

# From The School Press

## Kingswood Column

By KRISTINE GILMARTIN

The crisp, cold weather has brought out many pairs of Kingswood and Cranbrook skates, and Friday evening, two exchange dinners were held between the schools.

Ninth and tenth graders ate dinner at Cranbrook; eleventh and twelfth at Kingswood. After dinner everyone was skating at the Cranbrook rink. The party was sponsored by the Kingswood-Cranbrook Student Cabinet.

Earlier that day, Kingswood's varsity basketball team went to Clarkson to play. The K-wood girls were the victors in the first game, 26 to 13.

In the second game they were narrowly defeated by a basket made by the opponents in the last seconds of play. The resulting score was 29 to 28.

The members of the team who played for Kingswood Friday were Gale Hummel, Aimee Bindey, Mary Herrick, Linda Wesela, Perry Harrison, Becky DeWitt, Carol Dye, Peggy Mayne, Ann Vanderveer, Ellen Guest, Anne Houston, Sue Flint, Julie Allen, and Joby Fredrickson.

Last Monday, during assembly period, confusion was rampant in the normally peaceful study halls. Each girl was changing her seat for the new semester. After a grand house-cleaning, frantic scurrying, and the cheerful banging of drawers, everyone is finally settled. Examination papers have been returned, with new resolutions and high hopes. Kingswood has begun the second semester.

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## Words Won't Fail Him, Says Beverly Principal

By JULIE CANDLER

"I'm seldom at a loss for words," says Beverly school Principal Malcolm V. Ferguson, discussing his coming television appearance, "So I guess I'll get along all right."

Get him on the subject of the abacus, and you'll be convinced Mr. Ferguson will perform notably when he makes his TV talk on the educational channel 56.

For the abacus—number and, as teachers prefer to call it—is one of Ferguson's favorite subjects. It will be the subject of the TV show, scheduled for Feb. 21, from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Beverly school was the first in Michigan to use the number aid in teaching arithmetic. After a year's experiment with the device at Beverly, the school system introduced it last fall in all Birmingham first grades.

"Testing of students taught by the number aid," Ferguson says, "shows that they are a year ahead of the national average."

On the 21st Ferguson will tell his TV audience about the remarkable device. Then the cameras will turn to a scene in which Miss Wilma Kauffman instructs a group of her Pembroke school first graders with the abacus.

Later the scene will switch to Miss Lydia Terrill, Beverly school third grade teacher, and a group of her pupils working with the abacus.

FERGUSON SAID the number aids, which cost \$2 apiece, will probably be introduced in the Birmingham school system's second grades next year, and in third grades the year after. Former Beverly school teacher Ann Su-

## Cranbrook Corridor

By LES PERRIN

On Saturday evening, Feb. 15, Cranbrook is sponsoring a "Foreign-A-Fair" night to raise funds to cover the American Field Service scholar coming to Cranbrook next year. There will be a midway with a number of booths on the sides. These will be sponsored by the various classes and student organizations.

Parent's night, a semi-annual event at Cranbrook, will be held next Monday and Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m. Parents with names beginning with the letters A-K will attend Monday, L-Z on Tuesday. On these nights the parents have an opportunity to meet their sons' teachers and discuss any problems their son might have. A reception will be held in the south lobby at the conclusion of the meeting.

## Birmingham High School Bulletins

By JULIE HOOVER and STEVE TAYLOR

Last Monday Mr. Cooch's French three classes presented a French play, "L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle." All members of the class participated in one of the roles of the play. Many other French classes came to see the play and had to pay an admission fee of five cents. The comedy was very funny, especially in places where the actors extemporized on their given parts.

BUNA held book meetings for member countries of the various voting blocks of the U.N. Each country gave a brief statement of its position in world affairs. The status of each block was discussed. These blocks will work together in the general assembly, which will come later this year.

Scribblers club met last week to discuss original poems composed by its members. The poems were usually patterned after classical examples, but there were some examples of the more modern strain of poetry.

Ann Lawrence, a member of the junior class at Birmingham, was an actor in the production of "The Old Man and the Sea" at the Riviera theater. She was a Mexican dancing girl and was seen in several scenes of the very amusing play which starred Katharine Hepburn and Alfred Drake.

She Little held a party last week at which the band members attended in force. The high 6 was about to blow up when the fellows decided to provide their own music and the rest of the party was a big jam session.

The Birmingham high school gym is open Saturday mornings for all those who wish to make use of its facilities. The gym is under the supervision of Lew Parry, and all those who want to practice basketball are welcome to come.

The Birmingham squadron of the CAP recently appointed a new captain. Bobbin Tilton was appointed to replace Ford Kamin in this important office. In Birmingham branch of the CAP has been very active in all its training and service activities throughout the year.

Tiana held a tea Saturday for all members, pledges and mothers of club members. The tea was held at the house of Karel McCurry on Yarmouth street Saturday afternoon.

A visitor to our school from South Africa, Dr. Laurie, visited here. She attended some of the high school and attended one of our team's basketball games. Of course, this is not completely new for Dr. Laurie as she is attending school at Coral Gables in Florida until her return to South Africa.

## Bloomfield Hills Billboard

By ANDREE GALLAUDET and SUE SUNDBERG

As a result of the senior magazine sales in the fall the losing team was to give the winning team a pizza party. The party was held last Thursday evening at the home of Dave DeWitt. Almost every senior was present and the party was a wonderful success.

Two parties highlighted the weekend festivities. Friday night Jim Fleming was host to a wonderful party and Saturday night most people were seen enjoying themselves at the home of Nancy Knight.

Last night the all league band presented a concert at Bloomfield Hills high school. This band contains members of each school in the Wayne-Dakland county league. Try-outs were held a few weeks ago, and the best from each school were chosen to make up the band.

A change has come over the Bloomfield Hills Barons. After a poor start in the season and several defeats, the Barons seemed to lose most of their team spirit. However, after two wins things began to look better.

Although the Barons lost their game last week they gained a great victory, team spirit and the desire to win. It is hoped that the Barons will keep this spirit and go on to greater victories.



## V.I.P. Visits Retailing Class

Future businessmen and women recently heard Carl Luckinsinger, personnel director, Dodge truck division, discuss personnel problems in a large corporation when he visited the retailing class at Birmingham high school. Luckinsinger was introduced by Mrs. Joan Marks, the class's instructor. At right is Mike Arnold, one of the 28 students who attend classes from 8 to 12:30 daily, then gain on-the-job experience afterwards doing clerical, stock, sales and related work.

## Teen Club Votes \$100 Gift to Fund

By CAROL ANN JURICA

Once again "Teen Town" met in the gym of Holy Name's school. Don Baxter, WJBK radio disc jockey, acted as emcee and awarded records to dancers during the evening.

Officers and committee heads voted to contribute \$100 toward the construction of the two new high schools. The money will come from profits made from the Teen Town gatherings.

The annual Holy Name Dads and Dads' banquet will take place at the Elks club in Pontiac Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Approximately 125 are expected to attend.

Outcome of the girl's basketball game between St. James and Holy Name last Sunday is Holy Name, 21; St. James, 12.

When the final bell rang last week to end an exciting game, the score stood at: Holy Name, 21; St. James, 12. The Holy Name team is comprised of students from the parish who are in high school.

## Barnum Bylines 2 Glee Clubs Slate Musical At Kingswood

A good share of the talk around Kingswood these days is the result of the SRA tests taken in October and November by all students of the seventh and ninth grades. These tests were returned to our counselors Miss Brouse and Mr. Tindall a few weeks ago. By Lynn Smith

This semester quite a few teachers are leaving, and being replaced with new ones. Among these is Miss Cassebaum, one of our favorite Latin and Spanish teachers. She is going on to the high school, where she will continue teaching Latin. Coming in for Miss Cassebaum is Mrs. Brekiss. She is from Latvia, a Baltic country now under Russian control. Mrs. Brekiss has lived in the United States for seven years. By Tracy Miller.

Last Friday Mrs. Armington, a homemaker teacher left Barnum to have a baby. She plans to stay in her new home in Southfield town and have a baby. When the baby arrives, last Wednesday the ninth grade girls gave her a shower and the seventh grade girls had a luncheon and a shower on Thursday. The baby will be completely outfitted when he or she, or maybe twins, arrive. Miss Wheeler replaced Mrs. Armington on Monday. By Pam Wheeler.

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