School News and Sports

Basketball Not Harmful to Young Players Declares Coach Frank Whitney

Commenting on several articles that have appeared in Detroit newspapers concerning the health of high school basketball players, Coach Franklyn Whitney, has stated his positive objection to any theory which declared the game harmful to the players.

"The only reason the high school coaches are favoring the idea of reinstating the center jump in the prep game is because those particular coaches have rangy centers who would certainly control the tipoff and thus control the whole game," Mr. Whitney declared.

Backs Up Argument

To back up his argument that the modern game is not in the least way harmful to well-conditioned players, Mr. Whitney cited various examples of extensive research.

According to scientific observations carried on by the celebrated Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minn., there is absolutely no basis for the popular belief that the healthy heart can be harmed by strenuous exercise, it was said.

Glenn Cunningham, world-famous mile runner, has submitted himself to as many physical examinations as he has interviews. The San Francisco Chronicle reported a few years ago that "Cunningham was besieged by an Eastern heart specialist who examined him with all the gadgets at the command of modern medicine. The result was very dull."

"Cunningham's heart is the size of an ordinary person's in good health, shows no sign of strain, and has a normally slow beat."

Considerable Rest

Furthermore, Coach Whitney pointed out that there are 34 minutes of legal time-out periods in a 32-minute basketball game under the rule of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

High school teams in Michigan cannot engage in more than one game in a day; in Indiana the number is unlimited. A player may be substituted in the same game two times as well as starting it.

It is by the force of these proofs that Coach Whitney lays his claim that the modern cage game is not harming young players.

Appoint Faculty Heads for Play

With the passing of each day the cast of the all-school play, **What A Life**, is becoming busier and busier perfecting various parts for the production to be presented Feb. 22 and 23 in Baldwin High School auditorium.

This week, chairmen of all committees which have any connection with producing the play were appointed.

They are as follows: general direction, Miss Ruth Hull; stage and properties, Miss Nina Kitts and Miss Joy Stewart; business, Miss Gerda Hansen and W. S. Toothacker; publicity, Miss Vida B. McGiffin and Miss Lucille Dewar; tickets, George Wurster; lights, Robert Brierley; make-up, Miss Dewar; interludes, Miss Dorothy Allen.

Football Schedule Announced by Coach

After a lapse of one year Cranbrook will return to Birmingham's football schedule in 1940, according to a recent announcement by Coach George J. Wurster. Lincoln Park has been dropped to make a place for the Cranes.

The Maroons will play nine games, five with Twin Valley League Teams, and four with older Birmingham rivals.

The schedule follows:

Sept. 27	Cranbrook	here
Oct. 4	Wayne	there
Oct. 11	Ypsilanti	there
Oct. 18	Dearborn	there
Oct. 25	East Detroit	here
Nov. 1	Ferndale	there
Nov. 8	Plymouth	here
Nov. 15	Ecorse	here
Nov. 24	Royal Oak	here

Student Loan Fund Seeks More Cash

By SHIRLEY SMITH

In an effort to raise money, the Birmingham Student Loan Fund is sending letters to several organizations in town (senior class of Baldwin High School, service clubs, merchants associations, P.-T.A.'s, women's club's, etc.) explaining the establishment, purpose, and success of the project.

This fund was started 18 years ago with $1,000 donated by the senior class of Baldwin High School, the American Association of University Women, alumni and others.

Loans of not more than $1,000 each may be granted to Birmingham students at a university, college or business school. As those attending business schools are usually able to repay their debts sooner, it is hoped that more loans will go to these students in the future. The student pays 4 per cent interest and in addition must take out a $1,000 life insurance policy, payable to the fund.

Sixty students have obtained college educations in this way. 20 have paid their loans in full. 25 have active accounts, and the 12 are still in college.

The amount now available for new loans is $1,500. This is not sufficient to help the students now in college complete their training, nor to assist other worthy students not otherwise able to obtain a higher education. Therefore, the committee is making an effort to encourage continuance of this worthy fund.

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Sports Showup

By JACK RIGDEN

With the release of the 1940 football schedule we find only one change from last year. Cranbrook has been restored to the grid card after a one-year lapse in place of Lincoln Park and will be the Maples' opening opponent, Sept. 27. This year's schedule should prove to be one of the toughest in the history of Baldwin High School grid annals.

The schedule: (this is not in the order played). Cranbrook, here; Wayne, there; Ferndale, there; East Detroit, here; Dearborn, there; Ypsilanti, there; Plymouth, here; Ecorse, here; Royal Oak, here.

From now until the tournament games, the Maple Leafs have all home games on their cage schedule. The team plays in succession East Detroit, Lincoln Park, Ferndale, and a return engagement with Cranbrook. The Maroons defeated the Cranes earlier this season by the score of 34-19.

By scoring 22 points in the game against Henry Ford Trade School last Friday evening, John McDonald, regular center, brought his total of points for the year above the century mark. John has now scored 107 points and still has four games left to play in the regular schedule. Dick Gilbert is second with 86 points. Neither of these totals includes the Hazel Park game played last night.

An open letter to Baldwin students:

Baldwin High School students have the name of not only being the most loyal backers of an athletic team, but of fast becoming a school of poor sports. When rowdies in the balcony and elsewhere on the floor blow whistles, and throw candy wrappers and hats down upon the floor, what impression do you think the citizens of the town get of the school? It also makes renewing of a contract with an opposing school or official a difficult task as they naturally don't wish to play a school that is continually insulting them.

It is just as easy to give a team enthusiastic cheering without these contemptible tricks. Let's try to show a little more respect for the official in charge of the game and for opponents in future games. We can be loyal without being childishly partisan.

NEW PRESS ARRIVES

At last Baldwin High School's new press has arrived. It was delivered Monday, Jan. 22 at the Hill School building.

The press is the largest of three now in use in the high school printing department.

General Misunderstanding

Friend: "I suppose when the earl visited you he brought his coronet along?"

Mrs. Woodbee Swelle: "No, no, my dear—the earl plays the violin."

55 10th Graders In Senior High

Entering Baldwin High School this semester are 55 10B's. Two of these students are new, Joyce Wilson from Lincoln High School, Ferndale, and Leon Bibb from Eastern Junior High School, Pontiac.

From Adams there are 18 students. They are Kenneth Barrett, Howard Breitmeyer, Ruth Eskridge, Elizabeth Giles, Corrine Green, John Hall, Richard Lake, Arthur Lesek, Roderick McIntire, Jane McKee, Richard Oetjens, Hugh Preston, Elsanetta Richardson, Jack Steelman, Donald Tweedie, Louis Vicario, James Wagner and Patty Williams.

Coming from Barnum are 22 students. They are Priscilla Armleger, Raietta Clark, Raymond Clark, Robert Clements, Donald Flynn, Bill Follis, Frank Grosvenor, Herbert Hosner, Berton Jackson, Beverly Johnstone, Fred Kaarsberg, Betty Kuhlman, Elaine Marcotte, Norine McCleish, Eleanor McMahan, Mildred McMahon, Robert Moody, Jack Parker, Arlyle Preston, Lorraine Tewillinger, Betty Traxler and Harold Watts.

From Baldwin Junior High School there are 15. They are Sally Booth, Jessie Bowens, Byron Coons, Norice Ells, Dick Furlong, Lois Green, Barbara Hamel, Patrick La Valle, Harry Mack, Bill Main, Claride Phelps, Jaqueline Potter, Helen Raetzke, Noel Walker and Weber Young.

Cranbrook Reveals Annual Scholarship Competitions

Cranbrook School, of Bloomfield Hills, announces its fifth annual competition for the selection of capable, earnest boys for a number of scholarships to be awarded for the school for the 1940-41 term. These scholarships are known as Cranbrook Honor Awards. They range in value up to $1000 a year, depending upon the need of the candidate.

In order to qualify for this competition, a boy must write a letter to the school stating his intention to become a candidate. This letter must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the boy's present school principal. All communications should be addressed to the Registrar, Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

The competition is open to boys who will be ready to enter the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grades in September 1940. Applications must be filed before March 29, 1940, and the examinations will be given in April. Candidates may take the examinations in their home cities under the supervision of specially appointed examiners. Factors which are considered in the selection of the boys to whom these awards are made are his previous school record, character, leadership, special cultural abilities and interests, health, and athletic ability.

New Boxing Class Starts With 18 Practicing Weekly

The new boxing class for Baldwin High boys under the direction of Coach George Wurster started Monday, Jan. 15, when 18 boys met for practice in the Pierce School gym.

According to Coach Wurster's plan, the boys will work out three days a week until all are in proper condition. Later they will receive instruction in sparring and more serious ring work.

Toward spring, Coach Wurster will stage several bouts between the young fighters who show the most ability. The money will be used to furnish new baseball equipment.

The pugilists who turned out for the initial practice were Joe Parkyn, Harold Wangberg, Dick Williams, Dick Neely, Bob Pettypiece, Don Erickson, Jim Lilley, George Laing, Charles Delongchamp, Bill Brown, Al Jones, Jack Brown, Dale Ballard, Bob Furlong, Richard Harvey, Bob Thoms, Jack Fouracre and Bob LaRa.

Students to Hear College Talks

Where should I go to college? Those who are perturbed by that question will soon have information which will go a long way in helping them to make a decision.

The program, sponsored by the guidance department of Baldwin High School will begin with an assembly, Monday, Feb. 19. The first in the series of assemblies will consist of talks by Herman Shipps, executive secretary of Ohio Wesleyan and Paul Brouer, personnel director of Hope College, Holland, Mich.

Mr. Shipps will show motion pictures taken at Ohio Wesleyan. Other college representatives who will visit the school are A. Eastman, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio; Ray Smith, Lawrence Institute of Technology, Detroit; J. Gerber, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill; W. Rush, Adrian College, Adrian, Mich.; R. Macmeekin, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.; L. Treman, The Detroit Business University; Mrs. W. S. Rusk of Wells College, Aurora, New York; A. Southmick, Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio; J. Roach, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan; J. Richards, Wayne University, Detroit; Curtiss Henderson, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; J. Bielke, Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Any one or all of these representatives may be interviewed personally by students or parents who express a desire to do so far enough in advance.

Snowball Idea Used At Dance Saturday

A big "snowball" hanging from the center of the ceiling provided the keynote for the dance at the Community House last Saturday night.

Inside the big ball were hundreds of little cotton snowballs. During the course of the evening, Faye Anderson, the carnival queen, pulled a string releasing the tiny balls.

The decorations were made up of skating silhouettes and snowmen with blue lights casting wintery shadows around the room.

Reserve Squad Trims Henry Ford 34 to 18

Using a fast break to great advantage and steady defense gave the Maple Leaf reserve cagers a 34-18 revenge victory over a Henry Ford Trade School reserve squad last Friday at Dearborn.

After Birmingham held a 14-7 lead in the first quarter, Henry Ford hit its stride and secured a 17-17 tie on a rapir fire of counters, while Birmingham failed to penetrate the Craftsmen's tight defense. The quarter ended with Olson hitting the boon to put Birmingham back in front.

Both teams passed and shot with inaccuracy in the third stanza in which Birmingham increased its lead 24-17.

A last three minute spurt in the fourth quarter saw the Maples completely disorganize Henry Ford by intercepting passes on an alert bit of close guarding.

Gene Richardson led the scorers with ten points.

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Henry Ford School Downed to Keep Cage Record Clean

BY JACK PEARCE

Staving off a last quarter rally with a bewildering offensive attack kept Birmingham's record intact last Friday at Dearborn, when the Leafs downed Henry Ford Trade School 42-35, for the second victory over the Craftsmen in two weeks.

Working the ball in close and following with accurate tosses from under the rim, gave Birmingham a 11-4 advantage in the opening quarter.

Throughout the first half Birmingham completely outplayed its rivals although Henry Ford had hard luck on many shots. Birmingham led 23-14 at intermission.

Play opened with bursting speed in the third quarter, in which Henry Ford shot the Maples' defense full of holes. Birmingham led 33-29 when the fourth quarter opened.

Two quick ringers early in the last stanza brought the Craftsmen within two points of Birmingham's lead.

Dick Gilbert then banged in two field goals to pull the game out of the fire for Baldwin, while his teammates followed with three free throws and one two-pointer to help the cause.

John McDonald paced Birmingham with eight field goals and four charitty tosses for 22 points. Gilbert followed with six field goals to chalk up 12 points for the winners.

Says Paul Bunyan Amazed at Sight of Real Femininity

By KENT SHAVER

Paul Bunyan, that mighty heman of the North, and idol of all true Michiganders, scratched his whiskers with a pine tree and spread a 150 foot smile while he witnessed the titanic contests on Quarton Lake last Saturday.

Paul was at first puzzled, then despite his very kindly nature, a bit envious when he gazed upon the coronation of Birmingham's Queen of the Skates, Faye Anderson.

You see, Paul and his men up in the North woods have up to now believed the existence of femininity was a myth. Quite naturally did Paul feel that he had been missing something after having beheld the grace and beauty of Queen Faye and her fair attendants.

But Paul soon left such disturbing thoughts, carried away by the excitement of that terrific cut-off of man and beast, the dog sled race. A rugged contestant drove his courageous dog team, Laddie, straining with utmost endeavor to maintain the lead. Laddie mushed over the finish line, taking not only first but last place in a field of one.

Numerous skating contests held the old lumberjack spell bound. Unlike swing band leaders, the racers were doing their best to stay out of the grooves. Students from all schools of Birmingham and many adults whizzed around the oval speed rink.

Mr. Bunyan is said to have later caused a serious earthquake in Saskatoon attempting some of the intricate maneuvers of figure skaters who were comprised of local experts and those who were gracious enough to come from other parts to display their art.

After a thunderous farewell to Y. M. C. A. chairman Robert Lynd, who with the aid of many assistants organized the affair, Paul stomped off into the North with the promise to be back for next year's event.

New Speech Course Gets Under Way; to Record Voices

Introduced at Baldwin High School this semester is a new public speech course under the direction of Mrs. Geraldine Forsyth.

Mrs. Forsyth came to Baldwin in 1938 after having taught at Barnum Junior High School. She studied at Columbia University, in New York, Wayne University and Charles Panman in Detroit, and the University of Michigan.

The class plans to start with formal speaking and work up to panel speaking.

All members of the class are having recordings of their voices made. At the end of the course they will again have records made to contrast the difference and to see how the students have benefited.

Twenty-seven students have enrolled in the course.

Baldwin Jr. High Loses to Pontiac '5'

In a thrilling game last Friday in Pontiac, Lincoln Junior High School defeated Baldwin Junior High School to the tune of 19-13.

Playing for the first time in their new green and white silk uniforms, the local lads outplayed by the heavier Pontiac team, never took the lead.

The line-up for Baldwin Junior High School was as follows: Bill Spiegel and Ken MacDonald, forwards; Jim Taylor, center; Bill Kent and Fred Jeffers, guards. Substitutions for Baldwin were Jack Mellinger for Jeffers and Bill Golling for Kent.

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