

The Birmingham Eccentric's School Page

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MSC Students Interviewed by Baldwin Principal

By Phil McNellis
Birmingham freshmen attending Michigan State College in East Lansing were interviewed last week by Rose A. Wagner, Baldwin principal; Larned Goodrich, boys' counselor; and Mrs. Carol Darling, girls' counselor.

Most of the 50 Birmingham students enrolled are making a good adjustment to college life and seem to be enthusiastic about their work, according to a consensus of opinion after the interviews.

Birmingham freshmen at Michigan State are Sherrill Williams, Esther Welch, Charles Thomas, Marjorie Tracy, Elsie Swartz.

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Christmas Concerts Put Baldwin Choir on Busy Schedule

By Pete Plamstead
The Baldwin choir directed by Victor Ulrich has a full schedule of concerts planned this Christmas season.

The choir started Monday with a concert presented for the Lathrop Women's club at the House in the Woods and at the Williams shop for the merchants' open house.

Yesterday afternoon the group sang for the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Methodist church.

The schedule also includes programs Dec. 12 for the Walnut Tree P. T. A.; Dec. 15 at Barnum school in the morning; broadcast over WCAR at 1:45 in the afternoon and appearance at the Oakland County tuberculosis sanitarium in evening.

The choir will perform for the Rotary club during lunch hour Dec. 19, and the evening for H-12 club and Dec. 20 at the Birmingham Golf club for the First National Bank's employees party.

On Dec. 21, the choir has two concerts, one for an assembly at school in the morning and one in the afternoon at the Huron Valley country club for the Garden City Rotary club.

All programs will include "The Sleigh," by Richard Kountz; "Joy to the World," by Harry Diamond; "Christ of the Snow," arranged by Harvey Gaul; "A Joyous Christmas Song," F. A. Gevaert; "Carol of the Bells," M. Leontovich; "A Christmas Wish," Morley J. Luvas; and "This Day We Sing of Our Savior's Birth," Ralph E. Marryott.

Joyce Thomas Named Pigskin Prom Queen
Red devils, caricatures of the teachers, and a general reproduction of Hades provided the theme for "Sinners' Paradise," a holiday pigskin prom at the Community House Saturday night.

During intermission Joyce Thomas was crowned queen of the dance. Johnny Titus and his orchestra provided the music.

Sports Showup

By Chuck Baker
The changing sports world was interestingly noted recently in the swimming time trials held at the Barnum pool by the Maple swimmers. Gene Walrath, Neil Stoll and Gary Osterbeck were officially timed in the 50-yard free style in faster times than 1944 Olympic records for the same distance.

Dick Helgeson was timed at 26.5 seconds while the 1944 Olympic record was clocked at 28.5.

Helgeson was elected captain for the recent swim meet with University high school at Ann Arbor.

Bill Dudley of the Detroit Lions, who was guest speaker at the annual football banquet, kicked the extra point that proved the deciding factor in the Lions' game with the New York Bulldogs.

Chuck Murray, 1947 Johnson Memorial winner and all state basketball player, played nearly the entire game, holding down the guard spot vacated by Pete Ellett. Chuck is a junior and this is his second year on the varsity basketball squad.

Barnum Opens Court Season on Jan. 10
The Barnum basketball squad is practicing at the junior high school for the season's opener.

Jan. 10, Royal Oak, here; Jan. 13, Cranbrook, there; Jan. 17, Ferndale, here; Jan. 20, Hazel Park, here; Jan. 24, Berkley, here.

Feb. 1, Royal Oak, there; Feb. 7, Cranbrook, here; Feb. 14, Ferndale, here; Feb. 21, Hazel Park, here; Feb. 28, Berkley, there.

Gridders See Lions Whip N. Y. Bulldogs
Sunday, 14 members of the Baldwin high school football team went to Briggs Stadium to see the Detroit Lions play the New York Bulldogs. It turned out to be a good day, both weather and scores, as the Lions won 26-7.

Walt Disney Movie Preferred by PTA

Walt Disney's latest film, "Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad", and a horse picture, "The Great Dan Patch", will be the twin attractions at the children's matinee sponsored by the Parent-Teacher associations Saturday at the Bloomfield theater. The entire program will last less than three hours.

Bing Crosby narrates the story and sings in "Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad". Dennis O'Keefe and Gail Russell are the stars of "The Great Dan Patch", which is the story of one of the great horses of this century.

The Birmingham theater this weekend will show "Fighting Man of the Plains" and "Blondie Hits the Jackpot", rated by the PTA movie committee as "suitable for the family".

Parents at Barnum Aid Health Plans
With production-line efficiency and speed, 750 pupils at Barnum junior high school participated in the dental survey conducted by Birmingham schools by local dentists last Wednesday.

The five dentists who contributed their services were Drs. Geo. E. Marin, W. C. Whiteman, John M. Wakevaine, Sam Bruni and A. K. Toepfer.

Mothers who recorded the dental survey for each individual in their children's files were Mrs. Robert Dudley, Mrs. Jonathan Ball, Mrs. Paul Baker, Mrs. Raleigh Hoover and Mrs. Harold Chalk.

A report on each student's dental survey was completed in the record time of 45 minutes.

As Part of Speech Program
The Massachusetts vision test and the audio-metric sweep test will be given each Barnum mother to give the actual vision and hearing tests.

Those assisting are Mrs. E. L. G. Hoover, Mrs. E. G. Hogan, Mrs. Millman, Mrs. Arthur McDonald, Mrs. W. P. Beggs, Mrs. Dorval Symons, Mrs. Robt. Dudley, Mrs. Harry Gruber, Mrs. Ross J. Kittle, Mrs. H. O. Wagner, Mrs. Wm. Gardner, Mrs. Alex Farriss, Mrs. W. J. Kelly, Mrs. Glenn Berry and Mrs. Donald Babbitt.

Maples Win First Swimming Contest of Season, 48-35

By Dick Greig
Taking six of the nine first places, Birmingham defeated University high school of Ann Arbor in the University of Michigan pool in the first meet between these schools.

Times were very fast for the season opener, with records being posted in the 100-yard breast stroke and the 200-yard free style.

Individual star of the meet was a Trojan, Pete Bagrow with two first places. He took the 50-yard free style in :25.4 and the 100-yard free style in the remarkable last time of :56.3 for a total of ten of University high's 35 points.

Topping the Maple sextet of first places were two school-record-breaking performances, one coming in the second heat of the afternoon when Dick Dean, Birmingham, won the 100-yard breast stroke in 2:10.2. The old record was 2:10.4.

Following immediately was the local's Don Goldsmith's win in the 200-yard free style in 2:19.9, dipping one-tenth of a second from the old mark of 2:20.0.

Birmingham's remaining three first places came in the 100-yard breast stroke, won by Larry Miller, and the 100-yard free style, won by Pete Bagrow (B); second, Dick Helgeson (B); third, Gene Walrath (B). Time: 2:19.9.

100-yard breast stroke: won by Larry Miller (B); second, Ward Abbott (B); third, Dick Young (B). Time: 2:19.9.

200-yard free style: won by Don Goldsmith (B); second, Hugh Barnard (U); third, Dick Young (B). Time: 2:19.9.

100-yard free style: won by Pete Bagrow (B); second, John Bradford (U); third, Bill Corney (B). Time: :56.8.

Hills High School Casting Completed for Christmas Play

Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" has been chosen by the Bloomfield Hills high school speech class for their Christmas presentation. The play will be presented in the school auditorium Tuesday evening, Dec. 20.

Nancy Tweedie is the student director, with Sally Husbey as lecturer.

The cast will include Jerry Levin as Artaban; Robert Hunt, Abgarus; Jack Lacy, Tigranes; Jack Scott, Rhodapes; Clarke Parker, Abdus; Bruce Wilson, Marsena; Fred Meinberg, Sick Man; Johnny McLennan, messenger.

Sue Weldell, Woman of Bethlehem; John McGaffey, Centurion; Ronald Elkes and Don Vachon, soldiers; Tom Alexander, peasant; Helen Bradley, captive maid.

Costumes and promotion are in charge of JoAnne Hingley, chairman, and Denis Hagerman, Joan Baldwin, Cynthia Walker, Joan Cooper and Cynthia Woolson will direct this part of the program.

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News Notes from Vaughan School

The student photos arranged for by the student council arrived Monday and created considerable comment in the student body as they were handed out.

Plans for the Christmas program at the school on Tuesday, Dec. 21, are being made by several of the classes.

Miss Ruth Ziegler's music classes are busily practicing the carols while the speech class members are practicing their parts in the Christmas play.

Miss Ruth Woodman's Latin classes are planning the costumes for the Roman soldiers in the cast, while the art classes, under the guidance of Edward Colles, have undertaken to do the stage work for the play.

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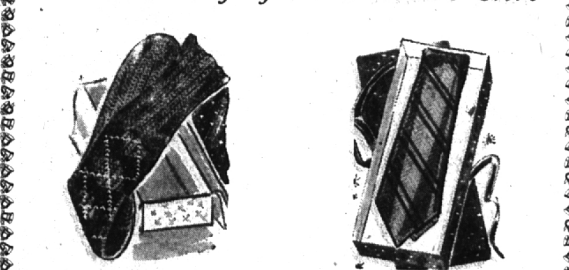
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Student Officials to Attend Conference

The officers of the Student Congress will again attend the Michigan high school conference on citizenship at the University of Michigan tomorrow.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss how to better the student congress.

Officers attending are Dick Stahlberg, president; Bob Hardy, vice-president; H. B. Strauser, treasurer; and Sue Pomeroy, secretary. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Carol Darling, adviser.

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