

# School Officials Preview Feature Movie At High

A " sneak" preview of the film "Priceless Heritage" and a dinner in honor of the picture and its makers were enjoyed by about 100 guests at Birmingham high school last Thursday night.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, principal speaker and host at the dinner, introduced guests including officials of Superior coach company, producers of the picture, and Birmingham educators; Jam Handy corporation, which made the film; and Birmingham people prominent in civic and educational affairs.

C. D. Shields of Superior coach, presented the Priceless Heritage Award to citizens of Birmingham in recognition of their vision, courage, and unselfish desire for an even brighter tomorrow as proved by their establishment of one of the world's best school systems, dedicated to the preservation of democratic ideals and to the pioneering spirit which together have been the source of America's greatness.

"PRICELESS HERITAGE" is a technicolor 20-minute film which begins with "the first day in a new school", using the new Birmingham high school as its locale. It contrasts this day, when schools and education are taken for granted, with "the last day in an old school", when the German conquerors took over the schools of Alsace-Lorraine and decreed that henceforth all teaching was to be in the German language, basing the theme upon Alphonse Daudet's short story.

"The real lesson of the film", said many of the 1200 students who saw it the following day, "was that it COULD happen here." Among Birmingham students who cooperated in the making of the picture were Bruce Carlisle, Howard Blake, Sue Wilson, Mary Fulton, Merrilaine Knight, Carl Goldstein, Jane Weber, Dave Straud, Reynolds Smith, Jane Kasten, Celia Coffin, Jim Barr, and Dave Jokinen.

"Priceless Heritage" was directed by William Murray, of Jam Handy, and starred Ian Keith as the old French schoolmaster and Robert Fitzsimmons as the modern teacher.

The official premier showing of the movie will be in Washington, D. C. Jan. 28. Among dignitaries invited are Dwight D. Eisenhower, president-elect; Walter Winchell and Lowell Thomas, news commentators.

The film will be shown all over the world.

## BHS Alumni Home For Christmas

With Christmas here many Birmingham high school alumni are coming home to spend the Yuletide season with their families.

Among these are Ned Sharples from Oberlin College, Ohio; Ann Macdonald, University of Michigan; Tom Tracy from Tennessee. Included in the group from Michigan State are Eric Devision, Carl Hoghead, Dave Bowen, Margaret Ireland, and Patsy Nieman.

Some of the college men are making long trips to be in Birmingham for Christmas. Among these are Sidney McNary, who is flying with his brother from University of Colorado at Boulder; Nancy Knecht, also from Colorado; Carol Moran from Wheaton, Massachusetts; and Jim MacFarlane who has been at Pasadena.

Senior Dan Frierer is home from Massachusetts, where he is attending Mount Hermon.

Most of the alumni plan to stay in Birmingham to welcome the New Year.

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THE USHERING IN OF CHRISTMAS is a school project at the Walnut Lake school. Trimming of the outdoor tree with food for birds is an annual affair for first through fourth graders who are shown singing Christmas carols directed by Marjorie Votey, school principal.



A GLASS PLAY, "Rudolph's Nose Trouble", was the fifth and sixth grades' contribution to the pre-Christmas celebration at the school. Here the cast receives some last minute tips from their director, Mrs. Marjorie Ruslander. (Eccentric Staff Photos)

## Birmingham Hi-Society

BY LINDA LANDSBAES

The Christmas vacation will be full of parties and social gatherings for many people this year.

KST club and guests recently went to the Kingsley Inn for dinner and then returned to Ed Siler's home for a party.

A party at Nancy Beer's home will be followed by dinner for members and guests of Tiana Club January 2. Professional acts will be seen after dinner. Ray Rittle will be hostess to a shabby party.

FHS will have dinner at the home of Bill Surridge and then attend a cinerama movie at the Madison theater December 23.

TR-CLUB and guests attended a play "The Anonymous Lover" at the Cas-theater December 20. They returned to Ann McDonald's for dinner and entertainment. A shabby party for members at Barbara Dodds' followed.

DJFF will have dinner at John Oiler's home December 20 and then take guests to the Michigan Union show from where they will return to Henry Moore's for refreshments.

Black and White club and friends had dinner at the home of Bob Appleford December 22. They saw the University of Detroit basketball classic and returned to Dave Hershey's for a meeting.

## French Classes Plan Radio Play

Under the direction of George Coon who is in his first year at Birmingham high school, the French classes have planned a broadcast to be given over station WCFL.

The script is a play entitled "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame" based on the story of a monk who was a surgeon before joining this odious order.

Jackie Bekalay will narrate the story in English. Mrs. Menzies Clark radio-speech class teacher, will be technical advisor to Mr. Coon and the cast which includes Jocelyn Watt, Madame La Rue; Ed Siler, Barnabas; Jerry Harwood, the nurse; Yvette, Joanne Pender; and Russ Hibbard and Jim Mack playing the parts of the brothers Beauvais and Alexandre.

Using various types of scripts Mrs. Clark's radio-speech classes have been broadcasting over WCFL weekly.

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## See Tutor Plan As Student Aid

The National honor society held its second meeting of the year in the apartment at Birmingham high school recently.

Also on the agenda was a plan to have members act as substitute teachers at the high school. Before this could go into effect, however, a plan must be submitted to Dr. Ireland for his approval. Ann Borchert was appointed to draw up this plan.

The main business of the evening was to set up a tutoring service in which members would tutor, for a small fee, students who require scholastic aid. Each member would tutor the subjects in which he or she is most proficient. Kathleen Berry was appointed to set up a list of tutors and their subjects.

Bob Appleford was appointed chairman of a committee to draw up a constitution for the society. E. A. Hubbard and Mrs. Ruth Ashe are faculty advisers.

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