

News Of Baldwin H. S. And Other Schools

SENIOR MINSTRELS APPROVED BY AUDIENCE OF 500 VILLAGERS

Mirth and song, marked the successful presentation of the annual minstrel and stage show by the Senior Washington group, Thursday night before an audience of 500 villagers.

From the opening song the 20 boys of the circle, attired in white flannels and blue coats sang their way through with the soloists from encores to encores, interspersing the musical selections were the quips of the four gaudily dressed, black-faced men.

Thomas Klerby was interlocutor. Songs popularized in the recent showing of the musical comedy, "Follow Thru" in Detroit, met with parallel applause in presentation by the minstreils.

George Wasay and H. Clarke Smith as emmen produced quantities of sparkling fun, while opposite them in white flannels and blue coats sang their way through with the soloists from encores to encores, interspersing the musical selections were the quips of the four gaudily dressed, black-faced men.

Included in the soloists supported by the company were Earl Maxwell, Smith, Robert Voss, Wasay, Roderick Cox, Johnson,

BALDWIN FACULTY STARTS SCHOOL PUBLICITY WORK

Carson Bingham and Mr. A. Jazz laid novelty was composed of members of the circle with squirey J. Jones, and Smith, Mr. and Wasay comprised a saxophone trio.

An array of 20 girls in colorful costumes opened the interlude program with a dance. Specialty number of Madeline Holmes and Margaret Hadden in a minstrel chorus and an English ballet by the girls attired in rainbow costumes.

The concert was a success with comic dashes from the end men, "Good Morning Judge," a slapstick skit, taking place in a combination police station and court room afforded the second portion of the entertainment.

Musical accompaniment for the entire production was played by Margaret Strand, high school student and pianist.

Preliminary study of the publishing of a school handbook is being made today following the meeting of the Baldwin High School faculty, Monday, to discuss the development of a school publicity program.

The consensus of opinion from the five teachers of the committee who made reports was that such a constructive publicity was vital in the advancement of the school and the development of its reputation.

Three factors in providing publicity were enumerated by Miss Ethel Hughes, chairman of the committee, who said that every teacher should be an agent of the school trying to place its merits in the eyes of the public.

Other means of making the school wide spread in eminence were told by Ernest T. Enzel, director of physical education. Athletics was the major point, he said, in the numerous ways to advertise the school including health education by campaigns and demonstration, safety first movements and fire prevention weeks.

Mrs. Helen Kidder described to the teachers the organization of journalism work in connection with the school page in The Birmingham Eccentric and the school publication, the Maroon and White. She told of the functions of the journalism class in providing news and the manner in which a staff reporter of The Eccentric printed word is of more authority than the spoken word.

The benefit of the outside activities of the students in giving the school prominence were discussed by H. Earle Correvont, debating coach. He pointed out that work of the students in various activities were factors in publicity.

Study of the handbook were made by George F. Johnson, athletic director and Miss Ruth Hull, Latin instructor. Tentative plans are to form committees to supply material, edit the edition in the summer and have it printed for use by next September.

It would be informative to students, parents, teachers and the public, Mr. Johnson said. Summarily it would contain, he said, facts about the faculty, information of the village, its churches and amusements, a school calendar of events, a statement of the school ideals and aims, a floor plan of the school, class schedules, rules of absence, tardiness, and conduct, explanation of grading system, requirements of the high school and colleges for graduation, outline of courses, eligibility rules, school songs and yells, information on athletics, honor points and rules on how to study.

Book Exchange Brisk As Second Term Starts

Approximately 11,000 text books are being exchanged today in Birmingham schools according to Mrs. Nellie H. Williams, head of the text book department at Baldwin High School.

Four students are assisting in preparing the books for distribution by the high schools and to the six grade schools Monday when the new semester opens. Work is being done this week to enable every student to have books on time.

An average of four books per student are being according to Mrs. Williams who said that 3,000 books will be issued to the 600 enrolled in Baldwin High School and 8,000 to the 16,000 grade school pupils. The total enrollment in Birmingham schools is over 22,000. It is distributed as follows:

Adams, 544; Adams Senior High School, 151; Baldwin, 584; Baruch, 214; Hill, 183; Maplecrest, 201; Pierce, 225; Quanton, 225.

Classifications for each student in the high school are being completed today by Principal Melvin C. Hart. Pass slips are issued tomorrow morning. Final examinations were held Tuesday and yesterday. There is no school today in order that teachers may correct test papers and compute grades.

VLJET, HART ATTEND N. E. A. CONVENTION

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, and Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin High School, are attending today by the National Education Association convention in Cleveland Feb. 21 to 28.

"Although Mr. Hart and I will attend the convention in person it is probable that we will not both be absent from Birmingham at the same time," Mr. Vliet said.

Both Mr. Hart and Mr. Vliet, attended the convention last year.

Briefly Told

The second meeting of the Oakland County School Men's club was held yesterday at the Royal Oak High School. All faculty men of the county are included in the membership which has C. Bradshaw of Ferndale as president and Melvin C. Hart of Birmingham as secretary. A dinner was served in the high school cafeteria following the meeting.

Mrs. Helen Kidder, art teacher of Birmingham schools, is directing today the projects being completed by the art students for exhibition at the J. I. Hudson company in Mrs. Kidder's classes have been making pictures, designs and other art objects for the exhibit. A miniature stage is the product of the Baldwin High School art students.

A benefit performance for the Junior Washington group of Baldwin High School was held at the Birmingham theatre last night. Attractions for the event were selections from the high school band under the direction of A. E. Berndt, a dance by Mary Clare Starr and Betty Erwin and vocal music by Vaine Scott and Helen Strand, besides the feature picture.

Honor court was held by the Birmingham Girl Reserves Saturday. Margaret Strand, president, Katherine Brown, Venice Coates and Betty Kidder were awarded Girl Reserve rings.

Katherine J. Hunt, popular member of the junior class, at Baldwin High School, leaves this week for Tampa, Fla., where she will motor with her parents to spend the remainder of the winter.

The fourth science club meeting was held last week under the direction of John Bangs, president. Calvin Morgan gave a talk on "The Romance of the Atom" and Don Blow spoke on "Rubber in the Amazon". Experiments were illustrated by different members.

Approximately 25 students of Baldwin High School attended the "Drestra" hall, Friday, given by the Fiske singers, a colored quintet of the Fisk University, Tenn.

The Senior Washington group will present Percy Abbott, Australian greatest music, Feb. 1, at the Baldwin High School auditorium in a program of magic of the Orient. Mr. Abbott is acclaimed for his ability as an entertainer.

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Engelman Gardens One Of America's Most Beautiful Citrus Developments

Engelman Ranch, near Edinburg, Texas, in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, of more than 9,000 acres being subdivided and sold in optional tracts for Orange and Grapefruit Orchards. Building of Concrete Canal System is Permanent solution of irrigation problem.

Continued from Last Week By EVERETT LLOYD

The Missouri-Pacific not only built the short cut from Raymondville to Edinburg, in Hargill and ran south to Eliza, and the Southern-Pacific, now being content with passing through Edinburg and intersecting the old Missouri-Pacific line at McAllen, but quickly, with marvelous rapidity, built a line from Edinburg to Harlingen, intersecting the Missouri-Pacific at Edinburg, Eliza and Harlingen. Along both of these new lines there have sprung up, at frequent intervals, which have cities which are intersecting the Missouri-Pacific at Edinburg, Eliza and Harlingen. Along both of these new lines there have sprung up, at frequent intervals, which have cities which are intersecting the Missouri-Pacific at Edinburg, Eliza and Harlingen.

When J. C. Engelman, Jr., purchased the Engelman Ranch, he employed soil and other experts to ascertain what the land was best suited for, and it was found to be ideal grapefruit land, though grapes, celery, fruits and vegetables, as well as all staple crops, will do equally as well; but as a general proposition the Engelman Gardens are being developed as a grapefruit and orange project, grapefruit being the major development. The Engelman Gardens are only about two years old, but the information that has been wrought in these two years is almost unbelievable. The soil there, where the sandy loam of the western part of the Valley meets the granite of the east, mingles in such a way as to make it ideal for all those high-priced fancy products for which the respective parts of the Valley have become famous. The land, while regular, is so contoured by nature as to make it ideal for irrigation and drainage, and the soil is of uniform quality.

The development of the Engelman Gardens was simultaneous with the construction of a Missouri-Pacific branch line railroad from Hargill to Eliza, and the construction of the Southern-Pacific line from Edinburg to Harlingen, the two lines intersecting at Eliza. The Missouri-Pacific line runs through part of the Engelman Gardens on the eastern fringe, and the southern-Pacific on the immediate south. These lines then lie in the elbow created by the construction and intersection of these important railroads, thus affording them an ideal location from the standpoint of transportation, with choice of two trunk railroad lines there sprang up new towns at frequent intervals, which is characteristic of the lower Rio Grande Valley, and thus not only is convenient transportation afforded, but convenient marketing to the housewives and businessmen who are settling the Engelman Gardens.

Set in the center of this beautiful development, is Mr. Engelman's home, setting well back in a lawn which is a masterpiece of landscape gardening. Running through the middle of these properties, and by the lawn of the Engelman home, Hidalgo County is building a beautiful paved highway.

I can not think of a community more ideally situated. It is flanked on either side by lines of two of the great railroad systems of the country, leading to the eastern and northern markets. Likewise, it is conveniently located with reference to towns that not only are a source of supplies for the home, but centers for community associations. A large part of these lands are within the boundaries of the Edinburg Consolidated Independent District, which is said to be the largest independent school district in the United States, and to have the finest school facilities of any rural section of the country.

J. C. Engelman, Jr., by and through which this great development is being carried forward, maintains a well-organized field force for the cultivation and care of the citrus fruit orchards, that stretch like green ribbons through these lands. It maintains its own nursery for supplying the vast development, and thus all the facilities for this development are maintained on the tract, with skilled experts in charge of each activity.

The Engelman Gardens is a fitting climax—if it is not, it will be in a few years. J. C. Engelman, Jr., has had in development work in Hidalgo County. It was about 1913 that he started in a small way in colonization and development work in Hidalgo, and since that time he has contributed possibly more than any other man in the Rio Grande Valley towards bringing to fruition the marvelous possibilities of the section. Even in the earlier days, when the Valley was an experiment, with many uncertainties confronting it, it began to be noticed about the development work done by Mr. Engelman that he was building for the future. Everything he did was done well. Nothing was haphazard or slighted, no matter what the expense or how little pecuniary interest he had in the undertaking, and the whole vicinity of Donna and Alamo, where he operated, bears the marks of his constructive genius.

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