

**WALNUT LAKE NEWSLETTER**

Assembly was held Friday at the school, Lee Roberts presiding. The PTA attendance award was given to the fourth grade. Billy Noch, representing the Cubs, announced that the Cubs had planted trees around the school at their pack meeting.

Barbara Sinclair and Leslie Stevens won the poster contest celebrating Garden week, May 5-12. They each won a flowering crabapple tree.

Kay Gruber presented film on forest fires in behalf of the Garden and Science club.

**THE SECOND GRADE** gave a skit at the assembly. It was the "Three Goats". Judy Symon was the narrator, the three goats were: Bobby Young, Stanley Robertson and Don Brown. The rabbit was Don Emrich, the fox, Tommy Sechrist and the boy, Pat Vashaw.

The third graders started folk dancing in physical education class this week. They have started a baseball tournament with Karen Smith and Edson Stevens as captains. Karen's team, the "Eager Beavers" has David Granger, Lyone Roberts, Donnie Palmer, Bobby Allen, Robert Hemmingway and Dougie Walton. Edson's team, the "Tigers" has Jerry Detz, Duane Hoffman, Gordon Joritz, Joy Snyder, Lovene Gruber and Susan Parkins.

The fourth grade made fanciful birds for their spring decorations.

**High School Help Praised In Letter**

A letter was recently received from Korea thanking Ross A. Wagner, principal, students and faculty of Birmingham high school for the packages containing clothing which were sent to a Korean orphanage recently.

The letter which follows explains what inspired the students to send the packages.

**15th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON PHOTO JET 67th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP.**

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Principal Birmingham High School Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I was recently privileged to see the completion of an act originated at your school for which all of those involved can be justly proud. A former officer of my command, 1st Lt. John Pell, was so touched by the conditions of orphanage, and need which he observed at an orphanage at Yong Dong Po, Korea that he wrote a letter to his wife outlining these conditions. The letter was subsequently forwarded to his aunt who is a teacher at Birmingham High School, and your school forwarded a large number of packages to him for delivery. Although he has departed for the United States, I recognize the labor and expense involved in this highly commendable gesture, but I cannot tell you how much it means to the youngsters who have lost their families and homes in this conflict. They are so appreciative of help and consideration and need it very badly.

Korea is a very poor country at best when compared to our standards; and it is pathetic to see the good, kind people who are attempting to ease the suffering and want of these youngsters in the midst of such poverty. Your packages have provided them with items that they would otherwise never be able to buy or obtain. It is such spontaneous gestures as these that makes America so dear to all of us and such a beacon of hope to the majority of the world. These acts are democracy at its best.

Please convey to your students and faculty my thanks, and may God bless all of you.

Sincerely,  
RUFFIN W. GRAY  
Major, USAF  
Commanding

**BARNUM JUNIOR HIGH NEWS**

The Barnum Radio Workshop production of "The Lady or the Tiger" will be given on Thursday, May 5, at 10:45 A.M. over W.C.A.B., Pontiac.

It is one of the most technically difficult shows the radio workshop has ever produced because of the many sound effects which occur simultaneously with speech.

The cast includes Bennett Wright, Dana Shore, Jim Tapp, Jim Mealy, Crease Whitlock with Fred Shinnick as narrator. The student director is Dave Gibbons with Dick Wilson handling music and Bob Ketchum taking care of sound. Monelle Clark is the supervisor of the broadcast.

The 8th and 9th graders at Barnum attended a dance, the Base Ball, Friday night, April 24, which was sponsored by B.H.

Various committee chairmen were: Alain Van Kirk, decoration; Pat Bender, refreshments; Joan Keevil, entertainment. Chairman was Mary Lou Crouch. They were assisted by: Judy Hogan, Judy Hogan, Sue Spencer, Mable Harabedian, and Margaret Adams. They were also assisted by some of the boys on the baseball team. Mrs. Marjorie Dillon was the advisor.

**PARKER WOLFE'S ORCHESTRA** provided dance music and entertainment was provided by a quartet consisting of Bruce Kinney, Roger Cudini, Dave Goodwin, and Jim Leach who sang. Jackie Bekolay did a monologue and Coach Gibson and Judie Reynolds played the piano.

The seventh and eighth grade girls' Dramatic Club recently been organizing for the production of three plays. The parts have been picked and rehearsing is under way. As it stands, the cast of "Navy Blue and Bold" meets on Tuesday. The "Part is Picked" meets on Wednesday, and "Midnight Burial", Saturday morning. The play will be given late in May or early June.

In the last two weeks, Mrs. Rosemary Burgess, seventh grade English teacher, has been in charge of an inventor's unit. Judy Von Engen handed in a report on Albert Einstein which included various drawings of him.

Friday, April 25, Douglas Lewis called the meeting of Club '36' to order. After a short meeting Bill Dove, program chairman, suggested an oratorical contest for the next meeting. This was passed and those who volunteered were: Susan McDonald, Jackie Bekolay, Ann Witheridge, Duncan Haney, Mike Nichols, Rosalie Rue, Dick Morgan and Bob Sasser.

The program was then turned over to Miss Harriet Watson, formerly a teacher in China, who gave an account of her travels. She also showed some Chinese clothes.

**THE OPERETTA**, "Words and Music" by Horwax and Lee will be given May 23 in the auditorium of Barnum School. The following committees have been chosen: art, Marilyn Strasser, Margaret Seyferth, Ann Severs, Kathie Lafer and Jill Bearey; properties, Edson Chanay and Sue Spencer; stage, Mr. Merlyn Smiley, Dave Gibbons; costuming, Mrs. Lillian Mawhinney; lights, Mr. Ralph Battenhouse; assistant dance director, Barbara Guttman.

Carol Goodhue, a member of Miss Clawson's ninth grade art class, won first place when the class had a poster contest. The subject was Barnum's annual operetta.

The judges of the contest were members of the faculty, Miss Jane Ward, Mrs. Marion MacFarlane, and Mr. Kerney Ambrose. The posters were judged on originality, neatness, and coherence. The judges decided second place should go to Carol Howlett. In third place was Nancy Brown. These posters will be put up in various local stores.

Others participating were: Jean Sullivan, Mary Lou Crouch, Shirley Sharpe, Ann Witheridge, Patricia Pagel, Sally Garvey, Gail Smith, Joan Cummings, and Janet Culley.

On Tuesday, April 29, Mrs. Hall's group of girls, who did Finnish dances and songs at the Water Ballet will go to Quanton School to do the dance for the Social classes there.

**High School Site Of Conference**

The Metropolitan Detroit bureau of cooperative school studies will present its second annual English conference next Tuesday at Birmingham High School.

The conference is open to all English teachers in the high schools and junior high schools of the metropolitan area.

Miss Dorothy Allen and Mrs. Mary Hartwick are acting as local co-chairmen of the meeting.

The theme this year is new horizons in the teaching of English.

Guest speakers for the meeting are Professor Wilbert Eberhart and Dr. John H. Rappaport.

The program for the day is: 2:00 - 2:30 - Registration; 2:30 - 3:15 - General session - Professor Eberhart, speaker; 3:30 - 5:00 - Group meetings. There will be eight of these centering around pertinent problems of English teaching; 5:00 - 6:00 - Conducted tour of the new building; 6:00 - 8:00 - Dinner meeting - Dr. Rappaport, speaker. Topic: Communication problems in industry.

General chairman of the group is Miss Elsie M. Harper, Ferriside. Dinner will be served in the new cafeteria at the cost of \$2.25 per person.

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