

Baldwin High School Program Praised By University of Michigan Educator

The University of Michigan has extended the accreditation of Baldwin High School for the maximum period of three years ending June 20, 1949, according to Dr. Dwight E. Ireland, superintendent of schools.

"Thus Baldwin High School is fully accredited by both of the agencies which are important in matters of accreditation, the University of Michigan and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools," Dr. Ireland said.

He made public a letter which Ross A. Wagner, Baldwin High School principal, has received from Dr. Edgar G. Johnston, a member of each of these accrediting agencies and chairman for the State of Michigan for the NCA.

"The report of Dr. Johnston refers to his letter in the annual report of the principal of Baldwin High School to the superintendent of schools," Dr. Ireland explained.

Dr. Johnston's letter, written after Dr. Johnston had inspected Baldwin courses and facilities, follows: "Mr. Ross A. Wagner, Principal, Baldwin Senior High School, Birmingham, Michigan:

"I am sorry that our visit to the Birmingham High School had to be delayed until so late in the year as that you were consequently in the throes of examinations on the day of my visit. At the same time I felt that the afternoon of conferences with you and Dr. Ireland was extremely profitable in giving me a picture of the progress made in developing the educational program and the plans for the future."

"I found your report to the superintendent and Board of Education extremely interesting. It seemed to me that a comprehensive report of this type to which all departments and activities contribute, should be extremely valuable both for the orientation of new members into the system and for the function it serves as a sort of 'bench mark' against which later progress can be measured."

Like Baldwin courses "I found particularly interesting the description there of your developing counseling program, the outline of your American history and international relations courses, and the activities of your Student Congress and the Assembly Committee."

"Your indication of plans for special emphasis on visual and auditory aids to instruction strikes me as particularly timely and desirable. I should expect this to be helpful in stimulating departments to think through possible curriculum modifications with a view to capitalizing on the various resources available for relating subject matter to problems of every day life."

"In the field of use of library materials the courses in economic and international relations seemed to me to have developed a pattern which might well be emulated in a

outstanding schools in Michigan. "With best wishes for continued development, I am, sincerely yours, Signed: Edgar G. Johnston, Assistant Director."

Modern Methods "Did you say I'll have to hire four electricians to help me re-build this house?" asked the annoyed owner. "Yes," warned the boss carpenter. "Union rules, you know. One man to put in outlets upstairs, another man to put them in downstairs."

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Stirring Soil is Needed To Give Plants Ample Air



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Latest news from the experiment station front is that the age-old practice of stirring the garden soil, to create a "dust mulch," after being attacked as useless by some advanced experimenters, is now proved to be necessary to prevent a crust from forming on the surface and excluding air.

Critics had argued that stirring dried out soil instead of conserving moisture, and disturbed the roots of desirable plants, perhaps doing more harm than good. But Ohio State university, working on green house crops, has developed new information about the role which air plays in soil; and the factors which seriously interfere with the frequent change of soil air.

Every hour, the Ohio report says, soil air must be completely changed to a depth of eight inches. If maximum plant growth is to be had, this exchange is favored when the soil is granular (or coarse) and porous. Pores are the spaces between soil particles some of which should be filled with water, some with air. When the soil is compacted or forms a crust, free ex-

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