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.

Track Draws Large Turnout

The Maple track squad progressed fast in two weeks of practice and expects a good season with 68 boys reporting.

The 12 returning lettermen include Rick Cunningham, Bob Folin, Stewart Reck, Joe Ross, dashes; Rollie McGinnis, Mac Booth, Bud Boynton, hurdles; Stan Hopkenson, pole vault; Jim Patterson, Sandy Gruber, middle distance runners; Ken Babcock, mile; Dale Pearson, shot put.

Other boys reporting were Craig Ackerman, Roy Aulph, Joe Bochman, Bruce Barnes, Finn Bergishagen, Bob Bergoine, John Brennan, Conrad Burkman, Bob Darling, Jim Devitt, Bill Dice, Jim Dodds, Bob Dunbar, Don Evans, Art Fairbanks, Bob Filkins, Jack Fontaine, Chuck Frederick, Don Goldsmith, Bob Hardy, Glenn Hague, Barry Harper, Lee Hanson, Carver Hendrix.

Rick Hindley, Eric Heizer, John Holmes, Herbert Hopkins, Roy Harne, Bert Johnson, Bill Hanold, Dearl Keener, Del Keener, Ed Matus, Jere McMillin, Lance Minor, Howie Murray, Jerry Neuman, Fred Pfeiffer, Ronnie Phillips, Pete Plumstead, Robert Pope, Tim Reed, Bill Renfrew, Tom Seaholm, Jack Shenefield, Neil Stoll, Chuck Tyson, Barry Wall, Frank Weaver, Jim Webber, Fred Whitcroft, Loel Wright, and Ken Worde.

A new 8 mm. movie camera is powered by a tiny battery-fed electric motor that drives the film continuously until halted by the operator. Remote control is said to be easily obtainable.

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Honey Brand Boneless Canned Hams 10 to 12 lb. Avge. lb. 85c

Students Plan Civic Control Day for May 2

With a flood of candidates for election to the City commission, the tide of civic enthusiasm is rising high in Baldwin as students prepare for the third annual Civic Control Day, May 2.

A dozen candidates for the seven important posts on the city commission filed petitions for places on the ballot, seniors voting Tuesday to fill the posts.

Candidates were Jack Adams, Ken Babcock, Colin Campbell, John Fontaine, Lee Hanson, Pete Hartstuff, Evelyn Horne, Pete Little, Jerry Neuman, Bob Webster, Dick Reilly, and Larry Young. Bill Elliot filed for justice of the peace.

First begun in 1947, Civic Control Day is a day on which selected representatives of the senior classes take over all departments of the city government. This year not only must officials be chosen by the seniors but must also pass a civil service examination for the jobs they expect to fill.

The Student Congress directs the affair, and has appointed several committees to carry on the work of this undertaking. Larry Young is general chairman of the steering committee, with Jack Adams as publicity chairman.

In return for support given the control day by city officials the high school is expected to help turn out the vote for the municipal elections to be held April 4. Dick Shallberg is heading a committee for this purpose and Betty Whitelaw is chairman of a committee to set up an assembly for student education on city government.

Civic Control Day was instigated in 1947 by Dick Adams as the direct result of Dick's campaign promises while running for president of Student Congress, Dick was the first student mayor of Birmingham and Tom Mills was the second.

Spring Play Cast Guests at Dinner

The cast and directors of "January Thaw", spring play to be given tonight and tomorrow night at Baldwin, was entertained at the traditional cast dinner given by the foods classes at Hill School Tuesday evening.

Girls who prepared and served the dinner were Betsy Drake, Jane Mallory, Janet Steele, Lois McLeese, Cynthia Hadley, and Elaine Dexter.

Guests were Fran Ritner, Jack Hemsteger, Carolyn Abbott, John McGinnis, Betty Lou Ackerman, Margie Vose, Helen Hemming, Jack Fontaine, Bill Buell, Joyce Thomas, Bob Woodruff, Jim Patterson, Charlie Thomas, Nancy Beck, student director, and Miss Ruth Hull, general director.

Others were Miss Lydia Habib and members of the properties committee consisting of Stewart Peck, Ted Werner, Marilyn Staley, Cecile Woodhouse, and Nancy Chesna.

ELECT
O'GORMAN
CITY COMMISSIONER
Monday, April 4
He Measures Up

Barnum Junior High News

The following students have received an "A" or "B" or "S" for the third marking period and have not received a "3" in either Effort or Cooperation.

Grade 7

Barbara Aikens, Mary Bachman, Lelia Barber, Carol Becker, Sue Bigg, Keyna Bliesath, John Chapman, Sarah Colbert, Sarah Colwell, Janice Cooper, Margaret Cooper, Barbara Corkery, Marlene Crawford, Robert DeGrant, Ethel Didier, Shirley Dusbeiber.

Joan Gassaway, Karen Gavic, Karen Grooms, David Hamil, Cherry Harris, Alice Holmes, Marilyn Howard, John Hubert, Patricia Hummel, Ronald Hutchinson, Patricia Jackson, Howard Johnson, Roger Johnson, Suzanne K'Burg, Thad Ketchum, Howard Knorr.

Marlene Lawson, Judy Lundquist, Jean Masterton, Jane McDaniel, Ann McDonald, Judy Milliman, Alice Mohler, Dorothy Ojala, Pauline Oliver, Ann Parnie, Sandra Parrish, Audrey Printz, Alice Richards.

Beverly Scales, Dorothy Schwimmer, Martha Sharples, Carolyn Shattuck, Sandra Soule, Jean Stammon, Virginia Thomson, Adele Toepfer, Nancy Walser, Nancy Wangberg, Sharon Waterman, Sally Woonton.

Grade 8

Phyllis Abbott, Shirley Abbott, Betty Aldred, Robert Appleford, Patricia Babcock, Linda Ball, Marion Becker, John Bennett, Evelyn Bernier, Kathleen Berry, Shirley Bever, Carol Black, Ann Borchert, Janet Brown.

Sylvia Chalk, Douglas Colwell, Peggy Crim, Norma Currin, Dotty Davies, Bill Donaldson, Carol Dorman, Mary Fulton, Jo Ann Geitz, Jane Gruber, Peter Guck, Gail Haugan, Judy LeMessurier, Beverly Lewis.

Bill Mallender, Linda Miller, Margaret Norris, Elizabeth Olmstead, Carol Pillon, Sarah Reed, Ellen Richards, Virginia Robertson, Ted Schwarz, Andrea Snyder, Tom Stinson, Lloyd Sutfin, Robert Thalacker, Sheilla Traynor.

Polly Vliet, Jocelyn Watt, Roger Webser, Charles Weir, Sally Wilkinson, Susan Wilson.

Grade 9

Mary Mullen, Maria Rising, Janice Ross, Russell Sanders, Stuart Schiefele, Joanne Griener, Nancy Kaiser, John Lutz, Ann MacDonald, Ruth Yoemans, William Nicholas, Jim Hague, Joanna Harley, Dick Emery.

Sara Dunn, William Dodds, William DeLoria, Charles Dare, Mary Adams, Elizabeth Carter, Margaret Carter, Joy Sauerbrun, Nancy Atchley, Sandra Tischer.

School Notes from *Big Beaver*

The following were named as honor students at the end of the first marking period, second semester, at Big Beaver school:

11th Grade: Juanita Moonen, Evelyn Garvock, Sally Mateall;

11th Grade: Patsy Dyer, Richard Mouch, Barbara Siglow, Doralee Spencer;

10th Grade: Sally Dale, Leonard Gardner, Vivian Steuckig, Margaret Stumpf, JoAnn Watts.

9th Grade: Dick Donna, Colin Fisher, Charles Gardner, Donna Losey, David Rickabus;

8th Grade: Charles Beaver, Joanne Fielding, Connie Gac, Geraldine Gammon, Mary Haney, Mary Lou Kitchner, Esther Lumsden, Janet Robertson, Phyllis Schumborg, Robert Short, Barbara Snell.

7th Grade: Beverly Gill, Dorothy Green, Richard Halsey, William Haney, Eileen Piotrowski, Elaine Roberts, Mary Ellen Ryan, Audrey Spanke, Margaret Szerszeniewski, Jerry Wyett.

Coach Issues Call for Tennis Players

With rackets in hand, 12 candidates answered Coach Harold Newcomb's tennis call last week:

Veterans are Keith McIntire, '48 captain; Phil Sawaya, Tom Nalle, Colin Campbell, Jack Adams, Bill Wilkinson, Glen Emery, and Pete Hartstuff.

New candidates are Bill Downey, George Bosworth, Bill Buell, and Kellogg Carter.

Last year's squad finished second in league standings and is aiming for top place this season.

Baldwin Band Rates High in District Meet

By Jack Adams

Under the direction of Arnold W. Berndt, the Birmingham band was awarded first division rating at the annual district band festival held last Saturday in Ypsilanti.

The three concert judges and one sight reading judge concurrently granted the highest rating to Birmingham. Ratings are according to divisions as I superior, II excellent, III good, IV fair, V poor.

First division is the qualification for the state festival in May. Birmingham, Oxford, and Plymouth were the only bands to qualify.

Berndt has undivided interest in musical organizations and has been the local music director for 22 years turning out first rate bands.

The festival is held every year to give the bands an opportunity to be judged on performance as compared with perfection.

Judges at the competition were Wayne Dunlap and David Mattern, University of Michigan; Larry Teale, Detroit symphony; and sight reading Judge, Ray Miller, Wayne.

The band will also play at "January Thaw", to be given in the school auditorium tonight and Friday night.

35 Candidates Out for Spring Training with Baldwin Nine

As local spring sports again come into their own, 35 Maple baseball candidates turned out for preseason conditioning last week.

Walt Bodle, Clay Joyce, And Pat Wall, returning lettermen, will lend experience to the squad and will lead the way toward development of a good team.

Other boys out for the sport are Dean Berry John Burton, Gordon Crawford, Walter Dickinson, John Dixon, Harry Frasce, Charles Ganley, Don Halpin, Skip Halpin, Gene Hasse, Jim Hogan, Lucius Jackson, Dick Kimball, George Landino, Skip Landsnaes, Tom Maxwell, Paul Miller, Dick Mott, John McGinnis, Ken MacQueen, Paul Phillips, Charles Ruttledge, Gerry Sarasin, Ralston Schultz, Gordon Shira, Ed Smith, Charles Thomas, Paul Trichel, Roger Welles and Charles Wood.

Coach Vincent Secontine and his squad have set first place in their goal and are working hard to achieve it. The '48 team finished third in the league, highest since its organization.

Class Making Big Plans as Washington Trip Date Draws Near

By Shirley Quinn

Selecting their choices for an open night in New York, members of the Washington Group favored Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe and a splash party.

Most students chose the Diamond Horseshoe where the program will consist of dinner, dancing and a floor show. Director E. A. Hubbard has made the reservations for the party. Planning to use the swimming pool, sunlamps, steam rooms, and gymnasium at the St. George Hotel are 45 trippers. Other selections were a planetarium, a movie at the Roxy Theatre, a stage show, the Diamond Horseshoe, the pool at the St. George's Hotel, or a bus trip through Chinatown.

Sophomores Lead Red Cross Drive

Baldwin's annual Red Cross drive ended with the sophomore class ahead with $98.15.

The senior class was second with $62.64, and juniors third with $41.39.

A total of $41.60 was received in checks and contributions from the various school clubs and organizations. The grand total for the drive was $243.78.

Chairmen were Virginia Schaffer and Adelia Wilson. Other students who worked were Nancy Wilson, Jack Maddox, Mary Hopkins, and Tom Morgan.

Too Perfect

Husband in Movie: "Can you see, dear?"

Wife: "Yes."

Hubyb: "Is there a draft on you?"

Wife: "No."

Husband: "Is your seat comfortable?"

Wife: "Yes."

Husband: "Let's change seats."

Sports Showup

By Bob Bergoine

Birmingham athletes are now using the new field house at Pierce Field and will be throughout the rest of the year.

The cost of constructing was paid mostly by the board of education with many generous donations from various service clubs in Birmingham for equipment.

There are two locker rooms, each with 60 full length lockers and tiled floors and walls.

There are two public restrooms, a training room, bins for storing equipment, and an upstairs.

A whirlpool bath which will help in treatment of injuries was generously donated by the Sideline Quarterbacks, the group which annually does so much for high school sports.

The field house will also be used in the summer recreation program.

If and when a new high school is built the field house will be used by Barnum school.

The field house is an extension of Birmingham High School. Any organization wanting use of it should follow the same procedure as in securing the high school gym.

It Says Here . . .

By Betsy Drake

The KST's climaxed their dance by announcing that the proceeds are being given to the Ranch room to help buy a television set. The dance, Spring Serenade, was given last Saturday night at the Community house.

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The DJFR boys entertained their fathers Friday night at a fathers and sons meeting at the Community House.

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Be sure not to miss the CTA Bunny Hop next Saturday night. Committee chairmen working to make this dance better than ever are Jane Mallory, general chairman; Sue Pomeroy and Betsy Osler, decorations; Joyce Thomas, tickets; Velma Harris and Marilea Kleinert, refreshments; Mary Lou Gregory, chaperones; and Barbara Hughes, band.

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Other meetings held last weekend were Sapphire club at Margaret Ireland's; Tiara at Ann Averill's; Emerald Key at the Community House and Black and White at Dean Barry's.

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The Photo Guild will meet tonight at Kineh Swartz's house.

News Notes from Vaughan School

Students have received their report cards marking the close of the 1st period of the second semester. Only 12 more weeks of the school year remain.

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The Hillcrest staff announces that only 19 more copies of the school annual remain to be sold for this year's edition.

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The history classes sponsored the movie "House on 92nd Street" in the auditorium last Monday.

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This Saturday four bowling teams from Bloomfield along with a thousand others will try for honors in the Junior National Bowling Congress Tele-Program Tournament. It will be held at the Hillwood Alleys at 2:00 P.M. The teams are: Senior High Boys—Clarence Pomeraning, Bruce Wilson, Jack Scott, Charles Kpella, and paced by John Nickell.

Senior High Girls—Joan Levely, Nedra Schluckbier, Pat Lash, Dona Hagerman, and Donna Westerlund.

Junior High Boys—Peter Linder, Darwin Johnson, Tom Dinnell, Gary Nickell, and Mitchell Sims.

Junior High Girls—Elizabeth Steggall, Sue Ann Hall, Nan Gordon, Arlene Rice, and Rima Nickell.

Around The Cracker Barrel

The late Senator Beveridge, in his Life of John Marshall, relates an interesting anecdote. Justice Story had persuaded his wife that the eminent justices of the Supreme Court never imbibed in wine except when it was raining. The abstaining lady was content with such self-denial, admitting that a bit of wine was helpful in wet weather. "But," explained Justice Story to a friend, "it does sometimes happen that the Chief Justice will say to me, when the cloth is removed, 'Brother Story, step to the window and see if it does'not look like rain.' And if I tell him that the sun is shining brightly, Justice Marshall will sometimes reply, 'All the better, for our jurisdiction extends over such a large territory that the doctrine of chances makes it certain that it must be raining somewhere'."

But if the justices of the Supreme Court had been operating the Village Store for the past 51 weeks, as we have been doing, they would take judicial notice of the fact that the Doctrine of Chance has no part in such an operation.

In this business of retailing, where you actually take a chance that everything you buy won't be sold, you actually can't afford to take chances. This sounds like double talk. But it really isn't. For we have learned—as we at first suspected—that the people of Birmingham don't want any item of merchandise which is not first class. Whenever we've bought some item because a salesman said that someone would buy it, we have had to dispose of it in job lots to a rag man.

This is really very consoling, because it indicates that the character of Birmingham is not changing. Even though many new families have moved into town during the past year, it is astounding to find that their tastes are similar to those of the older residents. This, in a rather crude way, is some proof that the newcomers are of the same general character as the old timers.

Sometimes we've been stubborn about certain items. For instance, since the store opened we've been handling a good line of men's western jeans which are sanforized. You could buy them and know they wouldn't shrink. But the label you wanted was the genuine, the one and only Levi's. You didn't care about shrinking, for you can buy them larger. You told me about cowboys with a new pair of Levi's heading for the nearest stream, to get the shrinking process over early. You told me that large premiums are sometimes paid, in the West, for a pair of genuine Levi's. You wanted them, and now we have them. From now on, as long as they last, you can get all sizes of real Levi's at the Village Store, for $3.69. When we say "as long as they last", we mean just that. For Levi's are on quota. The demand is so great that they must be apportioned to retailers. And we can get no more for 10 weeks. So, if you're wise you'll get your Levi's now.

Getting Levi's is sort of like getting bow ties. Something has happened all over the country. Bow ties are in terrific demand. Many people think this is only a Michigan custom, started by our bow-tie-wearing governor. But it's the same nationwide, and bow ties are tough to get in less than 90 days. We have a big assortment now, but how long they'll last we don't know.

Which reminds me that we have a bow-tie-wearing customer who must be a Canadian. He comes in quite often, makes his purchase, and slyly slips me a Canadian dime or two. Being a very patient merchant, we have been depositing this Canadian silver in a special compartment of the cash register. And what good Canadian dimes are, in a Birmingham cash register is something to ponder. But now the door opens. Canada has eliminated their 15% tax on transportation. All we have to do is to go to Windsor and buy a ticket to New York at a 15% discount.

You ladies might be interested in knowing that the biggest single line in the Village Store during the past year has been White Stag. Now that Spring is here, those glorious summer play clothes are arriving. We've never seen such casual styling in outdoor wear, and your purchases indicate you agree. This year there are new colors and some additional styles. The goldtone denims are as popular as the sailcloth models. The new Cotton Tickin', with circus stripes in beautiful colors, will soon be here. And you smart ladies already know just what you can do with a combination of solids and stripes. Don't wait too long, for the demand on this item is so great that we have already reordered twice. And if you haven't bought your summer play apparel yet, you'll be glad to know that almost every item in the famous White Stag line has been reduced in price from last year. Don't waste time going elsewhere, for the Village Store alone handles the White Stag line in Birmingham.

There are so many new items for Spring and Summer wear at the Village Store that we can't possibly list them. Come in and see for yourself. Men and ladies alike will find most of what they need for their summer wardrobe. You'll look a long time for good casual items at such a reasonable cost. Join the ever increasing number of your neighbors who are making the Village Store a habit.

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