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## Birmingham Youths Attend 4-H Picnic

John Ziegler, Toby Wells, Tommy Tiede, Dave Ford and Floyd Eslinger, all of Birmingham, were among the 50 boys from Oakland county who attended the Detroit Edison 4-H Picnic June 14 at Bellevue Point on the Huron river. About 200 boys and girls were present at the event which was held at the 4-H electrical project of seven southeastern Michigan counties.

Several executives of the Detroit Edison company were present. The sports program was in charge of Ray Lamb, Floyd Hicks, Don Johnson, John Trocke and Fred Gettell. Oakland county boys and girls were accompanied by Don Houghton and Phil Aspinwall. Detroit Edison representatives from the Pontiac office.

## At Chicago Meeting

Irving Segal, 4725 Beverly Road, Birmingham, will be among district sales representatives of Elgin National Watch Company attending a regional planning conference at the Bismark Hotel, Chicago, today and tomorrow.

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## Gets Experience on Carrier Landings



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Midshipman William E. Holmes took off and landed his SNJ "Texan" trainer six successive times last week aboard the USS CABOT, cruising in the Gulf of Mexico, to qualify in aircraft carrier qualifications.

William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Holmes, 512 Madison Ave., graduated from Baldwin High School in June, 1946.

He entered the Navy V-5 program in April, 1946, and attended Michigan State College, East Lansing, to obtain the requisites needed for service as an officer. He reported to Pensacola, "The Annapolis of the Air", in April, 1948, for a stringent schedule of military, academic, physical and flight training.

From Pensacola he will go to Advanced Training for a four-month syllabus in fighter type aircraft. Graduation from advanced training will win him the coveted Navy wings of gold. He will then report to a fleet unit to assume flying duties with the United States Navy.

## Birmingham Summer Players Will Stage Their Initial Production Next Weekend

By Ruth Hull

"Kiss and Tell", the first production of the Birmingham Summer Players will be given at 8:15 in Baldwin high school auditorium next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, June 29, 30, and

July 1. This play had a long run on Broadway and was made into a very successful movie with Shelly Temple in the stellar role.

Our Birmingham production should be an excellent one. Some of the best talent in recent years are cast in important parts. Sally Howard, a big hit in Baldwin's "Dear Ruth", whose dramatic experience includes Cranbrook Summer School of the Theatre and theater work at San Diego State college, will play the part of Corliss Archer part. Doing the part of Dexter will be Jim Ensign, active in all plays while in Baldwin and for the past year at the University of Michigan playing in "Froggy Bottom", the University of Michigan Union opera.

It will be a thrill to see Ted Mansfield performing again in Birmingham. He took leading parts in every play and show while a student at Baldwin, has been on the staff at Cranbrook Theatre School several years, and now a senior at Michigan State College, he is an ardent enthusiast of the new community project.

Experienced Players Gertrude Rogerson has never been forgotten for her remarkable performance in Baldwin's "You Can't Take It With You". Since high school graduation, she has taken important parts with the Detroit Civic Players and in summer stock companies. She is cast in the role of Mrs. Archer in the current production. Forest Fox, another local member of the Detroit theatre group also has a part in the play.

In Lausanne played the leading part in "Dear Ruth" at Baldwin, and is now majoring in theatre at Stephens College. She is cast in the genre part in next week's show.

From Yale, we welcome back Dick Adams, outstanding student in sports, music and dramatics while at Baldwin. Jack Henetogel, Sally Buck, and Carolyn Abbott, June graduates from Baldwin, will also be seen. Tom Howley and Margaret Power have had leading roles in many Cranbrook productions and show promise of making big hits in the hilarious comedy. Steve Campbell, a sophomore at Northwestern University, and Ed Smith who have previously directed their talents toward musicals, are now trying their first straight dramatic roles. Bob Erwin, a senior at Baldwin is getting his stage experience in "Kiss and Tell".

Ruth Hull, one of the play directors of the Birmingham Summer Players, is the director with Kit Schaefer, a junior at Arizona State College, as assistant. Members of the theatre workshop are working on scenery, props and make-up for the opening next week.

It is indicative of the great interest of our high school and college students in the new summer recreation board project that the cast are working day and night to show the community what they can do in the field of dramatic entertainment.

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## MSC Alumni Council to Continue Drive for Memorial Fund

EAST LANSING — Continuation of the alumni memorial fund drive for construction of an international center on the Michigan State College campus has been announced by Tom Kiar, alumni relations director. Original plans called for erection of an international house and chapel on the Spartan campus as a memorial to Michigan State alumni killed in World War II.

King said the 12-man National Alumni Advisory Council had approved appointment of a MSC committee to investigate all possibilities and methods toward completing the project.

At present, the drive falls about 46 per cent short of the \$300,000 goal set three years ago. King disclosed. As deadline for completion of the project was originally set for this month, the council met to consider either extension of the drive, or its discontinuance.

"Although speculation had arisen as to what would be done with the \$162,000 received thus far in pledges," King said, "I feel strongly, after enthusiasm shown at the council meeting, that the project now be successfully completed."

Appointment of the four-man investigating committee will be made soon by Council Chairman Lee O. Benner, of Lansing, King said.

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