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EXPECTED TO BE REAL CONTENDERS in the Eastern Michigan League swimming season this year is this trio of Birmingham High school boys who specialize in the medley relay. The boys, from left to right, George Stinnett, Tom Sheehan and Russ Hibbard, have already unofficially shaved four seconds off the school's record for the event of 1:26 and have been invited to participate in the Battle Creek Relays on December 12. Coach J. Jay Myers looks to the backstroke-breaststroke-free style trio to be a big help in the school's sixth conquest of the EML championship as 12 lettermen have returned for this season. The season opened Tuesday of this week with Birmingham meeting Hazel Park. Friday Ferndale will come to Barnum pool for the second meet. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

**Maple Debaters  
Get Even Break  
In League Tilt**

Opening their season last week the Birmingham debate squad split with their two opponents.  
In a contest with state league opponent Redford Union, high school, the varsity negative team of Joe Kroeger and Dick Silbar defeated their opponents while Beverly Nach and Dorothy Ojala, varsity affirmative, lost their encounter.

Last Thursday night before the Northwood Toastmaster's club, the affirmative team opened their Detroit Metropolitan league schedule by defeating a strong Hazel Park negative team.  
Earlier in the afternoon a Maple negative team composed of Sue Spencer and Fred Shinnick was defeated by the Hazel Park affirmative.

This is the first season for schools of the Detroit Metropolitan league to compete in a reserve schedule. The winning reserve team also receives a trophy.  
Competing in their first debate the affirmative team of Kitty Schonmaker and Robin Reed won, while the negative composed of Joe Kroeger and Dick Silbar, filling in on short notice, were defeated.

Tomorrow they again take to the road to encounter Troy high school on the latter's home grounds. Coach of the Birmingham debate squad is Charles Thumser.

**Garcon Club Serves Fall Sports Banquet**

Garcon club members served at the fall sports banquet Dec. 9 in the Maple room.  
Service with a smile was provided by Mary Bachman, Bob Brook, Carol Klein, Mary Michelson, Stan Rosenquist, Maribel Rummel, Dick Silbar and Lloyd Stephens.  
As Garcon club meeting a contest was ratified and membership opened to all boys interested.  
Advisers are Angelo Angelocci and Robert Richards.

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**'Pigskin Prom'  
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For December 19**

The annual Pigskin Prom presented by Students Congress and honoring members of the football and cross country teams will be presented Dec. 19 from 9:30 to 12:30 in the maple room.  
Danny Baker's orchestra will provide the music for this traditional semi-formal dance.  
All Birmingham students will be admitted free to the dance if they have purchased activity tickets.  
General chairman of the dance is Cherry Harris and co-chairmen are Doug Austin and Sharon Stanton. In charge of publicity are Carolyn Shattuck and Lea Mae Marsh; decorations, Sue Brennan and Carolyn Schaub; working on programs are Doug Austin and Bev Harris; entertainment and band, Sharon Stanton and Mrs. Carol Darling.  
Clean-up after the dance will be under the direction of Bill Newman. Preparing refreshments will be Helen Black and Sue Spencer; chairpersons, Sue Harris, Doug Austin; invitations, Caroline Ojala, Barbara Noyes; finances Susan Doherty.

**Cranbrook Schools  
Plan Xmas Party  
For City Children**

Crippled children from Oakland County will be entertained Saturday, Dec. 12, at an annual Christmas party given for them by members of the Student Religious Cabinet of Kingswood School Cranbrook and Cranbrook School.  
The children will gather in the Cranbrook School assembly hall for a show given by the Birmingham Puppets, after which a student Santa Claus will distribute gifts and Christmas candy selected by the Oakland County Nursing Association and purchased with funds raised by the Cabinet from students of the two schools.  
Other functions of the Cabinet include sponsoring field trips; a volunteer service for 11 social service organizations; conducting religious services for the students; organizing conferences; and planning a budget for donations to public service agencies on local, national and world levels.  
Cabinet members are chairman Douglas Richmond; Doreen C. Howard Nash, Rochester; Joe Prendergast, Dryden; Hays Rockwell, Grosse Pointe; Mary Gay Doll, Mt. Clemens; Mary Jo McCoy, Brown City; Judy Nelson, Royal Oak; Driela Martin, Detroit; and Birmingham students Jan Wallace, Mary Abbott Terry, George Glover and William Ratsch.

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