

Barnum Spellers Struggle 2 Hours Before Victory

Spelling bee time is here again and the competition for seventh and eighth grade winners was run off Friday at Barnum with Joan Gasaway and Jocelyn Watt the victors, respectively, for the seventh and eighth grades.

After a word battle lasting over two hours, Joan downed Jack Richards on "carpetary." The first word to be misspelled was "commit." At the end of the first hour, 22 of the 35 contestants were still standing.

Four of the 10 seventh grade spellers who will vie with the eighth graders in the school bee on April 8 went down on the word "pocallan."

Miss McCormick, Mrs. Clark, Miss McHugh and Miss D r e w s

were the teachers who acted as judges and pronounced the words. Members of Team The 10 members of the seventh grade team are Joan Gasaway, Jack Richards, Judy Colwell, Ann Farrie, Mary Ellen Given, Virginia Thomson, Alice Mohler, Bob Beatty, Ralph Miller and Judy Millman. Alternates to replace absentees at the school bee are Marion Franz and Dave McDaniel.

The winning word in the eighth grade spello-down was "amendment" which was correctly spelled by Jocelyn to down runner-up Celia Coffin.

Judges were Miss Watson, Miss Hillsbrand, Miss Rogers and Mr. Smiley. The 10 eighth grade team members are Jocelyn Watt, Celia Coffin, Mary Fulton, Lois Moore, Linda Loomis, Ethel Reed, Jerine Stark, Clark Hallis, Alan Reason, Dave Hershey, Alternates are Ellen Lewis and Sylvia Chalk. Joan and Jocelyn will receive a Webster's dictionary from the Detroit News for correctly spelling their way to the top in their grade.

The Birmingham Eccentric School Page

The news which appears on these school pages has been gathered and written by journalistically-minded students of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy Township schools.

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During the week ending March 18, local oratory contests will be held. The winners go to the district contest to be held April 15. The four divisions are oratory, dramatic declamation, oratorical declamation and extemporaneous speaking. Charles Thumser is instructor.

For the oratorical division are Cynthia Hadley, Jim Hogan, Jack Fontaine, Bert Johnson, and Barbara Hughes. Those entered in dramatic declamation are Ed Matus, Cynthia Hadley, Jack Fontaine, and Rolie McGinnis.

Robin Renfrew and Robert Webb are interested in oratorical declamation, and Bob Beals, Ed Matus, Bert Johnson, and Bill Renfrew are the extemporaneous speakers.

Two out of each group will be selected to represent Birmingham in the coming contest.

Safety Patrol Boys See Hockey Playoffs

Sgt. Henry Timm, of the Birmingham police, and Malcolm Ferguson, principal of Pierce school, took 50 members of the safety patrol to the Olympia stadium in Detroit Tuesday night to watch the Michigan-Ontario hockey playoffs.

The trip was arranged by Sgt. Timm as an award for the excellence of the work done by the safety patrol here. Other trips in the near future will include Briggs stadium for several of the baseball games.

Pierce School Holds First Spelling Bee

Michael Cleary became the hero of the sixth grade at Pierce school Friday when he won the spelling bee for his class. Michael is the first boy to win in some time, and was accorded football hero honors by his classmates who hoisted him to their shoulders and carried him back to his seat.

Carolyn Boyce won honors for the fifth graders. The school bee will be held March 18, when the top ten from each of these grades will compete for the school title.

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Maple Place Fourth in Class B State Swim Meet

The Maple swimming team, under the superb direction of Coach J. J. Myers, culminated a perfect season by capturing fourth place in the class B state meet Saturday in the University of Michigan pool at Ann Arbor.

East Grand Rapids, last year's champions, returned to repeat their title by beating Adrian, their closest rival, 57-25.

Ypsilanti Central followed with 21 points, and Birmingham was next with 19. River Rouge and University High tied for fifth place with 16 points, and Ypsilanti Roosevelt and Trenton trailed with ten points each.

Every school qualified at least three men, and the number of qualifiers was a fair indication of the final results. Grand Rapids qualified 16 swimmers, and Adrian, Birmingham, and Ypsilanti Central were left to battle out second place with seven each.

Trenton and River Rouge placed five, University High four, and Ypsilanti Roosevelt three.

On the 50 yard free style, Pete Bagrow of University captured first place, and Maple Jack Adams was beaten out of fourth place by Bob Healy of Grand Rapids in the last half length.

One of the closest events was the 100 yard breast stroke, when T. Lavery of River Rouge barely beat out Dick Dean for first place.

The outstanding Maple performer was state champion Bob Webster, who took first in the 100 yard back stroke. Webster also swam in the medley relay.

The 150 yard medley team, con-

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It Says Here...

The Tri-A's had a bakelade last Saturday at the Maxwell shop. Mary Jane Frost and Priscilla Martz were in charge of the sales, and all members contributed goods. Tri-A meeting was at Janet Mills' Friday night.

Scribblers met yesterday at Grover Farnsworth's.

Next Saturday night KST is having a stag party at Guy Tunnicliffe's.

Elsie Swartwood was hostess to Emerald Key girls at an open house and slumber party last Saturday night. Those on the decoration and food committee for the party were Margaret Jafano, Shirley Quinn, Barbara Hubbard and Elsie Swartwood.

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Harris Jackson to Be Heard on WKAR

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius J. Jackson, 643 E. Lincoln, have received word from their son, Harris, that he will be presented over the Michigan State College radio station, WKAR, next Monday after-

noon at 3:15. He will play a trumpet solo, "Introduction to Fantasy" by Fitzgerald.

Harris was graduated from Baldwin high school in January, 1948, and is a freshman at Michigan State, where he is majoring in music. He is a member of the college's famous marching band, and was chosen for "best seven" from 23 other contest candidates.

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