

News and Sports

Maples Defeat Cranbrook Basketeers 34-19 in Rough Game on Tuesday

Wooster College Holidays Set

The holiday recess at the College of Wooster (Ohio) begins Friday, Dec. 22 at 6 p. m. and extends until Monday, Jan. 8.

Enrolled at Wooster this semester from Birmingham, are Miss Margaret Coryell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Coryell, Sr., 812 Oak street, and Miss Sue Burkhardt, daughter of Mrs. E. Burkhardt, 227 Southfield road.

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Plymouth '5' Is Next On List

By JACK PEARCE

Renewing an old rivalry which had been interrupted last year when no game was scheduled, Birmingham High School basketball team staged a stubborn defense to out-play and out-last the Cranbrook Granes to the tune of 34-19 Tuesday afternoon on the Crane's court.

Birmingham jumped into an early lead in the first quarter and never was threatened throughout the game. The quarter ended 13-2 in favor of the Maples, who, however, played their worst game of the season to date.

The Maples continually bawled the Granes' attack by swarming all around the enemy basket, and followed up by taking the ball off the backboard to start a Birmingham rush.

Cranbrook's invincible free-throwing in the first three quarters in which eight dropped squarely through the hoop in ten tries, kept the Granes in the ball game.

Birmingham slowed up in the second quarter when it shot wildly without success, missing several under-the-basket chances. Birmingham led 16-5 at half time.

In the third quarter the Granes started out like a different team when the attack began to click. It soon faltered as Birmingham pulled itself together. The score drew level at the end of the quarter, with the Maples leading 24-16.

The game really went into high gear in the last quarter, when both teams repeatedly threw stunning body checks at one another, crashing the unlucky receivers to the floor. Ten fouls were called in the quarter, which had no effect in halting the body checks. It was a game of swing-out and duck, as the Granes tried to keep the Maples from the delight of the crowd.

John McDonald led the scoring by dropping in five free throws for 14 points. George Austin, former Baldwin basketball letterman, paced the losers with 16 points.

The Maples have a week to nurse their bruises before meeting the highly respected Plymouth quintet next Wednesday at Plymouth.

Post Graduate Course
Wife (recently married) — "Have you really engaged a cook, darling? I didn't think we could afford to keep one."

Husband — "Well, we can't afford to keep one long, so you had better learn all you can whilst you have the chance."

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Far West Hopes to Retain National Basketball Title

BY IRVING DIX

A QUICK roundup of basketball prospects for the 1939-40 season shows a greater number of outstanding squads than there were a year ago, with conference champions having a tough job on their hands to repeat.

The far-west rapid rising to a position of prominence in collegiate court circles, has at least three teams which may be contenders for the National Collegiate crown now held by Oregon. The Webfoot, although they have only one returning regular, John Dick, from last year's club, again are rated high. Last year's reserves are big, fast and clever and should be able to take up where the 1938-39 club left off.

Southern California with a great forward in Ray Vaughn and a crack guard in Jack Morrison, will be dangerous. California is the third-best team which should be strong. Four of last year's Golden Bear regulars return.

TEXAS looks like the best bet in the southwest, with a good nucleus returning from last year's South-west Conference champions. Oklahoma, led by the brilliant Jimmy McNatt, again is picked to lead the Big Six with Kansas not far behind.

Ohio State, who lost to Oregon in the finals of the national tournament, will have difficulty defending its number one position in the midwest, with only two regulars returning. Indiana has a brilliant junior center, who could make Michigan and Notre Dame also will be improved greatly.

Colorado, who had one of the best teams in the country a year ago, should be a standout in the Rocky Mountain with Denver and Brigham Young providing plenty of opposition.

THE Dixie front offers perennially strong Kentucky; Georgia Tech and Mississippi as world class.

Washington Group Plans Itinerary for Spring Trip

With its greatest money making-project, the Swing Minstrel, a thing past, the Washington Group of Baldwin High School has now decided upon the itinerary for the trip which will be taken during Easter vacation.

In a vote taken last week it was found that a large majority of the students planning to go wish to include New York in the trip. Leaving Detroit, the next stop for the group will be Harper's Ferry.

While at Washington the group plans to visit many places of interest, which include Mt. Vernon, Annapolis, and the Smithsonian Institution.

From Washington the group will proceed to New York; during the stay the students will visit the World's Fair Grounds, Radio City, China Town, and West Point, and take a boat trip around Manhattan Island.

In the last meeting, John Battagale was elected president of the group.

Those planning to attend are: Carl Cameron, Howard Crull, Gordon Eids, Barbara Fletcher, Joanne Ford, Dean Firth, Doris Ford, Gloria Foss, Barbara Freeman and Marion Gilbreath.

Fred Hall, Peggy Hadjidak, Harold Harts, Harold Jones, Bill Kahn, Marion Kirk, Marion Meredith, Shirley Shattuck, Bob Kendall, Shirley Smith, Junior Moore, and Angus McLean.

Betty Newell, Virginia Olsen, Jim Price, Barbara Fong, John Roy, Merle Ryder, Gertrude Rogers, Bill Roberts, Anne Savage, Carl Schweizer, Annette Stanley, Barbara Sauer and Bill Thomas.

Yvonne Thompson, Dorothy Taylor, Joy Waneberg, Fred Walls, Gloria Wagnitz, Sue Wood, Mary Jane Wiley, Jane White, Warner Forsyth, Jim Bennett, Mary Ann Meade, Warren Watts and Maynard Zimmerman.

Concluding the list are Shirley Jane Trump, Mary Ellen Haack, Eloise Lawler, Gloria Gruber, Holt Ackerman, Bob Reynolds, Dick Gilbert.

Laurie Walker, June Ellen Ford, June Weller, Shirley Busby, Leslie Honey, Barbara Allison, Jane Atkinson, Patty Burke, Mildred Bencosier, John Battagale, Phil Breitmeyer, Dale Clement, Jane Collins and Bruce Carey.

Lady Stalin in Command
Mistress—"You will cut and roll the lawn, weed the gravel path, pee some chrysanthemums, plant all those rose bushes, clear out the greenhouse, and see to the heating apparatus, and—"

New Gardener—"Excuse me, madam, but is this a day's work or a five-year plan?"

Charles A. Lindbergh, aviator: "If we enter fighting for Democracy abroad, we may end by losing it at home."

Football Lads And Dads Honored At 11th Banquet

Held in honor of Baldwin's football team and the fathers, the 11th annual Mothers' banquet occurred Thursday evening, Dec. 7, at the high school cafeteria.

A real holiday dinner, consisting of turkey with all the trimmings, was prepared for the occasion. The kitchen squad was headed by Mrs. Howard Breitmeyer and Mrs. L. E. Colgrove and Mrs. R. W. Wenzel co-chairmen of the dining room.

As a unique touch in decoration, the department prepared cartoon place cards for the boys.

Honored guests were Howard D. Crull, superintendent of schools; Ray H. Bechtold, principal of Baldwin High School; Homer Westerville, Pierce School janitor; Arnold Boudin, band director, and John (Scotty) McNeaves, the "good luck" bus driver for the team.

G. F. Armstrong was toastmaster assisted by Lawrence Colgrove, honorary captain of the team. Out-side speakers were William Hayes, sports writer of the Detroit Times, and Clair Randall, former all-American, now with the Detroit Lions.

After the dinner, L. E. Colgrove presented the letterman with small gold footballs. Ted Stoker gave George Warster, coach, a football trophy.

The guests adjourned to room 101 and were shown pictures of the Detroit Lions-Green Bay Packers game with a commentary by Mr. Hayes and Mr. Randall.

The banquet is one of Baldwin's oldest traditions.

Doping Out the Slogans

The teacher had been reading the story of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," to her class of little boys. When she reached the end she closed the book and proceeded to question them regarding the story.

"Now can any one tell me," she said, "what Ali Baba said when he wanted to open the entrance to the cave?"

One child, an ardent film fan, promptly replied:

"Open, see me!"

The Birmingham reserve team won its first victory in great fashion 56-11. Howard Crull, Jr., led the scoring in this game with 15 points. This game also marked the debut of five football players on the 40 basket ball squad.

Olsen and Bill Merrill worked well at the guards; Joe Armstrong and Ted Corson played excellent ball under the basket. Hugh Mack gave a good account of himself until he collected four personals.

Four of Birmingham's opponents opened their basketball season Friday night. Henry Ford Trade School triumphed over Cooley High School 23-18 and Royal Oak won over Ferndale 17-19.

The team to play was Hazel Park which was beaten by Herley 26-20. Birmingham's next game is at Plymouth, Wednesday night. Plymouth is a member of the Twin Valley League. After this game, Birmingham has only two more games away from home. One is with Royal Oak, Jan. 16 and the other is with Henry Ford Trade School, Jan. 26.

Three games have been played so far this season, and the five leading scores are: Dick Gilbert, 48 points; John McDonald 33; Lorne MacDonald 21; Ray Prevo 14; and Paul Kelly 12.

Barnum Sixth Grade Visits Ford Factory

In this vicinity we are especially fortunate in having places of world-renowned importance to visit. Many times we go great distances to see certain points of interest but neglect to take advantage of those to which we have easy access.

We, the Sixth Grade of Barnum school, have been taking advantage of these facts. Last week we visited the Ford factory and saw the complete process of assembling the automobile. We saw raw materials which were shipped from different countries, and saw these same materials being changed into the finished product.

From our trip we discovered that the steel mill is one of the largest buildings in the world. The rubber plant is the most modern in the world, and the whole factory was under repair for months to be completely visited.

Reserve Cage Team Wallops Rochester

Birmingham High School's reserve basketball team opened its present season by walloping a small Rochester reserve squad to the merry tune of 56-11 last Friday at Rochester.

It was just a matter of throwing the ball the length of the floor to a reserve Birmingham player for a score. The Maples reserves, including several members of this year's football team, were a stiff at the start, but loosened up as the game progressed.

The score was 16-1 at the end of the first quarter, 19-3 at half time and 33-6 when the third quarter closed.

Howard Crull led in the scoring department with 14 points. Delano proved the star-player of Rochester with three baskets for over half the losers' points.

Parents and Pupils Sponsor Dance

To spread more Yuletide spirit around the school, the Baldwin P.T.A. working in conjunction with the Student Congress, will present a Christmas dance, the Holy Hop, in Baldwin High School gym, Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Refreshments will be served at the dance. There are to be furnished free by the P.T.A.

People working on committees are: general chairman, Bill Baldwin; music and entertainment, Virginia Hammar, Charles MacLevy; food, Marguerite Shimmell, Patricia Schooley; decoration, Patricia MacLeod, Dorothy Taylor, Helen Boudin, Ed. Harvey, Jim Dolin, Bob Reynolds, Katherine Carr, Rosalind Randall, Leah Davidson, Emily Krapp, and Bill Thomas; publicity, Dorothy Taylor and Helen Rounds.

There will not be a floor show. Instead those attending the dance will sing Christmas Carols. Bill Baldwin will be master of ceremonies.

Music will be furnished by Bob Kendall's Sullans of Swing. The price of the dance is ten cents per person.

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High School Team Getting Ready for Plymouth Game

With several victories in the bag, Birmingham's fast-going basketball team will play its next game at Plymouth High, Wednesday, Dec. 20.

According to Tony Matulas, Plymouth basketball and football coach, there is no lineup yet available for Plymouth.

Plymouth has played one game this year, compared to Birmingham's four.

Last year's game with Plymouth was one of the most exciting games of the season. Birmingham finally won by a score of 43-39, playing three minutes overtime.

Birmingham will probably use its usual lineup, which has so far proved successful.

John McDonald will probably play center, Paul Kelly and Lorne MacDonald, guards, and Dick Gilbert and Ray Prevo, forwards.

The game will start at 7:30 p. m.

Junior High School News Service Set Up For School Paper

The News Service between Baldwin High School and the Junior high schools has been established for the first time in the history of Baldwin Publications.

This service was established for two reasons: It will make a closer connection with Baldwin, where the junior high school students will eventually be, and it will present an opportunity for representation in The Highlander, Baldwin's new school newspaper.

Bill Roberts is the junior high school page editor and heads the news service.

Barnum Junior High School reporter is Phyllis Louise Edwards and representing Adams are Elizabeth Giles and Louise Viano.

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