Afraid of Future? 35 Seniors Say 'Yes'; 90 Answer 'No' in H. S. Questionnaire

Future plans of the members of Baldwin High School's senior class were revealed in the results of a survey conducted recently in the form of a questionnaire.

Of the 164 seniors, 125 filled out the questionnaire. Questions dealt chiefly with what students planned to do after graduation from Baldwin.

92 Will Work

The survey showed that during this summer, 92 students intend to work, 15 are planning vacations, nine will travel, and three attend college. Sixty felt sure of securing jobs, while 34 indicated that their prospects for work were uncertain.

Office work, factory employment, and clerking were the three types of work which attracted most students.

Seventy-six seniors plan to enter colleges in September. The University of Michigan will draw 17 Baldwin graduates and Michigan State 16. Engineering, liberal arts, and business administration top the list of selected courses.

Thirty-nine seniors expect to go to work in the fall. As to whether or not they considered their chances of securing a job good, 20 wrote yes; four no; and 13 were doubtful. Preferred types of employment ranged from office, factory, and secretarial work to typing, clerking, and defense jobs.

The majority of the students said that the war had not changed their plans for the future much. However, 12 will not go to college because of the war and the college plans of 11 students have been altered. Several boys plan to enlist in the army and navy.

Afraid of Future?

The question "Are you afraid of the future?" appeared in the questionnaire. Thirty-five answered yes and 90 answered no. Those who answered in the affirmative were afraid of post-war depression, scarcity of jobs after the war, and lack of security for the future. Those who said that they were not afraid expressed confidence in themselves and in the country, saw nothing to be afraid of, believed that opportunities for work are now greater, and preferred to take things as they come.

In answer to the last question, seniors made suggestions for improvements of Baldwin's curriculum and activities. Suggestions made by a number of students regarded improvement of commercial and industrial courses, a better and wider range of guidance, better scheduling, more extensive courses in music, art, journalism, dramatics, home economics, and English; compulsory physical education, wider participation of students in school activities; and elimination of compulsory study halls.

The results of the survey were reported by Dr. Herman L. Shibler, superintendent of schools at a recent state curriculum meeting at Lansing.

The only thing worse than being old and bent is being young and broke.—U. S. S. Pennsylvania Keystone.

Sports Showup

By BOB CRAIG

From the little this reporter has seen of the track squad, recruits and lettermen alike possess spirit and initiative.

As to ability, with boys like Jo Armstrong, Jack Steelman, Don Fisher, Stan Peterson, and Fred Zoellin, and many newer members that look good, the prospect for a fine track season is in the offing. The boys mentioned above are among the best in the state in this reporter's opinion and they cover everything from the dash events to the shotput. Dick Hopkins, who should also be in the above list as a veteran track man, so far has been unable to work out much due to leg injuries. It is doubtful if he will compete this season. In the event that Hopkins cannot come out, the Hoplets will lose a very good broad jumper and high hurdler.

As to initiative and spirit, here is one of the best examples of both: Don Fisher, one of the main cogs in the machine last year, is counted on to take the greatest burden in the hurdle and other field events this season. Last summer Fisher, with a few other track fans, erected on a vacant lot near his home a miniature outdoor field house. It contains a shotput pit that is much better than the Pierce Field one; a javelin runway; discus circle and runway; and places for a high jump pit and hurdles. As to equipment, Fisher has one javelin, a couple of discs and shots for the shotput, ranging from eight to sixteen pounds.

Not only did Fisher erect this place but he used it by practicing all last summer. It is now called "the Fisher Athletic Club," and on any nice spring evening you can find many of the Birmingham cinder stars over there. Another example is that of Jo Armstrong and Dick Hopkins who practiced the hurdles all last summer. A spirit that strong prevailing before the start of the actual season is sure to go far in the real meets.

So far there has been no spectacular evidence of prowess from the newer members of the team, but some to look for later in the year. Dick Charleton, Bob Murray, George Sterling, Newell Wright, Frank Wangberg, Jack Hipple, and Bob Carnahan are the novices.

BALDWIN HI-LIGHTS

By ANN NONIMOUS

Hi, Kids.

How did you like the play? We're still shaking in our boots and we're being very careful to please our friend Frank Kane now known as "The Skull."

Many folks are still wondering if Jim Wagner, our stuttering lead, really does stutter. Well, we'll let you in on a little secret. His speech is perfect, and he's a real smart guy.

All in all, the play turned out very successfully.

Back to another dance Saturday night. Yep, 'twas the Bowery Ball. A clothes line was extended from one corner to the other with bright red and orange woolens hanging.

Bill Campbell and his orchestra furnished a couple of hep cats from Detroit with some mighty hot jive. But most of the evening the music was as consecutive as the B'ham dancers.

The place was loaded, and the boys bought their best girls. Dorwood Gamble and Ann Halladay enjoyed themselves per-usual, and Taylor and Jo were back on the ball once more.

George Sterling pulled his wolfing act again and claims he'll keep on going stag to all the rest of them in the future.

Marge Walton and Fletcher Plant had the best time of all. Their doubles, Nancy McCarty and Bill Golling were celebrating their first month anniversary of going steady.

Caroline Watkins was there with bells on. Her date, Mike Carney, seemed to be showing her a lot of fun.

We spotted a bunch of our college friends; namely Stu Linton, Bill Hopkins, and Lenny Hallida. Seems that our little dances have really been missed by the Baldwin Alumni.

The young lad, Tom Cockerly sold soft drinks throughout the evening while his good friend Andy Burlingame danced Maggie Mould 'round and 'round. By the way, both Maggie and Sally Ann Carey sported two big gardenias as a tribute from their respective dates.

Maggie Newell, Jinc Andrews, Joan Sterling, and John Gillespie made a fine foursome foursome.

The evening came to an end at one minute after the usual 12 o'clock. Kids set it off with some spicy refreshments.

S'long,
ANNIE

The moon, says a radio expert, throws back the wireless waves from the earth. We don't blame it.—The Humorist.

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Art Exhibit Now At Hill School

Mrs. Jane Bigler, Baldwin High School art instructor, in cooperation with W. L. Clayton, director of the Wayne University art department, has arranged for the art exhibit at Hill School gallery this week and next. Assisting Mrs. Bigler is a student committee consisting of Margaret Dean and Dolores Jauss.

The exhibit, which is made up of pencil drawings, ink sketches, and water colors, will hang until April 3.

The public is invited to see these pieces, the work of freshman and senior classes. The water colors are particularly true and were executed under the supervision of Miss Kathleen Mary Brown, artist. Of the latter type of drawing, there are several fine landscapes, a rainstorm, a view of Grand Circus Park, a study of fruit and the like as well as some portrait work.

Purpose of the exhibit is to stimulate interest among the art students at Baldwin High School and to encourage art appreciation.

People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. 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.

Favors A Cut In City Tax Rate

Editor, The Eccentric:

There is a very definite need today in Birmingham for a closer feeling of co-operation between the City Commission and the School Board. In my opinion, the expenditures of our city government should be examined and the cost of administration reduced so that our citizens will feel disposed to assist the schools with more money.

The present City Commission is considering raising the city tax rate, I am reliably informed. If elected to the City Commission, I will work and vote for a tax rate of 17 mills and ask that our cost of government be reduced to that figure. It can be done. Of course, some good jobs will have to be cut off and some things that seem desirable to others will have to go. But we all are having to do that in our daily lives.

It is un-American for our City to have plenty of money for non-essentials and yet our schools without funds for needed maintenance. Our citizens generally do not realize this but anyone who attends meetings of both bodies and knows the facts, namely, that our city administration has money for almost any knick-knack that is suggested and that our schools are always without funds for desirable objects. I believe our citizens need to know this and that it is your duty to give the facts of your observations.

K. B. OLSON

Sport Equipment Sought for Soldiers

Editor, The Eccentric:

Spring is almost here. And soon you, up North, will be hearing the soul-satisfying smack of hickory against horsehide. It won't be long now before the good, old baseball season is upon us and going full blast.

Speaking of baseball and other sports, there's a big job you can help us carry to a successful conclusion—if you will lend a hand, you will. The major objective of the Army and Navy Recreation League is that of helping to provide athletic equipment for the men in Michigan's Army camps and Navy stations. If we, the people, don't do something about it, the fighting men in service in our State are going to have a mighty slim Spring and Summer season, as far as sports are concerned. Certainly, we feel we owe it to the boys in uniform, who are making mighty big sacrifices, to do something they will like, to show them our appreciation. And they need baseball and other sports as they need bread.

Here is how we're asking our newspaper friends to help. We're asking them to run a campaign in their newspapers for athletic equipment of all kinds. This equipment the Sports Committee of the Army and Navy Recreation League will distribute among the fighting men at Fort Custer, Fort Brady, Selfridge Field and at other camps and Navy stations here in Michigan. Certainly, the editorial influence of your newspaper is such that your readers will enter wholeheartedly into this worthwhile, needed cause. And help also will doubtless be forthcoming from your merchant friends and from the clubs in your community.

It's our thought that you might like to use your newspaper office as a receiving station for the baseball and other sports equipment, new and used, your campaign would assuredly bring in. At intervals, or when you call them, representatives of the Army and Navy Recreation League will collect the equipment from your office, center it at its headquarters in Detroit and ship it from there to the various camps and stations. Or, if you'd prefer, you could suggest to your readers that they personally deliver the contributions of athletic goods at League Headquarters, 1243 Washington Boulevard, Detroit.

Yours for Victory,

CHAS. GEHRINGER
Chairman, Sports Committee,
ARMY AND NAVY RECREATION LEAGUE

Lakeland, Fla.

(Editor's Note—The Eccentric will be glad to cooperate. Donations of equipment may be left at our office.)

SPELLING BEES TODAY

The annual spelling bees to decide school champions will be held tomorrow when the seventh and eighth grades and the fifth and sixth grades will spell against each other, the winners to take part in the district contest.

Many Teachers Further Education By Taking Courses in Spare Time

Extension courses are still popular with the members of the Birmingham Public School faculty. This semester finds a large number of them enrolled in either Wayne or the University of Michigan.

The Adams teachers are represented by Richard Waskin who is studying philosophy and geography; Miss Carol Stanton who is enrolled in a class in typewriting, and Miss Helen Miller. Miss Gladys Rogers and Mrs. Ada Moore who are investigating the field of psychiatry.

Baldwin instructors show diversified interests in their advanced study. Mrs. Carol Darling is a member of a class in girls counseling and Miss Adele Hallsby is studying business law and business management. Ray H. Bechtold is working on vocational psychology and modern social problems.

Miss Ruth Hall is interested in radio speech and dramatics and Miss Ruth Simmons is studying mathematical statistics. Mrs. Jane Bigler, new art teacher, pursues further study in life drawing, water color, and history of painting, at Wayne University. Eugene Halldardt's course is in navigation at the Detroit Yacht Club.

Miss Harriet Watson is doing advanced research into methods and practice in secondary English and Miss Luelle Dewar is studying graduate educational foundations. Miss Rachel Crume plans to begin courses in health education and commercial and business training after Easter.

Miss Lauretta Allison, of the Quarton faculty, is furthering her knowledge of primary education by studying literature in the elementary school, and camp as an educational agency.

Miss Helen Swanson, Miss Gertrude Herrick and Mrs. Ella Engel of Barnum are students of interior decorating. Mrs. Engel is also studying sociology. Mrs. Betty Hutton, home economics instructor, is taking a refresher course in nutrition. Edgar Ebersole is extending his knowledge of political science.

FREE CONCERT SUNDAY

The Normal College Symphony Orchestra, Marius Fossenkemper conducting, will present the sixth concert in the seventh season of Sunday afternoon concerts, at 4:15 p. m. in Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Admission to the concerts is complimentary, and the public is cordially invited.

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3 Voice Students To Sing in Festival

Three Baldwin vocal music students will attend the Michigan School Vocal Association Festival to be held at Michigan State College April 10. The students are Randall Johnson, bass, who will sing "Tommie Laddie" and "Trade Winds"; Joan Birthrong, alto, "Boats of Nine" and "Evening Song"; and Jane Smith who will sing "A Birthday" and "Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal."

Victor Christ, vocal music instructor, will accompany the soloists.

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