

What a wonderful practice it would be if each of us acquired the habit of keeping a daily diary, writing in it brief references to pleasing and happy incidents that occur. Then, if we look over them when feeling "down"—wouldn't it help us to count our real blessings?

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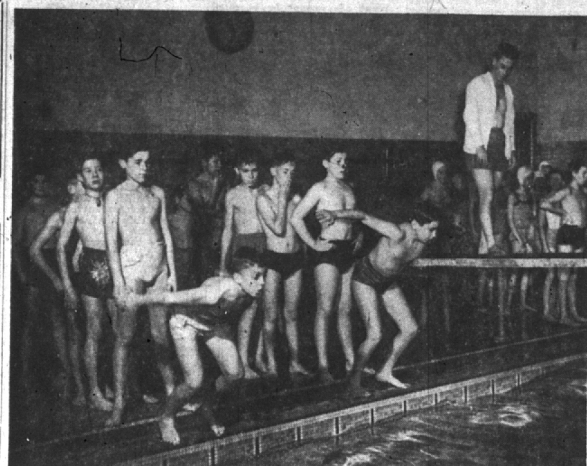
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RACING STARTS were the order of the day at Barnum pool when members of the intermediate and advance swimming classes met for their weekly Saturday morning session. J. J. Myers, high school swimming coach, stands on the diving board and "started" each event. The group has an average attendance of about 100. (Joe Weeler Photo)

To Observe Anniversary
The Berkeley high school library will celebrate its second anniversary with a coffee hour from 3:30 to 5 at the library Dec. 16, according to Librarian Mary Helen Holmes, 125 North Chester.

Book talks will be given by two Berkeley authors, Mrs. Melba Marlett and Mrs. Mabel Seeley.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Battalion Comm. of NROTC Unit

Midshipman Roland H. "Doc" Watson, senior at Purdue University, was recently appointed Midshipman Battalion Commander of the University NROTC unit, according to Captain C. C. Woolfe, commanding officer.

Midshipman Watson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Watson, 648 West Frank.

The battalion is composed of 325 midshipmen, who are selected by the Navy and University for the NROTC program. These men are allowed to complete their four years of college education prior to military service.

WATSON HAS ALSO been active in several other organizations. He was chairman of Purdue's Military Ball, which was attended by 1,400 couples. Other offices he has held are vice-president of Delta Upsilon social fraternity and vice president of The Quarterdeck society, a Naval honorary group.

He is also active in Scabbard and Blade and a member of the Naval Rifle and Pistol team. Watson formerly participated in the University Activities bureau and freshman track team.

Last spring he was awarded The Chicago Tribune Silver award medal for outstanding military merit. He will receive his commission as Ensign USN in June, 1952, and will serve three years of active duty with the fleet.

In Recruit Training At Great Lakes Center

GREAT LAKES, Ill.: Undergoing recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, are two Birmingham area seaman recruits, James Headley Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks, 65 Welch, Troy township, and Harold Ralph Nash, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Nash, 28288 Sunset drive, Lathrup Village.

Upon completion of their 11-week training period at the center, graduates are assigned to duty stations with the fleet or at navy shore stations, or sent to service schools for advanced technical training.

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Kiwanis Plans Christmas Party for Baptist Home

Children from the Baptist home will be special guests of the Birmingham Kiwanis at a Christmas party Dec. 18. At present, 10 reservations have been made for the affair, with several more expected.

Other club plans include the Christmas tree sale which will open Dec. 15 in the Carner car lot on South Woodward. This evening they will be guests of the newly formed Berkeley Kiwanis, when that club holds its Charter Night celebration.

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Paper Sales in Southfield, Troy Friday, Dec. 14

Annual newspaper sales for the benefit of needy children in Troy and Southfield townships will be held Friday, Dec. 14.

Firemen and other interested residents will be stationed on highways in both areas.

Fire Chief Alfred Kruck again heads the Southfield sale and he will be assisted by Jack Thompson. Proceeds are used to provide Christmas gifts and clothing for needy children in the township.

Kruck stated that close to \$2,000 was raised last year from the paper sale and vaudeville show.

IN TROY TOWNSHIP, William Renshaw is heading the committee for the sale.

Included among papers sold in both townships will be The Eccentric.

Goodfellows paper sale in Walnut Lake Saturday collected \$93. That money will be used for West Bloomfield township families. Officials asked persons knowing of needy families in West Bloomfield to contact the township fire department in Keego Harbor.

Working on the Walnut Lake sales were Don Benway, R. C. Banker, Phil Emrich, Reg Smith, Weber Young, Edson Stevens, Howard Gould and Howard Benway.

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Two Original Programs To Be Given At Quarton

Two different Christmas programs are being planned by Quarton school children and their teachers for their own and their parents' entertainment.

The first original Christmas program will be given for parents and upper-grade children at 2 p.m. Dec. 17, by the first three grades.

On Dec. 19, at 7:45 p.m., the upper grades will present their

Christmas play, prepared by the children. First, second and third graders will be guests at the dress rehearsal.

Music and arrangements for both programs are being directed by Miss Phyllis Gardner.

The school band, started last year, will be presented by Robert Kutacher. The group, now known as the school "orchestra", has added stringed instruments and has expanded its membership during the year. These programs will be its first appearance.

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