

Winners

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students during the year, were also judged at the contest. Winner in the department was Sheila Traynor.

Many of the students who competed in the contest were awarded honorable mention ribbons.

Peggy's Typical Essay

Included in the notebooks were short essays by each student on why they liked music. Typical of the feeling expressed in these essays was that epitomized by Peggy de Beaulieu, in grade six at Adams School, in the short essay which follows:

"Music is a wonderful thing that makes us feel gay, and happy and a wonderful feeling. This feeling is like a feast of flowers, a rainbow, and a small gurgling and cooling. Many great men have devoted their life to music, to make us feel like this.

"If we had no music life would not be worth living. Many songs make us think of the days we were left behind, others of love and sadness. Music comes into our life when we are very young and stays until we die.

"Many people think that music can only be played with instruments, but music is the cold brook running gently along, music is the ocean beating on the surf, the wind rustling in the trees, the small burr tapping along the stone wall, the children's laughter at Christmas.

"Music is something we can't lose and never will. This is the reason I love music."

Pictures of Inca Country in Peru Go on Display

The Cranbrook Institute of Science has arranged to show "The Incas," a photographic exhibition prepared by the editors of Life Magazine, beginning May 16 and continuing through May 21.

First of a series of photographic exhibitions based on Life photographic essays and supplemented with hitherto unpublished pictures, "The Incas" opened at New York's American Museum of Natural History, 200th St. and 81st St., at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The exhibition is made up of 125 20" x 28" photographs by Frank Scherschel, Captions and running text provide a story sequence.

Inca Civilization A Mystery

After his return from the European war front, photographer Scherschel made a six month tour of Central and South America. He spent many weeks in the high, cold mountains of Peru exploring and photographing traces of the Inca civilization which vanished 400 years ago, a civilization which is still to some extent a mystery, because the Incas had no form of writing and did not record dates.

Scherchel's striking photographs, in the enlarged dimensions of this exhibition, graphically reveal the greatness of this little-known and mostly unexplored empire of pre-Columbian America.

The photographs were taken in 1941, Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu. Thirteen of the panels are devoted to Machu Picchu, one of the most perfectly preserved of the Inca sites.

The Cranbrook Institute of Science is open daily between two and five and visitors are welcome.

Trip

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him in France. He kept walking past, but always kept coming back to one casket which he chose, and this casket, containing an unknown body, was brought from France with a large naval escort, kept in state in Washington for hours and then put in the Tomb.

Leaving there, we went through Arlington Cemetery, and passed the New-England Monument Cathedral, just being built, and it looks like it will be very beautiful.

Parade-Down Constitution Ave.

Stopping next in Mt. Vernon, we spent an hour going through the mansion and grounds which are huge. We saw all the old furniture, canopied beds, the carriage Washington rode in, the family kitchen, old smoke house, and the first public school where children still sit in classes.

On the trip back to Washington, we were told that no civilian police operate in Washington—they are all connected with government.

Dinner was at the hotel that evening, followed by a reception at 8 p. m. at the New Statler Hotel. The Michigan Senators and Congressmen and Representatives were there, as was Governor Dewey of New York. Many Award winners personally met these gentlemen.

Step at Harper's Ferry, we went directly in our white outfits, for the parade, had breakfast and went to Constitution Avenue where the parade assembled. Michigan was fourth in line in the parade and Ohio followed. We marched past the reviewing stand, the Michigan Senators and General Eisenhower arrive in a new gray Cadillac convertible.

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She Hit the Jackpot

"Lucky," a Brahma hen owned by Mrs. Evans Masling of Glen Cove, N. Y., looks combed as she surveys the whopping Big egg she laid. Weight 4.3 ounces, circumference 7 1/2 inches. Beside it is a normal-size egg.

Merchants

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and the amount of the raise in one year, were commented upon.

"The Board of Review took considerable time studying these questions from every angle. Considerable help was received from those whose various experiences would make their opinions valuable. The land owners gave us much helpful information as did property managers and real-estate brokers.

"It was decided that for this year assessments on business land should be cut back to a figure which would equal a 20 per cent raise over last year's assessment which figure the various property owners seemed to feel was a fair one."

Motor Speedway To Open Season This Sunday

The world's fastest quarter-mile racing track will stage its inaugural speed test of the season on Sunday afternoon, May 18.

This track, the Motor City Speedway, is located on the corner of Road and Schoenher, not far from Eight Mile and Gratiot Avenue.

Opening the season's speed schedule Sunday afternoon will be a nine-event card of motorcycle races starting some of the greatest riders in the Midwest.

Headed by the imposing entry list of stars are such well known riders as Leo Anthony of Port Huron, Michigan; Nick Pulitorek of Detroit, who won every event he entered at the track last season until he broke his leg in a racing crash; Johnny Klapp of Detroit and Chuck Ulevich of Wyandotte, who finished second and third at the Speedway in the championship point standings last year, and many other top ranking cycle stars in this part of the country.

Time Trials At 1:30

The great National Champion, Chat Dykraft of Grand Rapids, expects to have his fast new machine ready for Sunday and will be listed as a favorite.

Former champion Earl Robinson who retired last season and who was prevailed on to become starter at the races, will again handle the flags in the same professional manner which stamps him as one of the leading starters in the country. Robinson will begin the time trials of the 40 or 88 entries, at 1:30 Sunday afternoon and the first event for 2:30 o'clock.

A portable device now blends primary colors in various intensities to produce any shade. It may be used by clerks to identify the precise color an exacting customer desires.

Obituary

Nell J. Barth

Nell J. Barth, 370 Townsend, died yesterday morning in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a short illness.

She was born in 1891 in Greenville, Ohio, and she attended school in Dayton. On June 8, 1909, she was married to William L. Barth in Dayton.

She has been a resident of Birmingham for the past fourteen years, coming here from Lansing, Michigan.

Surviving are her husband, one son, William L. Barth, Jr., of Birmingham, and one brother, Charles F. Andrews, of Dayton.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a. m. at the Bell Funeral Home with the Rev. W. Glen Harris officiating. Burial will take place in White Chapel.

Clady Spath

Mrs. Clady Spath, 39, 971 Humphrey, died at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Saturday after a long illness.

She was born in Louisville, Ky., August 8, 1907, and was married to Joseph E. Spath June 10, 1935, in Toledo.

She had lived in Birmingham 14 years, coming here from Detroit.

Surviving are her husband and one son, Dennis Therian, of Detroit.

Services were Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home with the Rev. Jesse Byss of the Embury Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at White Chapel.

Elmer B. Bansen

Elmer B. Bansen of Meadota County, Mich., died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Raymond Jensen, 776 Ridgecote, on May 8.

He was born March 24, 1893, in Montcalm County, and worked as a farmer there.

He was taken from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home to Stanton, Mich., where funeral services were held Sunday afternoon with burial in Lakeside Cemetery, Lakewick, Mich.

Surviving besides his sister is his mother, Mrs. Edward Bansen of Almont, Mich.

Thinelads

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was Jim Bicknell, who captured the broad jump with a leap of 20 feet, eight inches, took the high jump at five feet six inches, and tied for first with Karl Carten and Jim Anderson of Birmingham in the pole vault, the height at ten feet, three inches.

Star hurdler for the Maples, Bob Littleton, noosed out the opposing 120-yard high and low hurdlers, in times of :17.0 and :14.7 to be high-point man for Birmingham.

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opinion the commission had little control.

However, they did admit that the commission should be aware of what the assessor proposes in the way of tax assessments from year to year.

One of the three commissioners said that as far as he was concerned, such an abrupt announcement of the tax roll to the public would not be made again.

"A complete statement concerning the present tax picture, including reasons for the proposed tax structure and the eventual cut back on business property, was made by Hask at the request of The Eccentric.

His statement follows:

Seven Types of Property

"The Board of Review for the City of Birmingham, was in session on May 8th, 9th and 10th. The question was then why assessments were raised again this year. This is a very tax-payer's question which every taxpayer should know.

"There are seven types of property in Birmingham which are assessed for tax purposes:

"Personal property, industrial land, industrial structures, residential lots, residence structures, business structures and business land.

"It is the assessor's responsibility to assess all types of property as nearly at the same percentage of actual value as is practically possible in order that each type of property carry its just share of the burden of the city.

State Esters City

"After the completion of a tax assessment roll, work is immediately begun on a new roll for the following year. When the assessment roll for the current year was prepared last year, it appeared advisable to raise our scale of assessments over the previous year for several reasons, as follows:

"1. The State Tax Commission had required all municipalities to assess more nearly up to the equalized value.

"2. The uncertainty of how much revenue the city would receive from the State, if any, and how much of the money which the city had been receiving from the State would be discontinued, presented the problem of how much revenue had to be raised by local taxes.

"3. Rising costs of material and labor would, of course, indicate the necessity of a higher tax base.

"4. We wished to depreciate old structures for age which had not been done for the past few years and to do this, it was advisable to raise the scale of assessments so that the depreciated figure would more truly represent the present value as compared with the assessment figures on new structures.

"5. It was decided to assess all property on the basis of 40 per cent of current values which would result in a raise in our scale of assessments of 18 per cent.

"Now, regarding the different types of property mentioned above:

"Personal property was assessed at 40 per cent for the current year (1947-48). Personal tax statements were received in most cases upon which to base the assessment.

"Industrial and Residential property other than business land was assessed at 40 per cent of current sales.

"Approximately a year ago, when present assessment roll was prepared an analysis of this type of property indicated that it should be increased somewhat above the general tax rate.

"Several complaints were registered at the Board of Review concerning the assessment of this type of property. Downtown business land values proved to be a very controversial question.

Considerable Study Made

"Some were uncertain as to what extent current sales prices should be recognized. The questions of leases and uses presented themselves. Also the lack of adequate knowledge by the owner of the assessment raise

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