

Farmington High School News

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Judy Cook Wins Essay Contest

Winners of the local 1957-58 American Legion Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary have been announced. Judith Cook, senior, placed first in the local contest; Terry McShenore, was second; and Joseph Coffman, junior, was rated third. This is the second consecutive year that Judith has placed first in the essay contest. The title of this year's essay was, "Citizenship - An Honored Privilege." Mrs. Robert VanAvery, representing the Auxiliary, will present the awards to the winners at the Departmental Honor's Program, May 7. The prizes are \$5, \$3, and \$2, respectively. S.J.L.

Sandburg's Works To Be Discussed

Sandburg enthusiasts are urged to attend the third meeting of the Literati group which will be held after school Monday, April 28. Two long playing records of Carl Sandburg reading selections of his own poetry will be played and discussed. As the records are from the F.H.S. library, many students may have heard them in their classes. However, those interested in hearing them again are invited to attend. The merits of classical music and jazz will be discussed at the fourth meeting of the Literati group to be held in May. Bob Smith will speak on jazz and Bruce McCaleb will discuss classical music. A fifth and final meeting will be held if time permits. Wagnerian opera will be the subject of the discussion. Wall Whitman and Vogt were the subjects discussed at the first two meetings of the group. J.H.

Y-Teens Choose Club Officers

Carolyn Balman was re-elected president; Florida Noble, vice; Nancy Irwin re-elected treasurer; and Karen Robinson became Interclub Council Representative at the last meeting of the Y-Teens. On Tuesday, April 22, the Y-Teens joined the Future Teacher's Club and the Future Nurses for a talk and a movie on cerebral palsy. The next regular meeting will be a camp and conference rally, sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. and will be conducted by Carolyn Balman, who recently was sent to St. Louis as Detroit's Y.W.C.A. representative; Florida Noble, who went to a summer conference at Olivet College; Virginia Maatla, who attended a conference at Camp Cavell; Karen Robinson, who recently attended a district conference at Grand Rapids; and Karen Andrews, who attended a district conference last year. C.S.

PTA Discussion Group Appears

The P.T.A. of the Eagle Elementary School has invited the discussion group, under the direction of Mr. Raymond Sherpits, to give a demonstration discussion at its meeting Monday, May 5. The P.T.A. has been pursuing the field of family living. Although it is an elementary school group, its members have already reached the point where relationships between parent and teenager have become important. Members wish to have the Discussion Group point out the mistakes parents make and offer suggestions as to how they might improve. Ron Jordan, Jim Schmidt, Roy Stover and Bill Warner are the male participants. It is not yet known what girls will attend.

"Twin Spin" Dance Set for Saturday

The F.H.S. Band will hold a Spring record dance called the "Twin Spin" on Saturday night, April 26, from 8 - 11 p.m. in the gymnasium. The dance, which is twin casual dress, will feature records from big name bands. All proceeds will be used to pay for this year's 90 band awards. A swing band is playing in the lobby after school to help with the advertising. Chairman of advertising is Sharon Hansen. Other committee chairmen are Johann Lessway, records; Larry Schafer, tickets; Martha Hessler, decorations. "Twin Spin" will be the last dance of the year leading up to the Senior Prom. D.C.

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Junior High Plan 1st Contest With 'Strings'

When Harold Karl lifts his baton Wednesday evening, May 28 at Bunchel Junior High School, the Farmington schools will be presenting an orchestral concert for the first time. Previous to this year, music students in the Farmington school system have been unable to study string instruments. This year strings have been incorporated with the regular band to form an orchestra. Students may take instruction on school-owned violas, cellos, or string basses, or on the violin, if they have access to one. The course is elected as a regular class and is taken one hour each day. During the third period homeroom all string students meet and play together. A summer session of string instruments may be started along with the regular summer band program if there are enough interested junior high students.

Form 14 Piece "Swing Band"

A fourteen piece "swing" band has been organized at F.H.S. The volunteer group was initiated by Herb Brugman. He with Wayne Pullen and John Stenhardt compose the trumpet section. The saxophone section includes Dick McKerracher, Bob Runford, Joanne Lessway, and David Timmer. Playing the clarinet are Brenda Johnson and Joe Coffman. Don Goddell is featured on the trombone, and Mary Cooley plays "traverse." Larry Walter and Larry Schafer compose the base section. Dwight Temple plays the drums.

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The group has held three practice sessions on Wednesday nights, beginning April 2. "Stardust," "When The Saints Go Marching," and "Solitude" are the pieces the band has practiced. The music was purchased from the F.H.S. Band account. Mr. Robert Zimmerman, band leader at Farmington, stated, "The band is sticking to standards at the moment because pop tunes might not be popular by the time the band is prepared to perform." "The band," Mr. Zimmerman continued, "hopes to be able to play for school dances when their library of music gets built up." A similar group was organized in the 1957-58 school year to play for a concert. Graduation depleted the membership, and the band was discontinued that year. M.D.

Central College Band To Play Here Friday

Mr. Norman C. Dietz will direct the Central Michigan College Concert Band in an assembly tomorrow. The 70 piece band is now on tour in Michigan. After leaving here it will be playing in Saginaw, Flint, and Lansing. Mr. Bob Zimmerman, F.H.S. Band director, will conduct the Central Band in playing the "Colonel Bogey March." After the program the band and its advisors will be guests of the Farmington Band for lunch in the cafeteria. The 189 members of the combined junior high bands will attend the assembly but will not stay for lunch. J.B.

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Open House Planned

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School Secretaries Attend Meeting at Grand Rapids

Among those in attendance from Farmington at the 17th Annual Convention of the Michigan Association of Educational Secretaries at Grand Rapids last weekend were: Elmira V. Staeker and Florence Volpel. Registration and open house was held Friday evening. On Saturday morning the general session was highlighted by a talk by Mrs. John B. Martin of Grand Rapids on the topic, "Keys to Success in Civic Life." The annual business meeting was held with Miss Agnes Dobronski of Dearborn presiding. New officers were also installed. Mrs. Lucretia Nichols of Flint as installing officer. The afternoon session included a talk by Mr. A. J. Brendel, Superintendent of Schools, Grand Blanc and Past President of the Michigan Education Association on the topic "Keys to Success in Professional Life." After the general session, group meetings were conducted. The Annual Banquet on Saturday evening was served buffet style with Mr. Howard W. Wickert, Director of Secondary Education in the Grand Rapids Public Schools as toastmaster. The welcome was given by Dr. Lynn Bartlett, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Mr. Lynn Clark, Kent County Superintendent of Schools. Speaker for the banquet was President Victor F. Spathef, Ferris Institute, Big Rapids. The Kalamazoo Association of Educational Secretaries was in charge of the banquet. Miss Wenona Howland as chairman. The convention concluded on Sunday morning with the annual breakfast. The Grand Valley Association of Educational Secretaries had charge of the breakfast with Mrs. Marcella Houston as chairman. Bad driving conditions prevailed in less than 15 per cent of the fatal highway accidents in the U.S. in 1957. WANTED—1,000 customers for half gallons of milk, 37¢ cash and carry. Farmington Dairy. PAINTING? Cranston Paint Shop 31185 W. Ten Mile Near Orchard Lake Road GR. 4-2874

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