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Record Shattered As Maples Defeat Hazel Park Poolers

By Jack Adams
Downing a green Hazel Park swimming team, the Maple tankers seized their second dual meet of the season 55-26. They also set a new 100 yard free style school record in Barnum pool last Friday afternoon.

The Birmingham swimmers took eight of the possible nine first places, and lost the ninth when the Maple medley relay team was disqualified, handing Hazel Park its only first place.

The swimmers chalked up fast times for only the second meet of the season, a feature of their meet coming when Dick Helgeson, Maple free-style, outswam Hazel Park's Jim Amsworth to set a new school record of 1:01. This clipped four tenths of a second off the old record of 1:01.5.

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It Says Here...

By Sue Penney

... now that school is out, things are beginning to pick up. Black and white members have been making big plans for their New Year's Eve dance. It will probably be tremendous! (It ought to be with the \$4.80 they are charging!)

The CTAs planned their annual Christmas party at Wood's and alumni tea at Kingsley Inn in their meeting at Betty Oster's.

Tri-A members gave a tea at Mary Holladay's last weekend to be followed by a bigger tea at Jan McLeese's for returning alumni.

The Photo Guild held its meeting at George Weinhold's and had contests for the best picture.

The Baldwin choir made two presentations of "The Story of Christmas" last Monday at the Community House.

The Rev. Arnold Runkel assisted in the program as reader of the story. Songs were "No Candle Was There and No Fire," sung by Ann Groves, "Heavenly Father," and "O Holy Night," by Ann Morrow.

The setting was designed by Miss Shirley Trump, art instructor at Baldwin.

A number of other carolers at the choir completed the program. A repeat performance Wednesday constituted the Christmas assembly program.

Class Assignments Reveal Thoughts of Barnum Students About Christmas

A recent English assignment for the seventh grade class at Barnum junior high school has, Mrs. M. Clark, the teacher believes, brought to light some unusual thinking on the part of the students.

In poem and prose these youngsters set down their deepest thoughts regarding Christmas. They have, in several cases, reached deep into their hearts to come up with their impressions.

David Gibbons said, in part, "I like to watch my little nephews open their gifts when they come to our house. I usually get up early Christmas morning and then watch the rest of the family open theirs, too."

Pop Corn Over Fire
"On Christmas Eve the whole family gathers around the piano and sings Christmas carols. Then we listen to 'Scrooge' on the radio and pop corn over the fire."

Charlene Sutin, in the last verse of her poem says, "But on this Holy precious morn God's Greatest Gift to earth was born. This really means the most to me."

The Peace on earth that sets men free.
"I receive presents, although I do like to get them, but it's that I like to give presents that my folks open the presents to me. I get a happy, warm feeling inside."

These words were taken from the story written by Shirley Sharp.

Wonderful, Beautiful Gerald Yutzi has this to say: "Christmas is about the most wonderful and beautiful time of the year. Many people do not have the true Christmas spirit, though. They just think that Christmas is for buying presents for their friends and putting up a Christmas tree, to fix up their homes and to get up in the morning and open their presents. They stay home or go out for a holiday."

"The true Christmas spirit is to honor the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ, our Savior."
"I think," writes Bruce Scott, "the Christmas spirit is a Christ-like spirit. An example of this is an advertisement which appeared in a big city paper. It said:

"We will relieve you of the irksome necessity of Christmas shopping. All you have to do is send us the names and ages of all the people you wish to remember."

"In the olden times the people used to make their presents and they put a lot of love behind them. That's what I think is the real Christmas spirit. I hope that the real spirit will go on for years."

"Fuse" is Changed
Sue Spencer tells a story of the old gentlemen in the village called "Fuse" by the youngsters. They put "Fuse" in his name because of his habit of "blowing his top" every time they made a noise without his hearing.

Sue's story has the happy ending, when the Spirit of Christmas touches "Fuse" through the tears of a little child, and brings him to the church services, laden with gifts and putting up a Christmas tree.

From Pat Marshall comes the story of Jim, who crept from his bed to a hiding place in the parlor to watch Santa. Caught in the act, Jim goes on a trip with Santa to suddenly find his mother calling him, and himself safe in bed. His mother never

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Bloomfield Village School News

The kindergarten children had their Christmas party and program yesterday morning. The boys and girls have been very busy stringing popcorn and making their decorations for their tree. Also they have written their letters to Santa Claus.

The first six grades gave a Christmas play. There were angels, shepherds, wisemen and Mary and Joseph. Other children in the choir sang Christmas carols.

At the conclusion of the play, the children went to their respective rooms for their parties. Ice cream, cookies and candy canes were served. After a happy, snappy time and gay entertainment, they departed wishing each other happy vacations throughout the holidays.

The school concerts begin Thursday, Dec. 15, when 5,000 children of Birmingham and Detroit public schools went to a concert given by the Detroit symphony orchestra at Masonic Temple. Seven sixth grade children from our village school attended. At the close of the concert, there was a musical quiz.

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