

Birmingham High School Team Ready for Basketball Wars After Long Layoff

Baldwin High One Of First to Use Play, 'What a Life'

"What a Life," the annual Baldwin Senior High play to be given Feb. 22 and 23, has only recently been released for non-professional use and Birmingham will be one of the first high schools to use it.

The play ran for a year and a half in New York as a George Abbott production with the lead taken by Ezra Stone, who now broadcasts over the Henry Aldrich family Tuesday evenings.

While the play was on the road last year, Eddy Brachon took the leading role and at the present time Jackie Groun is touring the country in the comedy.

"What a Life" has a cast of 18 speaking parts as well as several extras. It is a quick-moving comedy written with sympathy and extraordinary understanding of the viewpoint of the high school girl and boy of their teachers, and parents. It shows many humorous

Washington Group Plans Dance and Sale

A dance and bake sale were planned by the Washington Group of Baldwin High School last Friday, Jan. 9.

The dance is to be given Friday, Jan. 12, in the community room at the school during activity period. Fun is promised with dance programs and a floor show. Music will be provided by records.

Those in charge of the dance are Gertrude Rogerson, as general chairman; Holt Ackerman, business; Warner Forsyth, floor show; Mildred Benscoter and Gloria Wagnitz, advertising.

The date of the bake sale has not yet been set. The committee consists of Doris Franklin, Barbara Sajer, and Shirley Trump.

Hubbell Says Arm Is Ready For Full-Time Duty in 1940

BY IRVING DIX

CARL HUBBELL, the New York Giants' meal ticket who won only 11 and lost nine last year, insists his pitching arm will be as good as it ever was, when the call comes to take the mound in 1940.

King Karl, who underwent an operation on his elbow in 1938, wasn't up to par during the early part of last season but toward the latter part of the campaign he noticed he could pitch a complete game without the slightest trace of pain.

Hubbell, wintering in Fort Worth where he is head of an oil production company, emphasizes the fact that his constant improvement during the last few seasons has led him to expect well for 1940. This sounds good for the Polo Grounds, because as Hubbell goes, so do the Giants.



Carl Hubbell, ... Giants hope their meal ticket is okay.

Vocational Club Pays Visit to City Airport

The Detroit Airport was the point of interest visited by the Baldwin High School Vocational Club, Tuesday, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Adele Halladay, commercial instructor.

As the semester has progressed, the club has studied different phases of transportation and communication. The members previously visited the Bell Telephone Company.

Among those taking the trip were the following: Faith Baker, Gerry Eskridge, De Mora Thom, Alice Rose, Laurence Bingham, Gloria Wagnitz, Mildred Benscoter, and Merle Dunn.

Louis Corbi, Jack Minton, Jean Pearce, Douglas Smith, William Pettit, Rose Nell Woodard, Martha Hopson, and Connie Milledrained.

Marion Hoover, Keith Parmenter, Bill Robertson, Lee Peasall, George Mitchell, and Corinne Conley.

Henry Ford Trade School Next Tilt For Maples' Five

BY JACK PEARCE

After a long layoff from basketball games, Birmingham's undefeated quintet will play its first game of 1940 against a strong Henry Ford Trade School tomorrow night at 7:30 on the local's home court.

Henry Ford has an excellent opportunity to produce a fine team as the school has 1,100 eligible boys to fill its basketball ranks, coached by V. J. Richards, who has piloted the school sport for 12 years.

Last year's game between the two schools saw Birmingham eke out a thrilling victory over the sharpshooters from Dearborn.

This season's record for Henry Ford shows four wins against two setbacks, the team having defeated Kennedy College of Canada, Conley, Hazel Park, and MacKenzie High School, while dropping games to Chadsey and the alumni.

This gives the Maples an edge on paper; but it must be taken into consideration that Henry Ford has perhaps played better competition than Birmingham has had thus far, making the contest a closer one.

Baldwin Net Team To Play in League

Seeking to bring Birmingham an interscholastic tennis championship next season will be the goal of the Baldwin netters who will be participating for the first season in the Twin Valley League.

It is hoped that for the coming season there will be available courts upon which to play the matches. Otherwise the Maples will be unable to play as league contenders. Judging from past seasons, the Maples have been forced to play home games with only four or five players because of the lack of necessary courts.

In the past the Maples have shown that Birmingham can put a fine team into the coming campaign.

Classes in Boxing Will Begin Soon

Boxing classes will soon begin for the students of Baldwin High School if they are able to find available gymnasium. George Wurster, football and baseball coach, will conduct the boxing classes in a regular class with "mass instruction."

It is hoped that the proceeds will enable the self-supporting baseball team to play an 18-game schedule. If so, it will be the largest ever undertaken at Baldwin. It is also hoped that enough enthusiasm will be shown to induce the school to purchase a boxing ring.

After the instruction period, Coach Wurster plans to hold elimination bouts leaving 12 boys for the final six matches to be held at night.

'Leap Year Hop' Is Saturday Eve

For the Leap Year Hop at the community house Saturday, Jan. 15, general chairman for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Norman James.

Chaperons will be Mr. and Mrs. George Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Vaile.

Students serving on the committee are Bob Kendall, Jean Hoof, Charles MacLeod, Alan Hopkins, Shirley Busby, Ginger Colgrave.

Shirley Smith, Harvey Cornwell, and Gordon Eas.

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Gumbo Smith, 110-lb time heavyweight, is back at his job as special policeman at Madison Square Garden after serving as watchman on the World Fair grounds. . . . Herman Frank, captain of the basketball team, Claude Passeau of the Cubs are the only players in the National League who wear No. 12. . . . North Carolina and Virginia claim the oldest football rivalry in the south. . . . They played their first game in 1822.

Birmingham Faces Tough Competition Against Royal Oak

BY JACK RIDGEN

When Birmingham's undefeated basketball quintet meets Royal Oak's Acorns on the hardwood next Tuesday night, it will face a veteran, well-coached group of offensive skill of basketballers that has been the Maple Leafs' bane for the last four games played between the two schools.

Royal Oak relies mainly on a fast break and a great zone defense which is extremely hard to penetrate. Royal Oak's team averages well over six feet and uses its height to great advantage around the backboards and on tip-offs.

Leading the players on the Acorn squad is Dick Jackson, one of the best guards in the state. Jackson stands over the six foot mark and handles a basketball expertly, well being an excellent passer.

Another player of note is Dale Young, a forward who plays the pivot position, is very shifty, and is a dead shot.

The rest of the Acorn squad is composed of Penzo, Glass and Mauldin, forwards; Carpenter and Morris, centers; and Shaver, Blackman and McNeal, guards.

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Seniors to Skip School Friday

"Spring Time for Henry," a play at the Cass Theater, has been selected by the senior class of Baldwin High School for skip day entertainment. The class plans to leave by its baseball and tennis teams this spring. This is good news as it will give the netters and ball hawks a better chance to show what they've got in a league of stiff opposition.

The tennis team should have a good year with a number of year-backs. Bud Stutte, Lee Pearson, John Hartstuf, Joe Parkyn, and Ed Platt will all be back from last year's squad. The team will miss such veterans as Harry Sevin, Harold Jordan, Jack Pearce, and Bill Spinning, but should do itself right proud for dear old Baldwin.

Senior Class Plans Dances to Get Cash For Track Fund

For the purpose of raising money for the track fund, the junior class of Baldwin High School is sponsoring a series of three dances, the first of which will be held in the high school gymnasium tomorrow night after the basketball game.

The entire student body is invited to attend, and although no admission will be charged, it is hoped that funds will be raised through the refreshment concessions.

Music will be furnished by the high school public address system which has recently been equipped with the latest dancing records.

Bob Traxler is general chairman of the first dance.

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