

# The Birmingham Eccentric's Home Page

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## Barnum Junior High News

Last week elections for the new cheer leaders for the coming year were held in the gym, with 25 girls participating. The five girls elected are Janice Cooper, Charlene Koehler, Ann McDonald, Alice Richards, and Diana Derk. The cheer leaders for this year are Carol Black, Mary Ann Bates, Beth Flury, Kitty Kirt, and Ann Duncan. These girls were chosen last year.

The top three salesmen of the Barnum magazine drive were Jim Waddy with \$122.25 worth of magazines, Jim Hogan ran a close second with \$112 and Jerome Stark hit an even one hundred dollars. The three teachers whose home-rooms were in the lead the first day of the sale will be taken to dinner by Miss Ward. They are Miss McCormick, Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. Hallock.

Six weeks ago the Health Council of Barnum invited 27 newcomers to participate in a nutrition program. Their names were Pat and Mike. They were 29 days old when they arrived. Mike was fed a balanced diet and Pat an unbalanced diet consisting of candy, pop and few of the important foods essential to normal growth and health. Mike improved in size and health, while

## Pat grew very little and his health became very poor.

Their weight at the beginning of the experiment was 60 grams each. At the end of the experiment Pat had only increased 16 grams while Mike had increased 125 grams.

On Nov. 16, Pat and Mike left Barnum to go to other schools to conduct the same experiment. The Barnum Health Council hopes that the experiment will prove to the students that a good meal means good health.

## Maple Debaters Win First League Meet

In their first scheduled debate with the University of Detroit high school last Thursday, Birmingham scored two victories.

Marilyn Hart and Margaret Elliott composed the affirmative team. Bob Ervin and Bob Seals handled the negative. Bill Renfro made the copy as time keeper. The next league debate is scheduled here with Dominican high school during the week of Nov. 25.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. The "early bird" usually gets the space.

## Committees Named for 'Pigskin Prom'

The Annual Pigskin Prom, honoring the football and cross-country teams and their coaches, will be given by Baldwin Student Congress on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Community House from nine to 12 o'clock.

Working with the general chairman, Bob Hardy, are Nancy Howell and Barbara Stauffer, co-chairmen; secretaries, Nancy Howell and Louise Hanna, band; Anne Moeck and Chris Adams, instrumentalists; Nancy Wilson and Margaret Elliott, tickets.

Publicity chairman is Sue Pomeroy; chairmen, Sam Collins; programs, Mary Sweeney; finance, Virginia Dare; clean-up, Chuck Davies; invitations, Mary Lou Gregory; flowers, Robin Renfro.

## Coach Cooper Has Few Experienced Players Available

By Joel Ross

With the closing of the football season, basketball again takes the limelight. The Maple cagers face a long, tough season.

Out for practice are 22 hopefuls, not including lettermen Bob Hardy, Mac Booth, Bud Boynton and Howard Stevens who are out for football.

Coach Lloyd Cooper said that with the inexperience of the squad it will take long hours of hard work to be able to stand up to an all class schedule.

Birmingham will open the season on Jan. 13 at Hazel Park; Jan. 17, Redford Union; Jan. 20, Port Huron.

Jan. 27, at East Detroit; Feb. 3, Ferndale; Feb. 7, at Mt. Clemens; Feb. 10, Hazel Park; Feb. 17, at Port Huron; Feb. 24, East Detroit.

## B'ham-Royal Oak English Classes Exchange Programs

By Sue Pomeroy

Members of the Baldwin senior English classes presented the annual exchange assembly at Royal Oak Monday morning.

The assembly was a "radio program", beginning with a chorus of 26 boys singing a parody on "The Alphabet Song".

Following this was a play "The Spirit of Thanksgiving" a direct take-off on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". Ed Mates led the cast with his portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge.

With Craig Ackerman, Dick Krushinsky, Phil McNeill, Sue Pomeroy, Jack Rue and Kinch Swartz playing the other parts.

To meet the skit Ward Abbott, Pete Plumsted and Barry Harper sang two songs about Royal Oak the Birmingham, which suited the occasion perfectly.

Dean Berry conducted a sports interview with Mac Booth, Captain Bob Hardy and Coach Vincent Scortino answering questions.

The entire assembly was written, produced and directed by the students.

## Several Cranbrook Students Cited in Textile Exhibit

By Chuck Baker

Weaving students at the Cranbrook Academy of Art are among those awarded purchase prizes and showing textiles at the international textile exhibition sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Vera Heite took the \$100 first purchase prize in the woven drapery and upholstery division, with her heavy white and natural colored material of bleached cotton and linen, using rayon floss as an effect yarn.

In the woven rug section, Howard Heath placed second with a long pile floss rug in chartreuse and white. Jinnie Lee Snow, third, with a fine cut green and blue toned floss rug.

Honorable mentions went to Doris Coulter in the sewing division and David Zeese for printed fabrics. Other student exhibitors include Joanne Bushie, stitching material; Howard Heath, striped drapery; Jinnie Lee Snow, gray drapery; Jim Schmidt, striped fabric; Daphne Carnochan, tablecloth and napkins; and Dave Zeese, synthetic fabric.

Marianne Strengeil Hammarstrom is the director of the weaving studio at Cranbrook.

To Encourage Interest Former students of the Academy of Art have won awards, prizes or who have worked exhibited include Gale Kidd, Joy Lind, Ellen Siegler, Robert Sailors, Floyd LeVigne and Mary Phillips.

The purpose of this international exhibition, according to the catalog, is to present as comprehensive a representation as possible of the best accomplishments today in the field of textile design. To encourage interest in textiles, by providing the designer an opportunity to show and see contemporary work. To further an appreciation of new materials developed by advances in textile chemistry and machinery and to stimulate in college students, designers and consumers of the future, an awareness of the potentialities in the field of textiles.

## Sports Showup

By Chuck Baker

Again its the season for "The Tale of Two Cities"—that old, yet ever new, Royal Oak-Birmingham football game. A refresher course on a few facts might be in order.

Like all history this series is cluttered with dates. Here are a few: 1915—(possibly even earlier) the first game between the two towns was played.

1915—For the first time the game was played Thanksgiving Day, and it's been the Turkey Day game ever since.

1924—The Jug was put up as a trophy and won by Birmingham, 1923-'29 and 1932-'35. The only years to date in which Birmingham has won the Jug twice in succession.

1949—The 39th scheduled game began, there were only 80 students in Royal Oak high school with 14 boys out for football. There are now 1,800 in a million-dollar building with 120 out for football.

## Accumulated points for all games to date are Birmingham 183; Royal Oak 25.

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In 1913 Birmingham had 100 students in high school with 18 on the football squad. Now there are 586 students with 25 on the squad.

The sportsmanship in this game is always of a high order. An example is the 1940 game. John Q. Adams, Maple center who had moved to Birmingham from Royal Oak, broke his leg the early season Dearborn game and John was still not ready mid-November. He was bitter disappointed not to play in the Royal Oak game.

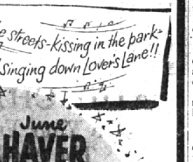
When Birmingham's Coach Webster told R. O. Coach John Freese about this, Coach French said, "Put him in the game as long as you want to, and we'll see a Royal Oak player will play a hand on him."

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## Cubs Collect Cloth. for Cancer Society

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Members of the Pierce Park, not to be outdone, are carrying on their drive this week. An urgent need exists for any old cotton material such as bedding, blankets, table clothes and napkins and like. Cotton shirts either white or colored, can be used by the society.

Mrs. R. L. Stinson, who is in charge of the entire collection, asks only that the material be clean and contain no silk or rayon. Local persons may contact any member of the Pierce Park to have their donations collected.

Club news deadline is at noon each Monday.

## "Keep That Jug" Is Baldwin Cry

A vigorous "Keep That Jug" campaign for the annual Turkey Day game was promoted throughout Baldwin this week by the journalism class.

Highlighting the campaign was "Turkey Tribune", a mimeographed feature newspaper, distributed to all students Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

"Keep That Jug" stickers and Jug tags, distributed among Birmingham football fans, will be displayed at the game.

General chairman Bob Hardy worked with Gordon Crawford, Dick Helgeson, Sally Collins, Herbert Connor, Jim Milford, Ronald Isberta, Bob Ervin, Pete Plumsted, Joe Ross, Phil McNeill, and Joan Sternal on the campaign.

Publishing the "Turkey Tribune" were managing editor, Bob Ervin; sports editor, Sue Pomeroy; sports editor, Dick Greig; Dick Greig. The staff consisted of the journalism class.

"Oh, You Beautiful Doll", a musical in technicolor, will feature the PTA-sponsored matinee for children at the Birmingham theater Saturday, June Haver and Mark Stevens are the stars. Cartoons will supplement the program.

PTA ratings on the pictures booked at the Bloomfield theater are as follows: "Hell Fire", adults; "Easy Living", adults and young people.

## Strenuous Routine Readies Swimmers for Dec. 2 Meet

By Dick Helgeson

This week, the Birmingham swimming team workout shifted into high gear in preparation for the meet with University high school at Ann Arbor Dec. 2.

Each night members of the team must complete 36 lengths of the same stroke at a fast pace, 12 lengths using only their arms and 12 using only their legs.

Eight stretching and straining exercises are done on the side of the pool. In limbering up, Elberta Connor, Jim Milford, Ronald Isberta, Bob Ervin, Pete Plumsted, Joe Ross, Phil McNeill, and Joan Sternal on the campaign.

PTA Rating on Local Theaters is Given

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## See "Hamlet" Film

A group of senior English students attended a showing of Lawrence Olivier's production of "Hamlet" at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in Detroit Monday. They had studied the play prior to the trip on which they were accompanied by Miss Alice Price.

General news deadline is 5 p. m. each Tuesday.

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