

BHS Students Set '56 Drive for AFS Exchange Students

Student Congress at Birmingham high school voted for the raising of funds to pay for two foreign students to spend next year in Birmingham high school.

This will be the second year that the high school has supported the American Field Service in bringing students from foreign lands to the United States to study the American way of living.

Students for 1955-56 are Ekhard Dorfmann from Austria and Margaret Davis from New Zealand. Both have contributed to Birmingham's school life in many ways.

CHAIRMAN of the committee undertaking the project for next year is Jan Palmer. Funds are to come from contributions from teachers and students. At least \$1000 must be raised for two foreign students. If \$1000 is contributed, Student Congress will bring the amount up to the required sum.

The campaign is in progress and will continue after the school year-book sales campaign is completed.

Southfield Classes Hold 2-Week Drive For Subscriptions

The annual Southfield magazine drive started Monday, Feb. 20, with seventh and eighth graders taking over this year. The drive will continue for two weeks, prizes going to the treasury of the class bringing in the greatest number of subscriptions.

Funds earned from the drive will be spent for equipment for Southfield-10 school in the form of black-out blinds, visual aid equipment and possibly a score board for the activities room.

Student council has offered four prizes for students making the most sales. Prizes are a clock radio, a flash camera, a portable radio and a record player. The classroom having the greatest number of sales will celebrate with a picnic in the spring.

Barnum Junior High News

The Barnum school newspaper, "The Ink Splash," was written and published by the eighth grade language arts classes of Mrs. Shirley Bigelow and Albert Black, instructors. Papers were delivered and sold last Thursday.

Miss Lillian Clawson, art instructor, is forming an art club for Barnum students with ability in art. Meetings will be every Thursday night after school in the art room.

Ten top bowlers reported at Barnum recently were Janet Gorber, Jean Buchanan, Mary Cook, Vicky Kreiss, Carol Schuyler, Jane Slater, Barbara Sommer, Sue Walbert,

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Southfield High Notes

Monday evening, Feb. 27, has been set as the date of the annual Key club dinner. The affair will honor school leaders and include parades of Key club members.

Guest speaker will be Vince Bennett, former Lions football team member.

Making plans for the evening are Ted Robinson, Charles Gorman, Bob Lang, Jim Ainsley and Gary Evans. Key club sponsor is Ned Brovack of the high school social studies department.

Paul Anderson of Southfield High's English department announced this week that the school yearbook, "The Blue and Gray," is beginning to go to the printers.

Theme this year will be "Looking Back" with striking division pages in black and white featuring pictures of activities. Approximately 700 copies have been sold to students in advance sales.

Editor - in chief this year is Sharon Koski. Ed Foster and Jan Gietz have covered sports. Underclassman Editor is Marilyn Anderson, with Denise Floyd, assistant. Joaquin Heister, covering activities.

COPY EDITORS ARE Betty Goff and Pat Fournier. Faculty editor is Barbara Dey, while student editors were stepped by Gary Ushman.

Business manager is Sue Bishop, assisted by Marlene Egan. Circulation editor is Eleanor Baker, assisted by Joan Sielaff.

Cum Laude Society Honors Bestowed On 7 at Cranbrook

Seven Cranbrook seniors, were inducted into the Cum Laude Society last Friday. This honor is bestowed upon high school students who have maintained an average of over 85 per cent and have been in the top 20 per cent of their class.

Michael Freeman led the group with an average of 97.95 per cent, followed by Jon Himmelhoch with 91.50; Bob Vogel, 91.34; Dale Freeman, 91.56; Al Butzel, 91.49; Charles Perry, 91.35 and John Newcomb, 90.39.

These seven students brought the total number of Cranbrook boys in Cum Laude to 240. This is a fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the society.

Dee Dee Degener, Sandy Strauser and Bobbie Johnson.

In the girls' basketball league Stephanie Smith's team recently defeated Judy Gibson's team by a score of 18-6. Sue Parkins' team defeated Pat King's team by a score of 14-12. Sue Kennedy defeated "The Parkins," 10-5, last Wednesday.

Homemaking teacher Dolores Gillette's first hour seventh grade homemaking class had a small Valentine's party. Robert Auer's shop class was invited, and refreshments were served. Students played games and danced to records. The homeroom was decorated with red and white hearts and other Valentine decorations.

School News



REHEARSING A scene from "The Lowland Sea", Kingswood and Cranbrook students ready their annual operetta for performance Friday and Saturday evenings in Kingswood auditorium. Karl Karlstrom, of Birmingham (standing, center) pauses during a love song to his sweetheart, Kay Heller of Chicago.

Kingswood, Cranbrook Presenting Operettas

CRANBROOK — You can almost smell the salt air in Bloomfield Hills!

Kingswood and Cranbrook school students are filling the countryside with lusty sea chanteys as they prepare for their annual operetta.

On Feb. 24 and 25, at 8:30 p.m., the combined glee clubs, under the direction of Mrs. Lois Chapman of Kingswood and Robert Bates of Cranbrook will present two short operettas in Kingswood auditorium. This year the glee clubs have chosen "The Lowland Sea" and "Sunday Excursion."

THE FIRST combines a sea background (including typical songs and chanteys of sailors) with a tragic love story.

The scene opens with two sweethearts, Doris Davis (Kay Heller) and Johnny Dee (Karl Karlstrom) parting, for Johnny is soon sailing with Captain Jesse (Roger Waud) to Singapore. Doris is planning to marry Johnny upon his return.

However, all is not clear sailing and the plot involves a surprise ending. Other principals in "The Lowland Sea" are Hannah (Chris Andrae) and Nathaniel (Bob Isbell).

THE CURTAIN RAISER, "Sunday Excursion," is a light-hearted operetta in which two girls, Alice (Judy Barber) and Veronica (Alice Romani) are taking a Sunday excursion on the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad in 1910.

The girls meet two boys, Marvin (Barry Smith) and Hillary (Bill McQueen) and attempt to talk with one another and a candy vendor, played by Owen Pett.

Kids' Postal Operation Teaches Social Studies

Torry school second graders studied the U.S. Post Office department, the Birmingham postmaster himself visited the class last week to explain how mail is handled.

Postmaster Rollie Reese found his audience thoroughly interested in his subject. The youngsters' enthusiasm developed when they operated their own post office during the days leading up to Valentine's day.

Pupil Jim Shryock's father, Richard P., 1755 Banbury, helped

Miss Buick organize the class postal system, designed to teach a practical lesson in social studies.

SHRYOCK, a salesman who has held part-time postal jobs, provided realism for the lesson by building a second-grade sized post office.

Behind the postal window he stacked narrow boxes, each forming a slot labeled with a child's name. A discarded postal hand stamp was also contributed by Shryock.

Each morning a seven-man staff appointed by Miss Buick, sold Valentines and stamps, took the mail to the post office, canceled the stamps, sorted the mail, and handled regular and special delivery.

STUDENTS MADE their own Valentines, stamps, and even the envelopes. Each child was permitted to purchase and address six Valentines per day, plus one special delivery, which went outside the classroom.

Addressing envelopes included writing complete name, street, and city of the recipient, thereby providing a spelling and writing lesson.

"Since we began this project, all the children have learned how to spell Birmingham," says Miss Buick.

AN ARITHMETIC lesson was learned each morning when Valentines and stamps were sold, as children used play money for their purchases, and had to secure correct change.

Maple Debaters Rate With Top 16 In Michigan

Birmingham debaters scored seven wins with only two losses against competing teams in the state regionals last Thursday, placing the high school among the state's top 16 in debate.

Maple debaters Dory Rodgers and Gary Reynolds captured a 2-1 decision over Redford Union, and a 2-0 victory over Royal Oak.

The Birmingham team of Dory Rodgers and Joyce Kerley lost to Northville 2-1.

Coach Thomsen remarked that this year's varsity debate season was the best in Birmingham high school's history, with a final total of 14 wins and only five losses.

To Participate In Sat. Festival

Three Birmingham schools will be represented Saturday at Wayne University when the Southeastern Michigan Band and Orchestra association holds its district competition play-offs.

Bands from Birmingham high school, Adams and Barnum junior high schools will join with 70 other junior and senior high school bands in the all-day festival.

Under the direction of Arnold W. Berndt, the Birmingham high school band will present "Glory of the Gridiron" by Alfrod; "Mannin Deen" by Wood; and the ballet music from "William Tell," by Rossini.

THE BAND WILL then sight read a march and overture. At 1:20 p.m. Barnum junior high school band, directed by Burton Bronson, will play "Precision" by Harold Bennett; "Four Episodes for Band" by John Morrissey; and "Ballet Parades" by Offenbach.

Under the direction of Harold Jones, 42 Adams school, band members will participate in the festival. Jones explains that he taught several pupils to play some of the less-used instruments like the baritone, French horn, and melophone, so that Adams could have a full band for the first time this year.

The festival will be held in Wayne's Old Main hall.

GAA Participates In League Playday

Recently, the members of the Birmingham high school GAA were hosts at the annual Eastern Michigan league playday. Approximately 20 girls from several Michigan high schools made up teams which participated in ping pong, volleyball and basketball. Ribbons were awarded to the winning teams and dinner and entertainment followed.

Basketball is the current GAA sport. Following basketball, badminton, gambling and trampolining will begin.

Since October, eight bowling teams have been competing for first, second and third place trophies. Competition is keen for two trophies given for the highest average.

The water ballet is set for March 22, 23 and 24. The theme this year will be "Toyland."

LATHROP—Adjourned meeting of the city council, set for Monday will center around a report by Ralph A. Main, Oakland County drain commissioner, on a possible alternate to the Evergreen Inter-

coming discussion of the budget committee on the 1956-57 expense sheet, will be presented.

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