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Students Form Mock Congress At High School

Many budding lawmakers were given an opportunity to demonstrate their talents at Birmingham high school recently when George Miller's civics classes formed a mock House of Representatives to give students a better understanding of the handling of a bill in Congress.

Forming into majority and minority parties, each group first held a caucus, chose a party leader and appointed committee members and other officers. Each student chose a state he wished to represent during the session.

At the opening meeting of the House a speaker was elected and work was begun on bills submitted by the representatives. These were referred to various committees where each was discussed and acted upon.

BILLS REPORTED out favorably by the committee were presented at the next meeting of Congress where they were voted on after representatives discussed their merits or defects.

One of the most interesting bills passed provided \$1000 to extinguish termites which were destroying trees on the Wawa Indian reservation.

The Houses also voted to publish a stamp in honor of Gen. George C. Marshall, build an addition and the New York customs house, and confer citizenship upon Ulrike Klopfer, student from Germany, member of the second hour class.

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Birmingham Hi-Society

By Jane McDaniel

Clubs Tri-A and DJFR are planning a joint meeting in the near future.

The Highland recreation area will be the scene of CTA's annual Thanksgiving hayride. General chairman is John Polhemus. Following the hayride will be a slumber party at the home of Pat Booz.

Nancy Carlisle and the Pop club have done a good job on the after-dinner dances. General chairman was Joan Polhemus; Betty Quillian, publicity; Jane McDaniel, refreshments; Pat Booz, decorations; and Midge Clark, pianist.

Members of DJFR are busy planning their annual Drumstick ball to be held November 28.

Members of Black and White and dates attended "The Robe" at the Fox theater recently. After the show couples returned to Roger Hood's for refreshments and fun.

The second annual CTA-Tri-A joint party recently enjoyed a progressive dinner with appetizers at Sharon Stanton's, dinner at Judy Reynolds', and dessert at Mary Kay Whiting's. Tina Schwank's home was the scene of a slumber party.

Tia and Tri-A played a football game last Sunday.

Jim and Jerry Kraus had an open house after the Variety show. Attending were members of Black and White and dates. They planned a club open house before the Drumstick ball.

The constitution of Garcon club was recently drawn up under chairman Nannette Hammond.

Cranbrook Play On Family Life Set For Dec. 4-5

Rugged individualism in its most frantic aspect is pitted against the stuffiness of social convention in George Kaufman's Pulitzer prize-winning comedy of manners "You Can't Take It With You," to be presented at Cranbrook School December 4 and 5.

To poke fun at "respectability", the playwright has created the Sycamore family whose members include an ex-businessman who retired at an early age to collect snakes and go to commencements, a daughter who has practiced ballet for eight years and not yet mastered the first position; a printer-xylophonist; a delivery man who came on business and never left; and a playwright inspired to write by a typewriter delivered by mistake.

The one "normal" Sycamore has a steady job and a romance with her "respectable" boss's son. A visit between the two families results in the triumph of true love, but not without a wrestling match, a psychological parlor game and a visit from the F.B.I.

Tickets can be obtained at the door or at Shain's Drug Store in Birmingham, according to Carl G. Wombacher, head of Cranbrook School department of English and director of the play.

Drumstick Ball Set for Saturday

Among the many Thanksgiving weekend activities is the annual Drumstick Ball to be presented by club DJFR in the Maple room Saturday night. The Drumstick Ball originated in 1922 and has become a school tradition ever since.

General chairman of the dance is George Stinnett; tickets, Bob Smith; decorations, Bob Gove; chaperones, Bill Fay; refreshments, Doug Green; publicity, Bruce Terry; and programs, Terry Laundry. The girls are to wear party dresses, the boys suits, and corsages are in order. The affair promises to be one of the outstanding dances of the year.

Tri-A Club Planning Match-Me-Hop Dec. 23

Tri-A's annual Match-Me-Hop is set for December 23 at the Community house.

Rus Weaver and his band will play.

Chairman of the dance committee is Truly McKeven with Mary Kay Whiting, co-chairman; Ann Shenfield, Mabel Harabedian, publicity; Helen Black, Edith Williams, refreshments.

Basketball Squad Opens Practice

After two weeks of practice Maple cagers are making good progress in preparation for the coming season.

With six returning lettermen and some good prospects from the reserves competition for all positions will be stiff.

Lettermen out now are Captain Don Borough, Mike Groves, Dick Muller, and John Hubert.

Others practicing are Bob Goldsmith, Ed Peters, Dick Sheldon, Bill Hagen, Jim Mosby, Tom Taylor, Ralph Smith, Jim Fryer, and Melvin Reuter, all up from last year's reserves.

Boys' football practice include lettermen Chris Christie and Payson Chapman.

Coach John Petrakis is pleased with the way everyone is working and the progress made so far.

Maple Basketball Schedule

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| Dec. 15 | at | Walled Lake |
| Dec. 18 | at | Mt. Clemens |
| Dec. 20 | at | St. Regis |
| Jan. 5 | at | Waterford |
| Jan. 8 | at | Ferndale |
| Jan. 15 | at | Hazel Park |
| Jan. 22 | at | Port Huron |
| Jan. 29 | at | East Detroit |
| Feb. 2 | at | Walled Lake |
| Feb. 5 | at | Ferndale |
| Feb. 12 | at | Hazel Park |
| Feb. 19 | at | Port Huron |
| Feb. 26 | at | East Detroit |
| March 5 | at | Mt. Clemens |

City & Country School

First graders have completed a unit on the dairy farm. A frieze was made and a display of all milk products. They also finished a Thanksgiving frieze.

Second graders have completed a unit on weather and are now exploring space and the universe.

The third graders made pictures on undyed muslin and miniature houses in which Indians once lived in their project on the Northern Indian. Represented are the Longhouse of the Forest Indians, the pueblo of the Desert Indian and the Teepee of the Plains Indian. They have made a pictographic picture and reports on the Indians.

Fourth graders have an exhibit of model cars, trains and boats made by the children. Kippy Epps won first prize with his model of an early automobile. His model boat also won first prize, while a tank and a model train made by Michael Fried took first spot in those divisions.

The fourth graders also have a display of objects used in pioneer days. They made candles in an old candle mold and made a gourd dipper. The class then compared the old New England primer to primers they now use.

The children at the City and Country school from the third grade through the senior year are taking a course in French.

Halvorson Heads Washington Group

Senior Thor Halvorson was elected president of the 1954 Washington group last week.

Primaries were used to nominate candidates with Thor and Don Borough winning.

Thor is well-qualified for the job. He was chairman of the J-Hop last year, head of field day, student congress treasurer.

Students participating in the primaries were Don Borough, Dick Thalacker, John Hayes, John Campbell, John Howard, Bob Allen, John Hubert, Chris Chre, Jerry Kraus, Thor Halvorson, Terry Laundry, Burt Hutchings and Jim Kraus.

Students Return From Buck Hunting

Many Birmingham students were out to get their buck this year.

Bob Beatty, John Perry, and Martin DeHaan recently returned from the north country with two fine specimens. John shot his during the low season and Marty with a rifle last weekend.

Other hunters were Ted Bera and alumnus Gary Gintler.

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