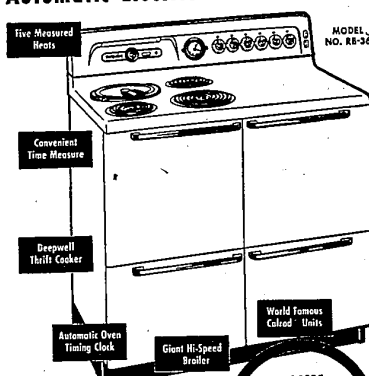


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Book Review

DEATH BE NOT PROUD

By John Gunther

Johnny Gunther was as happy enjoying his "taken for granted" life as any other boy of sixteen. He was curious to learn about the world, so science was his favorite subject in school.

One day he looked up from his existence to find a stranger, who motioned for Johnny to follow and leave his life behind. Johnny saw the beaming hand that came in the form of a brain tumor, but he grabbed a strong hold of his suddenly precious life, and gave his fate a long fierce battle.

Through operations, relapses, and recoveries Johnny finished his last year of high school on his own. Graduation day came during a period of his brief recovery. He had a lot of his right arm, Johnny marched down the aisle with his classmates to receive his diploma. He was one of the honor students of his class. A short while later, when most people are just beginning to start life, he died.

Perhaps Johnny cried to himself during the night, but his father, John Gunther, saw only a boy who was braver than many men. As John Gunther wrote the story, he did not crowd the pages with sentiment.

He told it so that others who go through life with only the memories and the mumps would see how fortunate they were, and to give encouragement for others who are fighting against death. J. S.

Here And There With The Alumni

Hi there,
Just a short note today — Elbridge Dunlap is back working at Grimes Cleaners, driving a delivery truck.

Catherine Zarzycki and Howard Miller were married March 25 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Northville. They are still honey-mooning in Texas, but will live with his folks in Novi when they return. Congrats to you both.

Good luck to Lois Gately and Bill Mitchell! They are going to be married on April 28 at the Clarenceville Methodist Church.

Rennie and Marilyn Bacon are home for a while from Alma. Bill Conroy must enjoy his work now. He's with the Wolverine Insurance Company in Detroit, and we hear he even has a pretty secretary! Love, Betty.

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Editorial

LOST: TRACK SPIRIT
Now that spring has come, the forgotten sport of F. H. S. — track — has fellows working out in the gym. In the past, attendance at the track meets at home has been poor, with away meets drawing no attendance whatsoever.

This being Mr. Donald Hessler's first year as track coach at FHS, he should be shown that Farmington does support a track team. Coach Hessler has already demonstrated his ability by coaching a fleet-footed cross-country team last fall to a league championship. This, of course, does not mean they will win the track championship, but you can be sure they will give everything they have to do so.

I hope this editorial has brought to the minds of all the students and local people that they should go out and cheer the Falcon track team to a successful season.

H. D.

We Believe . . .

SCHOOLS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS

The address made by U. S. Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon at the Atlantic City Convention of the American Association of School Administrators will be featured in this issue of the Blue and White. In his speech, which was obtained in summarized form from a report made by Superintendent O. E. Duncanson, the Senator states his belief that schools are responsible for making the people familiar with the international problems of today.

During that "at this critical hour, there can be no let-down in America's defense program," the Senator warned that "some mutually satisfactory understanding for peaceful relations must be reached." After stating that we had not done too well in holding our own in the cold war, he urged a practical demonstration of the superiority of the capitalist economy over Russian totalitarianism is the "greatest answer" to Communism. He said it was "most likely" that the present generation will witness the "sunrise or sunset of peace."

Speaking as a college teacher of twenty years experience and as a member of the armed services committee, he urged American schools and colleges to throw their weight behind the campaign for peace. The schools, he declared, must help instruct the people regarding the current international problem. He emphasized the importance of a clearer understanding of the relation between political and economic freedoms.

The Senator urged a strong bipartisan policy and stressed the dangers of the American people becoming divided over foreign policy. He rejected demands that direct negotiations be opened with Stalin, advocating instead an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations to bring together representatives of all nations for consideration of international control of atom and hydrogen bombs, as well as general control of all armaments.

Dr. Earl J. McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education, who announced the country to provide equal educational opportunities for all children, will be the special speaker in the succeeding publication of the Blue and White. M. W.

Senior Girls View Bell Telephone Program

On Wednesday, April 12, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company provided a vocational program for girls in the twelfth grade who are interested in applying for a job dealing with stenographic work or telephone operations.

Mrs. Gladys Kirk was the representative from this company, who explained the advantages, qualifications and opportunities available in this line of work. A movie was also shown.

LOVE IN BLOOM

The Student Council presenting the "Spring Fever" dance April 15, hopes to associate the name with the weather. It begins at 8:30 in the gymnasium and will last until 11:30.

The Student Council has chosen the following committee chairman: Advertising, Jack Boyer; Decorations, Gail Mulmstead; Refreshments, June Turner; and Tickets, Dean Whitehead. B. H.

Inter-Lakes S. C. Presents Assembly

The first Inter-Lakes Student Council Assembly was presented in the Farmington High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, April 5. Jack Boyer, Student Council president, acted as master of ceremonies.

Berkley High School was first on the program. Their representatives were two boys playing a clarinet duet.

A piano solo of Frankie Carls' "Swing Serenade" was given by a sophomore from Walled Lake. It was followed by a reading by a senior, entitled "Fistful Days."

The Triple Trio from Keego Harbor, consisting of members from ninth through twelfth grades, sang "We Who Like Music," "Deep in My Heart," and "My Hero."

Holly's entertainment was a five member band, who played different marches. A solo was given on the bugle. Clever rope acts were done to their music, also.

A dramatic reading entitled "Scratch, Newsboy's Dog" was dramatized by a Detroit Freshman. A piano solo "Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C sharp Minor" was the last to be given on the program.

Since there was no time for the Boys' Quartet from Farmington, they simply closed the assembly by singing "Good-bye" in close harmony.

Expression of student opinion indicated appreciation of youthful talent and a desire for similar ones next year. H. W.

Girls End Bowling Season

In the concluding week of girls' bowling, Jackie Rudberg has her first highest game of 271. Helen Siggins closely followed with 163. Heading the league most of the season, the Pin-Ups came out on top. They have been given a chance to bowl in the Detroit tournaments on April 22.

The results from the National tournaments have not been announced. R. H.

Extend Trip Club Deadline

George Barron, senior trip club treasurer, announced last week to all seniors who intend to go on the annual trip that the deadline for turning in their money has been extended to April 21.

The payment of \$25.45 may be made a little at a time if desired, and each trip club member has been supplied with a deposit book for this purpose. All money should be turned in to George Barron, who urges all seniors who are interested in going, to get their money in as soon as to avoid being left out. C. G.

FACULTY ENTERTAINS

Last Wednesday seventeen seniors realized they were really in the National Honor Society when the faculty gave them the annual tea in the home making room. The Honor Society pins were presented to them and there was a short musical program. The refreshments were cookies, made by the home making girls, and punch.

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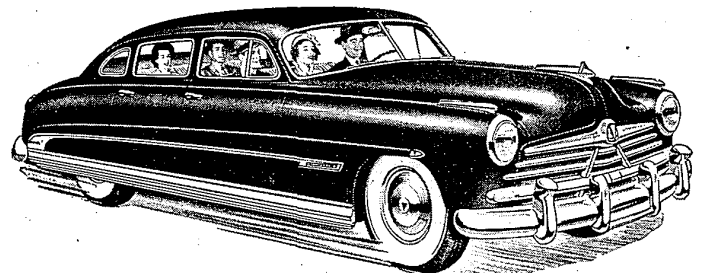
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