The Birmingham Eccentric's School Page

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Photo Guild Shows 1948 Prize Winners

The Baldwin Photo Guild is presenting an exhibit of 65 prize winning prints from the 1948 national high school photographic contest, at the high school.

The prints were selected from among thousands of entries submitted by teen-age photographers in all sections of the country.

The 1950 contest opened Jan. 12. Any Birmingham student may enter. Further details may be obtained by contacting the Photo Guild.

"Yeomen" to Feature Appearance of Many Local Young People

Principals appearing in the "Yeomen of the Guard" at the Cranbrook school auditorium on Feb. 24 and 25 from this vicinity are Mary Grindley, David Higgins and Michael Patten.

Members of the Kingswood glee club, coached by Lois Chapman, from the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area are Marynell Anderson, Cynthia Booth, Julie Otter, Ann Patterson, Barbara Gibson, Marcia Kelley, Sue Loud, Alice Shaw, Jo Tait, Sarah Ann McQuigg, Marilyn Howlett, Jean MacGregor, Janet Snader, Marilyn Srigley, Mary Barton, Betsy Brewster, Gretchen Hult, Patsy O'Madigan, Nancy Shile, Ellen Snader, Carolyn Snyder and Martha Browning.

Wearing the colorful Yeoman costumes will be members of the Cranbrook glee club, Carl Luckenback, Peter Hatt, Richard Booth, Howard Parker, Mark Smith, Jerry Sweeney, Tom Clark, Duncan Patten, George Roehm, Peter Whiting, Michael Schirmer, Charles Carter, John Steggall, Jack Knoblock and Scott O'Gorman.

Originally the permanent military corps of England, the Yeomen made their first appearance at the coronation of Henry VII and the costume has changed but little through the centuries. The royal red tunic with purple facings and stripes, red knee breeches and stockings and black shoes with colored rosettes are completed with a ruff and a flat crowned black hat.

Although the Yeomen ended their fighting days in 1743, weapons carried are a halberd and sword. Their nickname "Beefeaters" originated with Count Cosimo, Grand Duke of Tuscany, when he was in England in 1669 and observed their daily rations at court.

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Ypsilanti Tankmen Give Maples Worst Defeat of Season

By Mac Booth

By turning in some exceptional times an Ypsilanti swimming team handed a hard-fighting Maple squad its severest loss of the season, 54-30, in Ypsi's home pool last week.

If this meet had been held in Barnum pool, every pool record except one would have been broken. As it was, two Ypsilanti pool records were shattered, both by Ypsi men. The times in five of the races were faster than those in the last year's class B state meet.

Maple Don Goldsmith was beaten for the first time this season but still established a new school record of 2:16.2. Larry Miller, local 100 yard back strokes, remained unbeaten in winning his event with a new school record of 1:07.3

Floyd Warmington, Ypsi 100 yard breast stroke again copped first place from Dick Dean, but Dean closed the gap considerably since their first meeting and is hoping he can beat the Ypsi star in the class B finals. In taking second Dean set a new school record of 1:08.3 for the event.

By the addition of Neil Steinole, a transfer from Ypsi Roosevelt where he won the 150 yard individual medley in the last year's state finals, Ypsilanti was considerably stronger than in the first meet with the Maples in Barnum pool when won by Ypsi 44-40.

Summary

40 yard free style 1- Newman (B), 2- Richardson (H. P.), 3- Garrison (B) :22.5

100 yard breast stroke 1- Dean (B), 2- Goad (B), 3- Mohyla (H. P.), 1:10

200 yard free style 1- Goldsmith (B), 2- Tumble (H. P.), 3- Webb (B), 2:19.5

100 yard back stroke 1- Miller (B), 2- Fletcher (B), 3- Ring (H. P.), 1:09.5

100 yard free style 1- Sinsworth (H. P.), 2- Joslyn (B), 3- Anderson (B), 1:03.0

120 yard ind miedley 1-Lake (B), 2- Murray (H. P.), 3- Richardson (H. P.), 1:34.7

Diving 1-Neilison (H. P.), 2- O'Reilly (H. P.), 3- Yates (B).

180 yard medley relay 1- Miller, Dean, Newman (B) 1:51.7

160 yard freestyle relay 1- Joslyn, Allen, Fremody, Stoll, (B) 1:26.6

Hazel Park Defeats Baldwin Debaters

By Bob Ervin

The Birmingham debating team ended its season last week at Flint central, losing a disputed decision to Hazel Park in the final debate for the district championship.

Seven schools were entered in the Flint district including Milford, Flint Central, Flint Kearsley, Swartz Creek, Lansing Sexton, Birmingham and Hazel Park. The first drawing of the schedule found the Birmingham affirmative of Margaret Elliott and Bob Beals meeting the Lansing Sexton negative with the split decision going to Birmingham.

This victory sent Birmingham into the second round. In this pairing the local negative of Bob Ervin and Bob Beals met the Flint Kearsley affirmative, this decision also going to Birmingham by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

These two wins enabled Birmingham to enter the finals for the district championship. Hazel Park drew negative and Birmingham affirmative. The debate was held before a large auditorium in the evening. The decision which would send the winner into the state quarterfinals was given to Hazel Park on a 3-0 vote.

Birmingham ended the season in second place in the metropolitan league and runners up for the district finals.

Making the trip to Flint were Bob Beals, Margaret Elliott, Marilyn Hart, Bob Ervin, Joe Bachman, and debate coach Charles Thumser.

Hazel Park Proves Easy Mark; Maples Take Meet, 52-32

By Mac Booth

The Maple swimmers breezed past a Hazel Park team 52-32 in the latter's 20 yard pool last Friday afternoon in a meet which saw no impressive times.

The locals took seven out of the nine possible first places, losing only the diving and 100-yard free style. Coach J. J. Myers let Frank Weaver withdraw from the diving to give him a rest. In the 100-yard free style Viking Jim Aensworth nipped local Marc Joslyn.

Many new men swam on the Birmingham team as Coach Myers let some of the reserves show their worth while some of the varsity swimmers recover from colds.

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Mt. Clemens Fails to Upset Maples in Return Game

By Phil McNellis

Birmingham brought its winning streak to six straight games by defeating Mt. Clemens 37-36 in a close basketball game played in the Mt. Clemens gymnasium, Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Mt. Clemens, which handed the Maples their only league defeat this season, was determined to upset the locals again. The Maples were just as determined to avenge themselves. The win allowed the Maples to hold onto a two-way tie with Port Huron for the Eastern Michigan league leadership.

As is evidenced by the final score, the game was a nip and tuck battle throughout. The lead changed hands six times in the first half with both teams having difficulty making their field goals. The score at the half was 22-19.

A personal foul hampered the Maples in the second half. As the game drew to a close, Skip Frederick sank a field goal for Mt. Clemens to tie the score at 36-all.

Then amid thunderous noise, Tom Tracy, Maple guard, coolly sank a free throw to give the Maples a 37-36 lead which they kept by freezing the ball for the final 22 seconds.

Barry Wall, Maple forward, was high point man for the locals with 13 and Frederick led the Bathers with 10 points.

Barnum School Honor Roll

Ninth Grade

Shirley Abbott, Betty Aldred, Robert Appleford, Patricia Babcock, Linda Ballard, James Barnett, James Barr, Marion Becker, Kathleen Berry, Jeanne Best, Barbara Biggs, Ann Borchert, Janet Brown.

Michael Carlson, Sylvia Chalk, Lillian Cooper, Peggy Jo Crim, Marjorie Crook, Nancy Cupp, Peggy de Beaubien, William Donaldson, Carol Dorman, Kendall Fowler, Mary Fulton, Peter Guck, Susan Harley, Gail Haugen, David Johnen, Judith LeMesurier.

Beverly Lewis, Linda Loomis, William Mallender, William McBride, Roger Miller, Sally Miller, Lois Moore, Elizabeth Olmstead, John Osler, Beverly Oswald, Virginia Owens, Joanne Pedder, Janice Pike, Carol Pillon, Sara Reed.

Bruce Renfrew, Virginia Robertson, Ted Schwarz, Kent Smith, Andrea Snyder, Jerine Stark, Lloyd Sutfin, Robert Taylor, Robert Thalacker, Polly Vliet, Jocelyn Watt, Janet Weber, Charles Weir, James Weldy, Sally Wilkinson, Susan Wilson.

Eighth Grade

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Margaret Davis, Diane Derk, Ethel Didier, Susan Doherty, Shirley Dusbelber, Mitchell Foster, Joan Gassaway, Karen Gates, Richard Geggie, Ruth Gravlin, Douglas Green, Karen Grooms, Michael Groves, Newman Halvorson, Cherry Harris, Russell Hibbard, James Hogan, William Hohmeyer, Alice Holmes, John Howard.

John Hubert, Patricia Hummel, Linda Hunt, Patricia Jackson, Howard Johnson, Roger Johnson, Suzanne K'Burg, Thad Ketchum, Mary Knecht, Jack Kolman, James Kraus, Lorraine LaTrobe, Richard Loeding, William Martin, Jane McDaniel, Ann McDonald.

Judy Milliman, Martha Nelson, Dorothy Ojala, Ann Parnie, Robert Paulus, Alice Richards, Fred Roeben, Maribel Rummel, Martha Sharples, Carolyn Shattuck, John Sherff, Margery Streeen-Reutter, Janet Symons, Richard Thalacker, Virginia Thomson, Adele Toepfer, Joanne Wagner, Nancy Walser, Nancy Wangberg, Gerald Wedge, Elizabeth Williams, Nancy Winder.

Seventh Grade

Suzanne Allen, Arlene Arlt, Bettye Baker, Thomas Beck, Jo Anne Beecher, Kathleen Bell, Ann Best, Helen Black, Judy Boyd, Susan Brennan, Helen Chanay, Mary Jane Clark, Roger Cudini, William Dove, Ann Duffield, John Fall, Dona Fly, Barbara Folin, Howard Foote, Donald Fraser, Judith Fricker, Michael Garrison, David Gibbons, Edward Gierok, John Gilliam, Beverly Harris.

Barbara Haworth, Daniel Hendrickson, Walter Hendrick, Ruth Hibbard, Judith Hogan, Barbara Hoover, Helen Jesson, Pete Kass, Sandra Keene, Mary Lou Crouch, Joan Kevell, John Kelley, Sally Kelly, Robert Ketchum, Bruce Kinney, Allen Latham, Richard LeMoyne, Lawrence LeTourneau, Hester Lewis, Janet Lottman, Brooks Marshall, Susan McDonald, Gertrude McKewen, Ann Merceles, James Mosby, Anita Mullikin, William Nechman, Beverly Negri, Michael Nichols, Barbara Noyes.

Caroline Old, Molly Olson, Patricia Palmer, Jeanne Pedder, Patricia Peluso, Roberta Pepperell, Edward Peters, Darlene Pollock, James Pryce, Elizabeth Quilliam, Patricia Render, Marjorie Rickard, Frank Rising, Sally Rose, Rosalie Rue, Caroline Shaub, Robert Scheel, Rick Schmidt, Bruce Scott, Penelope Sears, Ann Severs, Ann Seymour, Suellen Shambeau.

Shirleyan Sharpe, Thomas Shechan, Ann Shenefield, Richard Silbar, Susan Spencer, Roberta Stevens, Gail Sundstrom, Charlene Sutfin, David Sutton, Joan Sweeting, Stanley Thompson, Susan Thornton, Patricia Tierney, Gail Toepfer, Victoria Vidal, Stephen Wailes, Tim Webber, Douglas Whipple, Jerry White, Richard Wilson, Pearl Wood, Anthony York, Gerald Yutzi, Valdi Zirak.

Cranbrook to Hold Winter Dance Friday

The annual Cranbrook school winter dance Friday evening will have a shipwreck theme this year, with the dancers attired as beachcombers.

Decorations include a "fishing wharf" refreshment booth, a bandstand resembling the hull of a ship, palm trees with coconuts and "island" observing posts dotting the dance floor. Music will be supplied by Paul Barry.

Russell Dawson is general chairman, assisted by John McDonald, Harley Warder, Bob Blanchard, Jay Corley, John Roberts and Bruce Williams. School chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Yule and Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Werneken, Jr.

The expectations of life depend upon diligence; and the mechanic that would perfect his work, must first sharpen his tools.

—Confucius

Bloomfield Village School News

Kindergarten: Last week the boys and girls were busy with Valentine projects. Valentines were made, a post office was built by the young "men", and the "ladies" made the Valentine box. There was lots of mail.

The story of the "Ugly Duckling" was read to the class, then slides were shown. The children told stories of what they saw in the pictures. Carol Gurney, Judy Bartholomew, and Margaret Selvidge did very well in telling their stories.

First and second grades: The very specially decorated Valentine box, containing many pretty Valentines, was opened Tuesday afternoon.

February 22, David Middleditch will be seven years old.

Last week's helpers were, library, Robby Maxwell; play corner, Royce Sharpe; dust, Sharon Kelly; water plants, Josie Paulus; pencil sharpener, Mike Cavanaugh; bulletin board, Larry Crawford; sharing period, Ann Barnett.

There has been a good deal of interest shown in the band lessons that are starting. Robert Kutscher met last Thursday with interested pupils and their parents. Those interested in the third and fourth grades are Jon Daidy, Judy Selvidge, Nancy McCortney, Donald Andreae, Dale Simons, Carol Green and Howard Flint.

The Brownies sold cup cakes at noon last Tuesday and made over $6. Brownie members are Suzy Sawyer, Jane Wilson, Helen Cudini, Barbara Nunneley, Emily Haugen, Mary Slater, Linda Stevenson, Judy Selvidge, Nancy McCortney and Bonnie Braund. The girls are taking orders for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale.

Class officers for the past week were president, Robert Fegley, vice-president, Howard Flint.

Many pupils attended the Shrine Circus in Detroit.

Fifth and sixth grades: The safety patrol captain and lieutenants attended the Shrine Circus last Saturday as guests of the police force.

The following students are interested in band instruction, Linda Rakas, Johnny Appleford, John Williams, Bobby Kelly, Ward Tollzien, Janet Seyferth, Donald Couch and Jay Lewis.

Trudie Vose and Linda Rakas celebrated their birthdays last week. They are planning to donate books to their library.

Maple Reserves Down Hazel Park

By Phil McNellis

The Maple reserves remained undefeated in league competition by defeating Hazel Park 63-32 here Friday night in a basketball game which saw the local seconds playing their best game of the season.

Coach Boyd Larson's boys handed the Vikings their worst drubbing of the year by keeping a tight defense.

The Maples led all the way, holding the Vikings to three points in the first period, while scoring 14. At the half the Maples led 28 to 14 and in the final two periods poured it on to amass their biggest total of the season.

Gerry Pike paced the locals with 19 points and Bob Waldron was high point man for the Viking seconds with eight.

The Maple reserves extended their winning streak to eight games by downing the Mt. Clemens seconds 39-27 last week there. Although the Maples' play was erratic, they managed to remain in the lead throughout the game.

Language Arts Class Finishes Spelling Bee

Since the start of the year Mrs. Monselle Clark's fourth and fifth hour language arts class has been having a weekly spelling contest. A team may gain points by spelling down opponents and for each member left standing. The most orderly team may earn a bonus.

On Jan. 19, Frank Fising's then had a comfortable lead over Don Frazier's team, 145 to 120, but the contest was not over yet. On Jan. 26, spelled it right to put Don's team out front in spelling. Frank's team, however, won the contest by nine points. The final score was 155 to 146.

News and society copy must be in The Eccentric editorial office by 4:30 each Tuesday afternoon.

Baldwin, Barnum Musicians Enter in Saturday's Festival at Ypsilanti

The Southeastern Michigan solo and ensemble festival will be held this Saturday at Michigan State normal college at Ypsilanti.

The district festival will determine those who are qualified to participate in the state festival.

Soloists entering from Baldwin are Ronald Phillips, playing cornet; Glenn Emery and Ann Finkenauer, clarinet, Roberta Connor, flute and Susan Fricker, trombone.

The ensembles include a clarinet quartet composed of Glenn and Dick Emery, Barbara Hubbard, and Helen Woolson; brass sextet, Ronnie Phillips, Jack Rue, Bill Berndt, Susan Fricker, Herb Strasler and Betsy Osler; cornet trio, Ronnie Phillips, Bill Berndt and Charles Burnham; a cornet duo, Ronnie Phillips and Bill Berndt.

Among Barnum's entries are Joan Gassoway playing an oboe solo; Jerry Mills, cornet; Tom Master, trombone and John Bolton, flute.

Included in the ensembles are cornet trio number one which is composed of Ed Nordstrum, Russell Gaxlity and Tom Kaiser; and trio number two, Mick Plumstead, Jerry Mills, and Stanley Thompson.

The adjudicators for this festival are Larry Teal and Roy Miller of Detroit; Keith Stein and Leonard Falcone, Michigan State; William Revelli, University of Michigan and Leonard Meretta, Western Michigan.

Barnum Junior High Nets Fifth Victory

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, Barnum beat Cranbrook 34-15 to win their fifth game of the season. The first and second quarters stayed fairly even with Barnum out front at the half 16 to 10.

In the third quarter Barnum added six points to their score while Cranbrook was held to two points. In the fourth quarter both Coach Gibson of Barnum and Coach Campbell of Cranbrook put in a large number of substitutes. Barnum's subs tallied up 12 points, while Cranbrook's only scored three points. Barnum's 16-point margin over Cranbrook was their biggest win of the season.

Gordon Mutch of Barnum was high point man with his accurate pivot shooting from under the basket for 10 points. Charles Weir, also of Barnum, followed with eight points.

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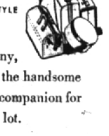

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