

So long as one lives, the opportunity to improve one's lot in life is here—and NOW! Most people frequently say to themselves: "Sure, I want to progress, in my vocation, in my family relations, in my inner desire to be a happier human being." Yet this admission too often proves to be just wishful thinking. Yet a few really do do something about it. They WILL it!

## FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH

DENI SCANLON, Youth Editor

### Calendar

For Today's Youth  
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**Thursday Oct. 23**  
Birmingham: Ascencia. 8:15 p.m.  
Cranbrook: Eng rehearsal. Auditorium. 7:00-9:30 p.m.  
Cranbrook: Willie Ley speaks on "Conquest of Nearby Space." Auditorium. 8:15 p.m. \$2.50.

**Friday Oct. 24**  
Birmingham: Card released.  
Torch Drive Dance after game. Given by Pep Club.  
Cranbrook: Eng rehearsal. Auditorium. 7:00-9:30 p.m.

**Saturday Oct. 25**  
Cranbrook: "Witness for the Prosecution," starring Tyrone Power, Marión Dietrich and Charles Laughton. 7:30 p.m. Auditorium.

**Sunday Oct. 26**  
Cranbrook: Eng rehearsal. 2-4:30 p.m. Auditorium.

**Tuesday Oct. 28**  
Birmingham: Scribblers. Little Apartment. 7:30 p.m.  
Southfield: Parent, Teacher, Student association. (PTSA) 8:15 p.m. Gym.

**Wednesday Oct. 29**  
Birmingham: Photo Club. C109. 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday Oct. 30**  
Birmingham: A. F. S. Meeting. 7:30-10 p.m.  
Southfield: Government Day for Seniors.

**Friday Oct. 31**  
Birmingham: The Halloween Dance. "Harvest Hop" given jointly by Congress and the city, will be held in the Gym from 9:30-12:30 p.m. The music will be provided by the Continentals, and the dress is casual.  
Cranbrook: Eng rehearsal. 2-4:30 p.m.

**Saturday Nov. 1**  
Cranbrook: Homecoming. A 11 day.  
"Teacher's Pet" starring Doris Day, Clark Gable, and Gig Young. Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM HIGH



**MAPLE MATTERS**

By STEVE TAYLOR

### A.F.S. Students to Explain Program

There will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 30 in the Little Theater for all parents of juniors and sophomores to explain the summer and winter programs of the American Field Service. John Butzel, a Cranbrook student who spent last summer in Italy, will show slides and tell of his experiences. The program will also include talks by Birmingham's foreign exchange students and the A.F.S. advisors. All are invited to come to this interesting evening, students too!

Club Tri Delta Cross has done several service projects this year including the painting of the basement of the Y.M.C.A. and the transportation of a luncheon from Detroit also for use in the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. The club is planning to hold a sock hop after one of Birmingham's home basketball games this fall.

The Birmingham debate team coached by Mr. Charles Thumser will start its official debating season sometime around Thanksgiving. The members of the debate class have been debating in class for several weeks now and should have attained an excellent polish by the start of the season.

The Scholarship Qualifying tests were given to Birmingham high school seniors last week, Tuesday, in study hall E 104. The tests which lasted three hours are the determining factor in many scholarship awards and thus are very important.

A senior class meeting was held last Monday to explain college requirements and scholarship opportunities to all members of the senior class. Mr. Wagner, school principal, and the school counselors were the speakers. Each spoke on a particular aspect of the college

## B'ham Students Note Beloved Traditions

By ANN BUCHANAN  
Special Writer

Tradition is the backbone of any institution. However, students often use the word loosely, meaning "anything done year after year."

In the following series of articles, I will treat tradition as something that can be looked back on to evoke an emotional reaction, whether it be of sadness, pride, happiness or fulfillment.

Birmingham, Bloomfield, Southfield, Kingswood, Cranbrook, Bloomfield and Detroit Country Day schools have a wealth of traditions. Many of them are similar, but each school has a distinctive few that set it apart. All the traditions cannot be elaborated on, so I have picked the most interesting and most deeply rooted.

Originally named Baldwin high school, Birmingham High is a school of many wonderful traditions. One of the most beloved traditions is the Birmingham alma

mater, "Forever Birmingham," written by Vida B. McGiffin, journalism instructor, and Jerome Neff of the class of 1947.

Field day, an afternoon of competition between classes, is the most popular event. Around a chosen theme, each class prepares costumes, practices cheers and marching and develops athletic prowess to compete in field events.

CHRISTMAS FOOD baskets for the Salvation Army are eagerly filled by homerooms, a tradition of which the school is very proud. A familiar sight at football and (See STUDENTS, Page 4-D)

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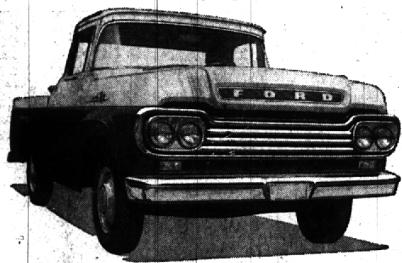
### B'ham Cadet Elected To Academy Post

CULVER, Ind.—Michael James Handren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Handren, 1079 Puritan road, Birmingham, has been elected vice president of the second class at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind.

### Hold It! This Is Only Practice . . .

...about a Bloomfield Hills high school student, who literally went "Bottoms Up" last week while trying out for the three-act comedy by Harold J. Gregory, Janis Kaleck delights at the hazing of the fraternity, pledging freshman, while Bonnie Richard, portraying the dean of the college, tries to prevent Ken Allor from whacking Tom Manhard. The play will be presented by the students at 8:15 p.m. Nov. 20-21 at the high school gym. Glenn Wooster, dramatic coach, is in charge of the production.

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