

**BHS Girls, Boys Alternate Swims**

Physical education classes at Birmingham high school are set up this year to accommodate classes using the new swimming pool. Girls and boys swimming will alternate every six weeks, with the girls using the pool the first six weeks' period.

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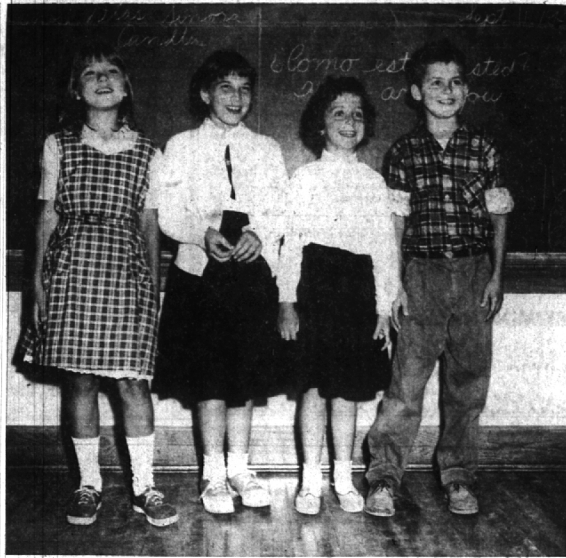
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**It's Simple, Amigos!**

Reciting Spanish in unison are four Walnut Lake school fourth graders. From left to right: Ferrilli; tres, Kathleen Bingman; cuatro, Todd Brown. are: uno, Susan Greenleaf; dos, Donna Lee

**Walnut Lake 4th Grade Finds Spanish A Snap**

By JULIE CANDLER

You're never too young to learn. In fact, the younger you are, the more easily you can learn foreign languages, some educators theorize.

Miss Barbara Macklin agrees with the theory. When fall classes started, she began repeating Spanish phrases to her fourth graders at Walnut Lake school.

Already the youngsters can count to ten in Spanish and repeat perfectly a number of greetings, goodbyes, and other phrases. And they think it's "magnifico."

"THE CHILDREN ENJOY being able to say a few words in Spanish," says Miss Macklin, "and I think it's a good way to enrich a teaching program."

She emphasized that the Spanish is only the "whipped cream" on the top of her pupils' educational sundae. Only about 15 minutes is devoted to it, twice a week or so, each day.

"If we finish up our other work early, we work on the Spanish," Miss Macklin said. "And we won't get into anything complicated, like conjugating verbs."

BUT ALREADY HER bright-eyed eight and nine-year-olds think Spanish makes arithmetic interesting. They can call off "cuatro" when their teacher asks, "What's two and two?" or "seis" for the sum of "three and three." They'll use it more in arithmetic as they learn to count higher in

Spanish. To help them remember the words, their teacher works Spanish into the students' everyday routines, relieving monotony at the same time.

She dismisses the class in Spanish when it's time for recess. The children file out in five quiet and orderly rows, one numbered row of seats at a time.

"TRES," SAYS Miss Macklin and pupils in the middle row march off.

She continues, mixing the order each day.

The young teacher says she's forgotten a lot of the Spanish she learned in college.

She uses a handbook on teaching Spanish to young children. That way, she says, "I can keep a couple of days ahead of them."

THIS REPORTER FAILED to do even that. For as we entered the classroom door last week, we were greeted in unison by the roomful of Spanish students, repeating, "Bueno dias, senora."

Only reply we could think of was the "bon jour" we learned in

**Dateline: Derby**  
By Les Carter

This year Derby coaches are organizing three football teams. Toward the end of the season an all-school, all-star team will be formed from the most outstanding players of the three squads. This team will meet Barnum's all-stars.

Mr. Raymond Vavruska will be in charge of the seventh and eighth grade squads, while Mr. Bud Keller will coach the ninth grade team.

On the subject of football, we've heard that Alumnus Red Raddy, a ninth grader at Derby last year and now a sophomore at Birmingham high, has made the varsity team, a rare achievement for a sophomore.

Another Alumnus, Doug Witters, who was in the hospital much of last spring and summer as the result of a serious accident, has returned to school at Birmingham high.

The first edition of the "Derby Dateline" this season will be out in approximately three weeks. The regular staff includes Sandy Barbosa, Nancy Madison, Craig Morze, Les Carter, Midge Dadd, Elaine Newland, Tom Woodworth, Sharon Poppert, and Carol Warren.

Among the regular articles planned for this year are "For Girls Only" by Nancy Madison, and "For Boys Only" by Craig Morze. Student council news will be reported by Tom Woodworth, national and school sports will be covered by Les Carter, and a column will be written by Mr. James Burchett, our principal.

The price of the paper will remain the same as last year, but the paper will be published every two weeks.

**Iowa Tests Here To Rate Students On National Basis**

The Iowa tests of educational development are set for next week to measure Birmingham high school students' background in literature, social studies, natural science and mathematics. After the tests are scored, each student will get a profile card showing his results in relation to those of his class and the national standing for his grade level.

In past years, Birmingham has rated in the top two to five per cent nationally.

high school French. Then Miss Macklin came to our rescue. Now we know what you reply when a Spaniard says "buenos dias" to you.

It's "buenos dias." Of course. Any eight-year-old in Miss Macklin's class could tell you that.

**Barnum Bylines**  
BY THE PRESS CLUB

Barnum junior high school is offering three new courses to its students this year. Reading improvement, independent study, and radio workshop are taught one hour each day.

Mrs. William Ladd retained 22 of the 44 students who volunteered for reading improvement. They plan to work on reading comprehension, vocabulary, and speed.

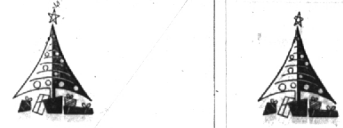
Miss Jane Ward is working with 14 students in independent study. The course will begin by developing the research technique they will be using throughout the remainder of the year. They will all start with the same subject matter.

**BHAM ECCENTRIC**  
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**Cicerone Welcomes New BHS Students At Evening Party**

New students are constantly in a whirl as they try to learn the main functions and activities of Birmingham high school. To help solve problems and to make newcomers feel at home, Cicerone had the annual newcomers' party Tuesday night in the Maple room.

Committee chairmen were Becky Wagner, food; Carol Decker, entertainment; Warren Risk, sound; Jim Trusel, clubs; Frank McGinnis, Abby Sweeney, mixer and tags; Carol Moody, Mary Holdane, invitations; and Tom Beckley, cleanup.

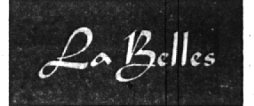


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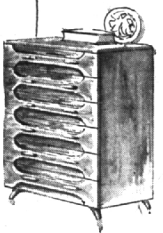
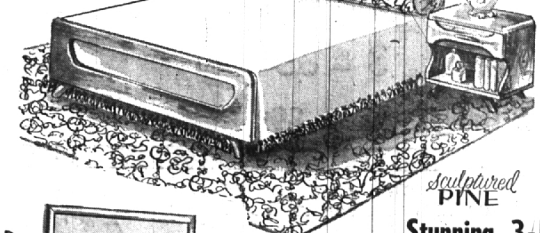
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