

Perhaps you have been more than kind and helpful toward others, without much evidence of their gratitude. Do not let this pass you, or cause you to reach vainly to be a Good Samaritan, sometime, some day, you will be rewarded.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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Section 4

## Crowd Views BHS Variety Show

### Students Present Musical Holiday

Pictured here are some of the approximately 300 students at Birmingham high school who took a tour of 3700 people on a "Grand European Holiday—1955" during the recent variety show held in the school gymnasium, led through France, Russia, Switzerland, Spain, Germany, the student director, was the and Holland, and even beyond the Iron Curtain.

Though travel agents ordinarily do not accompany their customers, clever Dixon decided to go along on the tour when he discovered how much money his client, Jim McHugh, had to spend.

SINCE THE travel agent's preference was for the gayest spots, he avoided museums and scenic tours, directing his group of tourists onto side-trips that suited his own tastes.

The high school choir, under the direction of Victor Ulrich, and the band, under Arnold W. Berndt, joined in the show, which totalled 23 acts.

Participants in each act rehearsed their own numbers, under the direction of a student chairman. Even the choreography was worked out by individual dance groups.

ANGELO Angelecci, speech instructor, took charge of assembling the acts and directing the show in final stages when the 23 groups rehearsed together. He was assisted by Mrs. Mildred Swart.

Even the teachers "got into the act" with a number representing the 21st day of the tour, a stop-over "Behind the Iron Curtain."

The variety show is held annually to earn money for senior expenses, both class and individual.

Photos by Roger Bell



TRAVELERS check up on legend that Roman statues come to life and dance at midnight. Here "statue" Marcia Reynolds dances in her dance as the tourists discover 31 pieces of sculpture going through their graceful motions in the "Touch of Venus" number. Group visited Rome on 15th day of the tour.



CAGY TRAVEL Bureau agent Dixie Dixon (center) looks over the latest models of an exclusive Parisian designer. Sue McCombe parades fashions before him as customer Bev Ford looks on. Models displayed six gowns; Judy Dodrill described the style show in the "Parisian Extravaganza" number.

AT THE FOLLIES Bergere in Paris, chorus girls Ann Willet (left), Sue Aldrich, Paula Struck and Judy Buchanan entertain visitors to the strains of "Gaiete Parisienne." Tourists were taken to see the 28 chorines in the "Parisien Francais" number on the eighth day of the trip.



## Emil Weddige Exhibit Opens December 10

BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY of Women Painters will sponsor a one-man show of colored lithographs done by Emil Weddige (above) during a visit to France this summer. Works by Weddige, winner of many art awards, are on permanent exhibit at leading national museums throughout the U.S. A collection by Weddige will be exhibited at Baldwin Library Dec. 10, with a tea served by Society members from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will stay open until Dec. 13. Society members (above) Mrs. James C. Allen of Birmingham (left) and Mrs. Harvey Luce of Bloomfield Hills busy themselves under the critical eye of Weddige, who travels here from teaching duties at U of M once a week to give society members painting instructions.



From the French Congo

AFRICAN art shown at the Little Gallery in Birmingham includes primitive sculpture like this one, called Bosange, done in the French Congo. The primitive work and works by five contemporary artists are in the current show, lasting until Dec. 15.



## 'Christmas Boxes' in the Making

MEMBERS OF FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE, Franklin Community church, make Christmas articles for the "Christmas Box" fair, Saturday at the church from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., which they and Evening Circle members are sponsoring. At the home of Mrs. Donald Tracy, 30450 Oakleaf, are (left to right) Mrs. Harry Rottiers, Mrs. James Washburne, Mrs. Phillip Gomis, Mrs. Arthur Hays, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Thomas Lepine, and Mrs. David Goodnough. Santa Claus will be on hand with gifts for the children. Public is invited.