BALDWIN HI-LIGHTS

By ANN NONIMOUS

Dear Kids,

Annie has been very busy this week just trying to keep up with a few of the senior activities and other social and school affairs. Pretty active, eh?

Well, to begin with, 'round about Thursday the seniors held their annual swing out. And after some of those corny jokes if they don't swing out of school in a hurry, they'll swing before their time.

Thursday night was the scene of the Speech 11 class first banquet. The dinner was at the Roberts' home in Franklin. Some of the after-dinner speakers that night were Sue Averill, Helen Rounds, Pat Wilkinson, Gordon Deneau, Charles Mulholland, and Bob Fisher. Bob established such a reputation as a "joke teller" that night that he was asked to repeat the story in English and chemistry.

Friday was rather a dull day about because 149 seniors participating in their first skip day certainly took a huge hunk out of the student body. Surprising enough, school was carried on and people seemed to get along without them.

Saturday morning Annie got up bright and early to attend Patsy Burke's breakfast. It certainly was a surprise to see what all the girls that never touch a thing for breakfast packed away.

Janet Farrell's luncheon was second on the "party list" that day. Janet entertained 24 girls at a bridge luncheon at Orchard Lake.

Natalie Seaholm had a picnic dinner at her farm that night. Annie saw Bob Fisher and Natalie in the middle of the lake being rescued from their overturned sailboat by Fletch Plant and Marge Walton. Stan Poag and Mary Lawson were playing doubles at tennis with Mary Bronson and "Puff" Sterling, while Maude Keller, Edgar Riddell, and Ginna Fellows played croquet with Jean Merritt and Dave Nethercott.

Wednesday night a large group was gathered at Bonnie Brook Country Club. Upon a second look Annie discovered that this was the group that had drugged themselves through a tedious exam week, in order to subject themselves to a good time at the junior-senior banquet.

Bye now,
ANNIE

Right

Health and beauty inquirer asks, what do you do to get soft, white hands? The best recipe is, Nothing.—Arkansas Gazette.

Boy Reads Article, Writes Good Letter And Lands A Job

When asked what they planned to do this summer the seniors almost to a man, said that they were going to work or at least wanted to.

One junior, Mike Carey, has a very interesting summer job. He will work at the Bath Iron Works in Maine as a machinist's helper. Mike wrote to Peter Newell, the owner, after he had read about the company in **This Week** magazine. He was given a job. The company had a 165 million dollar destroyer order.

But to get back to the seniors: This summer don't be surprised if Baldwin's basketball stars, Dick Gilbert and Howie Crull, knock at your back door, for they will be delivering groceries for a local market.

Bob Cole, former Student Congress president, will be a bellhop at a northern Michigan resort. Stuart Linton, by virtue of four years high school training, will work at a drafting board in an architect's office.

Many are seeking jobs in factories. Among these are Olie Olson, Hugh Mack, and Frank O'Toole.

Doug Ewen and Bill Hopkins will drive "courtesy cars" for automobile companies.

Jack Denny and Bruce Carey have jobs on lake freighters and Warden Hall will work on another type of boat.

James Juhl will work for the government as an R. F. D. mailman.

With the girls, it is a little different story. Most plan to take the summer easy. Some, like Barbara Holland, will be camp counselors, but most look forward to a summer of pleasure.

BITS OF BARNUM

The track meet last Thursday turned out very well for Barnum, with a 63 2/3-point total and victory. Adams was second and Baldwin was third.

During the past year, Barnum has been quite active. We had some of the Council representatives go to Pontiac to visit three schools. We elected David Wangberg president of the Council, with Jan Watt, vice president; Bob Morrow, secretary; and Joyce Caryl, treasurer.

This summer, we will go our different ways, but we will be back in September, ready for work again.—Velma Keogh.

Nice Man

It is said that the American bull fighter has a kind face. That must be a great consolation to the bull. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Softball Shorts

By JOHN RICDON

In the absence of Raymie McBride in recent games, Kenny Hunt has been doing a nice job of twirling . . . Two former high school athletes, All-American Dick Gilbert and Howie Crull are now members of the Bell and Sons team . . . Against MSCP, Crull blasted out two doubles and was the recipient of two free tickets to first base . . . Gilbert's start was not so auspicious, popping weak flies twice, getting a batter weak singles and grounding out. Dick claims he was nervous—we think he was to . . . Dick is a very good player. The combination of Blondeau and Rondeau has been broken up temporarily by our Uncle Samuel . . . Laurent and Gerard are now doing squads right while Arthur still does quite a bit of throwing for Babcock-Salisbury.

We are always glad to see such players as Thompson, Duke Pottert, and Don Furnace back last year they played elsewhere. Duke, by the way, is one of the most versatile athletes in the league . . . plays first, outfields and snares them in the outfield.

If you didn't know it already, diminutive Lloyd (Shorty) Chapman is again manager of the league . . . Chappie is universally liked for his continual good humor and witty remarks . . . If we had more interested sponsors like Bill Dayner, I am sure softball would be much better off.

Sports Showup

By BOB CRAIG

Boys to watch next year in Baldwin sports are Joe Armstrong, Paul Kelley, Bill Spiegel, Hank Dahlquist, Dick Hopkins, Harold Watts, Stan Peterson, Jack Steelman, and Dale Ballard. They represent all sports and have proved themselves.

Players who will gain recognition next season are Newell Wright, Jim Taylor, Bill Golling, Kenny MacDonald, Bob Carnahan, Bob Murray, Eugene Johnson, Jack McCormick, Don Fisher, Fred Zoellin, Tom Wells, George Sterling, Neil Stanton, Bob Halsted, and Gene Hadjisky.

During the past year I have had the privilege of writing Sports Showup for The Birmingham Eccentric. At this time I would like to thank John H. Harwood, managing editor of the Eccentric and coaches Franklyn Whitney and George Wurster for the help and encouragement they have given me this past year. I would like to mention my appreciation to the students I worked with; Dave Kennedy, golf team; Bob Allen, basketball manager; Dean Firth, track manager; Dave Nethercott, baseball manager; and Bob Garfield, football manager.

It is also my desire to thank Miss Vida B. McGiffin, journalism instructor, for the advantages she gave me as a sports reporter.

Although Coach Whitney is leaving the school for a year, there is a note of happiness in the fact that he will be back after the year is over. Since he has been here, Coach Whitney has not only been known for the achievements of his track basketball teams but he has received the recognition of the student body as being a fine coach and a swell fellow—one very much worth knowing.

V. F. W. Chooses Rally Delegates

Delegates to the state department encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. and Auxiliary to be held June 27-28-29 at Saulte Ste. Marie were elected at their last meeting of City of Birmingham Post 2645. Commander S. H. Wilkinson is a delegate by virtue of his office. Additional delegates were elected on the basis of one delegate to every 15 members. Commander Wilkinson said. The delegates elected are as follows: J. C. Boomer, C. Coburn, and Floyd Crouse.

Alternates—S. H. Knowlton, R. K. Lewis, E. Smith.

The delegates for the Auxiliary are as follows: Mrs. S. H. Wilkinson, President, Mrs. Emily Wade, Mrs. C. Coburn and Mrs. Earl Moody. Alternates—Mrs. A. Holmes, Mrs. J. Matice, Mrs. F. Roberts and Mrs. F. Crouse.

Other members of Post 2645 and their families are expected to accompany the official delegation to the annual reunion and convention. More than 3,500 local units of the V. F. W. throughout the country are selecting their delegates this month to their respective annual state department encampments.

Home Room 5 Ends Activities

With shouts of glee and a little fear, home room five of Baldwin High School wound up the year of activities last Saturday with a trip to Bob-Lo.

Just as the boat was leaving Detroit the home room members and their guests heard from the land, "Wait for us!" And there were Beverly Hayward, Loretta Hall, Ferne La Fave, and Corrine Green!

Those who went were Mr. and Mrs. George Wurster and Sandy, Bob Garfield, Margaret Stanton, John Finch, Carolyn Wright, Betty Slusser, Jo-Anne Hershberg, Beverly, Ted, and Virginia Johnstone, Carol Cameron, Bud Cole, Barbara Case, Jack Wilcox, Ted Corson, Dale Hallad, Jack Brown, Frank Coe, Lloyd Busch, and Betty Allen.

Grace Lewis, Elizabeth Giles, Alice Bronson, Betty Coryell, Kitty Williams, Helen George, Virginia Walsh, Emma Alstrom, Rose Lee Green, Margaret Kelley, Duane Brian, and Juanita Le Bow.

Loretta Hall arranged for the trip.

Two Try to Park In Same Place

Two cars tried to park in the same space last Friday, on Maple avenue, near Kroger's, resulting in a collision. Wilbur Campbell, driving a car owned by R. F. Cutler, 551 Puritan, reported to police that his machine was involved in a mix-up with one driven by Mrs. Gordon R. Pennington, Bloomfield Hills. At the sudden stop, Mrs. Campbell was thrown against the windshield, breaking it.

Have You Met . . .

The C. C. Edmonds, and their three little girls, Sallie Jane, 5, Marcia Lee, 3, and Barbara Lynn, 1, who are living at 1259 Yorkshire road? The Edmonds were anxious to establish a permanent home and had heard a great deal about Birmingham, its friendly atmosphere and the like, so they decided to move out from Detroit. Mr. Edmonds is with the Nicolay and Dancy Company in Detroit.

Knocking on Wood

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of ringworm and five cases of conjunctivitis. Oh, yes, one of the quarried teachers was granted a year's leave of absence for reasons paternal—I suppose that should have been mentioned, too.

This short was too busy with important things to go into trifles. My good friend, Mary Fletcher, evidently thought otherwise, as she was perfectly justified in doing so for personal opinion always governs what is or is not news.

A Good Point

However, I do think Mrs. Coffman's point was a good one; that I had asked Mr. Jeffries about the day before the meeting, informing him that we expected some sort of a statement from the board on the matter of how the money would be spent. At the close of the school board meeting, I repeated my request for a statement, and I got it. The gist of it was repeated in last week's paper a couple of times, once as a lead editorial, and another time in the lead story on Page 1.

I must be terribly stupid, for I can't figure out the importance of the Corson incident. And in so far as The Eccentric's withholding news when it is news and is a matter of record, it just isn't done. By coincidence, as I wrote these lines I was interrupted by a phone call from a Birmingham citizen who asked me, for the sake of his family, to withhold a story of a drunk driving conviction. We constantly get requests of this sort, and in many cases, it is very difficult to say no.

Sometimes an offense is so trivial that police do not issue a warrant; sometimes juveniles are involved. But except for those two considerations, there are no exceptions for we must treat everyone alike. There are many people around town who will confirm this statement from their own experience.

At the Proving Ground

Last Friday afternoon, a group of editors and publishers in this section of the State enjoyed an afternoon at the General Motors Proving Ground, near Milford. Bob Rowe, publisher of the Milford Times, made the arrangements.

It had always known that testing and research played an important part in automobile manufacture, but I was amazed at the length to which the engineers go to find the facts about every nut and bolt which goes into an automobile. General Motors engineers test not only their own cars under every conceivable type of driving condition, but also the cars of other manufacturers.

"We don't want to find out what's wrong with the other cars," a spokesman declared. "That's their problem. Rather, we want to discover the good points about other cars so that we can equal or excel them."

Other companies do the same thing, and the result is that the automobile is now and has been for years the biggest mechanical bargain on the market. These fellows don't get together and fix prices and limit quality, because of the healthy competition which exists, car quality has constantly improved while prices have held about the same. Efficiency has been the watchword.

If all American business and labor groups operated on these principles, America would be a far different place from an economic standpoint.

East Of Birmingham

Three new houses got under way within a week on 16-Mile road between Crooks and Monnier, all of them within a half mile radius.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gibson were guests at a birthday dinner on Sunday at the home of Mr. Gibson's parents in Pontiac.

Miss Marjorie Tyler and Miss Lena Forgione, of Cranbrook, spent Monday with Mrs. Gordon Webber of Beaver road. Dinner was served around the outdoor fireplace. The Webbers were Sunday guests of the Arthur Webbers of Milford.

Mrs. Edward De Groote, of Beaver road, was hostess to the Poppleton Stitch and Knitter Club on Wednesday morning.

Joyce Snyder, of Clawson, and Florence McDonald, of Beaver road, were the week-end guests of Mary Jane Slyfield at Alma, Mich.

Alfturda Bell, McDonald was graduated from Alma College Saturday with highest honors.

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County Red Cross Directors Elected

Mrs. D. W. Hawksworth was elected a director of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, at the annual meeting of the chapter held last Wednesday at Seven's Hall, All Saints Church, Pontiac. Mrs. H. H. Corson, Mrs. R. H. Mann, Mrs. Lionel Wheeler, and Mrs. R. J. Wiseburn were reelected from Birmingham. Mrs. Frank W. Shuell, Mrs. Hugh Hitchcock and Mrs. Shelton Noble were reelected from Bloomfield Hills.

The following officers were also elected: Byron B. Webb, chairman; Marshall E. Smith, vice-chairman; Leo P. Atkins, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry D. Seeley, secretary.

Annual reports were read by the various service chairmen and the local C. H. Cadigan, of Christ Church, Cranbrook, gave an informal talk congratulating the chapter on its accomplishments and encouraging the volunteers who see participating in the program.

Miss E. A. Christian, who was responsible for the production program during the first World War, was a special guest. Convention reports were given by Mrs. H. H. Corson, Mrs. Sheldon Noble, Mrs. Henry D. Seeley and Mrs. R. H. Robinson.

Mrs. Webb announced that a staff of only 30,672 garments remained at the Red Cross warehouse in Jersey City awaiting shipment to Europe and that a total number of 3,466,317 garments had been shipped by the American Red Cross. These were chapter produced garments made by volunteers.

During the past year, the local Chapter has shipped 13,206 garments, 2,433 knitted articles and 34,896 surgical dressings. The local chapter program has included home nursing, first aid classes and water safety classes in which instruction was given free to participants; the distribution of Chapter produced garments to individuals in need; assistance to veterans and active service men; and Junior Red Cross.

Man Loses License For Drunk Driving

The case involving F. Farrington Holt, 630 Linden road, has been completed in Justice Forbes S. Hascall's court. He pleaded guilty to a drunk driving charge and received a suspended sentence, plus suspension of his operator's license. There was no fine. The arrest was April 28.

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