

**BEHIND SCENES AT 'TIGER HOUSE'**

Curtain Comments By The Baldwin Ace Reporters, "Snoop" and "Mac Peep"

"Quiet, everybody, the curtain's going up!" The signal at last. Miss Hill has given the cue word to take their places for the opening scene of the three-act mystery play, "Tiger House." For the last fifteen minutes, all has been hurried confusion. Props are scattered here, there and everywhere. A maze of wires and ropes clutter up the stage under foot and over head. Stage hands rush in and out doors, a dangle of actors and actresses, chairs and trunks, pans and ropes and lighting fixtures and bits of wood. But all this seemingly hopeless jumble suddenly takes form and arrangement as Miss Hill clears the stage for the curtain. Ruth Seager and Andy Wain take their places, just a tiffle nervous. From the other side of the stage comes the whisper—"Curtain!" A stage hand starts turning the lights. The chatter out front from the footlights dies away as the audience settles back for the first act.

In the semi-darkness back stage, faces are tensed and whispering hushed. The voices of light and sound are unnaturally loud. Dorothy Kelly stands beside the stage, ready as Miss Hill on the other side of the stage, to prompt any forgetful actor or actress. Betty Spinning, as Aunt Sophia, stands quietly waiting her turn. New she makes her entrance with whippers and voices floats back stage as the lights vanish for the first time. A relieved laugh follows hard upon its heels. The play moves serenely on. A frown passes over the dim faces as a laugh comes at the wrong place. In the little roomy room just off stage a voice is raised in a trilling altercation. Immediately the word is passed back to quiet down. Now Miss Hill is back out on the main stage. A woman appears on the stage under strange circumstances. And the quiet faces on all sides of us smile contentedly as the audience voices its fearful excitement when the bookcase swings open. And when the curtain finally rings down on the first act, all hands behind the scenes have a sigh and break forth into thrilled but hushed whispers.

A quick few minutes passes, when the signal comes again—"Places! curtain!" Act Two gets under way with a flying start. Macintosh disappears to the audience and rolls back stage through the secret fireplace panel into our very laps. John Church as Oswald Kerins dashes about in the dim light, attired in gaudy loungey robe. Lizzy McCurry founces off the stage with a relieved expression. The part is over. Drupp is kept busy making entrances and exits. The property man in charge of the mystery tableau picture switches the red light on and off furiously. Dick Cross, at the head of the line, looks at the burly Thompson, stalks about glaring through windows. And finally, to the accompaniment of the audience's gasps, the light comes on. Ruth Seager practically sears us out of a year's growth as she utters a frightful scream in our very ear. And the curtain rings down on Act Two.

Now all is really confusion as the set is changed for the final scene. Stage hands and property men rush hurriedly to and fro, logging great pieces of scenery. Step ladders are thrust onto the stage. Holden Drury is frantically donning his Tiger costume. We are quickly sided to the near corner where we view proceedings with the greatest interest. And magically, the luxurious interior of Mystery Manor changes into a dimly lit little room back of the great fireplace. Out of the chaos flows a new set. And again comes the call—"Curtain!"

"We, ourselves, become so deeply engrossed in the action we hear but cannot see that we lose sight of all else but the question—will Erna get out of that head's Bill Cushing and Annette Lambie stand waiting to make their heroic entrance through the fireplace. From out there comes a desperate scream! Macintosh and Mrs. Murdoch crawl through the fireplace along with Erna's assistance. The dastardly villain has been foiled! And, a bit sheepishly, we are hurriedly to come and come back to humble our surroundings amid chairs and tables and whatnot, to find others about us relaxing, too. And now we hear the Hindu Yami bestow his blessing on the hero and heroine. The audience expresses its relief and enjoyment in very audible terms. And at last the final curtain rings down, the lights flash on, and we find ourselves laughing and talking and congratulating with the rest of the doxy stage crew.

The mystery of "Tiger House" has been solved to the satisfaction of all, and, disengaging our feet from a coil of wire, we too express our approval in very audible terms.

For six years The Eccentric has been publishing a long time to be in one of our best. We have a lot of good printing done quickly and well. —(Adv.)

**Big Beaver School Notes**

Big Beaver boys' basketball team won their last game of the season against Dayton Plains last Tuesday by the score of 23-8. Scores were made by Frank Mapes, Charles Bartley, Tom McGrath and Robert Haney. Two Robert Haney was taken out of the game for four personal fouls.

The boys will play in the State Basketball tournament at Milford March 5, 6, and 7.

Big Beaver girls started their winning streak by winning from Donelson in their home floor Wednesday 22-30. Players were Ruth Penney, Irene Corey, Ethlyn Weston, Marvel Case, Edith Hughes, and Claudia Thomas.

Points were scored by Ruth Penney 14, and Irene Corey 18.

The second grade paid a visit to the local telephone office last Monday afternoon. Since they have been studying the telephone for the last week they wished to see a switchboard.

Grace Henke has returned to school after staying six weeks with her grandmother in Detroit.

Big Beaver boys and girls played their annual game last Friday afternoon, boys against the girls. The result was that the boys won 53-19. The game was played according to girls' rules. Players for the girls were Irene Corey, Ruth Penney, Ethlyn Weston, Edith Hughes, Claudia Thomas, and Florence Corey. The boys were Frank Mapes, Robert Haney, Frank Mapes, Ed Welch, Charles Bartley, and Dick Haney.

Sixth grade pupils who received 100's in spelling last week were Doris Somers, Carl Bach, Marion Barrett, Glenn Stool, Geraldine Vettes, Mildred McPherson, Viola Padgett, Cecelia Greenlee, and Patricia McGrath.

Room 6 received the banner for best attendance during last month as follows: Edith Hughes, Elizabeth Vettes, Mildred McPherson, Viola Padgett, Cecelia Greenlee, and Patricia McGrath.

The third graders are enjoying a new book of supplementary reading, "The Billy Bagg Book" by LaLue, and "Fact and Story Readers" by a group of four authors.

Last week the third graders read several stories concerning the Life of George Washington. The group story was "Why Jimmie Missed the Parade."

Letter Writing has created much interest in their grade also. The children used the room Post Office in which to mail their letters to each other.

Bob Beard, first grader is leaving on Friday because he is moving to Detroit.

The first graders have been watching a hyacinth grow during the study of the seasons. Its pretty pink flower reminds them of spring.

Fourth and fifth grade honor roll for last month includes Sally Clander, Anna Lee Halsey, Marion McCormick, Marjorie Peters, Jean Ruston, Sarah Kennedy, Evelyn James, Evelyn Maguire, Thomas Perry, Dorothy Spanke, Nora Perry.

The students in the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades are studying public speaking in grade lounge.

The Class eliminations for the Declaration Contest is to be this Friday. Those entering are Annette Landrian, Helen Tucker, Josephine Leachtrier, Richard Avery, Arlene Partridge, Ruby Kennedy, Evelyn Spakke, Billy Van Leuven, Peter Paradakis, Ralph Saxton, Paul Holm, Sarah Kennedy, Moschowski, Velma Wilson, Bob Haney, Bob Nancarrow, Frank Mapes, Edward Welch, Charles Bartley, Bob O'Connor, Shirley Gray, Clover Sutherland, Ruth Halsey, Betty Ellis, Grace Newton, Donald Warner, Lyle Russell, and Pearl Mapes.

Andrew Smith has written, "I was a Soviet Worker." It relates the experiences of an American and his wife, who sold everything they had and went to Russia to be workers. The book tells of their adventures.

Other books include: The Wretched Lucia by E. F. Benson, The Little Doctor by P. L. P. Haulk, Laughing Mountains by Kay Linn, A Tree Grown Straight by Percy Marks, The Windy Hill by Helen Partridge and Saturday by Helen Partridge and Vera Wheaton.

Margaret Widdener has written Marriage is Possible and Dane McGowan has written Mystery story, Rawhide Johnny. Mystery novels include Winchester House by Anne Green, The Traitor by W. S. Masterman, Murder Stalks the Mayor by R. T. M. Scott, and Money Musk by the well-known author, Carolyn Wells. A story of sea adventure is unfolded in T. W. Metcalfe's, Port of Heaven.

For as little as 25 cents you may insert a classified ad in the columns of The Eccentric. There you may buy or sell, locate a house or sell one, for hire, maid, telephone, etc. before Wednesday noon each week. —(Adv.)

DETROIT BUSINESS MEN who live in Birmingham and Birmingham live in Detroit. The staff of The Eccentric. We have two hundred and thirty-five subscribers and 6445—and four columns in Detroit every day. —(Adv.)

**BARNUM HAS NEW AEROPLANE CLUB**

Forty Three Members Of School Make Flying Air Scale Craft

By ROSE BERLIN

"There's no end that you can go to with an aeronautical training," said Howard D. Crall, principal of Barnum School, as he discussed the new "Model Aeroplane" club which has just been organized.

This club, numbering forty-three in its membership, is open to all boys of Barnum Junior High School who are interested in making flying and scale model aeroplanes; and meets every Monday from 1:15 to 1:45 p. m.

Under the supervision of Renaau Sprague, talented student-craftsman of Barnum, the club functions in the corner of the "shop" which is given over to its activities.

When a flying model is first completed, its owner and a senior student take it into the Barnum gymnasium where its flying power is tested and perfected.

An exposition is being planned, in which all phases of the making of model aeroplanes will be demonstrated.

The Model Aeroplane club is one of many activities of Barnum which gives possible vocations suggestions and training to its members in addition to serving as a hobby.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

ADAMS JUNIOR CLUB officers have recently been elected for the new semester at Adams Junior High School and are as follows:

Senior Players: President, Harry Weaver; vice president, John Packard; secretary, Bill Birt; director, Lucille Wayman, Elizabeth Lyon; Sponsor, Mrs. Beak.

Pioneer Players: President, Bub Statler; vice president, Sue Wood; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Bartemeyer; Sponsor, Mrs. Cromie.

Student Council: President, Jack Hammes; vice president, Loren Robinson; Secretary-Treasurer, Heloise Parry; Sponsors, Miss Brusie, Mr. Cooke.

Glee Club: President, Mary Ann Neff; Vice President, Gene McCullough; Secretary-Treasurer, Gloria Gruber; Booster Representative, Dick Williams; Sponsors, Mrs. Corvill, Mr. Hopkins.

Movie Operators: President, Richard Harvey; Sponsor, Mr. Smiley. Crafts: Sponsor, Mr. Smiley.

Girl Crafters: President, Bessie Moses; Vice President, Marjorie Walton; Secretary-Treasurer, Lois Gravin; Booster Representative, Gwendolyn Moses; Hostess, Gertrude Thomas.

Art: President, Sheldon Olsen; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Carr; Editor, Dane Thompson; Assistant Editor, Clifford Hartz; Business Manager, Mary J. Colby.

On Thursday, March 5, William La Varre, famous treasure hunter will address the teachers of Adams Junior High School at the Cass Theater in Detroit.

On Thursday, February 20, two basketball games were played between the boys teams of Adams Junior High School.

The first game began at 8:35 a. m. and was played between the 7-B and the 8-B. This game was won by the 8-B's by a score of 14-0. William Bell netting 13 out of the 14 baskets made.

The second game was played at 12:00 a. m.; 9-A vs. 8-A 1. The final score was 25-1, favor of the 9-A's. More baskets were scored in this game because of fouls than in any other.

The boys are playing their games at times like these in order to gain the necessary points to win athletic awards at the close of the semester.

On Monday, February 10, two inter-class boys' basketball games were played in the Barnum Gymnasium.

The first game was played, between the 7-B and the 8-B. This game was won by the 7-A's. The final score was 7-0, favor of the 7-A's.

The second game started at 4:25; the 7-A 1 vs. the 8-B. The final score was 7-6, favor of the 8-B.

BALDWIN A one-act play has been planned for the Baldwin Student Council by the Junior High Assembly on March 11.

Bennett Root, a freshman at the University of Michigan, has established a record during his first career. He has won the place in his class somewhere near the head of his class. He secured five A's and one B in the School of Engineering.

Mr. Melvin C. Hart, the principal of Baldwin High School, spoke at the chapel exercises at Cranbrook School this morning.

Jane Brode and Mary Jane Tippett, both graduates from Baldwin last June, have received 7 1/2 in their French course. They are attending Hollins College in Virginia.

OLIVER GARAGE ROBBED OF \$56.00 FRIDAY NIGHT! Stealing the cash box containing \$56.00 in checks and cash from the safe of the Oliver Garage on Woodward Avenue sometime during Friday night, February 21, a thief has eluded capture so far, according to a local police report.

L. J. Whitfield, manager of the garage, turned the information over to the authorities. Sergeant Moody investigated the case but no trace of the culprit was found.

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