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AAUW Quizzes Students Here on Reading Habits

The reading habits of students is a widely discussed topic in this age of television. So students enjoy reading, what type of books do they read for pleasure, does television interfere with reading time, are questions we all ask.

Each year the American Association of University Women has a special day during its annual book sale when librarians from local invited schools may choose books and publications needed for their school libraries. This is made possible through the generosity of Mr. Carl Barton who picks up the bill for books selected. Last year 4,409 books and 868 magazines were chosen. The librarians agree it is a wonderful opportunity to supplement their library budgets and to fill their shelves with current fiction, classics, references and technical books.

Six Birmingham students give their candid comments on reading habits and school libraries in interviews with Mrs. Dorothy Williamson, an AAUW member serving on the Book Sale. To be held Oct. 27-31 in the Detroit Edison building in Birmingham.

DIANE LONGWAY, senior at Birmingham high, is active in Student Congress, plays piano and has a flair for dramatics.

"What books would you like your librarians to find at the AAUW book sale?"

"Science reference books and good plays. I like autobiographies and historical books, too."

Do high school students watch television instead of reading?
"No, most students do not waste their time watching poor TV shows. They enjoy reading and think the large amount of required reading for school is a good thing."

TONY HAMMER, Birmingham high senior, reads a lot and attends films for sports.

What type of books do you enjoy most?
"I would like to say a good word for the illustrated classics, they're terrific. I also like historical books and ones on governmental procedures."

Does television interfere with reading habits?
"No, students select their television programs wisely and don't neglect their reading either required or for pleasure."

JENNIFER JACKSON, Derby junior high 8th grader, mixes a

Field Day

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The mighty seniors "stood to their honors, one and all." The class song, sung to the tune of "Yankee Doodle" and accompanied by the drummers, built up to a high level of sound, and then gradually fading away.

When it came time for the events, the decisive part of Field Day, one could feel the tenseness in the gym.

Seniors snatched a majority of first places but were foiled by sophomores in the tricycle race. The bike literally fell apart after the sophomore try. Both juniors and seniors fought to stay on as they medly peddled the damaged three-wheeler.

Results of Field Day were: Float; Juniors and seniors tied for first, sophomores third; Cheerleaders, first, sophomores second, and juniors third; Marching, juniors first, seniors second and sophomores third; Costumes, seniors and juniors tied for first and sophomores third.

The "Spirit of '79" and the class of '79 won! Seniors 1074, juniors 848, and sophomores 93. Mr. Wagner, school principal, awarded the barrel to senior class president, Harry Klumshorn and Field Day chairman, Linda Burkman. It was all over but the cheering...

U of D Students Semi-Finalists In Merit Test

Thomas H. Barkley, son of the late William F. Barkley and Mrs. Anne Barkley, 2720 Fifth Hill drive, Bloomfield township and Joseph W. Fremont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry J. Fremont, 611 Lakeview, Birmingham are two of 11 seniors at the University of Detroit high school named as semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

According to Rev. John P. Sullivan, S. J., principal, the students chosen another three-hour examination Dec. 6 to narrow the field.

"I read more in the winter, about four books a month, than in the summer when I like outdoor sports. I think it would be helpful to students if there was more required reading in school."

MARGARET STICKNEY, Torry school 8th grader, is a good student who likes to read in her free time.

"What kind of books do you choose?"

"I like hobby books, fairy tales and books about the beginning of our country, Indians and pilgrims but not westerns. I think our library needs more books on American history."

Do you like television?
"I like to read more, but I like programs such as Bold Adventure. I think most students my age spend too much time watching poor TV shows and neglect their reading."

DONALD URQUHART, Torry school 8th grader, would like to be a baseball player in the future and collects stamps and stones in his spare time.

"What books in your school library do you like?"

"I've read all the autobiographies of baseball players that school has and I wish they had more. I'm interested in history books, too."

Do you watch television often?
"Most of my friends watch television a lot and neglect more worthwhile things like reading and sports."

These three schools, Birmingham high, Derby junior high and Torry, were among the school libraries choosing the largest amount of books at last year's AAUW book sale, approximately 150 books and 100 magazines per school. The librarians suggested these six students as good readers interested in their school libraries.



Diane Tony
Jennifer Larry
Margaret Donald

love for Latin and Science with skill in diving, playing the organ and dancing. She is vice president of student government.

What are your favorite kinds of books?
"My choice is books on science, especially about planets, and historical novels. Our school library is new and we need more reference books and magazines like 'The National Geographic,' biographies and histories."

How much reading do you do?
"I read about five books a month in the winter and 10 in the summer when I have more time."

LARRY HARD, Derby junior high 9th grader, is active in student government and sports, and is trying to improve his selection of books which he enjoys reading.

"What kind of books do you like to read?"

"I like adventure, war and sports books, and historical works."

How many books do you read?

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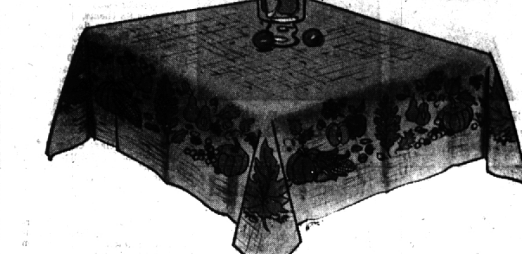
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