Barnum Festival Program Revealed

The program for the Barnum Junior High School Festival has been planned and will be presented May 21 in the form of an open house at Barnum.

The eighth grade girls will sing "County Gardens," Grainger; and "Morning," an Italian folk tune. Gladean Schlack and Sally Spence will sing a duet, "In Silent Night," Brahms.

The seventh grade girls will present "Pretty Minka," a Russian folk tune; and "I'm Called Little Buttercup," from the operetta "Pinafore."

"Dream Song," Brahms; and "When Song Is Sweet" will be sung by the ninth grade girls.

The seventh grade boys will sing "John Peal," an English folk song; and "Mother."

The entire group will present "Be Glad You're An American."

The Barnum Orchestra will present "In A Gondola Waltz," Adams; "All In Step March," Leland; "Vacation Days Waltz," Adams; "Our School March," Isaac; "Autumn Winds," Monroe; "Jinrikisha Chinese Dance," Drake; and "In the Garden," Monroe.

The A orchestra will play "Roumanian Fantasy," Nelsko; "Famous Waldteufel Waltzes," arr. arranged by Cheyette-Roberts; "Carry on March," McCray; "Colors Flying March," Henri Weber; "The Wanderer," Glenn; and "Orange Blossom Waltz," Glenn.

Junior High Music Festivals Planned

Two junior high school festivals will be held in the form of an open house at Adams, May 27; and Barnum, May 21.

The programs will consist of numbers by the junior high orchestras, numbers by vocal groups, and folk dancing.

No admission will be charged.

BITS OF BARNUM

The Barnum Student Council sponsored a colorful May Hop in the school gymnasium Friday evening. Gay balloons formed a network of color in the ceiling. The floorshow boasted the presence of Harold Jones playing his trumpet, accompanied by his sister. A minstrel show with Bob Erwin as master of ceremonies, aroused many laughs. Ann Homer Corsi's interpretation of a prima donna practically "brought down the house."

Last week Thursday, the 8A home rooms entertained the mothers at a tea. The 8A home economics girls prepared the tea; they chose "Mother's Day" as their motif. This meeting gave the opportunity to Principal Robinson to explain the ninth grade and senior high school courses of study and make suggestions and answer questions for each individual.

Also, on Thursday of last week the 7B Yankees presented an assembly program. The following was the program:

Song—Lelie Clark, Roger Reynolds, Kenneth Braidwood, Henry Lack, Jack Knarsberg, Billy Reed, and Greg Peck. Reading—Dorothy Thugman. Piano solos—Carmela Caputo and Joan McCloskey. Dance—Geraldine Gillen. Play—"When Mother Went Away." Parts were taken by Florence Erickson, Herbert Tewilliager, Jack Renault, Beverly and Barbara Snell, and Carmela Caputo.

The mothers, as guests, were presented with corsages of violets.

Sing This Morning

The Baldwin High School A Capella Choir will present "The Ballad For Americans" at the Barnum Parent-Teacher Association breakfast to be held Thursday morning, May 15, at Barnum Junior High School.

So Soon

It may require all of half a century for Americans to get back to talking in mere millions.—Toledo Blade.

Knocking on Wood

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completely, and perhaps some of the paragraphs I have omitted are very important to the argument, but let the reader, if he desires, get the booklet and read for himself. Next issue what I think is the most interesting of all.—We have all been talking about national unity, but no one seems to know what to do about it. Here is the secret:]

National unity just doesn't happen. It begins with you and the fellow you don't get along with. If you start changing, the other fellow will sit up and take notice. If you put things straight with him, maybe he'll put things straight with you.

Everybody wants to see the other fellow different. But everybody is waiting for the other fellow to begin. The secret of national unity is to have the guts to begin with yourself.

Honest apology starts teamwork.

Try it at home. Thousands of families are making the experiment. Mrs. Jones who was "always right" apologizes. Mr. Jones decides to be honest, too. The children say, "Gee it's fun to be home now!" The neighbors keep up with the Joneses—in bringing a new spirit to their families. Backyard gossip changes to planning for the community. Planning for sound homes. Planning to defend America.

If the boss and worker put *all* their cards on the table, in this spirit of honest apology, would strikes and lock-outs be necessary? Or would he have team work in industry?

If political parties admitted where they'd been at fault, there'd be less mud slinging and more of the honesty that builds a nation. There'd be more of the common loyalty to America, above party, class, race, point of view, and personal advantage.

That's not just the job of the politicians; or of management; or of labor. It is *yours*.

[*That is the story, as I understand it, and it sounds reasonable to me, for it gets at the root of the difficulty. Men have only men to blame for the ills of the world; and until men individuals—change, progress will never come.*]

People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive letters on subjects of general interest. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

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listed in the first World War two months after we went into it and fought in six different engagements; a grandfather and uncle were killed in the Civil War; other great-great, grands, etc., took part in the Revolution. But to enter this war seems to me like national suicide.

A READER.

To the Editor:

Would you please allow me to correct a typographical error in my last week's report of the Red Cross Convention?

The correct wording in part two of the report was "to maintain a high MORALE in our communities, particularly in regard to health, welfare, recreation and leisure time planning." Thank you.

Another suggestion that was made to the delegates which coordinates with the formation of the United Service Organization throughout the country was "to visit some of the cantonments where our young men are training for national defense."

GERTRUDE CORSON
(Mrs. H. E.)

Says Bible Shows Way of the Future

Editor, The Eccentric:

The question on the "ear" of last week's Eccentric is an interesting one to which I am impelled to reply.

[Note—The question was: "Isn't it about time that our leaders informed us exactly what this war MUST EVENTUALLY do, so far as participation in the European war is concerned?"]

I suggest the question can be answered by many, if thoughtful consideration is given to all angles of the seemingly complex situation.

It is popular parlor pastime to credit President Roosevelt with the ability or power to take America into the world conflict now raging or keep us out, but this is only sophistry. The forces evident and at work are very real and as irresistible to the whims or caprice of any man or set of men as the ebb and flow of ocean tides; even Hitler is a creature of surrounding circumstances. **America is in the war now** in spite of so-called "Isolationists" or "Interventionists." We are part of a world order and cannot escape our share of responsibility. The conflict is not a "European War" but world wide. Mankind is experiencing a virulent epidemic of world wide proportions caused through wrong spiritual and economic practices resulting from age long disregard of the basic laws of creation and specifically for the last 2000 years refusal of men and nations to observe the ideals and laws of Jesus Christ. We are witnessing the climax and so long as world conditions are governed by selfishness, we may expect war and confusion with increasing velocity.

The reason I answer your query with confidence is because I am convinced of the inerrancy and authority of the Bible and while not presuming to qualify as a "leader," I suggest the basic answer is in the possession of all Christian leaders and recorded in pre-written history (usually called prophecy) contained in Holy Writ. A comprehensive survey of all Biblical prophecy discloses present world conditions very definitely; also Anglo Saxondom's relationship thereto which includes the United States of America.

From chronological data contained within Scripture itself, the world wide conflict of the ages is to focalize in this present era or generation culminating in what is spoken of as "The Day of the Lord" or "The Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty." Ever since the armistice or truce of Nov. 11, 1918, profound Bible students have been looking for the present world wide continuation of the war begun in 1914, for the Bible being true, it must come at about this time. Jesus Christ recognized the Bible of his day (the Old Testament) as being God's Word and message to man and authoritative in every detail, thus he unqualifiedly endorsed all its prophetical utterances. If our spiritual leaders really believed Him, your question could and would be answered from every Christian pulpit in the land.

America and Britain representing most of Anglo Saxondom are admirably strong in their ideals and destiny though failing to live up to their high aims and they are opposed in every way to the precepts and ideals of the dictatorships of Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini, so we have as has been well said, a contest between "two irreconcilable ideologies" which will go on till one or the other is recognized as the way of life.

As to who will be victorious or survive, my conviction is that before a climax is reached the Anglo Saxon Christian Nations will through economic distress and physical suffering be brought to realize that their vast wealth and material power of itself will never win a victory of **peace**, they will then recognize that God's will must be done and his laws observed which will eventuate in the Novus Ordo Seclorum inscribed on the Great Seal of the U. S. A.

CLARENCE H. BOOTHE
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Backs Bill to Set Up Dept. of Revenue

Editor, The Eccentric:

There is a bill pending in the House at Lansing which should have the active support of all citizens interested in economy and good government. It is called the Department of Revenue Bill and passed the Senate on May 7.

This bill provides for a tax collection set up, tried and found workable in many other states, where great savings have been made by having a central tax gathering agency. It is a matter of record that Michigan is second only to Missouri in the number of tax collection divisions. It is also apparent that the opposition comes from political clique that is more interested in jobs than in efficiency and economy.

A survey made under former Governor Fitzgerald indicated that $25,000,000 may be wasted through inefficient, decentralized tax collecting system. The present estimate of saving sets the figure at $15,000,000 to be saved by the enactment of this measure.

The League of Women Voters has long been concerned with the administrative organization of government to promote efficiency and responsibility in state and local government.

Therefore we urge you to give your support to the passing of this Department of Revenue bill, House Bill 166.

Indeed, the question for all citizens to decide is: Shall the state collect those millions of dollars legally due it or shall the people be taxed that much in order to preserve for a political clique the present set-up?

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3 Students Going To National Music Festival At Flint

Three students of Baldwin High School will participate in the National Region Three Orchestra, Solo and Ensemble Festival to be held in Flint, May 14-17.

To be eligible for the festival a student must have received a superior rating in the state festival.

From Birmingham will be a clarinet solo, "Concerto Number One," Von Weber, by Jack Mellinger; and "Woodwind Revels," Endresen, a clarinet trio by Francis Buckeridge, Richard Lewis and Jack Mellinger.

Present at the festival will be representatives from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

Not Long Enough

Poet—Are you the man who cut my hair last time?

Barber—I don't think so, sir. I've only been here six months.

Ferndale Blanks Baldwin, 5-0

Ferndale's nine blanked Birmingham 5-0 last Thursday as Wren held Birmingham to two scattered hits in seven innings.

Ferndale scored consecutively in the first, second, and third with one run each inning, coming through in every scoring opportunity.

In the fifth, Ferndale pushed two more runs across the plate on an error, three walks and a perfect squeeze play as Corson, pitching for Birmingham, had trouble finding the plate.

Therrian was the afternoon's great to Wren's shutout when he reached third on a fielder's mark in right center field, but he "tied" between third and the plate when Dahlquist hit an infield grounder on the next play.

Wren's high hard one had the Birmingham lads charmed for seven innings, but Corson had no such luck. There were also three costly errors. Wren allowed two hits and Corson gave up four for the day.

Belton, catching in Kennedy's absence, did a good job behind the mask. Kelley made the best fielding play of the day for Birmingham on a hot grounder to the first base side of second. Watson, of Ferndale, robbed Therrian of a hit when he executed a difficult one-handed stab of a long foul out left field way.

Back in the horse and buggy days there was a song called "Over the Hills to the Poor House." Maybe, at times, it took longer to get there in those days than it does via the present day automobile route. If you get what we mean.—Greenleaf, Kan., Sentinel.

Homelike

Film Star—I'm really married. And is this the ancestral home?

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Film Star—Say, it looks mighty familiar. Are you sure I haven't married you before?

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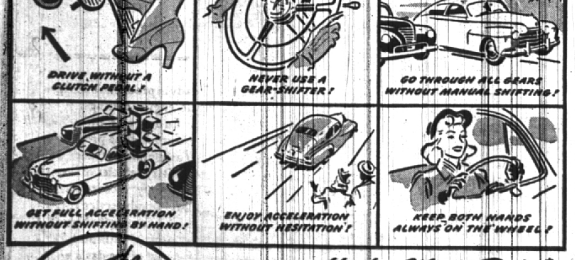

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