

The Birmingham Eccentric's School Page

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Sports Showup

By Pete Plumstead

The versatility of individual members of the Birmingham swim team was demonstrated by Dick Helgeson when he broke the school record in the 200-yard free style in practice last week. Dick ordinarily swims the 50-yard and 100-yard free style. The record is unofficial and therefore not "in the books".

Due to a football injury, it was doubtful whether Bud Boynton would play any basketball this season. However, he was in varsity uniform last Friday and saw a little action. He is one of the four returning lettermen.

Mac Booth, another varsity letterman from the '49 squad, will not get into the game this year. He re-injured his shoulder in basketball practice last week, the first time out.

Kingswood to Hold Hoodoo Hop Friday

Friday the 13th has been selected by the sophomore class of Kingswood School Cranbrook for their "Hoodoo Hop". Jean Horrocks, class president, is the general chairman.

Ann Ward, Barbara Cox, Sally Williams, Sally Lane and Sukie Reid are planning decorations which will include an 8-foot horse shoe in the center of the auditorium with the name of the hop on it. Red and white streamers will lead to good luck omens on the walls.

Ann Coulter and Barbara Herrmann are in charge of refreshments; Barbara Barker and Ann Wetlaufer, records; Martha Browning, Toni Ossett and Patsy Hoyer, the tickets.

Baldwin Delegates Attend EML Meet at Lincoln School

Delegates representing Baldwin student congress attended the Eastern Michigan League conference at Lincoln high school in Ferndale last Saturday.

Students from Port Huron, Hazel Park, Mt. Clemens, East Detroit, Ferndale and Birmingham spent the entire day discussing problems and types of student government.

Dr. Don Walter, new Ferndale principal, welcomed the general assembly.

The main address, "Student Government", was presented by Dr. Earl Kelley of Wayne University. Special emphasis was placed on the fact that every student should feel he has a part in the government of his school.

Discussion Groups

After the luncheon, students separated into discussion groups for suggestions on such topics as interschool relations, representation and elections, student government and social organizations, social aspects of student government, academic and moral aspects of student and teacher relationships in student government.

A business meeting, in which group reports were included, topped the semi-annual conference.

Delegates representing Baldwin were Dick Shalberg, Bob Ervin, Herb Strasser, Sue Pomeroy, Ward Abbott, Dick Dean, Marilyn Hart, Nancy Wilson, Charles Davies, Russ Sanders, Sara Stringer, Mary Hopkins, Bud Deloria, Bob Hardy, Bud Carrick, Roberta Connor and Mrs. Carol Darling, advisor of Baldwin Student Congress.

She's Serious Now

"Well, have you given John his final answer?"

"Not yet, dear, but I've given him his final 'No.'"

Bloomfield Village School News

Kindergartners are hoping that Cindy Higgins, who has been out of school for the past eight weeks, will be back again before too long.

First and second grade notes: Dixie Humphrey celebrated his seventh birthday Saturday, Jan. 7, with a party for his school friends.

Michael Cavanaugh celebrated his sixth birthday, Saturday, Jan. 7.

Boyce Thorpe, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Third and fourth graders thoroughly enjoyed themselves during Christmas vacation.

Linda Stevenson spent Christmas with her grandparents in the West. Mary Slater and her family spent a day in Canada, skating. Mrs. Margaret Weinstein, teacher, spent the holiday with her parents in Lindsay, Calif.

Charles Erlanson is a new pupil in grade three. He formerly attended Coolidge school in Ferndale.

Class officers starting the new year are Linda Stevenson, president; Robert Pegley, vice-president.

Fifth and sixth graders started the new year with a perfect attendance. Health posters that were made during the week were exhibited at the PTA meeting which was held Monday night, Jan. 9. Ward Tolzian made a group of posters on food. Patty Harmon did the printing. Tubby and Speck, the two white rats, after a ten-week experiment, went back to their farm home. Through the experiment the children found that they give good foods and lots of milk, was the happier one and grew more.

Mrs. Consuelo Verducci, teacher, spent the holiday with her parents in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Ferndale Defeat Opens 1950 Court Season for Maples

By Phil McNeill

Birmingham opened its 1950 basketball season last Friday night in a close game that earned the Maples a 35-31 victory over Ferndale on the Raislippers' home floor.

The game was thrill-packed from start to finish with the tension mounting in the last few seconds. Ferndale tried desperately to overtake the Maples but the Birmingham lads played a tight game and maintained a slim lead all the way through the game, with the score tied only once.

The game opened with both teams feinting out the opponents. Both defenses were strong, accounting for the low scoring. To start the game, the Birmingham action picked up, and as the half ended, it was still anybody's game with the Birmingham Raislippers leading by a four point lead, for a score of 18-14.

The second half opened with a bang. The Raislippers were determined to outpace the Birmingham Maples. They took long shots from almost anywhere on the court, but the Birmingham team played a steady, fast game.

The third period ended with the Maples still in the lead, 28-22.

The game reached its climax in the final period and brought the Raislippers to spectators to their feet, time after time.

Ferndale put everything it had into the game, but it wasn't quite enough. The Maples went into the last few minutes with a slim three-point lead. Spectators had one eye on the game and the other on the clock as the final seconds ticked away with Birmingham winning 35-31 for the first league win of the regular season.

Tom Tracy was high point man for Birmingham with 14, while Don Moore led Ferndale with eight points.

Keglers' Korner

By Jim Milford

This column is a new idea, suggested by the Baldwin class. It will carry all the bowling news about students and faculty, reporting on the Sideline Quarterback league scores.

A teen-age bowling league is starting next Saturday at the Birmingham bowling alley. The bowling will be at a reduced rate and bowlers will benefit from instructions given by Jim Hogan, Jim Milford and Stan Gaudin, three of the better high school bowlers.

Although a newcomer to the game, Bruce Fisher is picking up the sport fast. A few days ago Bruce strung six strikes together to accumulate the high total of 247.

Connie Young is rapidly improving, perhaps because of Ron Israel's instructions. Last Sunday while bowling with her parents and Ron, she showed a 160 game.

In a friendly three-game doubles match last Saturday John Nickel and Roy Hawkison, Bloomfield Hills school, were defeated by local Jim Hogan and Jim Milford.

What does Andy Varipapa do that Ron Isreal doesn't as far as trick shots go? This writer believes Andy is still the king of the showman—but not by much. Ron is one of the more humorous personalities at the bowling alley. Isreal's specialty is the "curve ball".

The leading "University of Michigan" team is certainly showing its heels to the rest of the G.A.A. bowling league. It has been leading since the first few weeks of bowling. Members are Georgia Koehn, Mary Lou Gregory, Cynthia Young and Nancy Squiers.

Baldwin Will Hold Election Assembly

The semi-annual election assembly for Student Congress officers will be held today in the Baldwin auditorium with voting during study periods tomorrow.

Interest in Congress officers resulted in eight candidates for the four positions.

Running for the presidency are incumbent Dick Shalberg and former vice-president Bob Hardy; for secretary Sara Stringer and Anne Mock; treasurer Ward Abbott and Charles Davies.

Thursday's assembly will be a serious one with skits prohibited. With the exception of January seniors, all students will vote tomorrow.

Rules committee chairman Jack Adams announced that since Friday is skip day they will vote Thursday.

Results of the election will be announced after school tomorrow.

It Says Here...

By Joan Sternal

Now that the kids are back at the old grind, the club meetings are routine again.

In their meeting at Chuck Frederick's last Wednesday, Photo Guild members decided to have a contest in which the member whose picture is judged best each week will receive a certain number of points; at the end of the school year, the one with the most points will win a prize. Elizabeth Kirtz won last week.

Some of the clubs held their elections last week, and the rest are planning to have theirs this weekend.

At the home of Maria Rising, the Sapphires elected Ann Groves, president; Suzanne Mason, vice-president; Mary Richards, recording secretary; Eva Mae Stone, corresponding secretary and Carol Hall, treasurer.

Dick Shalberg was elected president of Black and White club; Ken MacQueen, vice-president; Lester Colbert, recording secretary; Art Fairbanks, corresponding secretary.

School Group Names Committee Chairmen

Committee chairmen for Washington group publications were announced recently by trip director E. A. Hubbard.

Heading the staff of "Capital Bound", news bulletin, are Sally Connor and Ed Matos. Roberta Collins and Ed Matos, Roberta Connor was selected to edit the souvenir booklet under the same title.

The program for the Easter service will be planned by Marcin Loomis and her committee.

Bulletin boards are an important source of information and are in charge of Nancy Howell and Carlye Scott.

General chairman of all publications is Sue Pomeroy.

A revolutionary process does away with fire and kilns in baking, brick and curing pottery. This ceramic-curing method uses a combination of infra-red and induction heating.

secretary and Bill Wilkinson, treasurer.

Jean Marson was chosen president of Tiara for the second time. The new vice-president is Betty Conrad; recording secretary, Buffy Cole; corresponding secretary, Ann Averill and treasurer, Jane Woodhouse.

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News Notes from Vaughan School

PTA Notes

The PTA board met at Mrs. Willett J. McCortney's home last Thursday, Jan. 5. Plans were discussed for the remainder of the school term.

A PTA meeting was held last Monday, Jan. 9, at the school. Speakers were Dr. Melvin A. Noonan, who talked on "Dental Health for Children," and Miss Curtin, school nurse. Look for news of the winners of the trophy in next week's paper.

Third and fourth grade room mothers, Mrs. John Palmer and Mrs. John Slater, were hostesses.

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News Notes from Vaughan School

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The digging being done just outside the study hall by the construction company on the new building is a source of interest to most of the student body. With mid-semester exams just a week away, the textbooks are coming in for their share of attention, too.

Students and faculty were very sorry to learn of the illness of the superintendent John Jacobs, during the holidays. Though he is reported as recovering splendidly, he has not yet been able to return to school.

Miss Arlette Harbour of the Spanish department now becomes Mrs. Richard Price, having celebrated the Christmas season with a wedding and honeymoon.

The longest trips away during the holidays by the faculty were made by Miss Agnes McHugh, the secretary, and Kenneth Ollis, of the speech department, both of whom went to not-so-sunny Florida.

Miss McHugh visited friends at St. Petersburg while Ollis spent Christmas with his parents near St. Augustine.

This week the United States History class presented the full length movie "Kidnapped", adapted from R. L. Stevenson's classic in the school auditorium for the high school student body.

BHS Economics Class Sees Assembly Plant

Students of the economics class at Birmingham visited the Ford-River Rouge car assembly plant last Friday.

Students attending were Jack Adams, Bob Beals, Bob Bergine, Mae Booth, Bud Boynton, Bill Busch, Bud Carrick, Dick Dean, Bill Downey, Mary Jane Frost, Jim Hogan, Katie Hyland, Dick Krumpholtz.

Others were George Landino, Dave La Trobe, Jere McMillin, Priscilla Martin, Tom Maxwell, Howard Murray, Bob Prince, Ruth Smitheer, Dick Sullivan, Joyce Thomas and Judy Thomas.

Homerooms to Enter Teams in Intramural Basketball League

Intramural basketball made a comeback at the high schools last night under the direction of Coach Vincent Scentwine with each homeroom entering a team of seven or more boys.

Games will be played each Wednesday night at the high schools. The first 15 of the varsity basketball squad will not be able to play nor will members of the swimming team.

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