

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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If the average American citizen allowed his home to be neglected to the extent that many people neglect their duties and responsibilities as citizens—well, can you not imagine what blighted areas many neighborhoods would be? Any wonder, then, why the very foundations of American civic and economic structures are being undermined by socialist-welfarism?

## MAPLE MATTERS

By STEVE TAYLOR

### UN Club Organizes

BUNA, the Birmingham United Nations association, held a brief organizational meeting last Thursday. The club's new advisor will be George Miller, to replace George Pappas who moved to California. A membership committee and an elections committee were set up at this meeting. These committees will supervise the acceptance of new members and the elections of officers for this year's club.

Scribblers club held a brief meeting after school last week to determine the time for its first meeting of the year. New advisors of this club are Miss Heystack and the function of this club is to encourage good writing among its members.

Birmingham's American Field service student from Turkey was introduced at the pep assembly last Friday. Erkan Sankaya said hello and wished the BHS football team luck in its first contest against Cranbrook. The members of the football team and cross country squad were introduced by the coaches.

The activity ticket sales which provide many of the school activities with funds were very low this year. Only about 83 percent purchased the ticket which permits the purchaser to attend all BHS home games, in all sports, free. The exact amount of money realized is not yet known, but it is expected to be well below last year's total.

Martin Weinrich, Birmingham's AFS student in Germany, wrote a fascinating letter back to the high school. It was read to the student body at the pep assembly

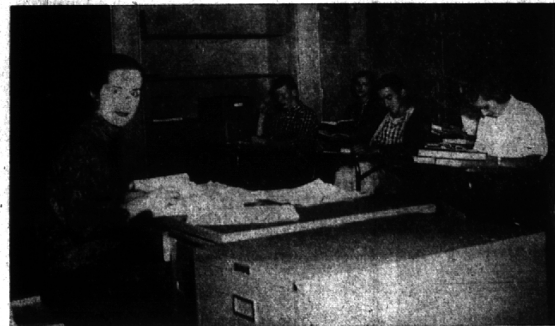
last Friday. In his letter Martin described many of the sights he had seen in Germany and the many people he had met. He has not as yet met the family with which he will spend most of this winter but has stayed with other families until they return from their vacation. Martin will attend school in Düsseldorf, Germany a greater part of this winter. Everyone is expecting to hear more from him as the year progresses.

Pep club held a sophomore mixer after the football game Friday night. The music was provided by Dave Diamond and his band. The dance was under the supervision of Pep club's social chairman, Jan Heideman.

All BHS seniors interested in getting a college scholarship signed up for the Scholarship Qualifying Test last week. This test is used as the basis of scholarships at many schools throughout the entire country.

Tara club held a meeting at the home of Ann Fontaine last Sunday. Honoraries were taken into the club. The new members are Claudia Carasmani, Marvin Kempf, Pam Uites, Marilyn Bratten and Linda Olson.

## FOR AND ABOUT ODA'S YOUTH



Christiana Hilaire turns her attention from her French students to the photographer.

### She's Sweet as Candy

## Chocolate Ants, Mademoiselle?

By DENI SCANLON  
Youth Editor

Christiana Hilaire doesn't relish chocolate-covered ants. But she's a good sport. So she ate them with a smile when her students tried to be thoughtful.

Miss Hilaire, an exchange teacher from France now on the Bloomfield Hills high school faculty, had mentioned to her students that French people often eat snails and frogs. But she didn't expect them to present her with delicacies—especially ants.

"American students are extremely nice," she explained. "They are trying to be kind. I even got gum and magazines and an apple a day."

MISS HILAIRE arrived in the United States Aug. 30 from her home in Toulouse, France. A graduate of the University of Toulouse, she studied a year in Dartmouth, Devon, England.

"Students weren't used to my English or my French," she commented, "but they are so eager to learn it is a difficulty we are re-

solving."

Miss Hilaire was swamped with questions the first day of her teaching career. "They wanted to know if the French really drink wine instead of milk, what the Riviera is like and how European teenagers behave."

The flood of curiosity rocked her just as hurricane Daisy tossed the ocean liner during her trip to the U. S.

"But Americans are so alive," she said, "one can't help enjoying the attention."

AND ATTENTION is exactly what the pert, brown-eyed woman gets. A picture of French beauty, her charming ways have won the hearts of both the students and faculty.

Miss Hilaire's reasons for coming to America were varied. She knew Fulbright scholars, studying in France, who recommended she teach here. And she wanted to see the United States.

"The world is getting smaller," she said, and I feel we must not only speak each other's language but get to know one another for

mutual understanding."

ACCORDING TO Miss Hilaire, the French impression of Americans is not entirely correct. She attributes this to the selection of films and newspaper articles sent to Europe and added that American tourists are not always typical of our people.

She finds the climate here is colder, the young people grow up sooner, everyone laughs more easily and the nation's economy is more stable. Thus, she feels there are surface differences that are hard to tolerate unless they are understood.

But, she added, "this is the prime reason why I am enjoying my stay here. When I go back to France, I can explain these things."

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Hilaire, live in Tréguier in France, where her brother, Roger, operates a hardware store.

Miss Hilaire plans to return to her home in France some day, but she concluded in her recent, "I must hurry now, I have to go grocery shopping."

French bread, no doubt!

### Southfield High

## S'field Picks Theme for Homecoming

Murmurs of homecoming are already in the air. Miss Doreen Picard's first hour sociology class approved Barb Troy's "Queens and Quarterbacks" and submitted it to the Student Council, who announced it as the theme.

Cheers, music and songs colored the pep rally held before last week's game. Varsity cheerleaders sponsored the Blue Jay Hop following the game. Bala hoop performances by some experts and "inexperts" and songs by the Crews; Tom and Terry Clark, Mike Yoshonin and Jim Clark were features of the evening.

Senior Ralph Boose is the school's official photographer for the second year. His biggest job is to take pictures for the yearbook, magazine and school paper. Ralph spent his vacation this year touring the Hawaiian Islands.

Class officers introduced at a recent senior class meeting are Bob Flair, president; Tom Clark, vice president; Judy Gotberg, secretary; Sue Deem, treasurer; Sue Erbacher, student council representative; Kathy Hoffman, FISA representative and Phil Vestevich, board member.

Discussion included the forthcoming senior dance, class pictures, trip deposits, the selection of class colors, motto and flower. Plans were made for an all-senior play to be presented in October. Present at the meeting to speak to the seniors was Principal Robert E. Hall and Sanford Burr, Southfield's college advisor.

President Terry Odum presided over a junior class meeting held recently. Discussion centered around college and scholarships.

New Varsity Club officers for 1958-59 are Rod Quirk, president; Dick Jusine, vice-president; and Tom Ridley, secretary-treasurer.

Yearbook sales began this week. Orders for the 1959 Blue and Gray are being taken both before and after school and will continue for two weeks. Cost is \$3. The yearbook will be published in June.

Co-captains of the varsity cheerleading squad, Janet Gotberg and

Marlie Sandusk, have announced their line for the coming season. They are Pat O'Hara, Elaine Correa, Carol Hartke, Barbara Lawton, Judy Deem and Karen Young. The girls are aiming for one victory after another. (See THEME, Page 2-D)

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