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Bloomfield Hills Billboard

By Barbara VAN DYK

The varsity cheerleaders, under their captain Sue Boyd, have been practicing regularly for the past two weeks, in preparation for the coming football season. Coached by Miss Jean Stierlet, these six girls are Sue Boyd, Patt Van Vurst, Gay Firth, Gretchen Reeder, Carole Smith, and Barbara Van Dyk. They were selected last spring by a committee made up of athletic coaches, B-club members and the student council.

The first pep assembly preceding the Clarenceville game will be presented Friday afternoon by the cheerleaders.

The junior varsity cheerleaders, this year completely separate from the varsity, include captain Lee Gallo, Jane Durham, Marcia Messey, Gay Manvel, Sue Fry, and Renie Ross.

Plans are now being made for the 1958 European tour. The trip, under the direction of Mr. Dean LeRue, head of the French department, and Mr. and Mrs. John Howard of West Virginia, is open to any student at Bloomfield Hills.

The group will spend 61 days in Europe seeing England, France, Switzerland and Italy. They will begin their trip flying by British airlines to London. From there they go to France, staying nearly a week in Paris. Other highlights of the trip will be three days in Nice, five days in Rome, and a day on Capri. The students will return to New York by boat, stopping at Gibraltar and the Azores, and to Detroit by air.

The students will receive high school credit for their trip and possibly college credit.

182 BHS Students Get Instruction On Safe Driving

Birmingham students are learning not only to drive, but to know and understand safety laws and the car in the driver training course offered at the high school again this year.

Behind the wheel instruction is given to the 182 students in two dual control Chevrolets and two Fords, all 1957 models. Each student drives once a week, accompanied by an instructor and another student. This plan will give six clock hours needed to comply with state requirements.

Attending lectures twice a week gives the 30 classroom hours needed. Robert Williams, department chairman; Sam Tasio, Gordon Trayer, and Kermit Ambrose are instructors. Maynard Mott, auto mechanics instructor, assists, taking seven students for behind-the-wheel instruction only.

At the successful completion of this course at age 16, students are qualified to obtain driver licenses.

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Spanish Lessons Via TV Tried Out At Adams School

Last week saw the beginning of an experimental program to test the effectiveness of television in teaching a language to young children.

At Adams school in Birmingham, three classes of third grade children gather daily to watch a half-hour program on beginning Spanish. The programs are televised over Detroit's educational channel 56.



Daniel A. Nesbitt, supervisor of curriculum for the Birmingham public schools, said plans are to extend the experiment in TV learning to several additional schools. He said students will not be graded on the course.

Nesbitt said consideration is being given to adding them to studies because of the young child's ability to learn languages rapidly. Spanish was chosen as the logical language, he said, because of the proximity of Spanish-speaking nations to the south.

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School Marks Constitution Day

Carrying on a tradition observed annually since Beverly school opened in 1953, these sixth grade students of Mrs. Martha Muschella celebrated Tuesday's 170th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The youngsters presented a program in which each panel member discussed an important phase of the U.S. constitution. Assembled sixth graders viewed the program. Mrs. Muschella coaches the participants each year. Her pupils also present a special program each United Nations Day in November.

BHS Scribblers Open Membership

Within the next two weeks Scribblers' club will take in new members, with each applicant submitting a letter and an original piece of writing to be judged by Tuesday.

Officers are Betsy Carroll, president; Carol Decker, vice-president; Mary Roberts, secretary Stewart, treasurer; and D'Arline DeLongh, recording secretary.

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