

The Birmingham Eccentric's School Page

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Barnum Junior High News

By Ralph E. Watts, Jr.
Barnum's eighth grade squad beat Royal Oak by one point in a three minute overtime game last Tuesday. The tense game ended when Howard Johnson took a long shot, the whistle blew, the ball rolled around the rim and dropped through, making the final score, Barnum 35, Royal Oak 32. Coach Loveland said that the game was the best played this season.

Some of the great inventions of Leonardo da Vinci were seen by Miss Clawson's first hour ninth grade art class last Wednesday when they visited Edison's museum in Greenfield Village.

The outstanding feature of the exhibit was Leonardo's revolving stage, and the story behind it which was told to the group by the guide.

The students also liked da Vinci's constanther. They were able to stamp their own coins and they buy them for a dime.

The trip took the entire morning, but everyone was back for his afternoon classes.

The ninth grade varsity lost its fourth game of the season to Hazel Park, 23-18. The high point man of the game was again Gordon Mutch, who scored 16 of Barnum's 18 points.

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Maples Make Sure of Runner-Up Spot in Court League

By Chuck Baker
The Maples ended regular season play by downing East Detroit, 28-15, last Friday on the home floor to clinch the runner-up place in Eastern Michigan league standings.

The Shamrocks started fast, dropping in two baskets in the first minute of play, but the Maples quickly took the lead and retained it throughout the rest of the game.

Barry Wall, lanky Maple forward, poured in 20 points in the first half to give the home cause a 16-21, halftime advantage. Maples' scoring slowly from last week's East Huron game, the Maples played a slow deliberate brand of ball. Both teams used a fast break offense coupled with good passing and accurate shooting.

East Detroit evidenced plenty of determination throughout the game, playing hard in hopes of winning one against Birmingham.

Wall capped the game's scoring honors with 28 points, the highest score of the season. East Detroit's Lisabeth was close behind in the scoring with 25.

Art Classes Visit da Vinci Exhibit

The Baldwin art classes recently visited the Edison Museum to see the da Vinci exhibit.

Featured were the scientific inventions of Leonardo da Vinci, Italian Renaissance artist.

Students present were Arlyn Bader, Lawrence Beyer, Jim Bedford, Betty Bloom, John Bost, Mary Bushnell, Robert Filkins, Theresa Fletcher, Melvin Green, Dick Greig, Mary Halladay, Charles Harris, Gene Hassel, Katherine Hood.

Barbara Johnson, Don Katter, David Latrobe, Ed Matus, Joanne McCauley, Pat Miller, Tom Morgan, Joyce O'Connor, Charles Olin, Marianne Pools, Joan Schaefer, Charlotte Schuchman, Ann Spademan, Robert Spence, Jane Woodhouse and Lowell Wright.



Preparing to Broadcast at Barnum

Danny Kaye Comedy Approved by PTA

A Danny Kaye comedy, "The Inspector General", showing at the Birmingham theatre will be featured during the matinee show Saturday. The technician picture, which has carried the PTA approval, will be balanced with several cartoons.

Sports Showup

Tom Tracy, Birmingham sophomore guard, presented the honor of being named to the all Eastern Michigan league team in Saturday's Detroit Times. Tom has been outstanding both as an offensive and defensive player.

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ALLEN BUMPUS, ROGER MILLER, MRS. MONZELLE CLARK Discuss script for Barnum radio workshop.

By Alice E. Morgan

Since its start three years ago, the Radio Workshop of Barnum Junior High school has made excellent progress. Under the guidance of Mrs. Monzelle Clark, the youngsters have become quite proficient in radio productions and have handled several tricky broadcasts.

Programs have been presented for the members of the PTA and a number of the students only. Just prior to the Christmas holidays the workshop provided 15 minutes of holiday music each morning before classes.

Records were chosen first among the country's leading orchestras along with a number of organ selections. These, we're broadcast over the school's communication, through the entire school.

"The students loved it," Mrs. Clark said. "The usual tensions which comes before the holiday period seemed to be eased. Knowing the music was coming, they all hurried to homerooms and sat quietly until the opening bell."

Easy and Reversed
"Students were relaxed and at ease by the time the lesson period began. It is things like this, as well as the educational value of the workshop, which I feel makes it valuable to the school."

The workshop has a permanent technical staff which handles the timing, sound effects and controls for all programs.

"Anyone who has watched a real broadcast and the man in the control booth, will know that it is no small job," Mrs. Clark said. "We try to simulate regular broadcast conditions for as possible," she explained.

It gives the youngsters something for which they are responsible, that is really an adult job. They face the challenge and handle the job very well."

While the workshop has no permanent dramatic staff, there is no lack of available talent. Actors are drawn from the nearly 400 who are in one way or another connected with the workshop.

number just about half of the student body. Mrs. Clark reported.

"These boys and girls are anxious to tackle this extra work on the radio." It is helping them gain composure and poise. They are learning to express themselves clearly and without hesitancy.

"One thing they learn which no other field could teach them. They have to depend entirely on words and voice inflections to put their ideas across. Gestures, on a radio program, have no value at all. Stumbling, halting speakers are worse than useless and these boys and girls know it. They conduct themselves like veterans at the 'mike.'"

The permanent staff has an enrollment of 45 who arrange the school news broadcasts, class programs and those which are given as PTA entertainment.

Educational Value
Mrs. Clark said she felt the classroom broadcasts were teaching the students how to listen to get the most from the program, how to express themselves and teamwork.

"We are able to give them background in literature and music, as well as current events, good English and data which they would be unable to get from textbooks."

"I believe a project like this is rare for a junior high school. After all, these students are really young to be handling such a thing. Some high schools do have radio workshops but they are not common, even there," Mrs. Clark stated.

She went on to explain that the students had recently purchased a standard microphone of the type that commercial studios use. They earned the money through concessions operated at the various sporting events of the school and sales campaigns through other school activities. They have also sought several records of sound effects which are used to give added authenticity to their work.

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Year's Highest Score Marks Reserve Game Against E. Detroit

By Mac Booth
By piling up their highest score of the year, the Maple reserves finished their season in a blaze of glory, beating East Detroit 68-50 Friday in the local gym.

In beating the Shamrocks of the Birmingham team finished on top of the reserve league with a record of nine wins against one loss, that to Port Huron, and with a season record of ten wins and one loss.

The Maple team did not resemble the team that lost to Port Huron, making 100 percent on field goals and 20 out of 32 free throws and showing a very tight defense.

Maple Bill Wilkinson led the reserves with 17 points, followed closely by local Jerry Pike and Shamrock Don Alter, each with 15.

Latin Class to Dine in True Roman Style on Tuesday Evening

A third year Latin class party at the home of Sara Stringer, 1060 Glenhurst, will present a Roman banquet in authentic style next Tuesday evening.

The 26 students will dress as gods and goddesses. Slaves selected from second year Latin will serve the food in the five courses of ancient Roman meals.

Miss Ruth Hill and Miss Janet Rainbridge will be guests at the dinner. The committee is headed by Sara Stringer, Mary Hopkins is chairman of the food committee, Janet Mills, costume, Robin Redfrew, entertainment and Sue Mason clean-up.

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Keglers' Korner

By Jim Milford
We wonder how many of you saw the exciting film last Monday night after "Make It and Take It". It has been proclaimed the "Sweetest" bowling instruction film ever made.

Incidentally Frank Brady was Brunswick representative of Fred Wolf's show. Frank won 3 in the contests on the program.

Many onlookers at the bowling alley were surprised at the skill and accuracy of little Tommy Griffin. Only 13 years of age, the eighth grade at Hazel Park, Tommy uses a 18-pound midget ball though weighing less than 100 pounds himself.

He has benefited from instruction given by his grandfather, Frank Shinnick, at one time a partner of the state championship doubles team. Tommy is certainly a fine example of learning bowling young.

Recognized Individually as well as Dually, Ron Israel and Jim Milford broke all known Birmingham records for junior bowlers when they knotted 1310 for six games in a pre-arranged season at the Birmingham Lodge.

In the big score Milford led with 228, 224, and 212 in 665, Israel added 230, 202, and 212 in 644 to achieve the total. Their high single game as a team was 468. Both are junior bowlers aged 17.

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