

### Annual Christmas Issue To Be Distributed Friday

The second annual Christmas publication of the Journalism Class will be distributed tomorrow, Friday, December 21, at 12:30.

This year's magazine consists of personal essays and poetry, both humorous and serious.

Joan Rogers is editor with Eugene McCracken doing the art work. C. T.

#### CALENDAR

Thursday, December 20, Christmas Concert, auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 21, Basketball, Farmington vs. River Rouge, there, 7:15 p.m. Christmas assembly, auditorium, 10:00 a.m. Christmas vacation begins, 3:35 p.m.

Friday, December 28 — Basketball, Farmington vs. Bentley, here, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 2, School reopens, 9:00 a.m.

### ROLLING DOWN THE RIVER



By Bob Kettler

Along about here, most weeks, we think of something or other we hope will make you laugh. But this week, we aren't even going to try, because come this Tuesday, it's Christmas.

And in our book this is no time to try to be funny, because what is funny about good fellowship, peace, goodwill and worship in celebration of the birth of the Christ Child? There is far too little of these particular items now, in a world that needs them so greatly. Here is the one time of the year that brings about more peace, more fellowship, more "goodwill to men" than ten thousand conferences could ever muster. May we be able to celebrate Christmas forever and forever!

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### "Buenos Amigos" Club Initiates New Members

The "Buenos Amigos" Club held their initiations Thursday noon, December 6.

Each new member was given a part for a bull fight; then the bull fight was carried out for the other members. Next initiates were given signs to be worn over their shoulders with words in Spanish on them. The new members were then divided into three groups and sent outside to sing Christmas carols in Spanish.

The Spanish Club has planned a Christmas party for the noon hour December 23. Gifts will be exchanged at that time. J. D.

### Vocal Music Department To Give Final Assembly

The Farmington High Vocal Music Department will present the annual Christmas assembly Friday, December 21, at 10 o'clock.

The Falconettes, Girls' Glee Club and Choir will take part. A short message pertaining to Christmas will be presented. R. C.

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### TWO EDITORIALS . . .

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Student Court has recently begun operation for the school year. Opinion about the Court's value has been varied and spirited. Because The Blue and White believes there are two sides to every question, we present here two contrasting opinions regarding the court.

#### PRO -

**KEEP STUDENT COURT!**

What do you suppose the world would be like if all the people were allowed to do as they pleased, when they pleased, and how they pleased? Do you actually think you would enjoy it? Of course not. Most people appreciate the rules and regulations that they are forced to observe. We might grumble when we have to abide by the rules but in the long run we know it pays off.

We wonder just how many students at Farmington High really know what good can be accomplished through a Student Court. If you take time to think it over, you will see what a wonderful opportunity it can give this younger generation.

The Student Court, if developed correctly, can promote character, sportsmanship, responsibility and loyalty.

The students know just about what to expect when they violate the rules because the students themselves are the Student Court. They make the rules, pass judgment and sentence the defendants according to the importance of the offense. This gives the students their chance to create a "little government", wherein they are the political powers who learn to understand and respect the rights of others.

Tickets are given for such violations as "boozing" at athletic events, having messy lockers, throwing paper on the school grounds. If you sportsmanlike conduct, lack of self control on buses, and several other minor offenses.

Students are more apt to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion if they know they must meet certain standards. The Student Court is definitely a good idea and should continue. J. R.

**SOPHOMORE MAKES BUSINESS OUT OF WORKSHOP HOBBY**

A hobby that pays off — that is the experience of Dick Matthias, Farmington High sophomore, who builds bird houses and sells them to the J. L. Hudson Co.

Matthias has been building things since he was 15 but he just started building bird houses last summer. At first it was only a hobby. Then he began selling them to his neighbors and friends.

One of his customers prompted him to contact Hudson's for a contract. A sample was shown the buyer and he received a contract for the Christmas season. They sell he has a verbal contract for a larger amount.

So now he is in business. He also builds such articles as toy chests, bookknacks, dog houses, book cases, and "anything I get a notion to," Dick commented.

Matthias has studied the habits of birds in order "to build houses the way the birds like them." This knowledge is also conveyed to his customers so that they will put them in the right place.

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Matthias does most of his building during his spare time in his garage. Dick's parents say that his building has not interfered with his school work.

Matthias plans to be a mechanical engineer in later life. J. F.

**INEFFICIENCY**

It has been said that the wheels of progress grind slowly. But here at Farmington High they have stopped!

Once more the Student Court is to be put into operation, inefficient operation. The one big factor of Farmington High's 1951-52 Student Court made its debut Friday, December 14.

While many tickets were issued, none of the recipients appeared for trial, although 16 jurors and six alternates were named only eight appeared for the initial session.

Judge R. Brown commented, "I was very disappointed in the first showing of the Student Court. For success we must have cooperation from the student body." Editor

which its success depends is its most serious defect. The whole structure of the Student Court depends on one friend giving another friend a ticket. But what person who wishes to keep friends, will ticket them? The giving of a ticket tends to create malevolent feelings toward the ticket giver and the Student Council.

The Student Council has fallen into disrepute. Even the rank and file members of the Student Council themselves do not want it to work. This is clearly shown by the fact that even when a ticket is issued, the issuer usually fails to appear at the trial. To add to the confusion and inefficiency, a rule has been set up to penalize a Student Council member who fails to show up at the trial. But what punishment? The violator is set free and the Council member is reprimanded.

But it is wise to look on the good side of the Court. A comparison can be made between the accomplishments of the court last year and what has happened so far this year without the court (as of December 2, the Court rules were in effect). We think most people will agree that the orderliness of the school has improved this year without the Court.

Therefore, the Student Court creates nothing but animosity between the Student Council and the student body in general. If the Student Council is to gain the respect of the Student body, let us do away with the inefficient Student Court. C. T.

### Vocal Music Department Contributes To Festivities

The Farmington High Vocal Music Department is presenting its annual Christmas Concert on December 20, starting at 8 o'clock in the evening. There is no admission charge and no offering will be asked.

The Vocal Department presents this concert annually as a school contribution to the community Christmas festivities.

The program will consist of songs by the Girls' Glee Club, Mixed Choir, and the Falconettes. Some of the well-known songs will be "Ave Maria", "Winter Wonderland", "Winter Song" and the Hallelujah Chorus.

The alumni and audience will be invited to conclude the program by singing the Hallelujah Chorus with the Mixed Choir. N. R.

### Freshmen Win Game, Take Highland Park

In their opening game of the season the Farmington High Freshmen walloped the Freshmen from Highland Park 35 - 15 in the local gym. The team is coached by Bill Nuse.

### BLUE AND WHITE

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### Girls' Athletic Association Loses Volleyball Games

Farmington High's G. A. A. took two volleyball teams to Bentley December 4 and lost both games.

Players who went were B. Wendlandt, S. Gazley, L. Hamilton, C. Hamlin, M. Langer, J. Fackelt, V. Tamm, M. Weber, M. Goers, A. Aho, N. Dennington, S. Taylor, D. Greco, B. Walters, S. Leonard, and C. Tessman.

The first Farmington G. A. A. basketball tournament games were played Wednesday after school.

Stock's team beat McDonald's 4 to 0 with M. Simpson and L. Stock sharing scoring honors.

Dowling's Juniors defeated Lutz's Sophomores 7 to 5 with S. Leonard and A. Brown scoring three points each for the winning team.

Gazley's Sophomores downed Greco's Seniors 11 to 6 with M. Bryan scoring seven points for the winners and J. Hamlin scoring all six points for the losers.

Because of an uneven number of teams, Cant's B. B. B.'s won two games, defeating Gildemeister's 4 to 0 and Langer's 12 to 2, with S. Wallace and J. DeNies sharing scoring honors in the first game and D. Cant scoring four points in the second one. J. D.

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