

Like character actors of the stage, who must learn the lines they speak, as all people should try to "learn the lines" of the many, varied parts they play on the whole of life's stage. Unlike the professional actors, though, most people fail to learn "the lines" they are called upon to speak and act... by this I mean we fail to learn well enough life's universal, basic truths.

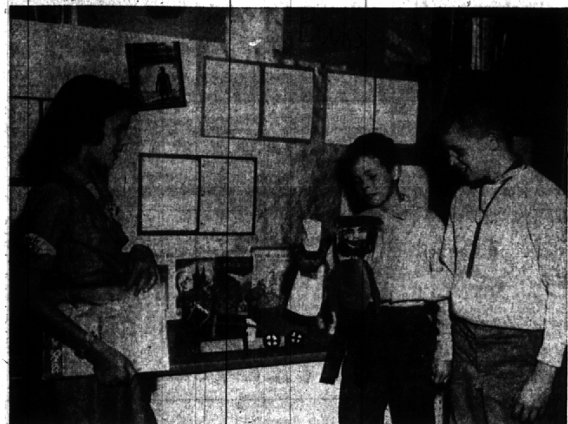
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Team Plan Accelerates Atomic Age Education



Linda Gilley, daughter of the Lawrence A. Gilleys of Meadowlane drive, and her classmates have been reading about Paul Bunyon. Peter Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stevens of Big Beaver, and Phil

Lyman, son of the William Lyman of Hickory Bend, give her a preview of their puppet show about the legendary lumberjack. They are students of Mrs. Irene Liddle, language arts-social studies teacher.

Harlan Tries New Program

"We're not in the electrical age anymore," commented a Harlan school teacher, "we're in the atomic age and education must keep pace with the times."

Harlan school is attempting to do just that.

The "teacher team plan" coordinates the work of two instructors. Each specializes in two subjects, assuming the responsibility of teaching either language arts and social studies or science and mathematics.

RICHARD PLASKEY and Irene Liddle are such a team at Harlan.

Plaskey, who instructs fifth graders in math and science, has been teaching 10-year-olds such complicated things as testing chemical compounds for unknowns, identifying and classifying plants and animals and the principles of rockets and missiles.

"I coordinate math and science during the whole session rather than splitting them up," he said. "Students not only see the relationship of the whole session but also learn to think on more than one level."

He explained this integration with a typical math-science question, "If light travels at 180,000 miles per second, how long will it take to reach the earth?"

TWENTY-FIVE fifth graders study in the morning with Plaskey. In the afternoon they exchange rooms with 25 other classmates and begin concentrating on language arts and social studies with Mrs. Liddle.

"During the course of the year, we will trace American history from colonial times to the present," he commented. "Language arts includes reading literature, writing themes and doing projects in coordination with social studies assignments."

Instructors also plan with special teachers to provide the usual art, music and physical education curricula to tie in with class work, round out a balanced school program for the student.

ACCORDING to Edwin Crandall, Harlan principal, children find it pleasant to study with two teachers and authorities agree, he said, that teachers instruct most effectively in the areas in which they are most interested.

James Poteet and Richard Coolman have developed a similar program for 50 Harlan sixth graders.

Both Harlan and Pierce school officials have devoted this year to in-service training for the program and developing evaluation methods. Final evaluation results will be determined next year.

New York university, in cooperation with two eastern school systems, is developing a similar project.



While her classmates gaze intently at the reaction in the test tube, Susan Vincent heats the unknown solution with chemicals to determine the contents of the mixture. Science-math students of Richard Plaskey, the Har-

lan fifth graders have been testing foods for starch, sugar, protein and fat content. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee Vincent of Robinhood circle.

Profits Realized from Book Sale To Aid National Fellowship Fund

In each of its 31 years, the Birmingham American Association of University Women's book sale has grown both in the number of books sold and in the profits realized for the national fellowship fund. This year its reached the proportion of "big business" in using book sale operations.

The \$1,820 profit from the sale of over 15,000 books, 2,500 magazines and 470 records is an increase of \$700 and 2,000 volumes over last year's figures. Committee members reported their success at a luncheon meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Warner L. Stowell, general chairman.

Most gratifying to those interested in the school libraries of our community is the large number of representatives sent to the sale and the record number of books they chose.

More than 50 invited schools attended and selected 4,000 books, 286 magazines and 321 records for their libraries. Bloomfield Hills elementary school and Birmingham high school had the highest total of books and it was felt by all schools that the quality of books offered exceeded previous years.

The school purchases represented a cost of \$1,519 to a public-spirited donor who annually underwrites this annual aspect of the Birmingham sale to make it outstanding among book sales.

'Little Christmas' Celebration Set

Hood College club of Detroit will hold its first annual "Little Christmas" celebration at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Edgar R. Ailes, Garden Court apartments, 2906 E. Jefferson. Birmingham members desiring information may contact Mrs. William Fisher, 242 Pleasant, Birmingham.

At this time, Hood alumnae all around the world will be uniting in a spiritual communion with the present Hood students attending the traditional Christmas Vesper service on campus.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in its history, there was no salvage of unwanted books. All remaining volumes were donated to Pontiac State Old People's home, Pontiac TB Sanitarium, Pontiac Mental home and Pontiac State Children's home. The Arnold Home for Elderly People, Detroit House of Correction, St. Vincent DePaul Society and Madison Heights library also received books.

These institutions rapidly removed the leftovers from the original stock which took workers with the help of six strong high school boys and two trucks six hours to install in the Detroit Edison headquarters.

The entire membership of 500

donated books or storage places and more than half that total actively worked for the sale.

The chairman turned over their files and suggestions prior to the selection of next year's board. The Book Sale has become a year-round project inspired by the continuing generosity of residents and donations may be made at any time.

Hammond Society Schedules Meet

Jack Porter, president of the Birmingham Hammond Organ club, has invited Mrs. Joseph Mitchell of the Grose Pointe Hammond Organ society to be its guest for Wednesday evening. Mrs. Mitchell has planned a program that will have a variety of selections ranging from the popular to classical.

Those interested in becoming a member of the club are invited to attend this meeting at 299 West Maple at 8 p.m.

Museum Lectures

Dr. Robert C. Smith, professor of the history of art at the University of Pennsylvania, will speak on "What is American About American Furniture?" on the Henry Ford Museum Antiques lecture series at Henry Ford museum theater on Dec. 10 at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. A. H. Meyer of Birmingham is secretary of the lectures.

Annual Yuletide Program

Reddick to Direct Musicales Chorus

Annual Christmas program of the Birmingham Musicales will be presented Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Community house. An outstanding program by the Birmingham Musicales Chorus under the direction of William Reddick is planned.

Reddick for many years has been one of New York City's most versatile and successful musicians. He is well known as a chorale and symphony conductor as well as composer, pianist, organist, and vocal coach and accompanist. He first introduced to the public Rise Stevens, Allan Jones, Richard Crooks and many other young artists who have since achieved international fame.

At present Reddick maintains a studio in Detroit where he does vocal and piano coaching and is also associated with the Birmingham Conservatory and Mary Grove college as a vocal coach.

BENJAMIN Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" will be included in the program. Margaret Clifton, accompanist, who for five years has been special accompanist with the Desert Guild School of Music at the University of Arizona, will be at the piano.

Mary Bartlett, harpist, who is currently associated with both the Toledo and South Oakland County Symphonies will present Samuel Rousseau's "Variations, pastourelle sur un vieux Ensamble."

OF SPECIAL interest will be the Birmingham high school brass ensemble with Phillip Satterthwaite, George Didier, Donald Ritter, Sue Little, Tom Spirling, and Neil Hall participating under the direction of Arnold W. Bernitt. This will be Bernitt's 32nd year with the music department of the Birmingham schools, during which time he introduced instrumental music to the schools.

The Ensemble will also accompany the community sing and provide a background of Christmas music during the tea hour.

MRS. LAWRENCE Middleton is tea chairman. Mrs. Charles Shain, Mrs. Arren Mohler, Mrs. Walter Skinner, Mrs. William Woodman, Mrs. F. H. Mellinger and Mrs. Neil C. Palmgren will preside at the tea tables. They will be assisted by Mrs. William Arland, Mrs. L. M. Ball, Mrs. Burke Bartlett, Mrs. Joseph Bailey, Mrs. John Daneke, Mrs. Andre d'Hyverre, Mrs. Nelson Hanston, Mrs. Emerson Brown, Mrs. Charles Dairson, and Mrs. Robert F. Conner.

Preceding the tea a tableau will be presented with the assistance of Mrs. William Hohmeyer, Mrs. George Averill and Janice and George Averill.

Chairman of the day will be Mrs. John C. Wright, Jr.

Suburban Scene

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Party for Little Ones

While deep in their hearts the children await the birthday of the Christ Child—visions of sugarplums dance through their heads. The children are the little ones at the Sarah Fisher-St. Vincent home at Twelve Mile and Inkster roads.

The Seton Guild plans its annual Christmas party on the afternoon of Dec. 14 from two until six o'clock. Mrs. Burnett B. Reamer and Mrs. Edward M. Dooley, chairmen for the affair, and their committees have planned many surprises which will be delightful to the children.

The twinkle in Santa's eyes will be outsparkled only by the radiation of each child as he hands them their remembrance.

Mrs. Faye Baldwin, president of the Seton Guild, said the proceeds will be used for toys and other gifts the children will find under the tree on Christmas morning.

ASSISTING the chairmen are Mrs. Harold Taylor, Mrs. Sylvester Theisen, Mrs. James Bennett, Mrs. Jere T. Flanagan, Mrs. Leo H. Weber, Mrs. Peter Rizzo, Mrs. Edwin Edwards, Mrs. Alfred Kruck, Mrs. Faye Baldwin, Mrs. Victor Manning, Mrs. Joseph Wolksi, Mrs. William Heisel, Mrs. Richard Mrowczynski, Mrs. Lawrence Heintz, Mrs. H. Clinton Wise, Mrs. Frank Keefe, Mrs. Edward McAleer, Mrs. Francis Valdez, Mrs. Harry Rendell, Mrs. G. R. Widger, Mrs. Bernard O'Meara, Mrs. Jack Collins, Mrs. William Dooley and Mrs. Russell LaPlante.

Learn 'How' Of Gift Wrapping

A new, exciting way of learning to wrap Christmas, wedding and shower gifts will be offered Birmingham area residents starting Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in room 309 of Dandero high school by the continuing education department.

There will be demonstrations on making tailored, pom pom, puff and fancy bows as well as creating new designs, new bows and color spectacles.

No expensive materials are necessary—just ribbon and paper as everyday household articles will be used as props. "You may actually wrap 'your' Christmas gifts in class if you like."

Mrs. Helen Dobro will instruct the three classes using demonstrations and learning by doing methods.

Registrations may be made by mail (name, address and telephone number) to the Continuing Education office, 125 Gardena, or at the first class.

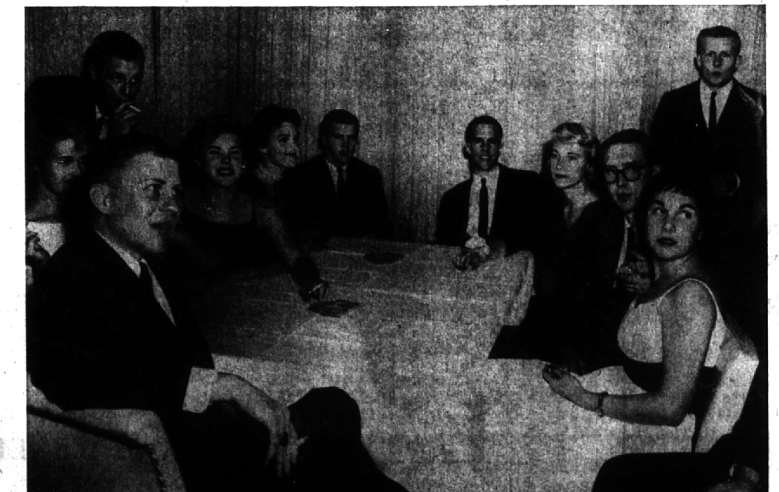
Yule Supper Club

The Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors will have a Christmas Supper party on Dec. 5, 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dennis J. Ailes, 1391 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, at 8 p.m. Honor guest and speaker will be Vera Kline. She will show a documentary film entitled "Carl Miles at Work."

Oh, Weather Was Frightful, But Cotillion Was Delightful!



It was "swing madness" for Stephanie Smith and her escort, Bob Lewis, as they high-stepped together Friday night with their classmates and friends from Kingswood, Cranbrook, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, University of Detroit, Immaculate, Detroit and Bloomfield Country Day, Sacred Heart Convent and Shrine.



Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse and other Walt Disney cartoons watched from the walls while couples danced the cha cha cha, sipped Seven-Up and relaxed like this group of students. The Cotillion couples were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. William Downey, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Loud, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jamison Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Flint. Mrs. Ernest F. Kern and Mrs. Hanley Dawson, Jr., greeted the teenagers at the entrance lounge of the Bloomfield Hills country club.



"Cheers to a happy evening" is expressed on the faces of Pete Lindquist and his date, Carol Blodgett, in the cocktail room of the Bloomfield Hills country club. Although snow flurried outside, young couples scorched the floor with the latest in swing steps inside. "Somethin' cool" was the ticket for two thirsty teenagers.