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## Girl on Bicycle Hit By Motorcar

Betty Stace, 15 years old, of 1830 Beech street, Clawson, luckily escaped serious injury when struck on her bicycle at 5:30 p.m. Saturday by a car which witness said "was going at a high rate of speed."

Mrs. Stace, and a companion, Miss Ann Hansen, of Royal Oak, were walking south on Hunter when the former was hit by a car driven by Alphonso Farish, 32 years old, of 2811 Woodward street, Detroit. The young girl received a bruised left temple, and injuries to her left elbow and knee. She was taken to the office of Dr. John W. Gough for treatment. Police noted that the Farish car, while stopping left marks on the pavement for 300 feet. The left front headlight of the car was damaged.

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## Auto Crash Occurs At 'Puzzle Corner'

The puzzle of which is a through street ended in an automobile crash Friday morning at Henrietta and Martin streets, near the police station in Birmingham. The avenue is marked as a through street.

Gerald Elmore, 25 years old, going north on Henrietta, collided with a machine driven east on Martin by Yvonne, 17, of 1051 Henrietta street. Fenders were smashed.

## Flat Being Fixed; Car Is Rammed

While his car was parked on Hunter boulevard because of a flat tire, P. W. Parkerson, 154 Lobelle street, Highland Park, saw it struck by a car driven north on Henrietta by James J. Davenport, of 1100 Kipling, Berkley. Damage was slight. The mishap occurred Saturday at 9:40 p.m.

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## What Your Public Schools Are Doing . . .



Most, but not all, of the cast in the recent High School play.

(Editor's Note.—This article, written cooperatively by members of the schools' teaching and administrative staff, tells of the fine arts in the public schools.)

The picture accompanying this article is of a scene from "The Baldwin High School's play for this year. The students, playing their parts here, try to express themselves by word, action, inflections of the voice, and appropriate costumes. The stage set was produced by the students by the use of design and color, and created the desired atmosphere.

Others who succeeded in the "arts" were the students of which the characters appeared more real. The properties used by still others were of the correct type, color and size, and were cooperatively carried out by the students, and many more, who, in addition to the work together to make the production not only a very enjoyable part of the activity of a modern high school, but also a valuable contribution to the welfare of the community. The production was a great success, but it was also a real proof of the fine arts in a very practical way.

### For Better Expression

Dramatic development is provided for incidentally in many subjects throughout the different age groups. The "Drama" course in the high school helps many to learn to express themselves more effectively. But the plays are part of the extra-curricular activity of the school, and not a major part of the activity of a modern high school, but only a natural venture sometimes, such as the drama club, but it was also a real proof of the fine arts in a very practical way.

Vocal music is taught to all younger pupils and teenagers, and students must sing it. Many develop through these means that they may be in the glee clubs, mixed chorals, or the a capella choirs, and thus attain the height of each singer's ambition. The members of the Baldwin P.T.A. are making roles for the drama club, and will help the morale of the members and insure a uniformity and attractiveness of appearance not otherwise possible.

### Instrumental Music

Instrumental music is available on an elective basis in all the schools. The excellent record made by our band in recent appearances has caused us to do all along the line. Their record of placing in the first division in both concert playing and sight reading in the state festival this spring shows that real development has taken place. Individual members placed similarly both locally and in the state festival. Some will play in the Regional Festival at Flint.

"Art" is taught to all in the elementary schools, and in the seventh and eighth grades. It is taught on an elective basis to all older students selecting it. An appreciation of the beauty in our surroundings and understanding of color and design, a "feeling" for

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## What Your City Commission Is Doing . . .



## Knights of Pythias Have Social Eve

Tuesday evening the Knights of Pythias with a families and friends held a social dance at the Pythian Temple. The Knights under the direction of Bert Harrison, Birmingham Chamberlain, cooked and served dinner to a crowd of over 100 people.

Grand Lodge District Deputy Harvey Alderman from Oxford, seven members of the Order from Oxford and Rochester were among the out-of-towners.

Mr. Harrison after introducing the guests called on visiting officers and Dan Simon, a K. P. Past Chancellor, for remarks. Mr. Simon and Mrs. Glenn Myers, the new Past Master of the Pythian Sisters then introduced the Birmingham officers.

Following the dinner dance and refreshments, Frank Edwards, Sheriff of Wayne, with Norman Doster as master of ceremonies and Colf Benner at the piano, put on a musical program.

Among the performers were Jean and Dolley McAlaster, Andrew and Betty Lee Heckendorf, Frank and Norman Doster, and Joan McMaster.

Pythian officers are giving a Memorial Day Picnic dinner on Friday, May 10, at 6 p.m., at the Embury Methodist Church corner of Woodward and Birmingham.

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