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**AMERICA ON PARADE**, made by fifth graders at Beverly school with model floats representing each group of states, presents students a visual picture of the nation's production. Watching the parade are, from left, Jim Ruddy, Susan Gray, Ronee Pasutin, Mary Ann Murphy and Jane Ellen Mead.

## Beverly Students Get The Facts, Have Fun

By JULIE CANDLER

Some of the kids may not agree, but school must be fun nowadays. Not that there isn't any learning to do. It's the way they learn things that makes classroom life look interesting.

Pay a visit to young teacher Bill Alden at Beverly school, and you'll see the fun his 31 fifth graders are having as they learn about the products of the USA. Lining wall shelves are ten colorful model parade floats, each measuring about 4'x10". Pupils experienced the pleasure of achievement when they made them with shirt laundry cardboard.

After hurling up a tiny pair of high-heeled shoes and an inch-long miniature silver knife, fork and spoon, the group preparing the New England states' float aren't likely to forget those important products of the area.

Before the fun with floats began, the classmates did the background reading for the project.

After the floats came another lesson. This time on how topography affects an area's products.

The enjoyable learning device was the making of product maps. Again in groups of three, students made maps of groups of states, divided according to topography. Around the plains states they pasted pictures of products like corn and wheat; a round of the warm southern states, cotton and rice.

Next the youngsters will have the pleasure of picking their own subject matter for a project. Then, under the supervision of their teacher and his student teacher assistant, Ralfe Berberian, of Wayne university, they will make a display on whatever phase of American agriculture or industry

they choose. It will illustrate a written report.

After they have created their three-dimensional picture of some phase of American production, it will probably remain for them a lifelong memory—and a pleasant one.

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## Moss Hart Play Stated at BHS Next Weekend

"Light Up the Sky," a play about show people by Moss Hart, is this year's annual winter play to be presented by Proscenium club of Birmingham high school.

The play will be presented in the high school gym at 8 p.m. next Thursday and Friday. In the cast are Judy Flynn, Steve Pew, Mary Alice Thurber, Dick Henderson, Linda Kohlof, Terry Oldberg, Peter Loomis, Norma Webb, Sharon Byers, John Bonds, Don Nichols, Ron Morrow and Andy Hawley.

The production is under direction of Mrs. Richard T. Cloman, with Sue Tabor and Bryant Hilliard as student director and production manager.

## Radio Guild Goes On Air Semi-Weekly

The Radio actors and technicians guild presents semi-weekly shows over stations WPOP and WCAR every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

The purpose of the guild is to father the art of radio acting in Birmingham high school and to build up a tape library for a reserve of programs.

The broadcasts include those given by the music and social studies department, radio speech classes, and special interest shows such as the American field service program earlier in the year.

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## Birmingham Hi-Society

By SHARON BREEPLOVE  
Dotty Dreyer recently visited old friends in Cincinnati, O.

Spending last weekend at Culver were Marcia Mc Farland, Linda Neal, Sue Smith, and Jan Lynch.

At Judy Scott's dinner date party were Pat Morris, Tom Glaspi, Sharon Carpenter, Jim Roberts, Norma Webb, Ron Morrow, and Judy's date Charles Brown.

Linda Greenwalt and Nancy spent the weekend in Bay City recently.

At Howie Davis' party Saturday night were Peggy Bruce, Bruce McDonald, Bonnie Bramblett, Gene Apple, and Howie's date, Gail Sytons.

At a luncheon for Ruthann Huffman last Saturday were Chris Lewis, Punch Le Messurier, Janet Kagal, Jan Le Messurier, Barb Shank and Peggy Noshoff.

Howie Davis recently went to Cleveland.

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