# The Birmingham Eccentric's School Page

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## Historical Feature Wins PTA Approval

The historical feature, "Christopher Columbus", has won PTA approval for this Saturday's matinee showing here. Starring Frederic March and Florence Eldridge, this technicolor film is showing at the Bloomfield theatre. There will also be cartoons and a serial.

The main picture is an authentic account of the struggles of Columbus as he sought to find the new world, and of the support given him and his followers by Queen Isabella.

The companion feature, "A Dangerous Profession", classified as suitable for adults and young people, will be shown during the evening.

"Holiday Affair" and "Stampede", shown at the Birmingham theatre, under the same classification, will be the Saturday features.

## Ypsi's Swimmers Get Small-Margin Win Over Maples

By Dick Helgeson

The Ypsilanti swim team handed Birmingham its second defeat of the season in a 44-40 photo-finish meet at Barnum pool last week. It was the sixth straight win for the Braves.

Outstanding stars of the meet were Brave, Bill Warmington, and Maple, Larry Miller.

In the 150-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breast stroke, Warmington shined in the only double win of the meet, breaking records in both events. The new pool record in the 100-yard breast stroke, formerly held by Maple's Dick Dean in 1:12.3, is 1:08.2.

**New Medley Relay Record**

In the 150-yard individual medley the new record was set at 1:46.3.

Larry Miller's time of 1:08.1 betters the winning time in the 100-yard backstroke of the Class B state meet last year won by Bob Webster, Birmingham.

Other records were set by Maple Don Goldsmith in the 200-yard free style, 2:17.3; Maple Dick Helgeson in the 100-yard free style, 1:00.1; and the Ypsi 200-yard free style relay team of Wilfred Sinden, Ronald Krull, Pete Dyer, and Harold Duede, 1:49.0.

Diving competition was keen with Ypsi's Charles Bates, '49 Class B state champion, setting the pace.

Due to a mix-up, Wendell Green of Ypsi, second in total points, was disqualified for not using enough classes of dives. This gave Maple diver Buck Weaver second and Doug Dinnes third.

It was not until the finsh of the last relay that Ypsilanti won the meet with the score until then tied at 36-36.

SUMMARY

**50 yard free sayle:** first, Duede (Y); second, Neuman (B); third, Osterbeck (B). Time 25.7

**100 yard breast stroke:** first, Warmington (Y); second, Dean (B); third, Goad (B). Time 1:08.2

**200 yard free style:** first Goldsmith (B); second, Gray (Y); third, Malcolm (Y). Time 2:17.3

**100 yard back stroke:** first, Miller (B); second, Friend (Y); third, Chambers (Y). Time 1:08.1

**100 yard free style:** first, Helgeson (B); second, Krull (Y); third, Dyer (Y) Time 1:00.1

**150 yard individual medley:** first, Warmington (Y); second, Stoll (B); third, Stamos (Y) Time 1:46.3

**Diving:** first, Bates (Y); second, Weaver (B); third, Dinnes (B). Total points 64.2

**150 yard medley relay:** first, Birmingham (Miller, Dean, Neuman); second, Ypsilanti (Friend, Green, Gray). Time 1:35

**200 yard free style relay:** first, Ypsilanti (Sinden, Krull, Dyer, Duede); second, Birmingham (Stoll, Joslyn, Osterbeck, Helgeson). Time 1:49.

## Barnum Junior High News

By Ralph R. Watts, Jr.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, Barnum lost its first game to Ferndale, 32 to 20. This made Barnum's record two wins and one loss. Barnum trailed during the entire game. In the second and third periods, Barnum closed the gap somewhat but in the fourth period Agar, Ferndale's center, scored three field goals to clinch the game.

Gordon Mutch of Barnum was scorer with 13 points. Agar followed with eight.

Friday, Barnum came back to life to beat Hazel Park 28 to 22. At the end of the half, Barnum led by nine points, but by the fourth period, the "Parkers" had made it only a five point difference. Gordon Mutch of Barnum dropped in a foul shot to end the game with a six point margin for Barnum.

Mutch was again high point man with 19 points making his average 13 points a game. Barnum's average is 24½ points a game.

Eighth grade girls have started a unit on child Development. During the past six weeks, they spent most of their time reading, having discussions and giving reports on child care. They also have started a special project in which they observed one child under five years of age. They watched his behavior and habits, and at the end of their observation will write an essay and present it orally in class. Later the school nurse, Miss Curtin will demonstrate how to bathe a baby.

During the next six weeks, each girl will make a garment for a baby or older child. She will pick out her own pattern and material to make the garment for the child she observed. Also she will make a homemade toy or game suitable for a child of that age.

The kindergarten and first grade teachers have let them extend their observation even further, by allowing two girls to help them in their rooms each day.

Last Thursday, for an all-girl assembly, the girls presented a skit entitled "The Wrong Way to Baby Sit." The cast included Marabel Rummel, Margarie Stressen-Reuter, Janice Cooper, Carol McAlister, Muriel Dailey, Adele Cooper, Carol Middleton and Dorothy Schmidt.

Since so many of the girls of this age do take care of children in the evening, the book "Manual for Baby Sitters", by Marion Lawndes is being used in the course.

## "Capitol Bound" Is Off the Press

By Joel Ross

The first issue of "Capitol Bound", Washington group bulletin, came out yesterday with each member of the group receiving a copy.

"Capitol Bound" is edited by the publications committee of the Washington group. It gives general information about the trip, articles concerning the places of interest to be visited, advisers, roster, itinerary, etc.

Editor-in-chief is Sue Pomeroy, with Sally Collins and Ed Matus as managing editors. The circulation managers are Joe Ross and Bob Hardy. Members contributing to the bulletin are Bob Ervin, Pete Plumstead, Joan Sternal and Roberta Connor.

## Redford Five Fails to Hold Local Team

By Phil McNellis

Coming within four points of Birmingham's lead early in the fourth quarter, Redford Union was defeated by the locals 53-39 in a basketball game here last week.

The Maples kept the lead throughout the game, using a zone defense which the Panthers found difficult to penetrate. Redford Union also used a zone defense but early in the fourth quarter switched to man-to-man, which had the Maples stopped momentarily. Both teams displayed erratic passing.

Howard Liverance, Maple center, and Barry Wall, forward, shared scoring honors with 17 points each. Bill Welty was high point man for Redford with ten counters.

## Kingsw'd-Cranbrook Music Departments Plan Presentation

Robert Bates, director, has announced that the combined music departments of Kingswood and Cranbrook schools will present "Yeoman of the Guard" on Feb. 24 and 25.

"This will be the sixth Gilbert and Sullivan opera to be presented by these groups," Bates said. "It is also their most ambitious undertaking, both musically and dramatically."

Jervis McMechan will be in charge of stage direction. The Kingswood glee club will be trained by Lois Chapman, while the Cranbrook orchestra is under the direction of [illegible]

## Maple Reserves Whip Port Huron to Mark Up Fifth Victory

By Chuck Baker

The Maple reserves battled to their fifth victory out of six starts while downing the Port Huron seconds 53-51 on the home floor last Friday night.

The game was a fast, hard-played contest from start to finish, with the Maples taking their fourth straight league encounter.

The Blue Water boys fought to a slim 13-10 first period lead only to have it overcome by the Maples, on the long end of a 26-20 halftime score.

Tom Fead and Irving Fleming counted for eleven points to put Port Huron ahead at the end of the third period, 41-40.

Opening the last period Maple Gerald Pike locked the score at 41 with a free throw.

Maples Stu Scheiffle and Paul Phillips matched baskets with Huron Center Fead to keep the score deadlocked, until the last minute of the game when Barry Harper tipped in a quick field goal and Scheiffle cooly dropped in a foul shot to end the game 53-51.

Phillips paced the Maples with 16 points with Fead copping the Port Huron scoring honors with 12.

## News Notes from Vaughan School

Last Saturday Supt. and Mrs. John Jacobs left for a two weeks' vacation in Florida. Our superintendent has been recuperating from an illness which has kept him out of school most of the time since the Christmas vacation.

Miss Ruth Ziegler of the music department expects to have approximately 33 students and some of the parents in a group that will go to the Masonic temple Wednesday night to see "Desert Song".

Exams are over and the parties are beginning again. The ninth grade start this Friday night with a dance at the school auditorium named "Winter Wonderland". Grades 9-12 will be present and the time is 7:30 to 10:30.

The committee in charge is composed of Jane Corregan, chairman, Beryl Wilson, Carolyn Luttrell and Albert Charbeneau. Barbara Johnson is chairman of the decoration committee.

Other committee chairmen include Virginia Andrews, posters; Rima Nickell, refreshments; Donna Case, tickets. Mrs. Virginia Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson are the official chaperones for the evening.

At the Oakland county meeting of the 4-H Clubs recently two of the members of the Bloomfield 4-H group, Vaughan students, won special awards. Margaret Pickering won a set of baking dishes for winning a special baking contest, while George Pickering won a pin award for special achievements in tractor maintenance.

At the last meeting of the Bloomfield Hills School Board a resolution was passed to change the time of the board meetings from the third Tuesday of each month to the third Monday of the month.

## Pontiac Swimmers Overcome Maples

By Jack Adams

Though not quite good enough to drown the Pontiac swimming team, Coach J. Jay Myers' Maple tankers seized five of the possible nine firsts while losing out in a close meet 45-39 in Pontiac's pool Friday afternoon, Jan. 13.

It took a new pool record by Pontiac's Bob Ridgway to defeat Birmingham's star breaststroker Dick Dean. Ridgeway and Dean were neck and neck until the victor lunged ahead at the last stroke to defeat Dean by four seconds.

Making a bid for many new records, the Maple squad established three school records for a 20-yard pool as Don Goldsmith sprinted the last legs of his 200-yard freestyle event to take the race in 2:19.2. Larry Miller, Maple backstroker, stopped the clock at 1:06.3. Dick Helgeson sprinted home to set a winning mark of :59.2 in a photo-finish 100 yard freestyle.

**Five-Time Winner**

Frank Weaver took the diving in five times for first place with 118 points. Frank has taken first place in diving for the three meets of the '49-'50 season. Doug Dinnes took third for Birmingham, defeating fourth place Jim Cagle, Pontiac, by four-tenths of one point.

Birmingham's quartet of Osterbeck, Fremody, Stoll and Helgeson placed first in the 160 free-style relay in 1:24.4, while Pontiac copped first in the 120-yard individual medley relay.

**The summaries:**

40 yard dash: Feet (P) 2. Newman (B) 3. Bennett (B); time :21.1.

100 yard breaststroke: Ridgway (P) 2. Dean (B) 3. Weaver (P); time 1:04.4.

100 yard backstroke: Miller (B) 2. Brosier (P) 3. Vonsanoff (P); time 1:06.3.

200 yard freestyle: Goldsmith (B) 2. Beattie (P) 3. Wixom (P); time 2:19.3.

100 yard freestyle: Helgeson (B) 2. Feet (P) 3. Butler (P); time :59.2.

120 yard individual medley: Ridgeway (P) 2. McCann (P) 3. Stoll (B); time 1:24.6.

160 yard medley relay: Brosier, Weaver, Garcia (P) 2. Miller, Dean, Newman (B); time 1:17.5.

160 yard freestyle relay: Osterbeck, Fremody, Stoll, Helgeson (B) 2. Butler, Bennett, Beattie, Garcia (P); time 1:24.4.

## Victories, Defeats Mark Crane Weekend Athletic Activities

The Cranbrook school varsity basketball team beat Patterson collegiate insitute last Tuesday by a 51-42 score. High point man was six-foot-four-inch Allen Simpson of the Crane squad, who accounted for 21 points.

The junior varsity lost to Patterson by one point with a final tally of 37-38.

On Friday, Cranbrook played at Hamtramck and lost two contests. The varsity score was 39-25 with Crane Wayne Lyon making 14 points, Hamtramck's Stanley Jankowski nine points and Ross Dawson six for Cranbrook. Cranbrook school attempted 62 field goals and made 14. Hamtramck made 13 out of 21 tries.

The junior varsity score was 23-21 with Charles Cunningham making 11 points and John Edison six.

The Cranbrook freshmen split two Little Oak League contests, winning at Berkley 16-14 and losing at Royal Oak 30-19.

In a wrestling meet with Berkley at Cranbrook on Saturday, the Crane squad won 48-3. This was the first competitive meet for Berkley.

Next Saturday the basketball squads tangle with Howe military school at Howe, Ind.

## Bloomfield Village School News

Boys and girls from the second grade have been reading stories to the kindergarten children. Often, a story is re-read for a second time and dramatized by the kindergarten class. Last week we drew pictures illustrating the stories and made a book of them. Sara Bartholomew read a story about "Johnnie and Jimmy" the bear twins. Our first book shows pictures about this story.

The boys and girls tell interesting stories about pictures we have in the room and those that they bring. Judy Bartholomew has cut out pictures and listens to the rest of the class tell her about them. A pre-reading readiness program has been started in the kindergarten.

First and second grade news: Our helpers for this week are: library, Bonnie Cartwright; play corner, Kent Rakas; dust, David Flint; pencil sharpener, Carol Barg; water plants, Leslie Barg; bulletin board, Sara Bartholomew; sharing period, Jack Gurney.

Pictures were made by students for their arithmetic class and shown on the opaque projector.

Third and fourth grade pupils are enjoying the winter sports. Howard Flint and his family went skiing last week end at Otsego. There has been skating at Quarton pond, but now the pond near the school has been flooded.

Last week letters were written in school to pupils on the sick list, Jane Wilson, Dale Sinoms, Jeff Crawford and John Sanger. All these, except Dale, are back in school.

Class officers for the week were Charles Erlandson, president; Stephen Barnett, vice-president.

Fifth and sixth grades: John Williams entered the fifth grade Monday morning. The fifth grade has started a unit of work on Alaska. They are making a village scene out of papier maché. The sixth graders have made product and animal maps of South America.

## Tutoring Services Increased by NHS

This semester the Birmingham chapter of the National Honor Society is tutoring students in many subjects.

At first, tutoring was done only in English, algebra, geometry and civics.

The society plans to continue this project next semester.

## Baldwin Girls Win Acclaim; 3 Cited by College Boards

By Roberta Connor

Letters of recognition from Stephens college and Pennsylvania college for women concerning three Baldwin graduates were recently received by Ross A. Wagner, principal.

Margaret E. Thompson receives special acclaim for her outstanding work in communication skills at Stephens. She has demonstrated superior proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing. As a result she was qualified to plan her program in advanced sections, developing special interests and abilities.

Two outstanding upperclassmen of Pennsylvania college for women are Marilyn and Barbara Black.

Marilyn ranks 11th in her junior class of 103. She is outstanding, not only scholastically, but also in many other fields. She is majoring in elementary education. Among her extra curricular activities is the chairmanship of the junior prom.

Barbara is a senior, ranking ninth in a class of 112, and rating as superior in campus activities. She is tutoring equatic equations in algebra and is doing a very fine job, according to her professor, Dr. Calkins, chairman of the mathematics department.

According to these letters much credit is due the Baldwin faculty for preparation of these students.

## Reserves Score Win Over Redford Union

By Chuck Baker

The Maple reserves won their fourth straight victory when they downed Redford union seconds 60-28 last week on the home floor.

On the long end of a 32-12 half-time count, the Maples completely outclassed the Redford cagers.

Paul Phillips led the Maples scoring with 12 points in the first quarter. The highlight of the first half was a long shot by Ken MacQueen in the last second of play.

Coach Lloyd Cooper used all sophomores during the last five minutes of the game.


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