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Dance Is Highlight of Holiday Season
 The outstanding event of the Thanksgiving holiday was the Dramatic Ball given by D. J. F. R. last Saturday night at the Community House.
 This year Don Gordon and his orchestra provided the music for the evening of dancing.
 Arrangements were in charge of Don Runkel, general chairman; Jack Pomerooy, decorations; Mugs Rouse, publicity; and Bevan Allen, band.

Annual Football Banquet Features Detroit Lion Player As Speaker

By Virginia Reihardt
 The traditional banquet in which the mothers honor the Birmingham football squad, their dads, and the coaches was given at 6:30 last night at the Community House.
 Guest speaker at this festive occasion was John Drake, former All-American back from Purdue University and a star player for the Cleveland Rams and Detroit Lions. Drake highlighted the evening to make this grand finale of the Maple gridiron season a sure win.
 The program was a clever take-off on football season and game:
Evening Schedule
 Referee S. Merton Adams; Stars and Stripes, Arnold W. Berndt; invocation, I. W. Robertson; main event, "Come and get it"; Sidelight Glances, Dr. Dwight B. Ireland; Play by Play, Ross A. Wagner; Time Out, Franklyn Whinery; Firkin Specialist, Vincent Secontine; Master Mentor, John Simonds; Hold That Line, Harold Newcomb; Mason and White, Miss Alice Price; Pay Dirt, George Burdick; Captain's Comments, George Burdick, Jr.; Touchdown, John Drake.
Special Guests
 Special guests were head coach, Vincent Secontine; assistant coach, John Simonds; line coach, Harold Newcomb; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Secontine, parents of Coach Secontine; Mrs. John Simonds, Mrs. Harold Newcomb, Dr. and Mrs. Dwight B. Ireland, Mr.



Pigskin Prom Set for Friday
 By Pete Abbrecht
 With snowboot as the theme, the tenth annual Pigskin Prom will be given tomorrow night in Baldwin gym.
 The decoration committee will carry out the theme by using lifeboats, portholes, life-rings, and deck chairs to make the gym resemble a boat. A smokestack which really smokes will center the floor.
 An aluminum sign with colored lights spelling Showboat will be placed in front of the school. The program committee will distribute handbills such as those used on showboats.
 The highlight of the dance will be the crowning of a queen selected by the football and cross country teams. The captain of the teams will be the queen's attendant.
 Have you put that circle around Dec. 20? What for? "The Holly Hop," of course, at the Birmingham Community House. Wally Trusk will be furnishing the music. Purchase tickets from any Club member.

High School Choir in Two Broadcasts on December 8, 19

Radio broadcasts originating in the high school will be presented by the cappella choir Dec. 8 and 19 over station CKLW.
 Songs on the programs will include "Silent Night," "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," a plain chant; "What Can This Mean?" by Stanley; and "Twas the Night Before Christmas," arranged by Simeone. Others are "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Letters' Christmas Hymn," and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen;" "A Joyous Christmas Song;" by Leontovis; "Christmas Night;" James; and "Bethlehem," by Williams.
 The choir is directed by Victor Ulrich and accompanied by Nancy Chenna and Sonya Bader. The program is sponsored by the Williams Shop.

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Cranbrook Awards Harrier, Soccer, Football Letters

Cranbrook's Annual "C" Club dinner was held on Tuesday evening in the school's Lower Dining Hall.
 Bill Dudley of the Detroit Lions, voted the most valuable player in the National League during 1946 and graduate of the University of Virginia, was a guest. He held the boys' interest with stories about his experiences in college and professional football. Ernest Y. Conner, Cranbrook's Lower School Head, was the toastmaster. Members of the coaching staff, Paul A. Thompson, Director of Athletics, B. N. Grber, football and Wayne Lawrence, soccer, were also guests.
 Among the 75 dinner guests were students who were recently awarded letters in football, soccer and cross country as determined by the Athletic Council.

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Announce Date of Annual Barnum High Christmas Program
 The annual Christmas program given by the students of Barnum Junior High School will be presented to the public on the evening of December 18 at 8:00. The play is entitled: "The Bird's Christmas Carol," written and arranged by Kate Douglas Wiggin. Eighteen students will take part in the play, and a girls' and boys' size club of 64 voices will furnish the choral setting for the performance. Dramatic direction is by Miss Lyla McCormick, music director by Victor Ulrich, and Miss Lillian Clawson and Mr. Jim Smiley have charge of the stage.

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