

RECENTLY, THE BIRMINGHAM BOYS' LIFE

Classes are Given At Adams, Baldwin Schools

Hundreds of parents visited the Birmingham schools yesterday, attended classes in the evening at the Baldwin and Adams schools, learned why their sons are brought to school, and the methods employed in the teaching, and approved whole-heartedly of the procedure.

At the Baldwin High School last night the classrooms were filled with parents and their children, sitting night there and at the Baldwin Junior High School, and the regular afternoon classes were held in the evening so that parents could attend.

Following the visiting hours at Baldwin a program was given in the auditorium which was crowded to capacity.

During the afternoon, all village schools were dressed in their finest to receive visitors. Parent-teacher associations in the village gave programs and speakers were featured on many of the entertainments.

The visitors had the opportunity of seeing practically every afternoon class in session, and in the morning, the regular routine of class work was gone through and was graded upon them as though there had been the usual class work.

Clarence W. Vines, superintendent of schools, and Melvin C. Hart, principal of the Baldwin High School, and Francis Cook, principal of the Adams School, were in charge of that program.

Homer L. J. Carter, grade supervisor of Royal Oak, and the superintendent of schools at the Baldwin High School, were the main features of the school program at the Baldwin High School.

Mr. Carter chose as his subject, "Why P. T. A.?"

PLANS PARADE

The Junior class of the Baldwin High School, carried off the honors in the annual parade program yesterday before a host of several hundred spectators in Baldwin field, with a total of 41 points, the Junior float having been judged the best in the parade which commenced the morning, and the junior entries having carried the day in the sport events.

The Junior float, designed by Eero Saarinen, and carried by white, blue and orange, featured a large buffalo, representing the class of 1929, with three small floats, and with representing the other three classes. The other floats were eleven done also, the Freshmen admitting their rivalry with a good deal of green bunting.

Robert McGregor, of the Sophomore class, took first prize from all the students for the best individual costume. Clarence Wines, superintendent of schools, W. S. Toothaker and Miss Ethel Waterhouse, teachers at Baldwin High School, acted as judges in all the contests.

The junior class won the girls' 50-yard dash and the boys' 100-yard dash, Joan Winborn having represented the class in the former and the latter.

The seniors were first in the girls' 100-yard dash, and the boys' 100-yard dash, and the sophomores from the junior and the sophomores from both final contests. The upper class also won the girls' tug-of-war from the seniors.

The football game which closed the afternoon's program, played at the Baldwin High School, combined against the Juniors and Seniors, ended in a scoreless tie.

The hospitable spirit of Birmingham's Community House will be felt this evening, when the house will be kept from 7:30 p. m. until all activities are over.

Flowers have been donated for the refreshment table by the Women's Civic League, and the Business and Professional Women's club are providing most of the refreshments.

SANTA ASKS HELP FOR POSTAL EMPLOYEES DURING XMAS RUSH

The approach of Christmas is bringing joy to every heart in Birmingham, and these are a half dozen or so citizens of the village who literally dread the approach of the Santa Claus season. These are the post office employees.

Every year warnings are issued about mailing Christmas presents early. Every year a few more persons observe the warning and consequently are not troubled by the great many more don't.

Every year detailed directions on wrapping umbrellas and canes to keep them from being damaged, and, incidentally, from poking out the eyes of the baggage men, are published and every year umbrellas and canes get broken before they reach their destinations.

Every year Santa Claus sends out a special message through the post offices, telling everybody to write addresses and return addresses plainly and frequently on the packages, and every year thousands of presents do not reach their destinations.

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BOARD WORKER

In compliance with the gentleman's request, The Eccentric is herewith reprinting some of the districts he discussed.

All parcels must be securely wrapped in heavy paper and tissue, with specially endorsed boxes for umbrellas, canes, hats, shoes, cut flowers, candles, drawings or paintings, and sharp-edged instruments. Articles easily broken or crushed must be padded or secured with liberal quantities of excelsior, and marked "Fragile on the outside."

Addresses should be complete, with house number, street, post-office box or rural route number, zip or plainly written in ink, and return addresses should be placed equally plainly in the upper left hand corner of the parcel.

Postage must be prepaid, and Christmas packages and mail should be mailed at least 10 days before Christmas, depending on the distance to be mailed. Christmas cards should be mailed two weeks in advance, because of the millions that must be handled.

Parcels destined for foreign countries should be particularly heavily wrapped and sealed in November.

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Over 100 Floats Entered Tonight

A parade of more than 100 floats participated in by Birmingham people. This is the feature of tomorrow night, the night of the night, in Prosperity Week.

Practically every business and social organization in Birmingham will have floats in the parade which is arranged by John A. Wendrop and Lloyd L. Stanley.

Assembly is to take place at the Baldwin High School at 8:45 p. m., and the parade will start at 7 p. m. sharp.

According to the program completed last night by the committee the police will lead the parade. They will be followed by members of the fire department. Next will come Boy Scouts from three wards, to be followed by the following the Boy Scouts will be the Friendly Indian society, a group of boys between the ages of eight and twelve. Next will be the floats. One of the features of this parade is designed by Eero Saarinen. It has been especially designed yesterday afternoon in the school yard. It has been especially designed yesterday afternoon in the school yard.

The parade will pass the reviewing stand at Woodward and Maple avenues after it leaves the high school, turns south from Maple and follows the line of the parade. It will then turn east to Poppleton, then south on Poppleton to the school where it will disband.

Persons who live along the line of march are asked by members of the committee in charge to have their porches well lighted during the march.

The Community House will hold an open house after the parade in the afternoon public is invited to make a visit.

VALUABLE TAX MAY BE LOST BY TOWNSHIP

Annexation Petitions Being Circulated For Special Spring Election TAKES TRUCK PLANT

Pontiac, ever on the alert in matters of taxation, is extending its hands to hand outwards against its own interests, and probably will, next Spring, annex that portion of Bloomfield Township, embracing the new \$200,000 Yellow Truck & Manufacturing Plant, as well as hundreds of acres east and west of Woodward avenue. This was manifested today when it became known that petitioners for annexing parts of Bloomfield and Pontiac Townships to the City of Pontiac are being circulated.

The annexation of the Yellow Truck & Manufacturing company's property, as well as hundreds of nearby acres that will be annexed to Pontiac, at the rate of \$100,000, would result in a higher rate of tax for the remaining property of the Township, including Birmingham as long as it remains a village.

The area included in the petition for the annexation to the east comprises four square miles, including Auburn Heights and the adjoining territory which is now in Birmingham.

There's nothing so terribly sensational about it as far as I can see," says Crane, who, at the age of 25, has made 150 jumps, "unless there is a wind, it is just as simple as stepping off the running board of a car. The first drop before the parachute opens, is nothing"—this from the man who set the world record in dropping before opening the parachute. Crane fell 4,000 feet, almost a mile before he opened his

Debating Claims First Casualty

With the football season nearly at hand, debating claims its first casualty in the Baldwin High school when Miss Norma Martin, member of the Junior class, dislocated her jaw while practicing with the debating class. Miss Martin's injuries were not serious, however, and she will be able to debate against Ferndale tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m. in the Ferndale High school.

NEW COUZENS DRAWING BEING COMPLETED FOR TWO-STORY WABECK TUBE STARTED

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The new building, which will contain 10 stories, will be 150 feet wide, will be from 56 to 60 feet in depth. The second story will be a balcony, giving the effect of a balcony; footings will be put in to carry a total of 100,000 pounds.

Reasons for confining the building project to two stories now is that a more recent survey by Mr. Couzens has revealed that, though it is the best thing, it is simply delaying fate to use it. If the concrete is in perfect condition, then it is as safe as a baby's blanket.

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DEATH TAKES FRANKLIN MAN

Peter Christenson, Resident For Forty years, Dies

Peter Christenson, 81-year-old, resident of Franklin, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his wife, Mrs. Christenson, after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Episcopal church, the Rev. Henry Eisinger, pastor, of the church officiating. Burial will be made in Franklin cemetery.

Mr. Christenson has no survivors in this part of the country.

Parachute Jumping A Bore To Pilot Who Appears Here

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MRS. CHAMPION WILL RECEIVE LARGE ESTATE

Millions of Late Spark Plug Manufacturer Go To Widow WILL BE PROBATED

Mrs. Edna Crawford Champion, Bloomfield Hills, widow of the late Alvin Champion, spark plug manufacturer, will inherit a fortune of millions of dollars.

The will was dated Aug. 11, 1924, and was probated in the probate court of the city of Pontiac.

Further Provisions Under the terms of the will Mrs. Champion is to receive the estate of her husband, which is estimated to be worth \$1,000,000.

SENIORS TO OPEN DEBATING SEASON

Baldwin Schools To Meet Ferndale Team on Primary Question

Baldwin High School is one of the 240 high schools throughout the state to participate tonight in the opening of the 1928 debating season, when the local team will meet Ferndale's after five o'clock in the Ferndale high school auditorium.

That the Direct Primary System for the nominating of candidates in the United States be abolished, Birmingham's team, composed of Mildred Patterson, Norma Martin and Leland Gunn, working under the leadership of H. Eric Crawford, debating and English instructor, has been preparing for the debating season since the beginning of the semester. The team has met at the regular class time and has also spent evenings in practice and work in the Ferndale Public Library, devoting their time to research work and mastery of the subject.

THIRD LOST CHILD SOUGHT IN B'MINGHAM

The third lost child within a week, believed to have wandered to Birmingham was sought by police here last week in the Edgewood Angier, 1 year old, of the Thirteen Mile road.

George Edwards of Amelbury, Eng., won a minor prize in the quarrelling with his wife for a year, then lost the money and his wife best him.

Parachute safe about 99 that parachutes are about 99 and three quarters percent perfect today. There is little left to improve on them. The accidents that occur are almost invariably due to carelessness in preparing the parachute. If the parachute is in perfect condition, there is not the slightest chance in a hundred of its failing. If there is a rip in the parachute, it is the best thing, it is simply delaying fate to use it.

Crane has never been forced to use a parachute he said. "Never have I been up in a plane, when it was necessary to jump for my life." Most aviators, however, he said, believe that a parachute will save their lives.

MRS. C. A. BOWER TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Alice R. Bower died early today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred W. Boynton, 605 Dorchester road, after an extended illness. She was 70 years of age. Her husband, Charles A. Bower and two sons, Francis arrangements were to be made today.