

BALDWIN CORRIDORS DECKED FOR HOLIDAY
The Student Congress of Baldwin High School is responsible for the various Christmas decorations throughout the building this week. Streamers with Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greetings are stretched across the main

front hall. Also in the same location stands a Christmas tree, the decorations of which are hand made. The tree was given to the school by Ingrid Wanberg.
The members of the committee in charge of decorations were Ruth Navin, chairman; Bob Eade, Jim Bennett, Margaret Carnahan, and George Ford.

EARHART'S DIARY FEATURE OF NEW BOOK AT LIBRARY

New arrivals for the shelves of the Baldwin Public Library include so many of the season's important works that one can hardly afford not to read them all. The world of letters, along with all the other phases of existence, is making history these days, and many of the chapters of literary history may be found in our own Library.
"The Arts," by Hendrik Willem Van Loon, is the story of all the arts, from the time of the cave-man until now, not down on nearly 700 pages, with the lively aid of the most extraordinary drawings he has ever made. He gives to the reader his own love for and understanding of the background of all that is most enduring in the arts. Van Loon's discussions are unique. One reads about the towering figures and explores a thousand bypaths, learning how violins are made; how orchestras arose; how a German wholesale grocer rediscovered early Mediterranean civilization for us. It's his most ambitious book to date, and will probably prove his most useful one.
"Last Flight," by Amelia Earhart, is informal, gay and filled with the spirit of high adventure. It is her own world, which ended in tragic disappearance somewhere in the mid-Pacific. Almost by pre-arrangement it would seem, she completed each stage of her journey she sent back not only her dispatches and personal letters, but her diary—three penciled books of them—her charts and the running log which she kept in the cockpit. As each bit falls into place, the narrative is seen to tell the whole story of her flight.
"Life in a Noble Household," by Gladys Scott Thompson is a picture of existence in a 17th century household. It is a picture accurate in its details and completeness, which tells exactly what one wonders about the people of the past; what they ate and drank; their clothes; how they were educated and what their amusements were, as well as the organization of their homes and businesses. And it has the interest of a biography, in the fascination of social history.
"My New World," by Ernest Dimmet, deals with many things. The Abbe has managed a vivid impression of the World War—as if affected one man in a school and a small city in northern France. Much interest lies in what he has to say about America. For his new world is our own world, and few men have had such a chance to know it first hand as he does.
"Science and Music" by Sir James Jeans. A great astronomer, who is also a great writer on scientific subjects, here turns his attention to music. He provides a complete examination of the physics of music, both in the making of sounds by the player and in their perception by the hearer.
"Man, Bread and Destiny," by C. C. and S. M. Furnas, is an engrossing book about the most important subjects in the world—food. It explains its effect upon individual and racial development; the fate of nations and the movements of people all over the face of the earth; all of it served up with wit and infectious enthusiasm.
"Battlers Enamels," edited by Egan Mew. Here is a comprehensive collection of enamel history, with six plates in color and 72 in monochrome.

BACK FENCING

By A MAN ABOUT TOWN

▲ What, we ask you, can anyone write about just three days before Christmas— but Christmas? On the streets, busy people hurrying hither and yon, and all with packages, packages, packages, tucked under their arms. We saw Charlie Beales struggling along the Avenue with a Christmas tree held at arm's length. He was doing his best to keep the tree, which was somewhat taller than he, in an upright position while doing an adagio dance on the slippery walk. . . . Manley Bailey stopped with an air of apparent shyness before a window filled with beautiful pink things usually associated with the fair sex. . . . Mark Hardin stopped in front of all the shop windows and looked, but didn't shop any further. He probably still believes in that little round man who comes down the chimney on "The night before Christmas." . . . Mrs. Herbert Gardner seemed to know just what she wanted and where she would find it: She dashed in to a men's store and came out with what looked to us to be some nice individually wrapped articles of men's wear. . . . Nice going—She didn't wait until the "last minute" to get those things for good old pappy. . . . And we saw one unidentified young fellow (the must have been all of ten years old), seriously discussing the relative merits of the leading Electric Shavers with a friendly local druggist. He wanted to know all the wherefors and whyas about those modern gadgets, and we would guess that he found out. . . . La Belle, with a nice white flower in his lapel button-hole (and that is about the only thing we know of, that those tiny white are good for) was last seen doing a fine job of good-naturedly trying to answer sixteen fair young and old customers' questions in "first come, first served" order. We think we'd rather be known on a street car. Some of the passengers do know where they are going—at least. . . . And—so it has been going all 'round town. Yes, we guess it has been "Christmas Shopping Time In Birmingham."

▲ Shin's store seems to be the "dating place" of the boys and girls of high school age. We got quite a shock in standing back and listening in on the proceedings. Guess we must be getting old and out-of-date, 'cause we thought it was usually the proper thing for the boys to ask the girls to accompany them to the dances, etc., but now the boys seem to be asking the girls to TAKE them to the dance. Must be we were born TOO soon. Times sure have changed.

▲ Local Rotarians proved themselves to be "Goodfellows" in every sense of the word, when on Monday they entertained a group of crippled children at their regular meeting at the Community House. They traveled for miles over the slippery roads of Oakland County and picked up their little charges and brought them to the party. Happy faces beamed at windows as the unfortunate little folks peered out, looking for the jolly Rotarian who came to take them to the annual Christmas Party staged by this organization. Often the Ambassador of Good Cheer found it necessary to pick the children up in his arms and carry him or her to the waiting car. And then the joy which was shown in those faces as Santa Claus appeared and handed out the candy and gifts. . . . and the looks and words of appreciation which were passed out as they were delivered back to their homes—Surely a man must feel repaid for his time and travel when on such an errand of brotherly love. Christmas IS a wonderful season of goodwill and the local Rotarians can well feel pleased that they have had a part in it.

▲ D. S. (Dommie) Hostreiter, local playwright and actor par-excellent, is making quite a name for himself in a new role. We've been told that the Santa who appeared at the Players Children's Party and later at the Rotarian's meeting, talks, walks and acts a lot like the gentleman from Abbey Road. And from all reports he is a WOW of a Santa Claus, bringing all the reality and enthusiasm connected with the arrival of St. Nick to the kiddies in such a manner as to cause them to dance and shout with glee. Such an act, too, is a mission of love, because nobody, we think, could perform the job so well if he didn't have his heart in his job. It's too bad that "Dommie" can not take enough time off to visit all the homes where Santa is still the symbol of Christmas.

▲ Among the unsung heroes of Christmas time are those folks down at the post office who labor during the hours of the day and night that the greetings and gifts, which all of us folks pile on them, will be delivered to their destination before Christmas. The carrier who swings the double pack through snow and sleet. The clerks who serve from morning 'til late at night and accept the unthoughtful demands for speed and service from the "mailing" public, as just a part of their job. Yes, their Pre-Christmas season means just about one thing, and that is work, but on Christmas morning, they too forget their weariness and enter into a Merry Christmas. In the meantime, a little patience when "mailing" will, we are sure, be appreciated by those folks down there at Uncle Sam's Post Office. We have been told that they have called in all the help which the office will stand, so they are doing the best they can with the peak load of the Holiday season—and we'll say they are doing a darn nice job.

▲ We could go on and ramble along about things and people and Christmas time, but these are busy days (and nights). So, we'll just buzz along, hoping that you will all enjoy being Santa Claus again this year and for years to come, and that you will all catch the real spirit of Christmas—That of making other people happy. And so—A Merry, Merry Christmas to you all.

BALDWIN TEAMS MAY JOIN TWIN VALLEY LEAGUE

The athletic teams of Baldwin High School are in the near future compete in sports as members of the Twin Valley League. This league is composed of schools outside the Border City League having a Class B rating for the most part. The league will participate in football, basketball, track, baseball, tennis, and golf. River Rouge has resigned from the league because it has grown too large to compete with the other schools in the league on an equal basis. This leaves an opening to be filled.
Franklyn Whitney, Baldwin basketball and track coach has had our application in since last spring and therefore Birmingham will be the first to be considered by the league for any vacancy. It is hoped this movement will do much to improve the already increasing interest students have shown in school sports during the football and basketball season and also will afford a much keener competitive feeling among our athletes and stimulate greater numbers of players to try out for the teams.

Coach Wurster received word from M. H. Jacoby, football coach at Plymouth High School, that the Twin Valley Association heads would meet December 13 to discuss the problem of filling the vacancy in the league, but the meeting has been postponed until January. Coach Jacoby expressed a feeling that Birmingham had a fine chance of being chosen. If selected to replace River Rouge it is entirely possible that the baseball team will be able to play in the league this spring and it is certain that all teams will contest next year.

SPANISH CLUB SEES MOVIE OF MEXICO
All the students of Baldwin High School are invited by the Spanish Club to attend a movie today. It will be presented by Ramon Mercado, adviser, and Mary Staples, club secretary, and given in Room 101.
The movie, "Boiling Down to Mexico," will show the new highway which has made Mexico easily accessible to tourists.
The Spanish Club is making plans to have more movies about South America and other Spanish American countries.

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GLEE CLUB SINGS FAMILIAR CAROLS
The Baldwin High School Glee Club, directed by Miss Edith Roach and accompanied by Virginia Bell at the organ, entered into the Christmas spirit Monday and Wednesday noon when it assembled on the main stairs and sang Christmas Carols. The following were sung: Oh, Come All Ye Faithful, Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, Silent Night and other Yule-tide hymns.

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First Basketball Program Is Sold
"Shoot," the basketball program for this season, was sold to the students and faculty of Baldwin, Adams, and Barnum schools, Friday.
It was published by the journalism class of Baldwin High School and sold for ten cents a copy. "Shoot" is the first basketball program Baldwin has ever had.
The proceeds from the sale of this program are to be turned over to the Varsity Club fund for a new trophy case after expenses are paid back to Baldwin Publications.
The main feature of the program besides its humorous articles and interesting facts was a picture 12 inches long and five inches wide. This was a picture of a basketball game showing the team action.
The program is to be on sale at the coming home games.

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