

# The Birmingham Eccentric's School Page

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## Ferndale Cagers Outplay Maples To Take 53-42 EML Victory

By BILL AIKENS  
A scrappy Ferndale team outplayed and outscored favored Birmingham to emerge with a 53-42 victory in a league contest played here last Friday night.  
At full strength for the first time before local fans, the Maples put on a disappointing show in their first league game of the season. Pushed to a frantic pace by the fast Ferndale quintet, the Maroons let the game run away with them.

At the end of the first quarter, the Batsplitters led 11-10, but by halftime they had managed to widen the gap 23-30. Shifting in the third quarter to regular zone defense from the sliding zone used in most of

the first half, the Maples fought to hold Ferndale to a scant seven points while scoring eight themselves. In the final period, as time ran short, Birmingham worked hard to make up the deficit, but Ferndale took advantage of the local's panic, outscoring them by seven points in the fourth quarter for a 53-42 final score.

The main contribution to Ferndale's success was made by center Jack Hodge, who hit ten fieldgoals in 11 attempts for an incredible average. Hodge was high scorer for both squads with a 21 point total.

**BIRMINGHAM GUARD** Don Halpin, turning in his best game, was high man for Birmingham with 24 points.

As a team the railsplitters took fewer shots than the Maples, while scoring a greater number of baskets. Birmingham made 16 field goals out of 66 attempts for a 24.24 percent average. Ferndale shot only 40 times scoring 26 baskets for an amazing .667.

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## Maple Debaters Take Double Win From Waterford

By JOE KUBACKA  
The Birmingham high school debate team started the new year right by scoring a double victory over Waterford high school in a State league contest here last Friday.

The twin killing gave the Maple debaters a State league record of two victories against one loss, assuring them of a berth in the state tournaments.

**GROVE FARNSWORTH** and Margaret Elliott, Birmingham affirmative, chalked up their second win on the topic "Resolved that the American people should reject the welfare state." The Maples used free enterprise as their central argument in gaining the decision over Waterford negative Yvonne Ery and Charles Sherman.

Wilson of Wayne university, judged the debate.

Mary Adams and Joe Bachman, Birmingham negative showed the need for such welfare measures as compulsory health insurance, public housing, and adequate old age pensions in America today. This gave them the laurels over Waterford's affirmative team, Janet Matson and Ruby Fralin. Wayne university furnished Judge Robert Briskey.

Birmingham will end the regular state league competition next Friday by debating Hamtramck St. Ladislau there.

## Baldwin Students Told of Rotary Exchange Program

By CRIS ADAMS  
The Rev. Harold R. Sullivan spoke to Baldwin students Monday morning on the possibility of a "Youth for Understanding" program this year.

Sponsored by the local Rotary Club, this project calls for the exchange of high school students between various Rotary countries for a period of from six to eight weeks. Their care and placement here and abroad would be planned for the purpose of creating good will and a better understanding between the peoples represented.

**VICTOR ULRICH**, a member of the Rotary Club of this district introduced Rev. Sullivan who has set aside this year from his ministerial duties at Clinton, Mich., to see that this plan is put into action.

Rotary International already has a program for the exchange of students of college graduate level. Ed Hascell, a graduate of the local schools and the University of Michigan is now studying at the University of Munich, Germany.

The State department in Washington, and President Harry S. Truman have already shown their interest in the program.

## VAUGHAN SCHOOL NEWS

By BOB LEVIN  
Last Friday night the PTA sponsored the second dance of the season for the students at Vaughan. It was a square dance for the seventh and eighth grades. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tiede, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roberts were the parents attending.

The students and faculty of Vaughan were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Miss Gretchen Bigham. Prior to this fall, Miss Bigham had been a first grade teacher at Vaughan for the previous five years.

**SHE DIED OF** a cerebral hemorrhage on Dec. 27 at her home in Detroit. During this school year she was teaching at Livonia school. The funeral was held at the Ripley Funeral home in Detroit.

Richard Spiess, principal of the high school, announced the semester examinations, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 24 and continuing through Friday, Jan. 26.

## BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE SCHOOL NEWS

**KINDERGARTEN:** The class has welcomed three newcomers who have moved into the district. They are Lynne Beers, Bobby Gartner and Penny Jackson.

**FIRST AND SECOND GRADE:** Second graders have said goodbye to Carol Ann and Leslie Berg. They are now attending the Colman school. Royce Beers is a new pupil and has enrolled in the second grade.

The children in both grades are writing stories, using words learned in their pre-primer and first reading books.

**THIRD & FOURTH GRADES:** Class officers for the week are Jane Wilson, president and Charles Erlanson, vice-president.

The fourth grade has started a unit on "Michigan" in social studies. This will be especially interesting this year since it is the 250th anniversary of the founding of Detroit. Booklets, maps, and a bulletin board have been started. The Brownies met as usual, but in place of a regular meeting, they told about their Christmas experiences. The class held an exhibit of dolls and many of them were Christmas gifts. Fredrick Harris brought an antique doll and Helen Cudini showed one from Italy.

Two new pupils in the class are Susan Gantner from Dearborn and Mike Jackson from Detroit.

**FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE:** All sixth graders received 100 in their spelling test last Wednesday. Joanne Hargreaves has been elected health representative from the school and Martha Does is alternate. The health council meets once a month.

Two movies shown the students this week were "Music in America" and "Pottery." The sixth grade also welcomed two new boys, Peter Jackson and Bill Gantner.

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## Crane Wrestlers Lose to Ann Arbor

Cranebrook school opened its 1951 wrestling season last Friday afternoon in Ann Arbor, and was defeated by the state championship team 31 to 2. Last years score was 24 to 2.

## Flint JV Cagers Defeat Cranbrook Reserves 39-26

The Flint Technical high school junior varsity basketball team defeated an inexperienced Cranbrook junior varsity squad 39 to 26 in the Flint gymnasium Friday afternoon.

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This week's PTA approved movie is "Rio Grande," a picture with an American history background. Starring are John Wayne, Victor McLaughlin and Maureen O'Hara. This movie will be shown at the Saturday matinee at the Birmingham theater.