

Students Prepare Questions for 56 In Careers Week

Representatives from 56 different occupations will be interviewed by Baldwin students during the high school's annual Careers Week, March 23-27, which is being planned jointly by the vocational club and the guidance department.

Careers Week will open Monday, March 23, with an assembly put on by the vocational club. Plans are being made to have several occupations represented in this program, professional music, commercial art, automotive industry, and commercial airplane service.

Tuesday through Friday, the first period each morning will be devoted to vocational conferences. Each student will attend four conferences of his own choice, one each day. A committee composed of a teacher and two students from the vocational club will assist each visiting representative.

The planning committee includes Louis Viano, Leo Weiler, Dorothy Leggett, Ann Loughton, Ruth Mary Potter, Irene Botterfield, Nancy Clark, Evelyn Aldrich, and Glorcia Malcolm.

Cooperating with the school in securing representatives are Mrs. Merle P. Bailey of the Y. M. C. A., and Robert Lynd of the Y. M. C. A.

ADAMS ELECTION

On Monday morning, the election for a new Student Council secretary was held at Adams.

The candidates, Pat Poursall and Nancy Merriam, presented their campaign speeches before each home room separately.

Pat Poursall was elected to the office. The post was vacated by Janet Edmonds, who moved to Chicago last week.

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Annual Basketball Dinner March 23

The annual basketball banquet honoring the members of the 1944-45 squad will be held at the Community House, March 23 at 6:30 p. m.

The general chairman of the banquet is Mrs. George Steelman. Mrs. Shelton Wright is in charge of invitations.

The planning of the program is being done by Mrs. Harold H. Corson.

Mrs. S. M. Hopkins and Mrs. Thomas Hagan will take care of the serving at the dinner. The reception will be managed by Mrs. Charles Kelley, Mrs. Earl F. Moody, Mrs. M. D. Watts, Mrs. Fred Little, and Mrs. Harry Keller.

DISCUSS SCHOOL MOVIE

The speech classes at Baldwin are investigating the possibilities of making a school movie. Mrs. Geraldine Forsyth sent for and received a book on school productions and explained the procedure to the class, who discussed the topic.

The book was given to Dick Charlton who took it home, studied it, and gave his opinion to the class. The students, although confronted with several problems such as finance, equipment, and locations, are going to investigate the possibilities further.

Students Typewrite for Teachers And Thereby Gain Experience

Many members of the January, 1945 graduating class are finding that the experience gained through their employment as secretarial assistants while in school is proving helpful to them in their present positions.

Jean Wagner, now employed as receptionist and office secretary at the Ingleside Club in Detroit, is thankful for the training she received while in school. Miss Margaret Widick, home economics instructor.

Others in Detroit are Carol Cameron and Barbara Case, who often worked overtime on Lloyd G. Chapman's never-ending correspondence, are telling us that they now regard that opportunity offered in advanced typing as a most valuable preparatory experience. Carol is working in the local Detroit Edison office and Barbara in the office of the Chrysler plant.

Only a study of the original adoption of secretarial training as a part of the advanced typing course would show whether the idea arose from the desire of the teachers for assistants or the need of the students for practical experience. The present plan is to have teachers indicate their need for clerical assistance and the advanced students whose typing marks are B or above are assigned to them as secretaries for one period a day. In some cases where a most valuable preparatory experience is offered on the open position, applying for the job becomes the initial experience.

The work done by the students includes filing, recording, composing and typing letters, cutting stencils, and mimeographing tests and outlines. This semester, Virginia Walsh assisted Mrs. Gertrude Hansen with the publication of the Teachers' Bulletin. June Schwab assisted Mrs. Vern Millard, who is secretary of the Teachers' Club; Vern Millard knows all about what's going to happen in Washington because he types for E. A. Hubbard, one of the Washington Group sponsors.

Boys and girls alike share this valuable training experience, are equally helpful.

A letter is kept by each student upon which he records the type of work done and the time spent each day. Each assignment must be approved by the teacher-employer before credit is given. At the end of each month, the student teachers rate their student assistants on such essential qualities as appearance, initiative, accuracy, ability to cooperate, disposition, and honesty.

A student looks upon this experience as his first job, and there is no doubt that it assists him greatly in adjusting to the actual work situation. As far as the benefits derived by the teachers are concerned, many have been heard to wonder how they managed before the advent of the student secretaries. At the present time, there are 27 student assistants from the advanced typing classes.

Those Participating Advanced Typing students who at present are acting as secretaries to teachers are Bill Pollis, Vern Anderson, Andy Sanders, Ruth Minks, Marilyn Knight, Richard Stevens, June Schwab, Barbara MacQuinn, Daniel Stewart, Barbara Ellis, Priscilla Armiger, Vern Millard, Jean Moffitt, Grace Lewis, Peggy Fawcett, Lucile Beisel, Jeanette Charlier, Margaret Bertram, Guss Ernst, Margaret Herrington, Jim Woodruff, Betty Traylor, Jack York, Virginia Walsh, Bernice Keagan, Dolores Sternal, Orna Kimmins. Address: typing students also type copy for newspapers.

Birmingham Hopes In Tourney Ended By 46-22 Loss

Birmingham's hopes for a ninth consecutive district basketball championship were shattered Friday night in a very rough game at St. James gym in Ferndale. The team, which routed 46-22 by Visitation of Detroit.

Visitation started out very fast, and at the halfway mark led 25-4. Their lead was never threatened until the final minutes of play when Hopkins of Birmingham scored on a close-in shot. The Maple team, which took the opening half was that they couldn't seem to find the hoop with their shots throughout the game, especially in the Detroit quieted had.

Much rough play was evident through the game, especially in the last quarter when Jo Armstrong, Maple forward, re-separated his shoulder which he had hurt in football, and Jack Steelman, fighting Birmingham guard, shattered his glasses and broke his left hand.

Danny O'Neill, Visitation captain and a fine ball handler, was high point man of the encounter, registering 17 points. Paul Kelley, Birmingham captain who was ejected on personal fouls near the end of the third quarter, was high for the Maples with six points.

This game ended the high school basketball careers of four Birmingham players, Kelley, Hopper, Armstrong, and Dalquist.

Birmingham went on the floor with Jenkins and Armstrong, forwards; Wright, center; and Kelley and Hopper, guards. Visitation featured Ward and O'Neill, forwards; Havesy, center; and Arell and Lyons, guards.

Visitation captured the district championship Saturday evening by routing Berkley 37-20.

TSCHAIKOWSKY'S "MAZEPPA"

Tchaikovsky's grand opera, in three acts, "Mazeppa," will be produced in Masonic Auditorium, Sunday afternoon, March 29, at 2:30 p. m. by the New York Musical Artists of America, Dimitri Chutro, director.

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Sports Showup

After winning eight consecutive district basketball championships, Birmingham was defeated last week by Visitation 46-22 at Ferndale St. James gymnasium.

We do not intend to make excuses for the Maples as the boys were completely outclassed. There was no excuse for the condition of the St. James floor. When a district tournament is to be played the floor of the gymnasium should be swept clean of dirt. However the St. James floor was in the same condition it had been in all week.

We realize both teams had the same disadvantages, but we hope this sort of thing will not be tolerated in future years.

Jim Taylor, a former Baldwin student now attending Cranbrook, is establishing quite an athletic reputation for himself. Jim was a regular on the Cranbrook football and basketball squads. Last week Taylor tallied 16 points in the district tournament at Walled Lake.

Ernest Engel, basketball and track coach, "The consolidation of the junior high schools has many advantages over the present plan as far as the Department of Health is concerned. As I see it, they are as follows: (1) A more complete intramural program may be offered due to the larger number of pupils. It is difficult to offer a well-rounded intramural program with only a small number of students is available due to the limitations on competing teams.

(2) Both Baldwin and Adams have been handicapped seriously in the past because of the lack of adequate facilities and personnel to carry on a complete program of activities.

(3) There will be a tendency to unify school spirit at an earlier age. Students will be loyal to Birmingham instead of Adams, Barnum, or Baldwin as in the past.

(4) "The activities of a central junior high school are paramount to its students and should not be overshadowed by activities which may be offered by grades higher than those included within the junior high school. In other words, the junior high school merits a place in the educational set-up, merits its own building.

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Track practice starts this week. Letterman back from last year are Don Fisher, Fred Zoellin, Dick Hopkins, Jack Steelman, Jo Armstrong, and Stan Peterson.

Plan Decorations For Basket Ball

Plans for the decorations of Baldwin's annual Basket Ball have been made by Joanne Herzberg and her committee. The theme, which is centered entirely around basketball, will be carried out with two large basketballs suspended from the ceiling and the letters BHS in the center of the gym.

Under the direction of John Finch, the stage will be fixed up like a locker room, including the weight chart and lockers.

For the first time in Baldwin's history, the curtains on the stage are to simulate big newspapers, with large headlines and columns honoring the basketball boys.

PIERCE MAGIC SHOW The fifth grade at Pierce School will hold a magic show assembly in the gymnasium Wednesday morning. The admission will be one cent for children and two cents for adults.

The money taken in will be used to swell the fund which must be raised for the adoption of a British Child.

New Junior High Will Give Boost To Sports Program

Besides the fact that the new consolidated junior high school will offer a broader program, increase student interest in teaching coats, it will also, affect Birmingham athletics. Because of their association with the athletic program at the present time, we have called on these people to answer the following question: What effect do you think the consolidated junior high school will have on athletics?

Harold Newcomb, Baldwin Junior High School coach: "I think it will build up Birmingham athletics. The building of teams can start down in the seventh and eighth grades, and continue through the eleventh and twelfth. Our teams will have better records, and the boys themselves will become more interested in the game."

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Retail Sales Class A Mystery Unmasked Because of its recent addition to the curriculum, Mrs. Adele Halladay's retail selling class has been a mystery to the great majority of students. Mrs. Halladay explains just what it is and what it does.

Since there is no textbook, the class of 35 selects its own projects and carries them out individually. In addition to learning selling technique and how to cope with problems of the customers, the members have studied the influence of a salesperson on a customer in regard to voice, dress, courtesy, personality, and speech.

An interesting project which the class recently completed was a survey by individual members who selected a type of work in their field to them and interviewed a person in that office or shop and learned about the possibilities of such a position.

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The dinner will be prepared by Florence Berry, Mrs. E. R. Kather, Harvey Becher, Sammie, Betty Duke, and Ginger Sampson. Help in them are Evelyn Anagnost, Bill Welfoff, Nadine Hessler, Bill Mizek, Dorothy DeCoursey, Audrey Durbin, Marion Dutton, Evelyn Edrby, Peggy Harrison, Jennie Melnoth, Jean Nicholson, Betty Sojagay, Helen Sojagay, Edith Smith, Betty Thompson, and Eleanor Orsini.

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