

Bloomfield Hills Billboard
By Barbara VAN DYK

Last week in a hilarious basketball game between the females of our faculty and a few senior girls, the students were defeated by one point. Teachers participating were Vera Grim, Kay Greening, Jean Siterlet, Diane Maltas, Doris Baldwin, Eileen Gerkstik, and Joan Vannorich. The senior girls, captained by Judy Moors, were disappointed at the outcome, but agreed that each out-of-practice teacher deserved the miniature 'B' she received to wear on her sweater.

Congratulations go to Bob, Ron and Ray Slacey for taking high honors again for their quartet. This time it was the state contest at Ann Arbor, where they received a 1, first and superior rating. This fabulous talent runs in the family. The boys' father, Joseph Slacey, played in the brass section for one Mr. Elvis Presley Sunday at the Olympia.

The mad chaos last week within the freshmen class at BHHS was their new idea in elections for class officers. Formerly, each grade voted in its new officers in the fall by a show of hands only. Now our ninth graders! They are having everyone sign petitions to determine who is nominated for what office. Then on April 12 will be the elections, with a miniature campaign including speeches, posters and various other forms of "bribery."

Running for president are Dan Riley and Tony Wassche. Those trying for vice president are Dick Ford and Jim Gerhard; secretary, Marilyn Sanders and Joanne Conner. Other nominees are John Coburn, Paul Hamilton and James Dever.

Trying for student council representatives are Gordon Walker, Bob Ebert, Bonnie Weeks, Julie DeWing and Amy Miller. Of these, two will be chosen.

It is reported that our two junior high plays, "Anabelle Steps In" and "Annie Gets a Break," were a huge success. They were presented last Thursday evening in the school gym. Mr. Glenn Wooster was the director.

Thursday afternoon there was a series of boys' basketball games between various classes in the school to determine the school championship. Freshmen beat the eighth grade, then lost to the sophomores. Because the seniors' downed the juniors there was just one more game left.

This was the main attraction of the day Friday afternoon. The seniors, captained by Dave Drury and Randy Hargett, won over the sophomores 41 to 33. So the seniors prove their "superiority" in another way, but they had to put up a fight to do it.

BARNUM HIGH NEWS

The top ten eighth grade spellers finished in this order: Nancy Reynolds, Carolyn Schwinn, Margaret Chamberlain, David Mead, Anne Nichols, Marilyn Drake, Lavie Lane, Mary Steading, Nancy Rieman, and Gail Dunham. Alternates: Marty Miller, Bill Henderson.

The top ten seventh grade spellers finished in this order: Richard Long, Marcus Miller, Mary Jane Purdy, Diane Lermany, John Keads, Kay Heikkinen, Jean Ann Lagers, Susan Mays, Cathie Long, and Lavien Smith. Alternates: Virginia Fleck, Ann Smith.

Grade spelling bees took place last week in the Barnum library. The school bee will be held April 9, 9:30 a.m. The district bee, May 3. Later, the winner of the metropolitan bee will participate in the national spelling bee in Washington D. C., June 6.

The student talent show Friday attracted from 400 to 500 students and parents.

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School News



DURING A PAUSE in rehearsals for "Love Is Eternal", Southfield high school students pose for a cast picture. Starting at top row, from left, are Tom Warren, Mike Goodman, Ralph Watts, Gary Evans, Gloria Thompson, Joanne Warren, David Hines, Leslie Paque, Shirley Spence, Belva Gillespie, Sherol Riedel, Paul Stanley, Tony Peraino, Director Daniel Julien, speech instructor; Bruce McLaren, Bob Knighton, Sandra Youness, Nancy Farris, Joan Gale, Mike Larson, Elizabeth Robertson, Don Sucher and Julie Nagler.

Southfield High Slates All-School Play April 12-13

By DOROTHY ZATELL
Southfield high school's all-school play "Love Is Eternal" will be presented April 12 and 13 in the school gym. The play written by Irving Stone, and dramatized by Ruth Sengel, is the tender story of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln.

According to Margaret, Director Daniel Julien has been so carried away by the fine work his students have been doing he accidentally fell off his chair during one practice session. One member reported, "He just disappeared behind his desk." However, Julien has been heard to remark, "With all due respect to former casts, the present cast of 'Love Is Eternal' is the most hard-working, the most ambitious, the most conscientious I've ever extolled working with."

Margaret Gray, business manager, who is a school correspondent to the Eccentric, jotted down a few notes on the activities surrounding the business of getting the play "on the road."

As Margaret put it: "It is rather amusing to see Tombs and Lincolns practice their art at rehearsals in Bermuda shorts and slacks."

ELIZABETH ROBERTSON, as Mary Todd, has 450 lines, and is on stage during almost all the action. It is rather amazing to see how little prompting she needs and how graciously she enters the part.

It will be interesting to see just how far Miss Larson, who plays Lincoln, and the rest of the male members of the cast get with the boards. They are growing for the play. The boys got a lot of attention as students watch to see how much the "muffs" have grown from day to day.

Others in the cast, as well as those pictured, are Merle Perkins, Linda Brubaker, Ed Ward, Jack Koskela, Kathy Hoffman, Tom Ryan, Ray Sulberg, Nancy Frederick, Jane Lince, Walter White and Ed Ward.

Cranbrook's headmaster, Harry D. Hoy, will act as host to the visiting educators.

Mr. Vazruska is now the proud father of a baby girl.

Nancy Thalacker gave a party last Friday. Among those attending were Carl Van Bussan, John Vidzgar, Bev Byrne, Scott Cameron, Brian Givens, Sue Winton, Joice Fazio, Joyce McCracken, Jeff Fisher, Karen Domes, and Bill Purdy.

BHS Juniors Ready South Seas 'Epic'
Junior committees are busy preparing to present the class variety assembly, "South Sea Island Festival", next week.

General chairman is F. J. McGinnis. Co-chairmen are Jan Lee McGinnis and Lois Bergman. Other committee heads are Joan Vinton, makeup; Mary Halidane, decorations, puppets, and scenery; Ran Hamner, script; and Tom Gillingham, cleanup.

H. Ross, Scrimageour is adviser.

Mr. Glister is scheduling after-school swimming activities for Derby students.
Our new pool was used for the first time last week by the students. Boys will be using the pool in the next six weeks, and then the girls will use it in the final six weeks of the school term.

Derby's Variety Show played to two capacity audiences last Wednesday when students attended performances during the first and second hours. Approximately 50 students participated in the production, directed by Mr. Saffian, Derby science teacher.

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