

★ ★ ★ Highlights and Sidelights From Schools In Birmingham and Vicinity ★ ★ ★

Students Receive Certificates

Certificates have just been received by four Birmingham High School seniors who placed in the top 10 per cent of the Pepsi-Cola scholarship contest taken last November.

Students who received certificates of distinguished performance are Peter Abbrecht, Richard Adams, Clifford Dunn, and William Robertson.

In a letter received from John M. Stalaker, director of the contest, it was stated that these students were among the top 10 per cent of 46,112 selected high school seniors throughout the nation.

These contestants were elected by senior classes totaling over 650,000 members as representatives most likely to contribute to human progress. In the four years since this contest started, Birmingham has had two scholarship winners and one honorable mention award winner.

Penny-Fine Party for Cast of Play

"A penny for your lives" was the theme at the penny-fine party for Baldwin's final play cast at the home of Miss Ruth Hull, Tuesday evening.

The penny-fine party, an annual affair, is looked forward to with dread by play casts, for it is the supreme test of ability to memorize lines and cues.

Every year members of the cast of the senior play gather at Miss Hull's and recite lines as fast as they can. For each line or cue missed by an actor, a penny is forfeited.

2 Perfect Performances

This year's highest taxed cast member was Bill Plant with 14 cents. The lowest price paid was one cent given by Pat Tate.

Barbara Kennedy and Hop Robinson's performances were perfect and they got away without paying.

The small sum collected didn't go far toward helping pay for the refreshments. After the cast had shelled out the pennies, they were rewarded with delicious Boston coolers and cake.

The cast of this year's play, "Dear Ruth," includes Jo Lancaster, Jim Ensign, Henry Muller, Sally Howard, Tim Adams, Bill Plant, Ann Landberg, Barbara Kennedy, Pat Tate, Miss Hull is director and Judy Pardee student director.

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Large Crowd Witnesses Last Thursday's Swimming Exhibition at Barnum Pool

Neptunes Rex and his court performed before a year capacity crowd at the Barnum pool last Thursday evening.

The swimming exhibition was presented by the combined girls Sharks club and boys swimming team. The proceeds were divided between the two groups. Miss Margaret Heron is girls' coach and J. J. Meyer boys' coach.

The girls performed several synchronized swimming acts, displaying their skill in swimming to music. Girls participating were Beverly Fatis, Carolyn Abbott, Cynthia Hadley, Betty Whitlaw, Sherrill Williams, Sally Buck, Nancy Howell, Virginia Hood and Virginia Dare.

Swimming Exhibitions

The boys presented exhibitions of swimming stunts. These were

Sports Showup



By Dick Greves.

Spring football is underway in most of the major colleges and Birmingham is well represented in these tryouts.

John Anderson and Stan Boynton are expected to bid for berths on Alma's team. For this group Anderson and Gasser are linemen and Boynton and Spiegel are backs.

Dave Ballentine has made the freshman golf team at Dartmouth. He played on the tennis team here last year.

Persons who like to look back over the season and see what their favorite players really look like should not miss the Piper this year. Its sports section is bigger and better than ever with pages devoted to each sport. Here will be found many action pictures of both players and coaches. Don't miss it!

The "Babe" Dickinson Zaharias of Birmingham is Audrey Engel. This girl has participated in every sport possible, even including football. She is the top GAA athlete and is an outstanding basketball player. For a boy or girl there is no more worthy activity than good clean sporting events.

The singles ping-pong tournament turned out to be such a

Journalism, Speech Classes Publicize All-School Play

Working together on publicity for the school play "Dear Ruth" to be presented April 22, 23 are the journalism and speech classes. Students under direction of Miss Vida McGiffin, Miss Ruth Hull, and Mrs. Mary Hartwick have worked out clever skits to be presented in coming assemblies and over the new public address system.

Love letters written by Ruth's younger sister to Lt. Bill Seawright will advertise the play. Humorous notes and posters will be used throughout school and in Birmingham stores. Students are planning to send postcards to local organizations and clubs announcing the play.

A contest for the "Dear Ruth" girl was arranged and will be conducted before the performance. Stickers will be pasted on note books and papers.

Jim Knicker, Phil Morse and Ruth Oldberg have charge of all arrangements and writing of publicity.

Cheerleaders Meet

A meeting of cheerleader candidates was held Tuesday in preparation for tryouts April 20. Students interested were Alan Garfield, Jack Goodwin, Bob Ruff, Bob Spencer, David LaTrobe, John Wood, Dick Shalbert, Fred Abbott, Frank Colby, Virginia Dare, Ditty Deardaley, Mary Jane Janet Mills, Helen Henning, Margaret Jafano, Cynthia Hadley, Carlye Scott and Judy Thomas.

Miss Alice Price is adviser.

Ex-Baldwin Students Place Alma Mater at Top of U of M List

According to a letter recently received by Robert A. Wagner of the University of Michigan, the 16 Birmingham high school graduates now freshmen there have placed the high school near the top of the scholastic list of all schools sending three or more students.

Part of the letter received from R. A. Smith registers reads: "In looking over the records of Michigan high school graduates, I find that the students from your high school who entered the University of Michigan as freshmen during the year 1947 maintained a scholarship standing in the University during the first semester of their attendance which has won for your school a place close to the top of the list of all high schools from Michigan sending us three or more students."

Of the 16 named, five on the dean's list are Robert Brungraber, Donald Coulter, Edward Laird, Jeanne Lange and Charles Murray.

The remaining eleven are Ernest Anderson, Lloyd Appell, George Campbell, Joseph Hardig, Knigh Houghton, William Kindley, Robert Morrow, Hugh Quish, Ellen Van Wagoner, Edward Worthen and Jack Zinser.

Experienced Team Meets Cranbrook Nine Next Tuesday

By Warren Rouse

Opening the 1948 baseball season next Tuesday afternoon, Birmingham travels to Cranbrook for the traditional baseball opener.

Hoping to repeat last year's victory, the Maples will field an experienced team of at least seven returning lettermen. The starting pitching assignment will undoubtedly go to Al Monroy, who won hurler from the '47 team.

Cranbrook will also field an experienced team coached by B. W. Coulter. This will be the Cranbrook second game of the season as they meet Berkeley this afternoon.

Baldwin Golfers Lack Experience

Birmingham freshmen began their regular practice last Monday under the guidance of John Simonds, new golf coach. With no lettermen returning, the team will be inexperienced and lacking in tournament toughness.

At the first meeting eight boys reported of whom two were seniors, Steve Campbell and Bill Whitcraft and the remaining six sophomores Ron Israel, Bradford Kempton, Bob Beals, Jim Milford, Jim Buchanan and Chuck Gill.

Nine matches make up the season's schedule with the first opponent Mt. Clemons April 30. All home matches will be played at Springdale golf course.

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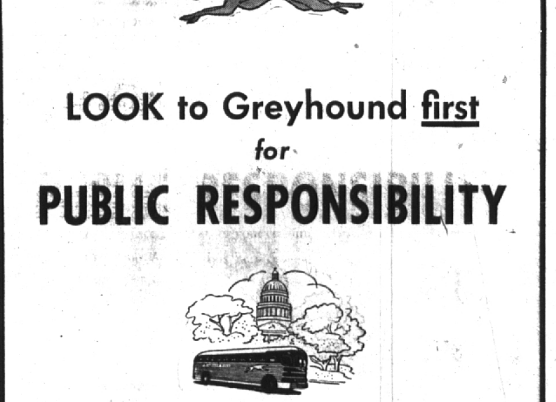
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