School News and Sports

Casting Started at Baldwin High School on Operetta, 'Pirates of Penzance'

Two Local Boys On Honor Roll

Two local youths attending Alma College are listed on the honor roll for last semester, according to the roster just made public by Registrar Robert W. Clack.

Joe McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. McDonald, 2220 Beaver road, attained a perfect rating of 3.00. A senior this year, he is also a member of the Phi Phi Alpha fraternity. He was graduated from Clawson High School in 1936.

A junior at Alma this year, Carl Wahlsten achieved a 2.38 rating to be listed on the honor roll. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wahlsten, 1071 Wattlo road. At Alma he is a member of the Phi Phi Alpha fraternity, and of the school band. He was graduated from Clawson High in 1937.

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Gilbert & Sullivan Favorite Chosen by Victor Ulrich

By KENT SHAVER

One of Gilbert and Sullivan's most rollicking and tuneful operettas, **Pirates of Penzance** or **"The Slave of Duty"** is to be presented early this spring by the Baldwin High School vocal classes under the direction of Victor Ulrich.

The theme of the operetta is particularly interesting and timely. Young British Frederick is apprenticed to become a pirate instead of a pilot by his guardian nurse who misinterpreted a last parental request.

Further woe is met by Frederick when he starts to take leave of the pirate band upon reaching the supposed end of the apprenticeship at 21 years of age. The pirates produce the document of apprenticeship which states expiration on his 21st birthday. Frederick was born on the 29th of February, so his 21st birthday does not come until 1940!

Frederick's strong sense of duty grapples with his burning desire to abandon his career of piracy. Humorous intrigue involves a number of maidens, a corps of police, and a more or less conscientious major general.

Following the overture more than a score of songs which include such lilting ballads as **Pour, O'Pour the Pirate Sherry, I Am the Very Model of A Modern Major General,** and **When A Felon's Not Engaged in His Employment.**

Mr. Ulrich has cast several parts tentatively but there remain the larger portion to be cast, especially male roles.

Wins Prize

By guessing closest to the value of a store window display in Mortimer's Men's Store, Bob Cole, a student at Baldwin High School and treasurer of Student Congress, became the owner of a new shirt and tie.

Try an Eccentric Classified Ad.

Pee Wee Reese Heads 1940 Rookies in Training Camps

BY IRVING DIX

LAST year at this time it was Ted Williams and Charley Keller upon whom the most critical eyes were directed as the baseball army went into spring training encampment. They were the highly touted rookies—and they made the grade with the Red Sox and Yanks respectively.

There's another crop of peagreens attempting to make the grade now, and this time it's Harold (Pee Wee) Reese, Brooklyn Dodger prize beauty, who is basking in the brightest light.

Reese has been a sensation since he first became regular shortstop with the Louisville Colonels at the age of 18. He's a great fielder and is considered by many critics to be the greatest base-runner ever to come out of the American Association. He stole 34 bases in 35 attempts last year.

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"THAT .279 batting average of his isn't worrying me," says Leo Durocher, Dodger manager. "He's a bright kid and learns amazingly fast. I look for him to make the big jump without falling much below that figure if he falls at all. And from what I've seen of his fielding he's going to keep me on the bench for a long time."

But Reese isn't the only youngster with a chance of making the grade in a big way.

The Chicago Cubs have two newcomers from the coast who look very good. Julie Bonetti won 20 and lost only five while pitching for Los Angeles.

Dominic Dallesandro, 5 foot, 6-inch outfielder from San Diego, was called the Black Wilson of the Coast League. If he shows the form which brought him the coast league batting crown with a mark of .368, the Cubs will have a new siege gun.

Mickey Witek from Springfield is expected to play a lot of second base for the Giants. Babe Young, up from Knoxville, may solve the Giants' first base problem.

The Pirates have an excellent prospect in Johnny Gee, gigantic right-hander from Syracuse.

Herb Hash comes to the Boston Red Sox highly recommended from Minneapolis. The Sox also predict great things for Dominick DiMaggio, youngest of the San Francisco clan.

The Yankees have high hopes for Marvin Breuer, right-hander from Kansas City. Washington has a sweet prospect in Jim Pofahl, shortstop from Minneapolis.

They all might not blossom but they look good as buds.

Mickey Witek . . . expected to solve Giants' second base problem.

Barnum, Adams Tie For Honors of Junior Highs

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, Barnum varsity team played Adams Trojans in the Barnum gym. The sound of the final whistle showed the score to be 13 to 10, in favor of the Barnum team. The high point man of the evening was Barnum's council president, Frank Wangberg, who tallied six points for Barnum. This game put Barnum and Adams into a tie for the city championship. There will be a playoff later in the season.

The lineup for Barnum: Bob Murray, captain; Bob Cannahan, Roy Olson, Dick Barket, Frank Wangberg, John MacGregor, Earl Mudge, George Sikorski, Charles Gravlin and Chester Lackie.

Adams' lineup consisted of Dick Hopkins, captain; Arthur Fitch, Don Fisher, Byron Ellis, Stanley Peterson, Harold Kelly, Jim Young, James Hendriks, Wayne Shira and Bud James.

The two teams were supported by nearly the entire student body of both schools. There were three cheer leaders from Barnum, and two came over from Adams.

Wednesday morning before the game, both schools held pep meetings in their respective gyms to heighten school spirit.

Sports Showup

By JACK RIGDEN

This year's Michigan State High School basketball tournament has the largest number of teams ever entered in this event. Approximately 700 teams will begin play in district games tonight and tomorrow night in the 63 districts of the state for this huge cage tourney. Sixty-three districts is the largest number the state has ever had. Fifty-three of these are in the Lower Peninsula.

The tournament games will be concluded March 16 with the state finals at East Lansing. The defending champions in each group are: class A, Flint Northern; class B, Albion High School; class C, Flint St. Mary's; class D, Muskegon, St. Joseph's. Flint Northern, one of the strongest class A teams, will be trying to capture its second successive triumph in class A, a feat which no team has accomplished since 1926 when Detroit Southeastern turned the trick in 1925 and 26.

The large number of districts is to allow competing teams to travel as short a distance as possible. Why Birmingham must travel 40 miles to Ypsilanti for the regional games when games are also being held in Ferndale only six miles away is a mystery to me.

Only teams in classes B, C, and D compete in district tournaments. Class A schools compete in only regional and state games. The regionals are to be run off next week.

If Birmingham reaches the regional games, the team will in all probability face either St. Thomas or Holy Redeemer, two of the toughest class B teams in the state. The local lads will not have to play both of them, however, as these other schools play Saturday night at Holy Redeemer.

Coach Franklyn Whitney will probably take a 12-man team into the district games. Ten regulars, John McDonald, Dick Gilbert, "Howie" Crall, Ray Prevo, Paul Kelley, "Olie" Olson, Bill Merrill, Dennis Therrian, Joe Armstrong, and Gene Richardson will be on hand. Coach Whitney will probably recruit two more players from reserve ranks for the trip.

The Walled Lake High School gymnasium has a seating capacity of some 1,200 persons. Two tiers of stands line each side, seating 550 persons each. One tier of stands is covered by an auditorium curtain when not in use.

'Boy Meets Girl' Chosen as Next Cranbrook Drama

"Boy Meets Girl," Bella and Samuel Spewack's uproarious satire on Hollywood, is to be Ergasterion's next production at Cranbrook, according to play director Carl G. Wonnberger. Performances will take place on April 12 and 13, but because of the intervening spring vacation rehearsals are already in full swing.

Played against the fairy-tale background of Hollywood, "Boy Meets Girl" tells a simple story of a studio waitress whose baby Happy is pushed into pictures to costar with a fading cowboy hero, Larry Toms. Two clever picture writers struggle to control Happy against the wiles of the cowboy and his manager. Prank follows prank in the studio madhouse, much to the distress of the Harvard-trained C. Elliot Friday who wants to bring something fine to pictures.

Originally a George Abbott production on Broadway and on the road, the play has had to be altered by Mr. Wonnberger for school use. "Boy Meets Girl," Mr. Wonnberger explains, "is included by John Glassner in the list of the 20 best plays of the modern American stage. It is too good a play to be kept from the high schools, particularly since a very little alteration in situation and dialogue makes it very appropriate for school use. We plan to submit the play in its altered form to the National Council of Teachers of English for its forthcoming list of good school plays."

Leads in the play have been assigned on a temporary basis, and include David Ketelhut, of Birmingham, as the cowboy; Clover Babcock, of Bloomfield Hills, as Susie, the waitress; Milner Thoms, of Pontiac, as Rodney, the juvenile, and Sherwood Jackman, of Detroit, and Don Fine, of Orange, N. J., as the two writers.

Barnum Students Hold Pep Meeting

A pep meeting was held at Barnum School last Wednesday, previous to the game with Adams School. Different yells were practiced under the direction of the cheer leaders, Margaret Plumstead, Gloria Malcolm and Mildred "Shorty" Lowe.

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Brelsford Shatters Freshman Record

ANN ARBOR—One of the stars of Coach Chester B. Stackhouse's University of Michigan freshman track team is Quentin Brelsford of Birmingham.

Brelsford ran the 880 indoors in 1:58.8, shattering the all-time freshman mark of 1:58.9 set by Tom Jester of Schenectady, N. Y. in 1937. He is one of more than 90 freshmen working out daily under Stackhouse at Yost Field House.

Evaluators to See Congress in Action

Because of an extensive study of Baldwin High School to be made by a U. of M. evaluating group, the Student Congress will hold an extra meeting during the week of March 11.

This meeting will not be rehearsed and is to acquaint the examiners with the school's student government body.

Because the regular meeting is held Monday, and the examiners are not due to arrive until Wednesday, the extra meeting was necessary.

Strong Verb

"If you had a little more spunk," a Jefferson teacher said sternly to one of her boys, "you would stand better in your class. Now, do you know what spunk is?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the boy. "It's the past participle of spank."

Simple

Gob: "I'm going to ask you a riddle. What makes my life so miserable?"

Wife: "You've got me."

Gob: "That's right!"

Former Students Distinguish Selves

Eleanor Kelly, former Baldwin High School student and at present a freshman at the University of Michigan, has earned as her first semester marks one B plus and three A's which places her in the upper 25 of her class of 200 students. Miss Kelly is the daughter of Mrs. Sophia Kelly, 707 Ann street.

Eleanor was salutatorian of her Baldwin graduating class of June '39. She was associate editor of the '39 Piper and is a member of Quill and Scroll, national journalistic honor society.

A letter received by Ray H. Bechtold, from P. Shofstall, Dean of Admissions of Stephens College, Columbia Mo., stated that Joanne Billings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Billings, of Lakeview, and Annette Lambie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Lambie made the dean's list at the university.

The hundred highest students scholastically at Stephens comprise the dean's list.

Coast Guard Exams Set for May 15-16

The United States Coast Guard has fixed May 15-16, 1940 as the date for its yearly competitive examination for appointments to cadetships, Rep. George A. Dondero announced today. This examination is open to all physically qualified young men throughout the United States, between the ages of 17 and 22, who have the required moral qualifications and educational preparation.

Successful completion of four years of cadetship leads to a commission and a career in the United States Coast Guard. The course of study at the Coast Guard Academy, located at New London, Conn., requires the completion of work well in excess of that ordinarily necessary for a Bachelor of Science degree from a civilian institution.

Further details concerning this examination may be obtained from Rep. George A. Dondero, 204 House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Easy Winner

The manufacturer had 20 employes in his plant, and as none were as energetic as the manufacturer thought they should be, he hit upon a plan which he believed would cure them of their lazy habits.

"Men," he said one morning, "I have a nice easy job for the laziest man in the plant. Will the laziest man step forward?"

Instantly 19 of the men stepped forward.

"Why don't you step to the front with the rest?" inquired the manufacturer of the remaining one.

"Too much trouble," came the reply.

Business Students Hear Mrs. Kennedy

Mrs. Emelia Kennedy gave a brief talk Monday morning for students interested in business training. She represents Detroit Business University.

The theme of Mrs. Kennedy's talk was "the four P's": personality, preparation, positions, and promotions.

Lectures by Elizabeth Gregg MacGibbon concerning problems of young office workers were recommended. These are to be given Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the J. L. Hudson Company at 12:15.

'Swing the Hatchet' Is Name of Dance

"Swing the Hatchet," this was the name of a dance given in honor of George Washington on his birthday by the 9B Mariners home room.

There were many interesting decorations about the school gym, in which it was given. There were pictures of George Washington, American flags, and many cherry blossoms were fastened on the windows. There were red and white stripes of crepe paper running across the ceiling, and one long blue stripe of it through the middle.

An interesting floor show was put on—an amateur hour. Different home rooms supplied the contestants. There was singing by Margaret Plumstead, Sally Spouse, and Normadean LaRa. Don Kimmins played the accordion and John Matthews and Paul Heinsen both played the piano. First prize was won by Margaret Plumstead and Don Kimmins was second.

Afterward, the grand march was done to the music of different college songs and under the direction of Charles Merry.

Francis Niedenfuhr was master of ceremonies and some of the parents were there as chaperones.
—Betty Feiler.

Maroons Try Out Walled Lake Court Prior to Tourney

In an attempt to familiarize his team with the Walled Lake High School basketball court, site of the district tourney, Coach Franklyn Whitney put his charges through a speedy workout there Monday afternoon.

Every team entered in the tourney will have had an opportunity to practice on the floor before the elimination begins Thursday night. The Walled Lake gym is seeing its first year of active service.

The Maroons will be seeking their fifth straight district title when they take the floor against the Milford team Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

City of Bloomfield Hills
for
ANNUAL CITY ELECTION
APRIL 1, 1940

Notice is hereby given that any person wishing to vote at this election must be registered on or before TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1940 at 8:00 P. M.

Any person who is a Citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, will have resided in the City of Bloomfield Hills 20 days and in the State of Michigan 6 months prior to the date of election, may register by calling at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building on or before TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1940 between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. The City Clerk's Office will be open to receive registrations on TUESDAY, MARCH 12 between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

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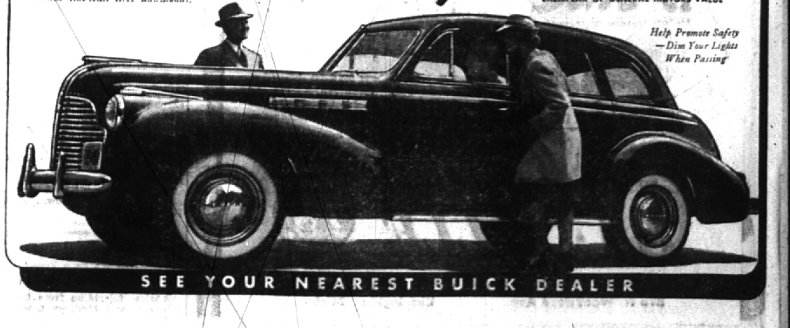

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