



The Birmingham Eccentric's School Page

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Big Beaver Teacher Back From Finland

Miss Gladys Mankinen, first grade teacher at Big Beaver school, has resumed her classes after a six week's visit to Finland. Returning from New York Aug. 12, she arrived at Göteborg, Sweden, on Aug. 22, where she took a night train to Stockholm and sailed from Stockholm to Helsinki, Finland, on Aug. 24.

relatives in many towns north of Helsinki. She returned to that city and visited many points of interest including Helsinki's largest elementary school of 2,000 pupils and a faculty of 80. She also visited Helsinki University, the forestry department, theater, art gallery and a horticultural exhibit of all Scandinavian countries.

Miss Mankinen left Helsinki by airplane on Sept. 23 and arrived home Sept. 25. She was accompanied on the trip by her mother.

Carson Averages 6.4 Yards Per Try for Albion Varsity

ALBION—Jim Carson, a hard-hitting fullback from Birmingham, is one of the most dependable ground gainers on the Albion college football squad, and a veteran who has been hitting the line for the Britons since 1947.

Jim played football only one year at Baldwin high school in Birmingham, and then as a guard, but he was changed to a fullback his first year at Albion, and won a letter with the varsity. He has been improving every year since that 1947 season, and is an important man in the Briton's offense.

He is a 20-year-old junior, who is not really big for a fullback, but he gets off to quick starts and is moving fast when he hits the line. He is 5' 11" tall, and weighs 190 pounds.

Was Sophomore Class President Jim scored only one touchdown in Albion's first two games, but he averaged 6.4 yards every time he carried the ball.

Jim has been very active in other campus activities, not limiting himself to just football. He is a very active member of the student council, and last year he was president of the sophomore class.

Jim will still have another season of play after this one, and Coach Del Anderson looks for great things from him all through this year and next.

Club news deadline is at noon each Monday.

Chuck Baker on His Way for a Long Gain Against Ferndale



Maple right half Chuck Baker skirts around right end in one of his several long gains made in the Friday night game which saw Birmingham come from behind in the second half to defeat Ferndale, 13 to 7. See story on Page One, Part One. (Phone by Joe Wheeler)

BHHS Students Hold Council Elections

By Bob Levin

Last Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 6, the students of Bloomfield Hills High School, grades 7-12, elected officers of the Student Council for the school year.

Woods Proctor, senior, on the Varsity ticket, was named president of the council. His opponents were John Nickell of the Challenger Party and Fred Meinberg of the Birthday Party.

Bob Yukawa, senior, from the Challenger ticket, was elected vice-president. His opponents were Bob Levin from the Varsity party and Alger Burnham from the Birthday party.

Pat Cray, junior, from the Challenger party, was elected secretary. She ran against Marcia Wells of the Varsity and Nancy Twisdale of the Birthday party.

Bruce Wilson, senior, also a Challenger, is the new treasurer. He was competing with Albert Charbonneau of the Varsity and John MacGaffey of the Birthday party.

The campaign, taking place over a two-week period, was climaxed Wednesday by an outdoor campaign assembly. Members of each party gave pep talks pertaining to the candidates they were backing.

Dona Westerlund, campaign manager of the Birthday party, gave the major speech for that organization.

The Varsity party's campaign manager, Jerry Levin, gave the only speech for that party.

The major speech for the Challengers was given by Larry Martz. It was climaxed by the presence of Pat Cray and Bruce Wilson, on horseback, clad as knights of old.

Baton Twirlers Plan Between-Halves Show At Hazel Park Game

By Roberta Connor

Baton twirlers will perform with the Baldwin band between halves of the Hazel Park-Birmingham football game Friday night at Pierce field.

These 35 children have been trained this past year at Adams and in the summer recreation classes, directed by Mrs. Irene Mortenson.

Dressed in full costume, the group will present specialty acts, dancing and baton twirling.

The drum majors are Michael Wentworth, Bert Ward, Tarry Weir, David Wentworth, Tom Dillon and Bill Cartwright.

Junior majorettes are Barbara Fox, Bonnie Cartwright, Margery Dodd, Virginia Scheyer, Sara Dillon, Jenn Brooks, Francis Von Stour, Joan McDonald and Jane Torrence.

Seniors are Barbara Oakley, Jennifer Schwarz, Judith Dillon, Karen Taracks, Beverly Selters, Annette Le Messurier, Karen Parish, Paula Paris, Elsie Mortimer, Janet Brooks, Ann Hammonds, Rebecca Wagner and Sue Booras.

Girls twirling two batons are Barbara Buerge, Donna Sue Harrison, Eileen Salvetti and Lynn Harrison.

Shirley Smith, Rolinda Keise, and Ann Millington are dancing majorettes.

Skating Party

The senior class of Big Beaver High School will sponsor a roller skating party on Friday, Oct. 14, from 8:00-11:00 p.m. at a Clawson rink.

It Says Here

By Sue Pomeroy

That following a lapse of some five hayrides are planned for the next three weeks.

Atcho! A gigantic hayride was planned by DJFR at their meeting at Joe Ross's.

Sapphire Club and KST made plans for hayrides in their respective meetings at Nancy Middleton's and Larry Miller's. Anyone with hayfever had better leave town for awhile.

Out of the presses at Franklin into the mouths of CTA's disappeared gallons of cider at Jane Mallory's house.

Thirteen turned out to be a lucky number for the Black and White club when they slaughtered DJFR in an inter-club football game at Pump field.

Brave, noble nominees for club members of the Turia girls are Mrs. G. H. Whitney, Mrs. L. D. Gilliam, Mrs. H. G. Kiernm, Mrs. J. E. Hanna, and Mrs. H. R. Jones. Two of them will be elected next week.

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue might be a slogan Thursday night at the meeting at Charlotte Wiley's.

Surprise! Surprise! The date-dance party which the Black and White club planned for last weekend was changed to a hayride (something new) this weekend. Alterations were suggested at Bill Aikens house where the meeting was held.

Plan Changes for Annual Field Day

By Bob Ervin

With a number of changes planned for the annual field day the student Congress steering committee met Monday night at the home of congress adviser Mrs. Carol Daicing, 230 Pleasant.

Attending were Charles Baker, Sara Stringer, Sammie Tischer, Bob Ervin, Ronnie Phillips, Woody Darr, and Dick Shalberg. Several important changes for this year's field day were discussed.

For the first time in years, suggestions that the cheer be at the beginning of the event rather than at the end, were given serious consideration. Pending further discussion, a proposal that the judges be chosen earlier than in the past met with favor. Comment. Reseating of the sophomores was also approved.

An indication of how high the interest in running is that all three classes had already begun to make plans before Congress scheduled the first meeting.

Former Mayor Martz Is Baldwin Speaker

John E. Martz, former mayor of Birmingham, spoke to the civics students of Baldwin last Thursday on Birmingham's municipal government.

Martz explained the effectiveness and functions of the city-manager type of government. He also outlined the duties of the city manager and his qualifications and privileges.

Speakers of the city commission, Martz told of the way meetings are held and discussed some of the issues and problems it has dealt with telling how these were solved.

He said that Birmingham became a city in 1933 and explained the general structure of the city charter, its functions, and utilities which the city owns and operates.

A question and answer session closed the talk.

Baldwin Principal Elected Officer of E. Mich. League

By Dick Greig

The fall dinner and business meeting of representatives of the Eastern Michigan League schools and their guests was held at the Blackriver country club at Port Huron last week.

In the afternoon, at a business meeting of all school principals and athletic directors, dates were set for a league meet.

Ed Ferguson, Ferndale, this year's president, was forced to resign due to a transfer. Robert Christianson, East Detroit, was moved ahead to the office of president and Ross A. Wagner, Birmingham, became secretary-treasurer. Frank Whitney was made secretary of the athletic directors.

High School Coaching On the evening's program was an educational and interesting talk by Coach McMillin, Detroit Lion coach. His talk dealt primarily with the coaching of high school football.

After his talk Coach McMillin opened the discussion to the group for any ideas or suggestions and the meeting closed with a question and answer session.

Attending the meeting from Birmingham were Leslie Shalberg and Frank Hardy of the Sibley Quarterbacks; John Simonson, J. Jay Myers, Whitney and Wagner.

PTA Hosts At Annual Mother-Daughter Tea

The annual PTA tea for mothers and daughters was given last week in the Hill building.

Before the tea there was a short meeting in which Ross A. Wagner, principal, welcomed the new members. He explained the main purpose of the PTA was to give parents and teachers an opportunity to get acquainted with each other so they will be able to work together to help students more.

Fouring for the tea were Mrs. Walter Bodle, president of the PTA, and Mrs. Dwight B. Ireland. Assisting were Mary Halladay, Roberta Connor, Avis Murphy, Jean Marson, Nancy Middleton, Elaine Kontz, Susan Swartz, Trilby Blesath, Ann Morrow and Nan Mosby.

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Local Teachers Will Serve In Regional Conclave Oct. 20-21

Several Birmingham and vicinity teachers will take an active part in the two-day conference Oct. 20 and 21 at the Detroit Masonic temple.

Paul D. Carter, principal at Adams school, has charge of the section for elementary principals Friday afternoon. Earla Smith will be in charge of the section for English teachers and Glenn Schoenhals of Southfield district for school bus drivers.

Miss Cecilia Jelinek of Quanton school and Stuart Baker of the Troy township district are serving on the elections committee.

The group will hear Willard E. Givens, executive secretary of the National Education association, Washington speak on "Education Around the World." His address will be given Thursday.

On Friday Dorothy Thompson, world-famous journalist, will speak on "Our World Today." Lee M. Thurston, superintendent of public instruction, has chosen "Educational Progress is Adventure" as his topic.

It is expected that more than 4,000 teachers of Region 6 of the state education association will attend the conference.

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