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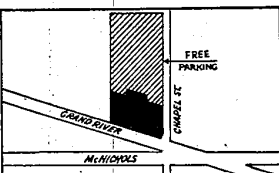
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Win Scholastic Art Exhibition District Awards

Karen Senob and Carol Cusack, F.H.S. seniors, were named gold winners in the Scholastic Art Exhibit at the Crowley-Miller Company. The exhibit features high school art from the Southeastern District of Michigan.

Karen Senob's winning entries were a pair of silver cufflinks and a penlight. She was also awarded a certificate for a ceramic ash-tray and silver pendant.

A gold key was awarded to Carol Cusack for her entry of a silver pin and a certificate for a painting of rooftops.

Brian Baldwin, an eighth grade student at the Junior high, won a gold key for his entry of a pencil drawing of a boat yard. He was also awarded a certificate for a modernist painting of sailboats.

A gold key award means that the work is good enough to go on to national competition. A certificate is an honorable mention.

Carol Wilson received a certificate for her entry of a silver pendant.

Diana Parker's entry of a painting of a rodeo also was awarded a certificate.

Mary Oliver received two certificates for figure drawings. J.C.

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Named Runner-up In Scholarship Competition

Mike Walker, Farmington High senior, has been named one of the state runners-up in the 1957 Merit Scholarship competition.

Walker will receive a letter of recommendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for his fine performance on the N.M.S.C. Scholarship Qualifying Test given a few months ago. He can use the letter for applying to a college of his choice.

A total of 152,000 seniors, each trying for one of 750 four-year scholarships, and representing 12,500 high schools, took the test. Walker ranked among the top one or two per cent of the seniors in Michigan who participated.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation is an organization which promotes scholarship in business and industry, in order that they may award scholarships to worthy students.

Established through grants of \$20,000,000 from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation, the NMSC makes available the largest system of privately financed scholarships offered in the United States. D.A.C.

Ten To Compete In Forensics Meet

Ten students interested in competing in the annual Forensics Contest this year met with Mr. Raymond Sherpilis, speech and English instructor, Wednesday, February 28.

The purpose of the meeting was to find categories in which each of the speakers could compete. The speakers were extempore, dramatic, and humorous—will be concentrated on for the contest, excluding interpretive and oratorical recitations.

Farmington High students will participate in their Local Tournament next Wednesday, March 13, and those speakers having the best ratings will then go to the District Contest, which should take place near the end of March. Winners of the District Contest will compete in the Regional Tournament.

The extempore category is on-the-spot speech composition with no previous preparation, while dramatic and humorous reading need much rehearsing. Last year, Farmington High took two third places, one in oratorical, the other in interpretive reading.

At this writing, the names of the students who will compete in the local contest and their types of readings are not specifically known. D.A.C.

Plans Now Underway For Senior Prom

After discussing and rejecting various ideas and suggestions Tuesday, February 26, the Senior Prom planning committee finally decided upon the name and theme "El Caribe," (EL KAH-REE-BAY).

El Caribe is Spanish for The Caribbean and the tropical decorations will strive for a Caribbean atmosphere.

Committee chairman for the Prom are as follows: walls, Bill Martin; ceiling, Nancy Lind; floor, Judy Hoofnagle; advertising, Judy Weightman; Refreshments, Tamar Davis; tickets, Barbara Place; and cleanup and checking, Carl Johnson. L.J.K.

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Local Alumnae To Be Featured In Cantata

Featured in the annual F.H.S. cantata, "The Holy City," March 26, will be two Farmington alumnae, Roberta Spaller and Diane Franjae, both of the class of '56.

Roberta is presently working at the City Loan Company and studying Italian at Wayne State University. In addition to these activities, Roberta is singing in the Willowbrook Community Church choir, and studying piano.

She is tentatively planning on attending college full-time next fall, although she has not yet decided on a particular school.

A student at the University of Michigan, Diane is enrolled in the School of Literature, Science and the Arts.

Continuing with her musical activities in college, Diane is singing with the Methodist Church choir in Ann Arbor under the direction of Lester McCoy of the University and is also taking private voice lessons.

Earlier this fall Diane sang in the chorus in the U of M presentation of "Brigadoon."

Both girls were active in musical activities in high school, as members of Falconettes, choir, and Girls' Triple Trio.

Roberta and Diane also did a great deal of solo work, each obtaining "1's" in the district vocal contests last spring. L.J.K.

New Testing Program Planned

The Guidance Office has announced a new testing program for F.H.S. students.

Beginning next year the intensive program will find the eighth graders wearing out their pencils on the Kuder Preference Test, striving to find out in which fields the student's interests lie; California Mental Maturity Test, a basic I.Q. test; English Co-operative, to determine those students who can take English V in their senior year; and an algebra prognosis test to find those students who have a natural ability for algebra.

With this new policy the Freshmen will have no tests. Sophomores will take two tests, the SRA Test (Science Research Associates), testing such things as word meanings, space reasoning, math, etc., and the Mooney Problem Test, which is a check list of personal problems bothering students.

Juniors will repeat the Kuder Preference Test and will also take the Lee-Clark Fundamentals test in math. Passage of this or an extra semester's work in the field of math is required for graduation. Students may ask for repeats of any of the tests and the Seniors will find themselves taking any of several various college scholarship tests.

To Hear Talk On United Nations

Wednesday, April 17, Mrs. Philip Gentile will speak to some of the social studies classes during an extended homeroom period. Mrs. Gentile's talk on the United Nations will be followed by a question and answer period.

Mrs. Gentile is a member of the U.S. delegation to the General Assembly of the U.N., the World Health Organization, and the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization.

Before coming to Farmington, Mrs. Gentile will have traveled to Europe where she will attend conferences in Geneva and Rome on behalf of UNESCO and WHO.

While in Geneva, Mrs. Gentile will also attend the dedication of the new UNESCO building.

The program is being sponsored by Miss Estelle Stang's American history classes and Mrs. Bernice Volmer's world history classes.

Mrs. Volmer's classes are already preparing for the talk with debates, panel and informal discussions and reports on the U.N. Miss Stang's class will begin preparation at a later date.

Solo, Ensemble Festival To Attract 20 Students

Twenty students will represent F.H.S. at the Michigan District Solo and Ensemble Festival. The festival will be held Saturday, March 9 from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Nine soloists including three pianists and six vocalists plus the Falconettes will travel to Pontiac Senior High to take part in the contest.

The soloist will each be given an individual rating ranging from one for excellent down to five.

The group will be accompanied by Mr. William Feucht, vocal music instructor, who is serving as chairman of the planning committee for the entire festival.

There are more three- and four-child families in America today than there have been in a generation, meaning (among other things) a continued expansion of business to meet their needs.

Wrestling Team Wins Over St. Thomas, 29-16

The Farmington wrestling team came out on the long end of a 29-10 score last Wednesday afternoon in their match with Ann Arbor St. Thomas. The Falcons had the advantage of their home floor in this contest.

Doing outstanding jobs against their opponents were Jerry Cassel, Sheldon Beckwith and Don Shuster. The wrestlers are doing a fine job, considering that this is only the first year they have been organized. Great things can be expected of them next year as relatively few are seniors and will graduate this spring. W.C.R.

Speaks On Exchange Student Program

Barbara Place, F.H.S. senior and "ambassador of good will" to Turkey last summer, spoke at an American Field Service assembly at Farmington High Wednesday, February 27.

Barb and three other guests, a girl from Turkey, a Swedish boy, and a Norwegian girl, spoke to an assembly of about 180 students and faculty about their experiences as foreign exchange students. M.M.

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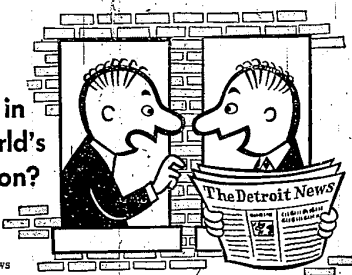


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