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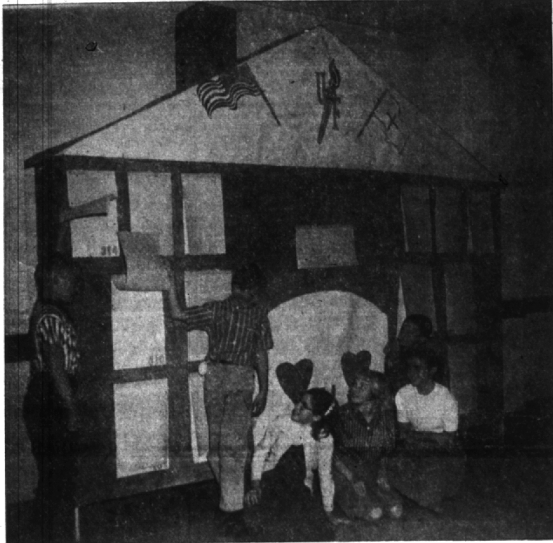
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This School Lights Up For Torch Drive

As area schools join in the United Foundation on torch drive this week, Baldwin school youngsters built this novel display to keep students aware of the campaign's progress. Showing how it works are Don Sawyer and Claude Welles (from left). They hold up the shades on the windows of the school building replica to demonstrate how the shade goes up and the window lights up when a classroom has 100 percent participation. Other members of the student committee which helped build the school front are (from left) Barbara Cooke, Susan Watson, Natalie Moser and Bill Beadle. They are fifth grade pupils of Mrs. Margary Ruslander.

Believe in Yourself, Ugly Duckling Learned

By MARTHA V. HURD
Today's Youth Editor

One of my favorite stories from Hans Christian Andersen is "The Ugly Duckling". In this story lies a wonderful message, the message of belief in oneself, the message of courage against odds. If you haven't read the story, by all means pick it up at the juvenile department of any library.

Let me recall part of it to you:
"Just in front of him, the ugly duckling saw three beautiful white swans. 'I will fly to the royal birds, they will surely kill me, because I am so ugly. But it is better to be killed by these majestic beings from paradise than to be pecked at by the ducks, chased by the cat, and kicked by the kitchen maid!'

He flew towards the swans and then suddenly, he saw reflected in the water below his own reflection. He was no longer a clumsy, dark, ugly gray bird.

HE HIMSELF was a swan! Because he had known such sorrow, the Ugly Duckling's joy was now the greater.

"It does not matter how ugly you are, or how different, he thought, if you are born from a swan's egg."

Being born in a duck-ward, if only you come out a swan, doesn't really matter, then, does it?

In other words, the importance of belief in one's self is the most wonderful image we can visualize for ourselves.

All of us are born ugly ducklings. Look at the new-born baby. Even his little downy head and wide blink-

ing eyes don't save him from being a "swan" in the making . . . if, as he grows up, he recognizes that he must constantly keep before him the image of security, of confidence and of courage.

THIS PROBLEM is with you all through school. It begins with the first day at kindergarten, when

Letter Box For Today's Youth

Have a comment regarding school events or situations? Write a letter to Today's Youth Editor about it. Please keep your comments short and to the point, and sign your name, address, grade and school. We'll keep your letter anonymous if you request.

To Today's Youth Editor:
I've been watching your teen page. We have needed something like it for a long time. I like being able to turn to one page and see most of Birmingham teen news. Keep up the good work!

BARBARA BOND,
621 Larchlea, Birmingham



Mrs. Hurd

Birmingham's Buying These Top Ten

Compiled from Sales of Birmingham's Four Record Shops
Reported by Carl Reynolds, Itham High School Senior

1. JAILHOUSE ROCK
2. SILHOUETTES
3. PEGGY SUE
4. BE BOB BABY
5. WAKE UP LITTLE SUSIE
6. MELODIE D'AMOUR
7. MY SPECIAL ANGEL
8. LITTLE BITTY PRETTY ONE
9. REET PETITE

Elvis Presley
Rays
Buddy Holly
Ricky Nelson
Everly Brothers
Ames Brothers
Sam Cooke
Bobby Helms
Bobby Day
Jackie Wilson

- Up and Coming Discs:
1. TILL
 2. YOU SEND ME
 3. APRIL LOVE

Detroit Area's Top Ten

1. WAKE UP LITTLE SUSIE
2. JAILHOUSE ROCK
3. SILHOUETTES
4. MY SPECIAL ANGEL
5. MELODIE D'AMOUR
6. CHANCES ARE
7. YOU SEND ME
8. FRAULEIN
9. TILL
10. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY

Elvis Presley
Rays
Bobby Helms
Ames Brothers
Johnny Mathis
Sam Cooke
Steve Lawrence
Roger Williams
Tune Weavers

FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH

MARTHA V. HURD, TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR

Today's Youth Panel To Answer Questions From Young Readers

Should teen-agers smoke? Why do parents think it awful? What about dating on week nights—is it a good idea? Are motor scooters "hoody"? Should teen-agers go steady—or just steadily?

These are just a few of the interesting questions which The Birmingham Eccentric's Today's Youth Panel will be answering from week to week on this page.

The Eccentric realizes that something ought to be done to bring the community closer together and perhaps solve some of the problems and situations which exist between teen-agers themselves or teen-agers and their parents. Therefore The Eccentric has invited representative teen-agers to meet regularly to answer general interest questions which you, our Today's Youth readers, have had in mind—but have so far found no one to answer them.

WE WENT to school officials and counselors in the three school areas—Birmingham, Southfield and Bloomfield Hills—and asked them to recommend mature, intelligent and typically teen-age students who would be excellent for The Eccentric's panel.

Thus we were able to select 17 boys and girls from senior and junior high schools in the three districts. A popular and well-known physician, Dr. Jack Haseberger, agreed to be panel moderator.

The young people on the panel are: Peter Brink and Nan Savage, Birmingham high school; Charles Mezey and Gay Firth, Bloomfield high school; Todd Crook and Dana Douglas, Southfield high school; Robert Sachs, Detroit Country Day school; Gary Crikchett, Cranbrook; Jill Shallicross, Kingswood; Rosalie Lake, Bloomfield Country Day; Tom Woodward, Derby junior

high; Lynn Ivey, Bloomfield junior high; Clarence Spence, Southfield junior high; Larry Robertson, Holy Name; Cheryl Kelly, St. Hugo; and Kathleen Quinlan, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

THE FIRST two panel sessions have been held. Next week the "Question of the Week," as the feature will be called, will see The Today's Youth Panel answering this question:

Do you think it is better for teens to go steady—or just steadily?

Do you have a question the panel can work on?

Write it down, sign your name, address and school, you attend, and send it to: Today's Youth Panel, c/o The Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Mich.

As Others See Us

These are the reactions to American life of the American Field Service exchange students in Birmingham area schools.

By MARIT MAAREN

From Sandefjord, Norway, I attended Itham high school. It has been two months since I left Norway, and time has flown by very fast. All the AFS European students came by boat from Rotterdam to New York together. The trip was really fun. Everybody got to know everybody else, and we learned many of the things which we wanted to know about USA. The only bad thing was that along with the rest of the kids, I had the Asian flu.

I was so excited to see the Statue of Liberty and then arrive in New York City and see the Empire State building. These were the things that seemed to make this wonderful year become real. I had thought—perhaps I was only dreaming when I left my home in Norway.

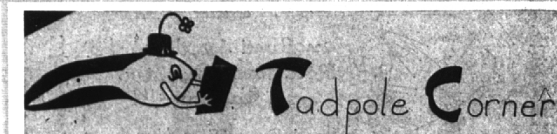
WE HAD ARRIVED in New

York late in the evening, and my first impression of all the lights in the city. The view was so wonderful, it made it hard to wait until the next day to see more. Then I saw the skyscrapers, and all the people and the cars!

When I arrived in Detroit I was not feeling very well, so the first days I had to rest. The two weeks before school started we stayed at the family's cottage in Canada, and I really had a good time. My new family was so wonderful. They are doing everything to make me feel at home.

SCHOOL STARTED, and what a school! I have never seen such a school before, and it is beautiful. All the kids are so nice to me, whether I know them or not, and I have gained so many new friends.

I have, of course, difficulties with the language, and I have lots to do. But my teachers help me, so do my family. This year will be so full of experiences and fun and I know it will be an unforgettable time.



Interesting, Unusual News Items Gleaned from our Elementary School Newspapers

GOLBIN'S NIGHT
Spooks and goblins will be here soon; they'll be seen in the pale, pale moon. Or just tilt your head up to watch the sky. And you'll see a witch riding by. A food of pumpkin heads will sit and stare. Some will just grin and some will just glare.

Their eyes will flicker as they stand guard. Don't you snitch the gate from that yard! It's "or treat" the children cry. The big ones brave, the little ones shy. With baskets and bags in flaps held tight. The scary home, it's goblin night.

HALLOWEEN
There're lots of ghosts on Halloween night. They'll all come up and give you a fright. The Jack O' Lanterns light up so bright. All this happens on Halloween night.

Jim Sprung
6th Grade-Midvale School

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6th Grade-Midvale School

Little Jack Horner

Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner,
Eating a Christmas Pie;
He put in his thumb,
And pulled out a plum.
And said, "What a good boy am I!"

"Good boy" indeed . . . repeated a strange, squeaky voice. "And what makes you think so, my dear young man?"

And THEN What Happened?

Little Jack Horner looked up, startled. "I'm sure exactly why," he said, "but pie and I rhyme and I like the sound of it." Then he stopped talking.

"Go on, go on," said the voice peevishly, "never stop in the middle of a sentence. . . it makes a person dangle so."

"I'm very sorry to dangle you," said Little Jack Horner, "but exactly to whom am I speaking?"

"You are speaking to a plum. . . a beautiful, ripe purple plum member of the great family of plum 'Plum' N. Prunes."

"BUT WHERE are you?" said the voice.

"Oh! Oh! Save me!" cried the plum. "I'm drowning in this sticky m. . . He couldn't dam up his sentence as a great wave of spicy juices rolled over his head."

HURRIEDLY, Little Jack Horner stirred the Christmas Pie, splashing the juices around on the floor and generally making a frightful hodge-podge of it. "Stop! Stop!" cried the plum. "You're passing me up!" Little Jack Horner stuck in his thumb (See HORNER, Page 5-B)

Ghost Cookies

Ghosts' Witches will surely haunt your house, when Halloween time comes if you make these delicious ghost cookies. . . they'll be "hauntin'" you for more cookies!

Use a package of your favorite cookie mix. Roll out on floured board and cut with large biscuit cutter (3 1/2" diameter). Roll in balls and flatten slightly. Mix powdered sugar and water to make a frosting. Make faces on the "frosty white" ghost cookies with pieces of licorice shoestrings and life savers. Use food coloring in the frosting to make "horrible faces."

Bouncing Balls Magic Recipe

1 handful of moth balls
1 teaspoon of lemon juice
1 tablespoon of baking soda
1 glass jar-filled with water
Drop food coloring.
Drop the moth-balls in the jar. Add lemon juice and baking soda.
The moth balls will bounce up and down in the water for a long time. When the balls stop bouncing add more baking soda.

Adpole Corner

