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Students Meet Teenage Rage

TV star Pat Boone talked with nearly 200 high school students last week at press conference sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. He talks with area teenagers, Martha Cole, Bloomfield Hills high school; (left); Marilyn Stower, Shrine High; and Joyce Lambert, Clawson high school (right).

Southfield High

New Speech Room Helps Southfield's Speakers

Those silver-tongued orators of tomorrow may be getting their training today in Southfield high's newly-completed speech room, finished last week as part of the school's new addition.

A raised speaking platform and a sound control room adapted for radio training are two of the room's outstanding features.

The speaking platform, or stage will keep the speaker at a higher level than the audience, thus more closely simulating actual speaking conditions than a conventional platform. It also provides a good area for plays or skits prepared by classes.

Turntables and built-in tape recorders highlight the sound control room which looks onto the stage area. Although transmitting equipment is not available, most of the equipment necessary for elementary radio training is present.

"We are trying to build confidence as well as develop technique," says Daniel Julien, school speech instructor. "Students can begin their training in the 10th grade, and we are hoping that the new facilities will create interest in public speaking."

The program will also aid the school debate and forensics activities.

With two days off last week because of the ice and snow on the roads, the Southfield Jay staff had only one hour Wednesday to dash off their copy for their Friday 13th issue. In a few paragraphs, reporter John Coup reminded students that "That Day is Here Again."

Harking back to Roman times, John declared that St. Valentine's Day was a time for Roman couples to pair off through lottery. Comparing ancient days with present times, John called 1959 a time to "impress upon the loved one our love of spending money."

A few Valentines floated around Southfield Friday and one Romeo got a big laugh out of the rhyme a sparkling-eyed girl gave him.

Golly Valentine, Judging by the way you look, And all that class and culture, No plain old stork delivered you, You must've come by culture.

There have been only two other days in Southfield's history when ice and snow forced the school to close. According to Miss Mary Lou Lake, Mrs. Letha Palmer and Mrs. Leeta Muir the school was closed for a day in 1952 and 1956.



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By STEVE TAYLOR

Spanish Club Makes Plans

The Spanish club executive board held a meeting last week to plan future meetings. Discussed were plans to attend a Spanish movie at the Clawson Theatre, a trip to a Spanish restaurant, and a pot luck supper with the Spanish club of a neighboring school.

poor weather conditions.

BUNA met last Wednesday night to hear policy speeches from the three major world interests and to hold block meetings. Speeches were given by the delegates from India and the U.S.S.R., but the United States delegate was not present at the meeting. Proposals were to be turned in last Friday, with three to be chosen for use in the general assembly. It is hoped that the executive board will choose a proposal from each of the three main interests . . . rumor has it that they will not.

The Birmingham debate team will hold practice debates with Pontiac and Hazel Park this week to warm up for the state tournaments. The Birmingham team will debate at Wayne University in the tournaments.

National Honor Society presented Valentia last Saturday night in the Maple Room. Students danced to the music of Les Shaw and his band and enjoyed the Valentine refreshments and decorations . . . The turnout was excellent considering the weather and members hope to have cleared a small amount on the dance.

The Senior class will hold a meeting this Thursday night in the BHS gym to discuss swing out plans . . . this is the second of several planned class meetings to be held this year.

AES students from the Birmingham area took a trip Tuesday to tour the state capitol at Lansing. Students saw the capitol buildings and had lunch before returning. Also, last week, Martin Weirich, American Field Service returnee from Germany, gave a talk to the assembled student body on his stay in Germany. Especially interesting were the descriptions of German school life and also, the elaborate precautions taken by a German family in locking their home for the night.

Senior English classes took a field trip to the Clawson Theatre to see Sir Laurence Olivier's production of Hamlet. Students enjoyed the popcorn and free coffee as much as they did the movie, which was really quite excellent. Some of the classes wrote impromptu themes on the movie when they returned to school.

The Birmingham high school French club attended a French dinner given at Ferndale high school last Tuesday night. Attendance was unfortunately cut down by the

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