

## Baldwin P.T.A. Enjoys Concert By H. S. Singers

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With a Christmas tree at the entrance and one at the front of the auditorium of Baldwin High School, covered with colored lights and surmounted with a lighted star, the annual Christmas musical program Tuesday evening was unique in its variety.

The Baldwin Parent-Teacher Association sponsored this program under the able direction of Victor Ulrich, who gave his usual excellent program. To Joy Stewart, the art director, goes honorable mention for prize-worthy stage effects based on simplicity. Leah Davidson, as the accompanist, gave the support always needed by the younger groups who inherit the lagging quality of singing from their elders.

The Birmingham high school still shows a paucity of young men singers in the choral groups. However, the bass section of the choir was most pleasing at various times.

"O, What a Branch of Beauty" by Praetorius, and "Carol of the Bells" by Leontovich gave the choir opportunity to display tonal effects, depth and heights to excellent advantage.

**Effective Presentation**  
"Lullaby of Christmas Eve" by Christiansen with a solo part taken by Mary Gardner showed her soprano voice to have accuracy and volume. Due to the very poor acoustics of this hall, there is much beauty lost however. The voices of the choir coming from the rear and singing to the stage in the "Christmas Pageant" was an effective presentation.

The antiphonal singing of the "Christmas Hymn" Seventeenth Century is always a delight and a puzzle to the audience. Calvin Estes, with the tenor solo in "The Birthday of a King" by Seidlinger, added interest to this number. The song that is looked for every year and which has become a standard choice, "A Joyous Christmas Song" by Gevaert and more easily recognized for the emphatic "Noel, Noel" than the delight of every singer of any chorus received its share of applause. While on this subject, the audience was large and very unprecise; however, the only manner in which performers understand the reaction of their fellow human creatures is by the beating of both hands together making what is known as applause. The applause was not what it should have been for the quality of the music but large and unprecise, but it is a fact that young people do not realize that the audience is present and hear that thing that is dearest to all people before the footlights.

**Junior High Chorus**  
The Junior High School Chorus sang three numbers, "The Three Kings," "Carol of the Shepherds," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" with the High School Choir singing.

## 'A Junior Album'

... Presenting young people of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills ... Business and social stars of the future ...



These are the parents of the children pictured above: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Fricker, Franklin road, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wentz, Cranbrook road, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Buell, 1286 Willow Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyson, Wing Lake road, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. McNaughton, 2136 Dorchester, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Green, 555 Hupp Cross road, (Moffett Portraits)

This concert is almost a lost art in the present day high school. Though there are quite a few A. M. Marias, there has been no more beautiful musical setting than that of Schubert and it was to this music that William Mitch sang his tenor solo. A very pretty voice, steady and accurate as to pitch made this number one of the best of the program.

The closing hymn, "Joy to the World" was sung by the combined choirs and audience.

"You are asking for a raise, eh? Give me two reasons for it."

"I employ a man in red, Fwain."

## Fire Chief Makes Four Suggestions

Four safety suggestions for the Christmas season have been made by Vernon W. Griffith, chief of the Fire Department. They are:

- (1) Use only underwriters' proved and labeled electrical wire and house decorations.
- (2) Discard badly-worn strings of electrical decorations when insulation is hard and breaks or comes off easily.
- (3) Don't use fuses that are too heavy. If a 15-ampere fuse won't carry the load, use another circuit in your house. Also, the wires in the average home are designed only for a 15-ampere load. If trouble is experienced, call your electrician.
- (4) Do not leave loose wiring material around the home or near the fireplace and heating plant.

## What Your School Board Is Doing ...

Regular meeting of the Board of Education, Dec. 10, at 8:00 p.m. Following motions were passed: That the Board dedicate the city 30 feet on Terry St. and 30 feet on Taunton Road for opening streets if and when a certified survey is made of the property.

Budget adopted for 1941-42: Operating \$266,230 and debt \$94,304.35.

To purchase bronze plaque for flag pole donated to the school by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries. Scott Hersey awarded contract to remove partition in the Baldwin School for sum of \$78.

Teachers given permission to use gym one night a week without charge.

Superintendent authorized to request local draft board to defer the calling of Frankie Whitney.

Business manager authorized to dispose of dishes and silverware stored in the Baldwin School.

To close deal with Fred Haack for piece of land adjacent to Pierce Athletic Field.

To adopt resolution favoring the non-teaching retirement fund act.

Arrangements by superintendent confirmed for Dr. Paul Hickey to deliver January commencement address.

## Blames Snowballs For Broken Window

Young C. Smith, 460 Pierce, reported to police last Friday evening that boys throwing snowballs broke a pane of glass in his automobile as he drove by. The incident occurred on Maple avenue near Pierce.

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## Model Microscope Given Cranbrook By Frigidaire

Part of the New York World's Fair comes to the Cranbrook Institute of Science in the guise of a giant model of a microscope, presented at the close of the exhibition, through the generosity of the Frigidaire Sales Division of General Motors Corporation.

The microscope, which attracted crowds of notified visitors at the Fair, is cleverly contrived for use with motion picture film projection on a carding screen as if the magnification were actually being produced through it.

The Institute plans to use it in varied special exhibits with a motion picture screen on which superimposed enlarged models of plants and animals or actual microphotographs of actual microphotographs.

The microscope, reproducing every detail of the actual laboratory form, is of heavy proportions, being 11 feet tall with a base of 7-1/2 by 1-1/2 feet. The stage is 4-1/2 feet square. The coarse adjustment screw has a diameter of 1-1/2 inches while the fine adjustment screw measures 11 inches. The microscope lamp which accompanies this is as tall as an average house lamp. The mirror reflector is about 2-1/2 feet across.

As set up on the giant model has no real function, the motion picture which seems to be thrown from its eyepiece being actually projected from a machine in convenient quarters. But when it comes to providing a perfect optical illusion, it certainly, if only may be permitted to use wholly unscientific parlance, "shoots the works."

## Engineer's Society Has Its Election

Ralph A. Mann, of the Birmingham City Engineering Society and James B. Barnes, city building inspector, were elected to positions with the Birmingham County Engineering Society in the annual meeting held Tuesday night at Putnam.

Officers elected were: A. F. Haller, Fernside, president; F. M. Brinton, Royal Oak, first vice president; E. A. Mann, second vice president; E. H. Fuller, Pleasant Ridge, senior director; J. B. Barnes, junior director; J. B. Barnes, junior director; R. F. Goodspeed, Fernside, treasurer; and George Samma, Royal Oak, secretary.

## Gardeners' Corner

(This column is conducted for The Eccentric's readers by Mrs. Marc T. Patten, Box 116, Bloomfield Hills. Questions in gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Patten and they will be answered in the Gardeners' Corner or directly by mail.)

**GIFTS FOR DIRT GARDENERS**  
One of the most handy outdoor gifts is the hand-cranked, a more manueverable object has rarely been devised. It can be used to transplant leaves, trash, compost or anything else you want to move. It tips over so that you don't have to lift the things you are putting into it. Having two wheels it doesn't upset like a wheelbarrow. There are two sizes available, though the one is only \$1.50 and the other \$2.50. Both are made by the same company.

Tools are usually welcome. The standard steel tools are especially liked as gifts. Baskets or boxes of tools, string, labels and other things are attractive gifts. For the real dirt gardener, what would be more appropriate than a small bag of soil? Or a pair of knee pads? Soil testing kits are also available. The more experienced gardener. They are available in different sizes, the smaller being most for those wanting to test whether soil is acid or neutral; the larger ones test for the presence of the necessary food elements like phosphorus and nitrogen.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER SHOW**  
If you have been to a Christmas flower show of the Birmingham Fair and Garden club, you must be going to go again; but for those who have never had that pleasure, it is a day—December 12. It is full of the spirit of Christmas, you will come home not only full of new and good ideas for Christmas decorations for your table, tree and mantel but with the appreciation of how well Christmas greens can be made to last the holidays. The public is invited from 10 to 5 on Monday, December 12 at the Community House.

**Concert at Marygrove**  
Rosemarie Brancato, rising young coloratura, is scheduled to appear in concert on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Marygrove College. The Alumnae Association of the college, under the chairmanship of Mrs. James P. Healy, is sponsoring Mrs. Brancato's Detroit appearance.

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