville Street near Middlebelt. You'll be missing something if you don't see her.

We hear Fred Hamlin was laid up for a while with a leg infection. Must be the nurses were pretty! Fred will be graduated from State in June after studying chemical engineering and business ad.

We hear Doris Greskowiak is working at the Detroit Air-Conditioning Institute. Good luck, Doris! Kenny and Marie (Howie) O'Keefe are now living on Alceyway so Ken will be closer to work. He is still working at Dancer's. Love, Betsy

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Junior Play Called Very Successful

"The Perfect Idiot," a comedy in three acts presented by the Juniors of Farmington High School, Saturday night provided an evening of hilarious entertainment which none who attended will soon forget.

The background for the play was the living room of the Tennyson home. The plot revolves around the members of the Tennyson family. The star of the play was Vincent Stock, who portrayed a brilliant high school senior nicknamed "Genius". Margaret Tennyson, the mother, was played by Alice Miller; the father, Roger Tennyson, by James Meagher; and the youngest son Jackie, by Dick Alexander. With Rita Pieron as Rhoda the maid, the household was quite complete.

Linda Barnard, the daughter of Arthur Barnard, principal of Center High School, gave Jean Martindale an opportunity to display a talent for winning the heart of Dan Tennyson. Aloysius (Puff) Witomski, played by Dick Yokum, was the star athlete of Center High School but needed help in his school work or he would be ineligible for the games. Among the other teenage friends of the Tennysons were Judith Henry as Jeannie Wilson, Jackie's girl friend; and Janet Wheaton as Puff's girl, Mary Weller as Miss Baker, a school teacher; Gail Malden as Miss Booth, a newspaper reporter; Michael Ferrante as a policeman and James Keck as Dave Hochshorts Van Bort, a psychiatrist, rounded out the cast. Gerald Plum added a delightful touch of humor to the play with his part as Walter P. Latherby, a soap manufacturer.

Civic Classes Tour News And Phone Co.

The two civic classes of Mr. Louis Gilson toured the Detroit News and Michigan Bell Telephone Company on Wednesday, March 22. They left school at noon on the school bus.

They found the News extremely interesting since most had not been in a newspaper plant before. They viewed the Telephone Company with both curiosity and interest. "When we have field trips," everyone agrees, "Civics is wonderful!" H. W.

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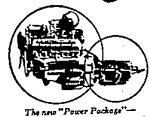
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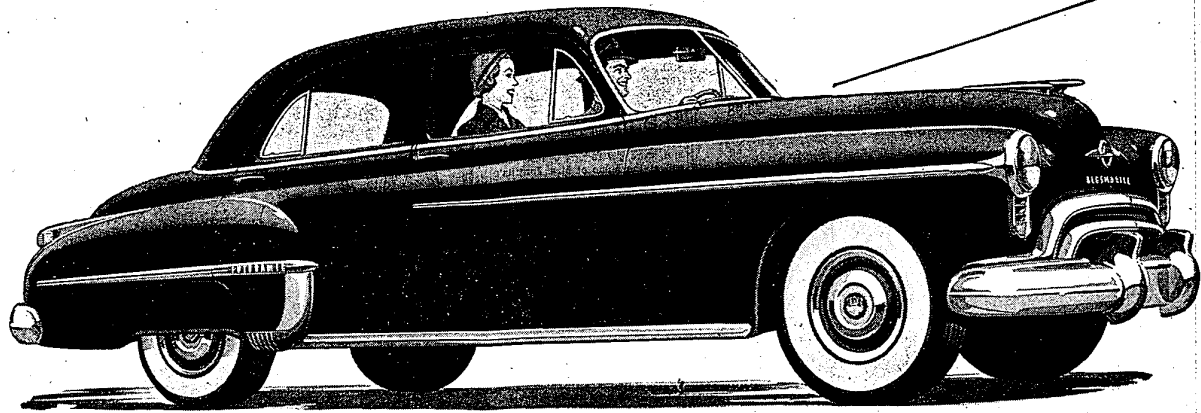
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