

# Baldwin Way Develops for State or Circuit

## ALUMNI GROUP TO ORGANIZE

**Decision To Form Association Of Baldwin Graduates Made At Reunion**

As the outcome of the first alumni reunion of Baldwin High School graduates held in the Community House Monday evening, Dec. 22, an Alumni Association that will be composed of a number of students from former graduating classes will be formed in the near future. The personnel of this new association will be announced later.

At the dinner (dance held last week Richard Carpenter Hewitt, '27 acted as chairman at the dinner which was attended by more than 100 students. A number of prominent Baldwinites as well as Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools and Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin High School, were called upon to speak. The tables were decorated with beautiful tall red candles, holly, Christmas wreaths and tinsel.

Mr. Vliet discussed the benefits derived from the Student Loan Fund and asked all of the Baldwin alumni to support the movement. Melvin Hart spoke about the great work done in planning the reunion. He also suggested the forming of an alumni association.

Lane Wall, '28, answered for the girls in attendance and wished everyone present the best of success. Richard Fleming who responded for the boys said that although he attended Baldwin but this year he had never seen such a spirit of friendliness. One of the

## Unsuccessful Baldwin Sport Year Caused By Handicaps

**By W. STODDARD WHITE**

Baldwin High School's eight sports suffered in 1930 a comparatively unsuccessful year, records of the individual contests show. Football, the principal sport of the schools, suffered because of a heavy schedule, unexpected games, and a change of coaches in mid-season, owing to the illness of George F. Johnson, athletic director.

Baseball for 1930 was the most successful sport with three wins and four losses. Basketball and golf each scored .333, winning one-third of their contests, and football and cross-country came next with .250, having won only one-quarter. Handicapped by a lack of veterans, Captain "Duke" Mills being the only member with considerable experience, the Maroon tennis team trailed at the alumni members who has distinguished himself on the college gridiron, Claude Streb, a senior at Michigan State College and has won his football letters for the past two years, was called upon to speak. Rod Cox, a sophomore at the University of Michigan, who has already won his letters in football, there also spoke.

Upon Mr. Hart's suggestion, Carpenter Hewitt spoke about the forming of an alumni association and submitted his plan to the class presidents, George Conroy, '28, discussed organization and the difference it made to belong to a good organization. Frank Higley, the originator of this alumni dinner-dance thanked those in attendance and expressed his hopes for a better showing next year.



## COACH PLANS UNBEATABLE COURT TEAM

**Whitney Hopes To Build Quintet From Sophomores Available**

**SEES TITLE IN THEORY**

By putting all Sophomores possible on the floor in basketball games Coach Franklin Whitney, mentor of the Baldwin High School basketballers, hopes to develop a team which by the time it has reached its senior year, will be practically unbeatable.

"Records show that State and other championship teams are almost always composed of men who have played together for three or more years," Coach Whitney says. "Those men become used to each other, to each other's style of play, and by their first season they are a seasoned team, which is practically unbeatable."

**Champ Every 3 Years**

He points out as proof of his theory that winning and losing streaks follow in cycles; about every three years a school develops a championship team, while in the meantime the players may be no better than those of other schools. "Very few lettermen are back

## Hope of securing John McKee, three-sport Sophomore, for basketball this year have faded, the coach says. McKee has been injured since the close of the football season with a serious case of pneumonia, and even if he recovers much before the end of the season he will be in sufficiently weak condition to keep him from practicing for some time with a bad cold, but reported for practice again Monday.

The Maple basketball team is not the only one for which the holidays do not mean absolute rest, for the swimming team is likewise undergoing a daily two-hour session in the Barnum Junior High School pool. The tankmen are practicing the only ones in the vicinity who are keeping up practice over vacation period and Coach E. T. Engel hopes by this method to gain on other teams which is otherwise lost by the greenness of the squad the first Baldwin has ever had.

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**Beat Monroe, Mt. Clemens**

The other two wins were over Monroe, and Mt. Clemens, when the Maroons averaged two gridiron defeats in as many years. The broke off athletic relations with the Bath City.

Baseball fared rather better, starting the season auspiciously with a win over Royal Oak, traditional rivals, by a 7-5 score. The following week, however, errors enabled Wyandotte to win, 5-1.

The remainder of the season consisted of two wins and three losses.

Baldwin's thimblads got off on the wrong foot when they lost to Dearborn in the first meet of the season, 8-0-6. They took a one place in the invitational meet at Fordson. The tracksters took a third place from a field of 22 schools in the regional meet at Tiplant, eighth in the State. From among over 50 schools, they placed a last place among the schools of the Southeastern Athletic Association.

Golf, in its second year in the Maple City, began the season by receiving a trouncing from Pontiac, 10-1-1/2. The Cheifains later beat Birmingham again, this time by a 7-5 score. The singles won the season of four matches came when Berkley was defeated.

Tennis suffered the most of the spring sports, losing each of its

## SCHOOL TEACHERS HONOR VLIET WITH GIFT ON CHRISTMAS DAY

In recognition of the accomplishments of Clarence Vliet, who has been superintendent of Birmingham Public Schools for the last 16 years the faculty of the entire Birmingham School system presented him with a beautiful ornamented electric clock on Christmas Day.

Mr. Vliet came to Birmingham to succeed Mrs. Rhoda Starr Green as superintendent of schools in 1915 from Lehigh, Michigan where he had successfully supervised Leslie school system for 12 years. The enrollment in the Birmingham public schools at the time of Mr. Vliet's advent here was 558 with 12 teachers as compared with the present day public school enrollment of 2,517. The population at that time was about 1,000.

On Accredited List

The high school was on the accredited list of the Northwestern Association of colleges and universities in 1915. Mr. Vliet's first year here, spent in the old Hill school, and the Baldwin High School has been continuously on the accredited list ever since.

Many changes in the status of the teaching faculty have been brought since 1915. Sixteen years ago many of the high school teachers were fresh from college, had little or no practical experience and had short terms of college preparation. Today there is scarcely a teacher in the high school faculty who doesn't have a

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**SCHOOL SENIORS HAVE FIRST PARTY**

Washington Group Has Reunion At Bloomfield Township Clubhouse

More than 60 members of the Baldwin High School Washington Group of 1929 attended the first annual reunion held Tuesday evening at the high school and at Bloomfield Township Clubhouse. In the evening the group members met at the high school and then journeyed to the park for tobogganing and skating.

Refreshments were served in the high school music room after the sports at the park. Washington group advisers who attended the party were W. S. Toothacker, Miss Helen McIntyre and Miss Gray. Margaret Hurson was the hostess in charge of the party arrangements.

**SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY, JAN. 5**

After two weeks of Christmas vacation all village schools will be open next Monday, Jan. 5, admitting more than 2,500 students to take up their studies again for the final four weeks of the first semester of the school year that will be concluded Friday, Jan. 30. Final exams will be held in the public schools the week of Jan. 24-30.

**Substitute Named For Mr. Maywood**

Allen B. Carr will take the place of Wilkam Maywood in conducting the school work in chemistry in Baldwin High School when school reopens next Monday. Mr. Carr has been teaching in the Detroit Institute of Technology. Mr. Maywood, who has just recovered from an appendicitis operation, will have charge of the Senior sessions room during the next semester of school.

**Winter Sports To Feature Reunion**

All students and chaperones who composed the 1930 Senior Washington Group will participate in a reunion to be held at the Baldwin High School. Leaving the school, the students and chaperones will go to the Bloomfield Township Park where they will enjoy winter sports, including tobogganing and skating. Dancing will be held at the school in the evening. Arrangements for the affair are under the direction of Mr. W. S. Toothacker and Margaret Hurson.

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