

Southfield High Notes

Imagine our surprise last week to find that Margaret Gray had ghost written the Southfield column. Somebody slipped up and ran the credit of Margaret. If anyone sees her, thank her for us. Starting next week, Judy Cottrell will be our Southfield reporter. Judy is the third member of her family to write for the Eccentric. Her father, who is Judy's mother, Mildred Caddell, was co-reporter on the Lathrup column, and sister, Lorraine, was a reporter at U. of M., was a Lathrup correspondent. We hope you will remember to keep Judy informed of interesting events around the school.

Southfield students will soon know how they compare to the national percentage average in language abilities. Mary Lou Lake will give the Green-Stapp language abilities test to every student at Southfield in a program that will run through Oct. 11.

All seniors are scheduled for the accelerated reading course being given this year for the first time. The six weeks' course was developed by the Perceptual Development Laboratories, and the cost of equipment is approximately \$1,500.

During the past summer, 91 student drivers were trained at Southfield and 150 have been scheduled for each 20 weeks of school.

Southfield has the distinction this fall of being one of the few schools in Michigan offering two classes in advanced biology. The class is being offered to outstanding students who intend to major in sciences.

A new and complete course in metal work is being offered this fall, covering all types of sheet metal work, are welding, acetylene welding, brazing and tin work.

Monday morning showed no indication of being out of the norm. Attendance reports showed the 11th grade 98 percent present, the 11th grade 97 percent present and the 12th, 96 percent.

All 11th graders will have their vision tested this semester. They were skipped last year when the seniors and juniors were checked. Thursday morning the Student Council will meet at 10:20 a. m. to make final arrangements for the big homecoming game and dance to follow.

The Sor-optimums met Monday evening after reading class with a little quick planning, arranged a swim party in the new pool. It was held last evening followed by a swimmer toast. The group is sponsored by Virginia Bryan.

All clubs will have to select their group candidate by Oct. 9. The week of Oct. 14 will be devoted to campaigning, and voting will be on Oct. 22.

Richard Shive, a junior and president of the Southfield band, will be the new drum major. Richard, who measures someone in the neighborhood of six feet, would like a real bearskin shako to wear as he struts before the band. Does anyone know where we could pick up an old bearskin rug cheap?

At a pep assembly in the gym last Friday just before the first game of the season, Marlee Sandusky introduced the cheerleading leaders. They are Janet Gotberg, Sharon Bradley, Bonnie Mikelson, Betty Koehne, Joan Goeborg, Pat O'Hara and Elaine Covrea.

Barnum Bylines

BY THE PRESS CLUB

Sports at Barnum start gain. Two weeks ago the ninth grade boys started intermural football practice. The eighth grade boys started just one week ago and seventh grade boys start this week. Something new during both noon hours, the boys' football teams compete against each other during lunch hours.

In a month or less the school will have homecom basketball teams. At the beginning of each school year, Barnum gives an assembly for the benefit of seventh graders. At our first assembly last Thursday a movie was shown on what Barnum students do through out the year and what the school is like.

B.H. Barnum girls' athletic club, held its first meeting in the gym Wednesday, Sept. 18. Members elected a committee for the nomination of officers. The committee includes: ninth grade, Fria Holmes and Nancy Reiman; eighth grade, Rosy Peterson; seventh grade, Linda Purdy.

This school year the dramatics club, headed by Miss McCormick, will operate differently. The ninth graders will do a play, then eighth graders, and finally, seventh graders. Money raised will go to dramatic club funds and all the ninth, eighth, and seventh grade rooms.

Miss Clawson's ninth grade art class is making mobiles and planning display them in the cafeteria. Her seventh and eighth grade classes are working with clay. Miss Clark's classes started off with basket weaving and paper mache animals. Her ninth grade

girls are working on fashions, while her ninth grade boys are designing cars. All those interested in art may join the art club which started Tuesday.

Green and blue coffee cake isn't very appetizing. It could only happen on Friday the 13th, a homemaking class has decided. The red unit tried to make a blueberry coffee cake, but they forgot to drain the blueberries. When the cake came out of the oven it was green and blue.

Mistakes were the order of the day, as another unit added two tablespoons of baking powder instead of two teaspoons to their coffee cake. The cake rose until it filled the oven, then fell. It tasted like baking powder.

Mr. Ford, assistant principal, came to Barnum from James Madison junior high school in Madison, where he taught science

and social studies. Mr. Ford was asked if he liked the way Barnum was organized. He replied, "It's wonderful".

Asked if he would like to try to improve Barnum, he answered, "We all should strive to improve, you in your subjects and I, too, would like to make improvements."

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Principal Doorway

At the door to his office, Walnut Lake school Principal Al Schumm talks to one of the 414 young students he is responsible for.

Calendar Confuses Walnut Lake Principal

By JULIE CANDLER

Where dates are concerned, Walnut Lake school Principal Al Schumm has led a confused life. It started at the very beginning.

"The doctor wrote on my birth certificate that I was born Feb. 9, 1924," said the good-natured young principal. "But my mother claims it was Feb. 8. She says she knows, because she saw me on the eighth!" Schumm celebrates his birthday on the eighth, but he's still confused about dates.

Like the date of Albert Schumm, Jr.'s recent birth.

"LET'S SEE," he pondered. "Daddies don't remember dates. I think he was born Aug. 11."

"We decided to skip the birth date of his first child, and made it easy for him by asking, 'How old is Susan?'"

He leaned back from the big desk in his high-ceilinged office. "Seventeen months now," he said. "The popular principal remembers well that it was fall, 1955 when he began his duties at Walnut Lake school."

"The school has nearly doubled in size since then," he said. "We had 222 pupils, and this fall we enrolled 414, with six new classrooms added last year."

HE PRAISED THE interested parents who turn out for PTA meetings, support projects such as the excellent program for the school's library, raise money for a school TV set and other needs, and attend special events like the children's program 800-strong (in two evenings).

He spoke with enthusiasm as he told of the cooperation of parents and how much he enjoyed his work. When at leisure, he's a bowling captain and long-time fan of the sport. He averages a respectable 175 at the alleys currently.

HE SPENDS MANY off-duty hours photographing young Susan and her baby brother. In black and white, in color, and on movie film.

"I figure if a picture is worth taking, it's worth taking in both color and black and white," says this shutterbug.

Helping him to get his pictures at home at 441 Southlawn, Birmingham, is his wife, the former Marjorie Nichols.

"She was a home economics teacher at Barnum junior high school," said he with a smile, "before she started to put her home ec knowledge to practice."

AND WHAT DATE was that? Deep thought.

"Oh yes! Memorial day, 1952 was the day we were married. On the day before his first anniversary, he admitted, his wife asked, 'What day is tomorrow?'"

"Tomorrow . . . ?" he replied. "Let's see . . . Oh yes! Tomorrow's Memorial day!"

Walnut Lake Boy Finds a Mystery

With an eye for the unusual, Curt Louison, of 4946 Clunbury road, Walnut Lake, spotted a perfectly rounded stone as he played outdoors recently. The Walnut Lake school student took the object to his fourth grade class, where neither students, teacher or principal were able to tell him how the large stone happened to be such a smooth sphere.

At last report, Curt was going to seek the answer at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Bloomfield Village School Begins Project

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE — Identifying and helping special needs of children, an experimental program now underway in all Birmingham school kindergartens, is being put in operation by teachers of all grades at Bloomfield Village school.

Principal Mardeen Wilson said this week that the school's kindergarten through sixth grade teachers will "actually record what they have been trying to keep in their heads for years" as they keep records, tabulation of which will make the special needs recognizable.

"Many children have these needs that must be recognized and met in the school," Wilson said.

THE METHOD SEARCHES for children needing help because of special abilities such as artistic ability, creating writing talent, or mechanical skills. It also points to such problems as the slow learner, the potential drop-out, speech handicaps, maladjustments.

Teachers and Wilson met this week with a representative of Science Research Associates, consulting firm which developed the handbook and record books to be used in the project.

In situations experimental program, Wilson said that school's fifth and sixth graders are observing special programs over educational TV channel 56 in connection with science studies.

Hi Y Elects Bruce Richards

HI Y club recently had its first meeting, electing Bruce Richards temporary chairman.

George Ewing, YMCA youth adviser, spoke to prospective members on the values of membership and obligations to the club.

The club is open to any boy at Birmingham high school. Registration fee is \$3 and dues are 50 cents monthly.

American Scientists Will Fire 76 Rockets from Fort Churchill

Scientists from Fort Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, to gather data during the 18-month International Geophysical Year.

LEGAL NOTICE

William R. Gibson, Atty., 2310 Telegraph Rd., Rm. 2, Bloomfield Hills.

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court of the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of ROSE ANN DUYLE, deceased.

At a meeting of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, on the 18th day of August, 1957, the following was ordered:

That the Probate Court in the County of Oakland, Michigan, do hereby give notice to all creditors to present their claims against the above estate for payment and to file same with the Probate Court in the County of Oakland, Michigan, on or before the 22nd day of December, 1957, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

All creditors to present their claims against the above estate for payment and to file same with the Probate Court in the County of Oakland, Michigan, on or before the 22nd day of December, 1957, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 18th day of August, 1957.

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