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900 ENJOY GALA PAGEANT

Fair Weather Aids Gigantic Dance Fest At Barnum Field

Approximately 900 persons attended the pageant given by the physical education classes of Birmingham public schools last Thursday afternoon at Barnum Field.

The dances showed much skill coaching and under the direction of Miss Helen McIntyre, head of the girls' department of physical education, who was in charge of the pageant. Nearly 700 students chosen from all schools for the event were in every way considered a success and it is probable that another such program will be put on next year, according to Clarence Viet, Superintendent of schools.

Transporting the scene back to Greece, in the time of gods and goddesses, the land appears barren and desolate, curse-stricken by the angry Demeter, whose wrath frightfully even the water sprites who come bearing news of her lost daughter.

Marching to the frame of a drake come the "golden-eyed" people of the earth, oppressed by Demeter's curse. Hermes, portrayed in a charming manner by Margaret Haldane, Evelyn Salisbury, Margaret Conroy, Betty Spinning, Betty Salice, Katherine Mann, Mary Wilson, Esther Kist, Jane Salice, Lily Baldwin, Jean Brooks, Frances Murray, Frances Manter, Virginia Thomas, Marguerite James, Joan Winborn, and Catherine Carr as Persephone, Patricia Stirling, and Joy Stephens. Leading parts were taken

'MAN IN RED' SOUGHT AS KIDNAPER OF BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN VILLAGE

BUT DON'T GET EXCITED, IT WAS AT THE SCHOOL PAGEANT

An underworld kidnapping attracted large crowds of Birmingham residents to the Barnum Field last Thursday afternoon, when it became known that Persephone, pretty young daughter of Demeter had been stolen to Pluto, an underworld character.

Neighbors report having seen an omnibus looking stranger, clad in red, lurking in the neighborhood, just previous to the girls' mysterious disappearance.

But don't get excited for the occasion was the pageant presented by children of Birmingham schools under the direction of Miss Helen McIntyre of the school staff. Demeter, mother of Persephone, was prostrated with grief, but when she learned the abductor's night she set about seeking revenge, terrifying all those about her.

There is an awakening of the earth when the blustering winds tell of coming sunshine and warm showers. Restless raindrops and an intricate weaving pattern of grey suggest April showers which joyfully the spring comes to the earth with its usual attendants of sun, rainbows, Easter bunnies, and May flowers. The glittering sun goddess danced with flashing movements of strength, embodying vitality and joy. All the earth is gay and everywhere the people dance.

TROPHY DECIDES CAREER

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Winning the large silver cup given to the boy for having the leading poster in the contest for students of the high school in the community. House drive probably will lead to Miss Genevieve Upper selecting the ninth grade of the Baldwin and Mrs. Warren Taylor, 711 Bates street said yesterday.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Made Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO
A little dash of snow surprised and discouraged us on Sunday last— a damper of the young folks' promenade.

Don't hitch your horses to the shade trees.
Ed Ford reported extra good skating on the small pond last week.

The Whitney family have the most judicious gymnasts in the city.

Great Scott, to think that we should ever live to see the day that Jack Hoffman owned a bull dog—and a fighter.

Mr. Matthew McBride has just finished putting the barn in this village, and the edifice is beautifully decorated with a roster that grows defiance and victory at Father's given eagle.

Al Lee of Southfield had a streak of pretty take him all of a sudden on Sunday last week and for the first time in two years he sat out on both the avowed intention of going to church, but his pious intentions were frustrated; he fell in the mud and, like the storied beast of Balaam refused to go farther and by the time Al had tramped around in the mud and got things righted, he wasn't a religious frame of mind at all, and returned home to wait a couple of years more.

Benjamin Daniels wants to sell his house, barn and lots across the river. See ad in cheap column.

Miss Etta Gray and Miss Lizzie Taylor of Pontiac, were the guests of Miss Cera Brown last week.

George Robinson, a young man living with his father on the John Stanley farm in Troy, kicked and berated a maltreated William West, a boy working on the same farm. William swore out a warrant for assault before Squire Bodine and on Monday George plied guilty of the soft impeachment, paid \$5 fine and the world moves on again.

E. Lockwood had 25 out of 31 sheep worried and killed the other night by dogs. The owner of the canines gave their notes for \$70. Moral: Never let your dog up.

BAPTISTS LAY CORNERSTONE

Ceremonies Held At New Church On Willets Street

The cornerstone of the new First Baptist Church at Willets and Bates streets was laid Sunday afternoon in a ceremony in which Rev. H. C. Gleiss, executive secretary of the Detroit Baptist Union, was the principal speaker. Rev. D. T. Magill, D. D. of Lansing laid the corner stone. The church structure is expected to be ready for occupancy by Christmas. It is announced by the Rev. David L. Woodward, pastor.

Sealed in the box placed in the cornerstone were the following articles: copies of The Birmingham Eccentric, the by-laws and constitution of the church, the officers of the church, history of the church, the names of the officers of the building committee, programs and the Baptist Missions.

Among those who took part in the program are Rev. Fred B. McAllister, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Royal Oak, who gave the invocation; President H. T. Ellerby, Clarence Viet, superintendent of Birmingham schools; Rev. E. E. Logee, former pastor of Birmingham Pastors' union; Rev. Peter M. Mackay, a resident pastor; and Rev. Magill, executive secretary of the state Baptist convention. The scripture was read by Rev. J. W. Herring, pastor of the Baptist Church of Pontiac. Benediction was given by Rev. George Dawkins, president of the Baptist Brotherhood of Birmingham.

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PARK DEDICATED AT CEREMONY

Whitechapel Memorial Completed At Cost Of Million Dollars

Public ceremonies for the formal dedication of the new Whitechapel Memorial park on east Long Lake road were held Sunday afternoon. Dr. Joseph H. Vance of the Presbyterian Church of Detroit was the speaker.

The Detroit Symphony orchestra played selections in memory of Victor Herbert and Ethelbert Nevin, with Miss Mabel Kyle and Karlson Congdon, soprano and baritone assisting.

The park has several buildings of stone, wide driveways and an underground sprinkling system. It was constructed at a cost of nearly a million dollars.

SOUTHFIELD TAKES CENSUS

Check-up Precedes School Elections June 11; No Contests Planned

A school census is being completed in Southfield Township by James H. Wood, supervisor, according to announcement today. This is the usual census taken prior to the school elections held in Southfield June 11.

No contests are slated as only a school moderator is to be elected. It is expected in the township that Arthur Krieger will be awarded the office without opposition, Mr. Wood said.

AVIATION SCHOOL TO OPEN IN VILLAGE

Announcement is made today of the opening of a school of aviation in the Lewiston building by M. J. McCarthy. The school will carry the name of Jack Stinson. The courses offered extend from six to nine months.

Recently six different couples were arrested in New York for shoplifting.

ROTARIANS OFF FOR CONVENTION

Brother Of Village Max Comes From South Africa For International

Birmingham was less last week by a man who came all the way from Cape Town, South Africa, to attend the Rotary International Convention at Minneapolis, Minn., this month. He is Mr. H. H. Wellman, the brother of H. H. Wellman of Bates street. Mr. and Mrs. Wellman and the doctor left Tuesday by motor for the convention.

Other Birmingham Rotarians who with their wives are to attend the conference are Charles J. Shain, president of the club, and George B. Averill, former president.

Mr. and Mrs. Averill leave here by motor June 12 and Mr. and Mrs. Shain, June 16.

He didn't want to carry too much cash..

So there he was. Stranded in Paris—trying to cash his personal check—and turning the end of a glorious vacation into a miserable affair.

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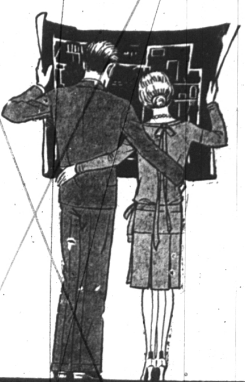
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