BALDWIN HIGHLIGHTS

By ANN HONIMOUS

Hi Kids,

Friday night certainly didn't seem like Friday night without a football game.

Because Birmingham was rather quiet, Jan Coil, Bill Bones, Franny Newell, Bob Warner, Nancy Merriam, and Stan Schaeffer went to Detroit to paint the town red. They had dinner and went to a play at the Cass. Annie calls that class!

The Michigan-Ohio State game attracted quite a few Baldwin boys. Jim Coulter, Tom Butters, Tom Spiegel, Stan Ford, and Bill Thoms. Coach Helmer and part of his squad, Don Fisher, Carl Blauman, Bud Keller, and Bob Joyce, were there, too. This group will attend the U of M Football Bust in Detroit this week-end.

Annie heard that Martina McKinney spent the week end with Miggie Mead, while Don McLeese was the guest of Glenn White in Ann Arbor. They attended the game together.

Saturday night there was another Saturday night dance. It seemed as if it got started pretty late; but when it did, things began to swing! Pretty Barbara Fox turned to the Royal Canadian Air Force, having a date with Tom Foster.

Jim Vaughan went to Detroit to get his date, Barbara White. Annie heard he got quite a scare when he noticed the gas gauge registering almost empty.

Molly Weller, Ralph Coryell, Kate Kemp, Wally Roy, Jean Helgeson, Steve Giffels, Nancy Neumann, Charlie Matthews, Andy Anderson, Bob Fitzgibbons, Joan Fox, Tom Clark, Norma Swisher, Ed Crandell, Marge Vehmeyer, and Ralph Penoyar swayed contentedly to the music.

Annie couldn't imagine what Don Fisher was telling Pete Gahm to make him go into gales of laughter! Hm-m-m!

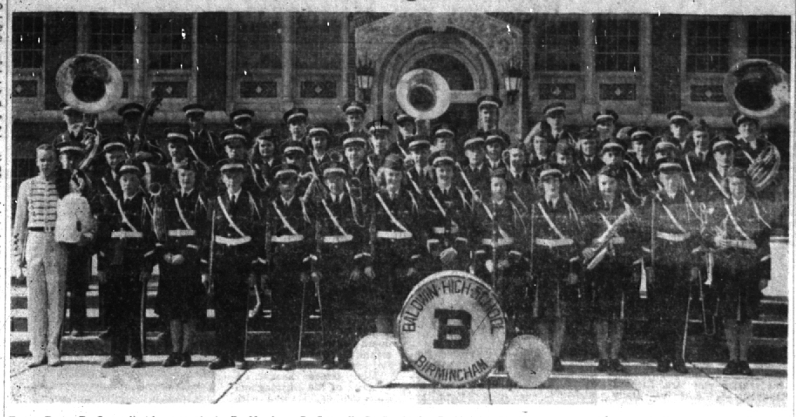
The stags were many as always. They were Paul Smith, Don Roberts, Bob Berges, Dick McConkie, Tom Hubbard, Bill Sproull, Bob Daeschner, Frank Minniger, Bruce Robb, Jerry Maynard, and Phil McNellis.

Alex Ricer, Bob King, and Dave Wangberg left their dates, Joyce Watkins, Barb Flues, and Susie Spiegel, respectively, at 1sh Oswald's house where the girls spent the night. Rachel Kirn and Pat Devalt added lots of life to the party. Annie bets that it was almost dawn's early light when those peppy girls finally hit the hay.

Because of the Pigskin Prom, there will be no Saturday dance Dec. 4.

Till our next,
Annie

The Birmingham Band



Front Row: B. Sproull (drum major), R. Hughes, C. Sproull, R. Peabody, B. Vandevalder, J. Hackett, J. Blinn, K. Kemp, N. Heacock, N. Pierce, W. Olin, Robertson, M. Henshaw; Second Row: Q. Parsons, J. Martin, P. Martz, R. Austin, B. Lanham, J. Butler, B. Wyatt, J. Jensen, C. White, D. Murray, D. West, R. Fox, N. Schwallie; Third Row: H. Batty, D. Rathka, L. Bartholemew, J. Kennedy, E. Engel, M. Gruber, M. Richey, R. Marsh, J. Buck; Front Row: B. Gove, J. Mathews, D. Wangberg, M. Boomer, B. Hart, A. Larson, B. Bronson, C. Martz, B. Wolf, H. Herzberg, A. Peabody, J. Gilbert. (Not in picture: E. Crandall, E. Jagger, E. Davey.)

A Capella Choir, St. James Dec. 1

The Baldwin a cappella choir will give its annual Christmas Concert at the St. James Church December 1.

The choir will open with "The Christ Child" by Mable Nichols. It will then sing "Bethlehem" by Francis and "Lullaby, Jesus Dear," by Andrew Salama.

The next group of songs includes "Christmas Eve," by Wm. Howerth, with incidental solo by Joan Birthrong and "The Bells" by S. Leontovich. The concert will conclude with the "British Children's Prayer," by Jacques Wolfe.

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Teacher—I would, only I don't think it would be right.

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Sports Showup

By TOM MILLDEBRANT

From the first day of every Birmingham football season all thoughts stray to that final Acorn-Maple encounter on Thanksgiving Day. The rivalry of these two teams is one of the oldest in the state having lasted nearly 50 years—32 of them scheduled games.

With a few exceptions Birmingham and Royal Oak's rivalry has been a very enjoyable one with both schools and both communities displaying good sportsmanship no matter what the outcome of the game.

Beat Royal Oak! is the battle cry which is echoed and re-echoed year after year in the ears of the Maple stalwarts from the very beginning of the season. Every Maple warrior wants to win and plays to win whatever the odds. And pregame dope means less than nothing when these two teams meet.

The season so far has been fair. The Maroons regained the TVAA crown by losing to only one league opponent and holding the rest scoreless. They have won five out of eight games. The Maples have gained 128 to their opponents' 32 and have gained 1,292 yards by rushing compared to their opponents' 466.

Now it remains only to win the Turkey Day game and the "Little Brown Jug" to call this 1943 one a successful season.

This is Coach Hal Helmer's first season at Baldwin and he has produced a TVAA championship team.

We surely hope that he's the man to coach the team to its first victory over Royal Oak in ten years. (In the ten years are several ties for the Maples—but no wins).

With only two more weeks to go before their opening encounter, the Maple cagers have begun to work on a few fundamental plays, and are devoting more time to scrimmage. Lloyd Cooper, new basketball coach, is working the boys hard so that they will be in top condition for their first encounter. Mr. Cooper has told the boys that he had a record of not losing more than three games in a season and that he would like to keep that record in fact here. From the way the boys are toiling we hope that he has nothing to worry about in that record.

Although the P. A. system was used at only two home games out of five this season because of weather conditions, we wish to thank W. S. Toothacker, Bill McCall, and Jim Starr for setting it up and running it and Bill Harrington who announced the games, with Bill Eade as Maple spotter. Eade will continue to act in that capacity at Royal Oak for the Thanksgiving Day game.

Statistics for the 1943 Birmingham grid season, including the Ferndale game, are as follows:

	Opponents	B'am
First downs	43	63
Yards gained by rushing	466	1,291
Yards gained by passing	200	149
Passes attempted	76	46
Passes intercepted (by)	3	12
No. of punts	49	44
Average yardage on punts	30.1	27.9
Fumbles (by)	10	5
Yards lost by penalties	160	425

Literally boys all over the world are interested in how that Turkey Day game turns out. Telegrams for coach and boys are rolling in and letters to students and teachers since "way last October have urged "Don't make us wait to hear who wins the R.O.—B'ham game. Shoot us a wire!"

A lot of Birmingham Marines at San Diego got their telegram in Monday. Best o'luck is the wish of Pfc. Harry Bissett, Bob Murray, Ken O'Brien, Bob Carnahan, and Jim Hansen. Best o' luck"—we echo.

"Stupendous"--That's What "Canteen Canter" Will Be

Combining and replacing the Pigskin Prom and the Holly Hop, is the Canteen Canter, the big all-school dance to be held December 4 in the Baldwin Gymnasium.

General chairman of the dance is Charles Mathews, who has secured Herbie Hosher's band to play.

Although restricted by new fire regulations, decorations won't be lacking and the old gym will be transformed into a real canteen. On the publicity and decorations committee are Jeanne Wilkens, chairman; Ted Mansfield, Nancy Merriam, Martha Bostwick, Charlotte Smith, Teddy Thompson, Edith Kendall, Gerry Flynn, Dorothy Adams, Nan Gilbreath, Janet Zinser, Don Buell, Jane Dodds, Sally Mock, Jan Coil, Peggy Metcalf, Betty Lou Thurman.

A sparkling but very secret floorshow is in store. Ginny Bostwick is chairman. Helping her are Martina McKinney, Nancy Ball, Pat Daly, Carmela Di Pietro, Mary Vorberg, Nancy Merriam, Jan Coil, Shirley Smith, Barbara Forester, Mary Quinn, Sybil Finch, Dana Elcar, Ruth Harrell, Frances Newell, and Nancy Price.

The invitations to the football players are new and different, being sent out as telegrams. Patty Peabody is chairman of this committee and assisting her are Mary Quinn, Sue Collins, Jeanne Blinn, Ruth Harrell, Nan Gilbreath, and Connie Beaty.

Dotty Scott is chairman of the business and ticket sales committee, working with Jane Dodds and Nancy Neumann.

Janet Zinser and her committee of Jane Dodd, Carol McCutcheon, Mary Jane Beff, Ruth Harrell, Sally Mock, Nancy Neumann, Nan Gilbreath, and Dotty Scott are responsible for the novel program designating the holder's rank and using Military rankings such as Private, Lieutenant, Captain, etc.

The Army man will salute his superior officer all evening.

The clean-up committee is headed by Charles Renfrew.

Mrs. Carol Darling, Ross A. Wagner, and members of the Board of Education were invited by Polly Hanson, in charge of Chaperones.

Plans are now being made to work on winter activities toward winter sports badge. In the meetings the Scouts have been practicing songs so they will be ready to go caroling at Christmas time. The troop usually meets at the Community House and its members are in the eighth and ninth grades.

Brownie Troop 15 met for a luncheon meeting last week at the home of their leader, Mrs. Charles L. Richards. The new members initiated were Barbara Weinstein, Nancy Gillan, Barbara Ladd, Axis Murphy, and Marlene Latham.

Brownie Troop; Mrs. A. N. Watson is the leader of a new Brownie troop at Pierce school and is assisted by Doris Minks. These Brownies will be meeting on Monday nights after school and are already enthusiastically working on Christmas gifts for their parents.

GIRL SCOUTS

Leaders Associations

The leaders of Brownie troops have organized with Mrs. J. H. Johnston as chairman, Mrs. Frazer Pomeroy as secretary and Mrs. A. N. Watson as council representative: This group will meet every second month this year. The meeting of the Intermediate Girl Scout Leaders will be held Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 8:00 P. M. in the Girl Scout room at the Community House. This will take the place of the regular meeting on the fourth Friday morning for this month only. All intermediate leaders are urged to be present.

Troop News

Troop 4 at Quarton school has many plans for the Christmas season. They will be helping with checking and ushering at the P. T.A. Christmas party and December 21 the troop will entertain their mothers and present a play. The five patrols are divided into one for home making, two for arts and crafts and two for games.

Troop 7: Cody Hempstead and Barbara Hubbard were the Brownies who flew up to this troop at a ceremony recently. Last Tuesday Troop 6 and 7 had a joint meeting at the Community House and enjoyed hearing Mrs. Howard Estes talk about Mexico.

Troop 10: Some of the girls of this troop hiked to Linbrook Acres to complete their foot traveler's badge. Plans are now being made to work on winter activities toward winter sports badge. In the meetings the Scouts have been practicing songs so they will be ready to go caroling at Christmas time. This troop usually meets at the Community House and its members are in the eighth and ninth grades.

HAL HELMER
Birmingham Coach

Yea, Team! That Banquet On Dec. 1st Awaits You

The program for the annual Football Banquet which is to be given by mothers of team members on December 1 at the Community House, will be slightly different from those of previous years. There will be no outside guest speaker and most of the time is to be devoted to Coach Hal Helmer and the players themselves.

The toastmaster will be Carl Blauman, father of this year's football captain. There will be an invocation by Glen W. Harris and the singing of the *Star Spangled Banner* by all. Dinner and intermission will follow.

Remarks by Ross A. Wagner, Baldwin principal, and a speech on the future of athletics in Baldwin by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland will follow. Next will be the award of their gold footballs for the TVAA championship. Coach Hal Helmer will call on his players to say a few words on the different games and the football season as a whole.

Going Into Reverse

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