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AS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Dwight B. Ireland (left) looks on, Lydia Haack, class president of the Oakland chapter of the United Conservation Clubs, the sixth grade class at Baldwin school received the first place award for a year-long conservation project.

## 6th Grade Class Wins Conservation Award

By JULIE CANDLER

The project is a study of the Dutch elm disease. Teacher's purpose: to make learning tie in with real life in the community, and to make every class subject area interesting through applying it to the study of a conservation project.

A first place award of \$20 presented Friday to the sixth grade class of Mrs. Kay Reed at Baldwin school, given by the Michigan conservation association for an outstanding conservation project.

Mrs. Reed's sixth graders were one of two Michigan intermediate school groups to receive the Peter J. Hoffmaster award, presented by the United Conservation Clubs.

NAMED FOR ONE of America's great conservation directors who pioneered conservation education for young people, the awards are presented annually to encourage the young conservationists contacted some 300 adults about the tree-kill disease.

On top of all the valuable lessons the students learned they had a good time with their conservation project.

As Lydia Haack stated when she accepted the award Friday, "We had a lot of fun doing it."

The diligent students are currently giving serious consideration to a new problem. That is, how they can best utilize their \$20 award.

CHARLES A. LE, Birmingham superintendent of parks and forestry, took the class on field trips, explaining the city's spraying program, and visited the class for further discussion of the problem.

The children learned about the diagnosis and control of the blight, and from this they moved into a science study of the life cycle of the beetle carrying the disease.

Students' artistic learning was furthered when they prepared graphics revealing how the local incidence of the disease decreased as a result of the tree-spraying program.

A geography lesson came from the preparation of maps showing the spread of the disease, tracing its path from overseas to America, and then to Birmingham.

The project became a language

Auto Mechanics Students Tour Car Factories

Students of auto mechanics at B.H.S. are taking field trips with Maynard Mott, instructor, to Ford, Dodge, and Fisher body plants during a two-week period.

The trips are educational tours to learn fundamentals of mass production, steel production, and overall assembly.

Students going on the trip include Lee Schere, Bill George, Jim Kelly, Jim Andrews, George Moore, Dick Whittemore, Dick Johnson, Dave Masterton, and Pete Finigold.

GETTING A PEAK up the sleeve of the prize-winning coat which Lydia Moore (right) of Birmingham, weaved and sewed, is Dinah Mitchell, of Pontiac. Lydia, 14-year-old daughter of the C. F. Moores of Lahser road, made the sports coat for her grandfather. It took a blue ribbon in the recent Kingswood School Cranbrook annual student art show.

## Cranbrook to Have Exchange Student From Germany

By KEN CAMERON

Mr. Julius Corrubia, a Spanish teacher, is making final plans to take five or six Cranbrook students to Mexico this summer for six weeks. They will spend most of their time seeing the sights and learning about Mexico City.

Cranbrook social gatherings this year have been raising money for the foreign student fund. Last week Mr. Harry D. Hoy announced that Holm Sembach would come to Cranbrook next fall.

Holm, the first student to benefit through this fund, lives in West Berlin, where his father is a high school teacher.

The Cranbrook commencement speaker will be George Romney, president of American Motors corporation and father of Scott Romney, a ninth grade student at Cranbrook. The ceremony will be held June 9 at Christ Church Cranbrook at 11 a.m.

## 80 Couples Dance At Saturday Prom

It was an "Evening in Paris" theme Saturday night at Bloomfield Hills high school when 80 couples attended the school's first junior-senior prom.

Dave Martin and his orchestra furnished the music for the dancers.

Susan Kennedy was general chairman for the junior class, who gave the dance for the seniors. Joe Beesell handled tickets, and Jim Fuller was in charge of the band. Refreshments were the responsibility of Doug Pfaff, Ellen Strong and Kappy Booth. Harry Deaton headed the clean-up group. Given parties after the dance were Sue Quinn, Maggi Pahl, Judy French, Betsy Arnold and Joy Beedell.

## Bloomfield Hills Students Enter Poetry Recital

Bloomfield Hills high school was represented by a large group of students at the recent poetry recital held at Michigan State Normal college, Ypsilanti.

The students, directed by Mr. Dean LaRue, Miss Elizabeth Ross and Mrs. Margaret Stalker, joined in foreign language poetry during the morning program, and participated in an afternoon "variety show."

Reciting in Spanish were Karen Slade, Susan Fry, Betty Powell, Laurie Pinkerton and Mary Stacey. Nancy Smith and Kay Hall gave French poems.

A "Sambito Negro" number in the variety show had Barbara Brian, Marlene Bay, Penni Pell, Gretchen Haeder, Elizabeth Johnson, Cynthia Carr, Sue Jesson and Lorene Korkkamp in the cast.

JOINING IN "Les Feuilles Mortes" were a girl's chorus consisting of Be Blakeman, Theo, MacMann, Andy Gallaudet, Ellen Martz, Suzie Jesson, Carol Stephens, Sally Forster, Gretchen Radler, Mary Ann Ogur and Nancie Lindholm.

Scenes from "Le Petit Prince" featured Judy Sanders, Georgia Danville, David Vhay, Mary Stacey, Gary Stone, Ned Grant, James Nickles, Susan Swartz, Loretta Pope, Anne Mammone, James Blake and Bette Hamilton. Deanna Laughlin and Carl Thomas of Bloomfield Hills junior high school presented "La Palomita."

Robert Streadwick was a vocal soloist, accompanied by Susan Swartz.

Fifteen southeastern Michigan high schools were represented at the festival.

## Birmingham Hi-Society

Approaching final exams due in two weeks tonight, the social whirl down to a low hum. Social clubs are rounding out their busy year with date parties and dances.

At the home of Judy Guest Tiara members and their fathers, dining in day of baseball, swimming and a potluck dinner Wednesday.

With coles and coles, CTA and KST shared business and fun in a joint meeting Saturday night. CTA and PHA are working in planning a variety show for an old folks' home, with funds from the class and school shows.

Honoring a number of her senior friends, Pat Hedlin gave a tea at her home last Sunday.

Gina Walter took Ann Gardner, Katie Bigg, Judy Collins, Linda Lewis, Julie Stubbs, and Mrs. H. S. are working in planning a variety show for an old folks' home, with funds from the class and school shows.

A surprise home voyage party sent Ellen Rossetto on her way to Europe with her mother, Janie Adams' home gathered around Ellen and her gifts were given to her.

The dance music will be provided by Horace G. Sneed.

Lee Abernethy is having a breakfast following the dance June 14.

Having fun at Bonnie Wasson's last Thursday night were Barb Abbott, Sue McCombe, Sharon Light, Julie Smith, Lynn Grien, Joan Vanderkerk, Marilyn Fishon, Wendy Ross, Gene Wagner, Vicki Nunneley, Wendy Mow, Jill Nethercot, Jill Smith, Gail Dettlinger, Jennifer Schwarze, Janet Fay, Judy Burns, Barb Coney, Jane Hudson, Doug Goodfellow, Marilyn Squibb, Kathy Voss, Nancy Cope and Ann Cope.

Judy Vanzor flew to Indianapolis for the Memorial day races.

Black and White club's annual progressive dinner Saturday night was enjoyed by Lynn Grien, E. Cowenorth, Fatty Harman, Nick Colbert, Judy Seager, Stu Laidlaw, Marie Lindquist, Charles Frick, son, Ann Makenson, Andy Fairbanks, Sharon Hodgson, Dick DeLoria, Sue McCombe, and Keith Van Kirk.

Others were Jerry Carter, Bruce Sammons, Betty Nystrom, George Hoffman, Carole Negri, Jim Traa, Peggy Nottbom, Bill Wiggins, Margaret Bird, Jay Lewis, Sue Riddell, Jack Douglas, Jill Matthews and Lee Abernethy.

Club DFR had a bake sale Saturday.

Nita Ferrill's house was the scene of fun Saturday night for Nancy Cope, Wendy Ross, Jane Mohler, Bonnie Wasson, Jill Nethercot, Buzz Corsaut and Roy Severs.

## Southfield High Notes

Commencement speaker at Southfield high school graduation exercises June 13 at 8 p.m. will be Dr. Frank D. Slutz of Dayton, O.

Dr. Slutz has been active in counseling and guidance in high schools and colleges since his invasion will be read by the Rev. Aloysius Moran of St. Michael's church, and commendation by Rev. H. P. Thomson of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Speaker at baccalaureate to be held June 10 at 8 p.m. will be Dr. James Wright, pastor of the Mt. Clemens First Methodist church. Invocation will be read by the Rev. Ralph H. Reed, of North Congregational church, and the Rev. John D. Busey, Community Congregational church of Lathrup will introduce Dr. Wright. Rev. Fred W. McNeil will read the benediction.

Final examinations at Southfield high school will be held June 4 and 5 for seniors. The balance of the students will take final exams on June 8 and 12.

School will close at the end of the day on Tuesday, June 12 and students will pick up their report cards on June 15 at 11 a.m. Buses will leave the school at 11:45. No students will be excused from final exams.

## First Graduates Of Bloomfield High Honored at Banquet

Both students and faculty joined in the junior-senior banquet which honored Bloomfield Hills high school's first graduating class recently at Northwood Inn.

Among students participating in the program were Robert Streadwick, toastmaster, and Phyllis Steele and Betty Bishop, who gave the graduating class laws and prophecy respectively.

Junior class President Harry Durke welcomed the seniors, and Harry Pransky, senior class president, gave the response.

The salutatory was by Charles Hasset.

Faculty representatives on the program were John Kublman and Jean Siterick, Principal Richard Spless and School Superintendent Eugene Johnson.

## Dance Theme Is 'See You Later, Graduate'

"See you later, graduate," was the theme last Saturday at Holy Name school gymnasium, where the school's eighth graders held their graduation dance.

The 97 members of the graduating class were joined by their parents for the evening, swelling the total of dancers to 300.

Transforming the gym into a picture of spring were an abundance of large white flowers, lawn furniture, bird cages and hanging swings with ropes entwined with flowers. Tea roses centered the refreshment table, with punch bowls placed at either end.

John Robertson sang the graduation day song, and Doug Pavation and Barbara Koek were chosen by their fellow students to lead the grand march.

Special guests of the students were the E. G. Rockwells, the L. B. Figures, the Edwin P. Dows and the C. M. Bauerlys.

Also Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Heintz, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lahey, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robertson, Sr. and Mrs. and Mrs. C. P. Crane, Jr.

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## Birmingham Seniors Swing-Out Tomorrow

Swing-out of the class of 1956 will be presented tomorrow morning in the school gym by the Birmingham seniors.

The tradition of swing-out began many years ago as an observance of first appearance of the class in cap and gown, the program displaying talents of the class for students, teachers and parents.

Headed by Alix Atwood and Pat McNab, chairman, the theme this year is royalty, the girl and boy with the highest scholastic averages reigning as king and queen.

The class will present numbers illustrative of activities and important events during the last four years.

Nina Slawson, Marlene Wesch and Tom Halsted will do solo acts. J. Jay Myers, social studies instructor, will present the Marc Joslyn memorial award and Pooh Wagner will present orchids and onions, gifts to boys and girls topping scholarship ranks.

Election of officers for Birmingham's 1956-57 Student Congress was completed Friday at the offices of president and secretary decided after close contests.

held in the little theater recently for 53 hopeful sophomores and junior girls. Chosen were juniors Judy Krempl and Sharon Byers. Sophomores selected were Midge Tapp, Ann Cope, Carol Bain, and Mary Slater.

Attending the junior outing at Camp Okleys Tuesday were 250 members of the junior class and advisers.

Chairman of the outing was Fred Finkenauer. Entertainment consisted of swimming and other sports, picnic dinner, ending with movies of the '56 Washington trip.

Don Thalerke was elected president, Sue Taber, secretary; Pat Berry, vice president, and Fred Finkenauer treasurer.

Warm weather is inspiring final meetings and parties for clubs and organizations with picnics favored and lakes and farms providing the locations.

Memorial day sets the date of Turn club's picnic for dais. Judy Guest's house at Walnut Lake will be the setting for baseball, dinner and swimming.

Proscenium's annual picnic will be at Orchard Lake country club tomorrow.

National honor society is planning a picnic under the co-chairmanship of Ken Hogan and Barb Abbott at Burroughs farm June 12.

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