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Derby
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Girls from Miss Abbey's eighth grade held a bake sale at Derby Monday. The fudge, cookies and

candies were sold to raise money for a needy family at Christmas time.

The Student Council will usher in the social year with a dance for all seventh, eighth and ninth graders. The dance will be held in the gymnasium, which will have been newly completed at the time. January 18, 1957 is the date.

If you're planning a trip this Christmas, don't be surprised if you encounter Derby friends away from home. For instance, Mr. Gil-

Parents Visit Beverly School For Yule Programs

Parents have been busily attending the pre-Christmas festivities at Beverly school, where decorated Christmas trees and scenic win-

dows greeted them. A musical program was presented last week Wednesday evening by fifth and sixth grades. The glee club and students sang under the direction of Miss Alma Fasbender. The school band added festive musical color, led by Mr. Maurice Pelton.

Thursday afternoon third and fourth grades invited parents to a musical program of songs. Individual classroom programs for parents were held in kindergarten, first and second grade rooms.

BHS Hi-Y Members Feted at Troy High

Birmingham Hi-Y members recently attended a Christmas party at Troy high school, at which girls of the Hi-Y were hostesses. Boys present from Birmingham were Dick Pratt, Bruce Richards, Alan Rogerson, Jim Tomank, Tom Ellis, Pete Paisley and Rodger Meike.

AUTHORS AND DIRECTORS check over a scene as the new Eastover school's students ready their first Christmas production, a play written by two sixth graders. From left are John Soroka and Susan Donzal, authors, actors Steven Roland, Jerry Flemming and Peggy Kettle, and directors Christie Sadler and Susan Johnson. All of the Bloomfield Hills school's students participated in its Tuesday night presentation to parents.

New School's Authors Point Out Old Moral

The school is new, but the lesson of its first Christmas production is an old one. Putting it in the words of one of the play's authors, sixth-grader John Soroka, "Crime doesn't pay." John wrote the script for the Christmas story presented to parents Tuesday night at Eastover school in Bloomfield Hills. He adapted it from a story by sixth-grader Susan Donzal. Susan's story tells of a lost "star of kindness" which once lighted a beautiful tree near an orphanage every Christmas. But greed had caused the star to be broken into bits.

CHRISTMAS AT THE orphanage becomes a perfect one, though, when the children's kindness remains the lost star.

Susan's story teaches the old lesson about the value of human kindness in a new way. It was chosen for the school's first Christmas play from stories submitted by all sixth graders in Principal William McGuire's class. After all sixth grade students wrote plays based on Susan's story, John's script was selected as most suitable.

CHOSEN TO DIRECT the production were fifth grader Christie Sadler and Susan Johnson, from grade six. Principal roles were portrayed by Bruce Rugg, Susan Donzal and Cy Linder.

Mrs. Mabel Hammerback, art teacher, directed the students' painting of scenery. Mrs. Aino Hill, music teacher, was in charge of the musical phase of the program, and Mrs. Ruth DeCon, physical education teacher, acted as producer.

Another teacher, Mrs. Gloria Burke, assisted John in his play adaptation.

Pembroke Class Broadcasts Play, Tours High School

A play called "North Pole Confidential" was broadcast by the Pembroke fifth grade class of Miss Virginia Jones over WCAR last week from Birmingham High school's little theatre.

Mrs. Monzelle Clark, radio speech instructor, directed the play and students from her class assisted in the control room.

Earlier in the week the youngsters rehearsed the script in the little theatre. Afterwards they ate lunch in the cafeteria and took a tour through the high school, especially shop, journalism and language departments.

Their tour guides were Gail Christie, Julie Smith, Pat Dennison, Bill Yogas and Jean Spencer. The presentation was part of the radio workshop program for Birmingham public schools.

Halsted Drums, Stookey Strums At BHS Assembly

Two alumni of Birmingham high school recently returned to their old campus for an assembly.

Accompanied by Tom Halsted on the drums, Noel Stookey sang several songs and gave some of his own amusing sound effects. Playing an electric guitar, Noel presented numbers from his records and gave his impersonation of the old time "mad scientist" movie.

Noel is a sophomore at Michigan, where he is editor of his fraternity paper. Tom attends Highland Park junior college. As a BHS student, Noel made movies, wrote scripts, and was prominent in radio speech and publications, being feature editor of the Highlander.

Both Tom and Noel were members of the "Birds of Paradise" who took top spot in an audition.



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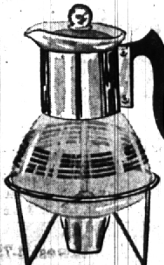
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