School News and Sports

Baldwin Basketeers Hope to Stay Among Unbeaten in Tilt Here Friday

Lincoln Park Next on List; Only 2 Other Games Left

With only three games remaining until tournament time, Birmingham's undefeated Maple Leaf basketeers will seek to extend their winning streak tomorrow night in the Baldwin High School gym against a sharpshooting Lincoln Park High School five.

Lincoln Park has a coming team this season with three lettermen back and a good crop of sophomores to rely on.

The invaders have won three games to date while losing six encounters.

The Parkers upset expectations last season by playing their best brand of ball in blazing to the semi-finals in the class A tournament.

Birmingham defeated Lincoln Park in the last meeting between the two schools, when the Maples fought off a last quarter 15-15 dead-lock with great defensive work in holding their opponents to two points, while tallying 18 markers to win 33-17.

Baldwin Alumni Play in 'Y' League

The backbone of several teams in the local Y. M. C. A. basketball league is formed by many former members of Baldwin High School cage teams.

Among the teams depending on former Baldwin players for support are Milks Auto Supply, Boys' Club, DeMolay and Polygon Club. The rosters of these teams are filled by former Maple Leaf cagers.

On the Milk's roster are found such luminaries as Don Upward, Kenny McBride, Don Fouracre, Vic Canever and Fred Schwarze. This team is composed entirely of former Maroon and White stars.

Representing the Boys' Club are "Red" McBride, "Bogey" Hunter, and Don Porteous. "Nose" Andrews is connected with the DeMoley five, and the Polygon Club lays claim to Norm Clark.

Baldwin Junior High Elects Its Officers

Election of officers for Baldwin Junior High School student council was held Friday, Feb. 2.

Russ Dostal was elected president, Newell Wright, vice president, and Joan Fox, secretary-treasurer.

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E. Detroit Reserves Beaten Easily

Their opponents going 23 minutes without a single field goal made victory easy for Baldwin High School's second stringers last Friday when the Maples shellacked a shaky East Detroit reserve squad.

For four quarters the Green and White tried in vain to penetrate Birmingham's air-tight defense, while the Maroons made shots from all positions.

Birmingham led 14-0 in the opening quarter, 21-2 at half time, and 33-4 when the third quarter ended.

Olie Olson topped the scorers with ten points for Birmingham.

Mistakes Costly to Students Who Miss Their Lines

By JOHN BATHGATE

"Clink, Clink." What was that noise?

It was the cast of **What A Life** which gathered at Miss Ruth Hull's home last week dropping pennies in the pan each time a line or cue was missed. This is Director Hull's brutal way of encouraging the members of the cast to learn his part.

In rare style each settled to quoting his lines. Doris Franklin, whose words don't even run into the teens, tossed the first copper in the clinking fund. However, having only three lines, she only lost three cents. At odd moments there were long silences when others forgot. Prompted, they invariably gasped, "Me? It can't be my line."

Caroline Wright, who has the proverbial two words and a walk across the stage, which are supposed to make great actresses, lost no money. Too loser of the evening was Ed Platt, the cast's Mr. Bradley, who literally paid for his mistakes to the tune of 12 cents.

While not reciting lines, the members of the cast amused themselves in various ways. Bob Fisher, who gets into trouble in the play, got into other things, people's hair, for example, and the refrigerator whence he extracted and consumed a goodly portion of the refreshments which were later to be served.

Sue Wood and Johnny Willson, who portray the office secretary and assistant principal, sat in a corner and compared notes on ear-wiggling, both doing a very neat job—of ear-wiggling.

The net financial result was 54 cents, 12 cents less than that of last year's cast. The party was also a social success and served to help the members of the cast to become better acquainted. Everyone seemed to enjoy himself except Miss Hull, who is worried about the landlord's reaction to the-er-general merriment which prevailed.

What A Life, a success on the stage and screen, will be presented in Baldwin High School auditorium the evenings of Feb. 22 and 23.

A Scout Is Reverent

J. Brown and Bigelow

"Scout Week" to be celebrated Feb. 8-14 will mark the completion of 30 years of Scouting activities in America. This gala event in boy scout history will be celebrated by millions of boys throughout the country with about 300 Birmingham boys joining in the festivities. The boys are all required to wear their uniforms providing they have them. Besides this the youths will be in charge of decorating local store windows. A church service will be held at Christ Church, Cranbrook Feb. 11 at 4 o'clock. An annual dinner will also be given the boys.

Actors Tell All About New Play

By J. DUNN

Do the actors in the forthcoming all-school play *What A Life* enjoy their parts? Do they think they can do a creditable job in a play that has employed the best talent of Broadway and Hollywood? Your spyer-into-other-peoples' business has attempted to find the answer by the tried and more or less true method of personal interviews among the cast. The interviews follow:

Harrisson Cornell, who takes the part of Henry Aldrich, the lad, had a set speech for the occasion. Elocuted Mr. Cornell, "I consider the play to be the ideal vehicle for the demonstration of such histronic talent as I possess. You may quote me." After that, the rest of the interviews may seem a bit tame, but here they are:

Harold Roy says, "Any part with a cigar, a derby, and a lot of cussing is just made for me. Miss Hull censored most of the cussing, though." Teh, teh, Harold!

Bill Hopkins (George) enjoys his part of the villain. "I like to snarl at people and act tough," says Bill, "without getting socked for my pains. Not that I can't take care of myself."

Shrinking from such belligerence, we round his stooge, Bob Fisher, meekly studying Latin in the corner. Bob's opinion, however, was the most worthwhile of the lot, by far. "The beauty of this play is the chance we get to see ourselves as others see us and show others how we look to them."

Ed Platt, the pompous Principal Bradley of the play, put it somewhat differently. "I like my part," he explained, "because in the principal and all the other faculty characters, we recognize characters as we always wished, or at least thought they were. Acting them is second nature. The sadistic Mr. Patterson (Bob Cole to you) feels the same way."

John Bathgate, on the contrary, is peeved with his part. From about 15 minutes of unadulterated autobiography, we gleaned (a) that his part was too minor, and (b) that it takes him 20 seconds really to get "warmed up" on the stage and he doubts that he is on stage that long. He is the exception, however.

About there the interviews began to deteriorate. Sue Wood was too busy practicing to think about her propensity for superlative-gurgling that she got the part.)

The findings of the survey, however, are definite. The players are good. They are well chosen for their parts, and like them. (Bathgate does, too, really.) In addition they are giving their best. Of that we are sure. The result should be a sizable footprint on the sands of time.

Do you like gardening? Read the interesting Gardeners' Corner written especially for The Eccentric every week.

Drive to Boost Sales Is Put On

The circulation campaign for the second semester of the Highlander was carried on this week, under the direction of Frank Armstrong, circulation manager.

Frank appointed a representative from each home room to take care of home room solicitations; Doris Franklin from 213, Shirley Busby, 223; Alice Coe, 222; Howard Breitmeyer, 221; Stuart Linton, 220; Bill Tighe, 219; Edgar Riddell, 205; Dorothy Stephanek, 204; Bob Fisher, 208; Al Valpey, 210; Ken Kirby, 110; Pat Kennedy, 102; Russ Fisher, 116; Bill Watson, 114; Joe Armstrong, 115; Jeannine Colgrove, 113; Louis Vicarro, 107 and Clifford Harvey, 2.

Head of publicity for the campaign is Jean Houff. She has as her assistants, Don Matthews, Clark Pardee, Katherine Carr, Charles Lyle, Sally Pattison, and Annette Stanley. Part of their job is to see to the making and distributing of posters throughout the building.

In the main hall there is a subscription table in charge of Shirley Chaminade. Jack Dunn is responsible of out-of-the-building sales while Bill Baldwin handles the subscriptions from the junior highs.

Home Room Cage Teams Favored Over Grade Competition

After he received numerous complaints on the grade system for the organization of intramural basketball teams, Franklyn Whitney, Baldwin High School basketball coach, announced that the teams would be organized under the old home room plan.

Coach Whitney suggested a new plan which would provide for an intramural league of six teams, two from each grade in the senior high school. This idea was rejected at home room meetings.

According to the older plan, which will be used for the third straight year, every home room will be represented by a team. The championship will be awarded to the team showing the best won and lost average.

Coach Whitney stated that the competition would start at the earliest possible date.

All games will be played during the activity period.

Otto E. Kern, Jr., Wrestling at Peddie

HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.—Otto E. Kern, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kern of "Westview", East Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills, has been wrestling in the 165 and 175-pound classes for the Peddie School varsity squad this winter. Otto has won three out of four matches, those against University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University Freshmen teams, and against Admiral Farragut Academy, all by falls. This is his first year of wrestling at Peddie. He was also on last fall's junior varsity football squad.

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Baldwin Cagers Defeat E. Detroit For 11th Straight

By JACK PEARCE

With a stonewall defense and a fairly accurate offense, Birmingham's Maple Leafs, took another step toward an undefeated season by defeating East Detroit High School 27-18 last Friday evening in the local gym for their 11th straight victory of the season.

East Detroit passed with deadly accuracy throughout the four quarters of play, although failing to damage Birmingham's stalwart defense on shots that missed the mark by wide margins.

Birmingham took command at the start and was never headed.

Howie Crull put Birmingham in the lead after streaking in all alone. The Maples led 7-3 at the end of the initial quarter.

In the second quarter Birmingham began to follow-up, with the result of a 19-7 advantage over the inaccurate-shooting Shamrocks at intermission.

East Detroit showed fine defensive play in the third stanza, holding the Maples to two lone charity tosses, while Fred Bolle and Klath rang up three field goals for the green and white. Birmingham held a 21-12 lead when the fourth quarter opened.

After Gilbert hit the hoop with a one-handed pop shot in the opening minutes of the last quarter, Birmingham began to stall with precision, although East Detroit found the range of the basket in making good on two long shots and a one-handed arch.

Dick Gilbert paced Birmingham with ten points, while John McDonald chalked up nine markers for the winners.

Form Checker Club At Baldwin High

Joining the long list of clubs in the Baldwin High School activities program is the newly formed Checker Club, under the direction of Miss Gerda Hansen, Baldwin language instructor. This club was formed out of members of a study hall following a long discussion among themselves.

The club has already had two meetings in which 20 boys turned out. At the first meeting Frank Boomer, a tenth grade student, was elected chairman of the group, and Bill Hulbert was named as his assistant.

Plans were drawn at the second meeting of the club in which it was decided to hold a checker tournament sometime this semester. The group also plans to invite several chess and checker experts to talk later in the year.

Bloomfield Hills Honor Roll Given

Following is the first semester honor roll for Bloomfield Hills School, as announced by W. A. Shunck, director.

Below are the names, (**) indicating high honors and (*) indicating honors.

Grade 12—**William Ewald, **Gordon Narthrup, **Betty Sieger, *William Brewster, *Barton Jenks, and Marilyn Lowes.

Grade 11—*Peter Jenks, *Robert Noyes, Jerry Palms, and *Florence Smith.

Grade 10—*Edward Brewster, *Patricia Daniels, *Martha Jean Hall, *Arlyn Stumbaugh, and Peter Higbie.

Grade 9—*Richard Van Dusen, Peggy Could, Patsy Lovett, and William Kemp.

Grade 8—Richard Gray and James Zeder.

Grade 7—**Denise Otis, *Sigfinda Sauskojus, Andrew Lanver, **Roy Noyes, *Patsy Chubbuck and *Phillips Van Dusen.

Modern Adolescents More Harried Than Ever, Says School Play Publicist

BY KENT SHAVER

"You live in an age of complexity, bewilderment, conflicting desires—", sonorously rumbles the speaker of the evening.

'Tis true, indeed. Here we have the keynote of the forthcoming drama, **What a Life**.

Every age has had its harried adolescents; even Shakespeare conceived that more or less advanced adolescent, Romeo. Mark Twain and his characterization of the tender age was followed by Booth Tarkington and his teen age scatter brains.

But infinitely more harried more Hamlet-like than any of these is the high school student of today.

This class of individuals needs a champion. The infinite woes, flights of fancy, infatuations, financial worries and scholastic insurmountables "are only vaguely appreciated by those who have passed over that rough road somewhere back in the dim "Two-Step 20's." They no doubt retain a memory of a carefree, idyllic existence, an idea brought on by careful subconscious elimination of all unpleasant or embarrassing memories.

Henry Aldrich is one who can and will, if given an opportunity, convey to you, with genuine skill this hitherto-neglected character type.

Needless to say, a cast of high school students such as Harrison Cornell, Patty Burke, Sue Wood, and John Willson can and probably will portray parts so close to their own lives with an understanding and humor which would be difficult for more mature dramatists.

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People who vote for handouts but vote against taxes may scare politicians, but they can't intimidate arithmetic.—Robert Quillen.

13 Meets Set For Track Team

A schedule of 13 meets has been tentatively arranged for the Birmingham thinclads of which four will be run on the new Pierce Field track built last summer. Six engagements are scheduled with Twin Valley League opponents.

The four encounters scheduled here are with Ecorse, March 29; Dearborn, April 5; Pontiac, April 26; and River Rouge, May 10.

The Maples should be well prepared for this long schedule of meets. Coach Franklyn Whitney has a number of veterans returning from last year's squad, which won only one meet. Toward the end of the schedule the Leafs came up fast. Whitney will have veterans for almost every event.

The tentative schedule:

Date	Team	Place
March 23	State A. A. U.	Ann Arbor
March 29	Ecorse	B'ham.
April 5	Dearborn	B'ham.
April 12	Wayne	Wayne
April 19	Plymouth	Plymouth
April 26	Pontiac	B'ham.
May 3	Ypsilanti	Ypsilanti
May 7	Cranbrook	Cranbrook
May 10	River Rouge	B'ham
May 18	State Reg.	Ypsilanti
May 25	State . . .	E. Lansing
June 4	R.O.-Ferndale	F'dale
June 14	Detroit Invitational	Belle Isle

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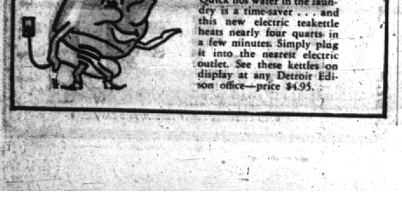
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