



HAZEL PARK HIGH WINS ECCENTRIC AWARD  
Marlene Reichert George R. Averill (Eccentric Photo)

## 10 Schools Show Up For Press Conference

By CHERRY HARRIS

Braving the slippery roads and plowing through snow drifts, ten schools arrived March 4 at Birmingham high school for the Eastern Michigan invitational press conference.

Arriving wet but safe, were delegates from Berkley, Cranbrook, East Detroit, Hazel Park, Highland Park, Mt. Clemens, Royal Oak, Southfield, Troy and Birmingham.

Three schools cancelled because of weather conditions. Those snowed under were Ferndale, Port Huron and Waterford.

Highlight of the conference was the awarding of a plaque to the School with the best school paper among its publications. The plaque was given by The Birmingham Eccentric and was presented to the "Hazel Parker" by George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Eccentric.

DELEGATES BEGAN the day by registering in the lobby by a general meeting at 9:30 in the little theatre. Welcome to delegates was extended and plans for the day given by Miss Mafalda Martin, Michigan interscholastic press association regional director, Howard Johnson, student chairman, and Larned A. Goodrich, assistant principal of Birmingham high school.

Lee A. White, director of public relations of Cranbrook insti-

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viewed Marshall Fredericks, noted sculptor and later they wrote up the interview as competition in a contest.

Throughout the day students entered contests in various fields of newswriting including column, feature story, straight news, sports story, interview, editorial, and news photography.

WINNERS WERE: column, Mary Ellen Budd, Birmingham; news story, Cherry Harris, Birmingham; feature story, Dottie Sherrick, Portlan; interview, Ellen Schreiber, Southfield; editorial, George Glover, Cranbrook; sports story, Richard Croteau, Hazel Park; and news photography, John Hobart, Birmingham. These contests were all rated by qualified judges.

Contestants in the sports contest wrote up a live game, played by members of the third hour gym class.

Student delegates, advisers and contest judges evaluated newspapers and yearbooks of the various schools. Each school was allowed one vote, the one receiving the most points to be awarded the Eccentric plaque. Mt. Clemens' yearbook was selected as the best and "The Hazel Parker" received the most points for a school paper.

BIRMINGHAM WAS voted best all-around yearbook and paper, but because The Eccentric plaque was given only for the best paper Hazel Park received the award.

Luncheon in the Maple room was at 1:30 P.M. with Professor John V. Field, director of the MIPA as guest speaker. Dave Andrews and his Six Teezer band played during luncheon.

At 2:30 the group assembled in the little theatre for announcement of contest winners, and awarding of The Eccentric plaque. The idea of a press conference originated in 1946 as an offshoot of the Student Congress conference. After a couple of years it died out because of lack of adviser membership to furnish continuity. It was revived in 1953 by Birmingham high school.

Holy Name Defined

Holy Name eagerly bowed in their last game of the season last Thursday afternoon 34 to 12 to a strong Shrine team. In 10 games Holy Name won four while losing six.

tutions, gave the group a few pointers on all types of good news writing.

Selected students then inter-



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT ADVISORS and firm members of Panda Products, Birmingham Junior Achievement company, were on hand last Friday, March 5, for awarding of the sponsor's plaque to The Eccentric. At a luncheon meeting, employees of the firm presented the plaque to employees of The Eccentric in appreciation of the backing given Panda Products. Shown here, from left to right, are Harold Buerge, advisor; Tom K'Burg, Panda Products president; Valerie Benway, company secretary; Amos Battenfield, advisor; William E. Dove, advisor; and Beth Meyer, firm treasurer. (Eccentric Photo)

## Bathers Oust Maple Reserves From First Place

By PETE KASS

A disappointing final chapter was written to the story of this year's Birmingham reserves when they dropped a 45-40 decision and first place to the Mt. Clemens Bathers there last Friday night.

The loss was the second in 15 outings for the Maples who have enjoyed a very prosperous campaign. They played one of their sloppiest games of the season and gave the ball away many times through bad passing.

It was a very tight affair with neither team ever enjoying a comfortable margin. The edge changed hands a total of eight times until

the Bathers assumed the lead for good late in the final session.

BOB ISBELL with 11 points and Don Haugh with ten paced the Maple scores, Captain Bill Swaney dropped to his season's low as he netted only two markers. Bill Sutton led the Bathers, meshing 11 points.

This contest cost the Maples the league title. Tied for the lead with the Bathers before the game, the

Maples finished the League schedule with an eight win, two loss record.

Coach Lewis Parry remarked what a pleasure it has been to coach these boys. He said that they are a very spirited bunch. Parry ended a three year term of coaching the boys with an outstanding mark.

This ends the reserve season of 1953-54, the best in years.



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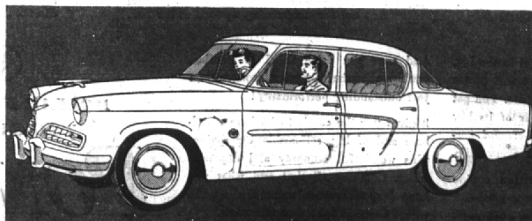
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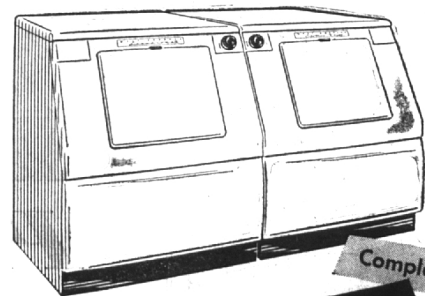
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