

# Presses Keep on Rolling Despite Setbacks at SHS

By DAVE MAKER  
Seaholm Junior

Many Birmingham alumni are probably wondering about the condition of the journalism department at the Birmingham Seaholm high school.

Well they might—the department has undergone some startling changes in the past year.

MISS VIDA B. McGiffin, the department's head for 30 years, retired to other work in June, 1959.

Her replacement, who had to commute daily from Howell, died after less than two months of teaching here. At this time Seaholm is without a journalism instructor. Such a transition would say the least, retard progress considerably in most schools.

But—naturally—not in Birmingham.

THE HIGHLANDERS are racing off the presses. The Piper yearbook promises to be classier than ever. Neither one is in the red—beginning journalism classes are progressing at a great rate.

The reason? Seaholm's former advisor, Miss McGiffin. During her thirty years here, Miss McGiffin forked out and explained every detail of operation so thoroughly that the department is perfectly capable of running itself.

Therefore, when the late Guy Jameson came to Seaholm in September, he didn't have to start from scratch. The publications staffs already knew their stuff.

That does not imply that Mr. Jameson did not put in a great deal of work, for he was not highly valuable to the department, but his main function was merely advising, rather than running the show.

NO LONGER under the exacting eye of Miss McGiffin, the staffs felt more free to do as they pleased, which they did, although it was mighty hard to improve on the dean of school journalism in the Midwest.

Mr. Jameson was originally the subject of this story. An Alphon graduate with an MA from Michigan, he had previously taught biology, general science, and journalism at Howell for eight years.

He was married and had a daughter, Christine, less than a year old.

ONE WEEKEND Mr. Jameson went home ill. The next Wednesday, Oct. 28, he died of a heart attack. He had taught at Seaholm for more than two months. In his memory the Highlander staff changed the paper's nameplate to the Old English lettering which he had advocated.

The journalism department was then taken over by Mrs. Arthur Hill, a regular English and history

teacher, who had been editor of her school paper in Ann Arbor. She will be in the journalism department for two or three more weeks, until a new permanent instructor arrives.

How has the Highlander fared through the shuffle? Very well, says its co-editor, John Hill. It does, however, have to race a little to meet its deadlines, due to a lack of experienced writers and IBM typists.

This results in press nights, when the staff stays up till early morning putting out its paper. Grimly opposed to this is Stan, the night janitor for the journalism area.

THE STAFF apparently must present passes from the principal to use the area at night, and passes the staff ain't got; thus each press night is a challenging battle of wits.

One other thing about the Highlander. Unrestricted admission to the journalism area during school hours has been responsible for one case of premarital interdigitation in the Seaholm student body.

Other than these, no problems in particular hamper the Highlander. Publications, the Business Manager, Bill Ellis. And for the record, everything is fine with him.

The books over which it is his duty to selflessly pore, are straight; he could have an ape for a teacher, and he still wouldn't have any problems with those books.

THIS LEAVES Seaholm High School's pride and joy, the Piper. After a quarter century, the Piper has evolved into a journalistic word of art, a yearbook among yearbooks.

Co-editors Carol King and Ned Anders, needless to say, hope to keep it this way for 1960, but without Miss McGiffin the going gets rough.

Not really rough; everything is going like clockwork, according to schedule, but is it the right schedule? Every word is a gem, but will the Columbia Scholastic Press association think the same? Nobody knows. We'll just have to wait and see.

AS FOR THE beginning journalism classes, they haven't suffered in the least; they have the advanced classes to teach them; what more could they ask for than Michigan's finest?

Well, by tradition they're Mich-

igan's finest, at any rate. According to rumors, Seaholm's next journalism teacher and publications advisor will come from Inlay City. What happens then will appear in a future issue of The Eclectic.

One thing is sure, though—he doesn't need to hurry.

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Miss Emily Bissell, a Red Cross worker, conducted the first American Christmas Seal Sale in 1907 to raise money to fight TB in Wilmington, Delaware. Since then, it has been an annual nationwide campaign.

Marian Hi

## They've Got Something To Get All Set About

By CAROL JURICA

The date is set—Sunday, Dec. 6. The time is set—2 to 5 in the afternoon. We're all set—for Marian's first appearance before the public, the open house.

We hope you're all set to come and see our beautiful school on Labor road near Lincoln. Any friends or relatives of Marian's are most welcome to come and inspect our proud possession. So . . . come on down, and we'll show you around.

A PROGRAM Nov. 10 honored the founding of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order of nuns by Fr. Gillet in 1845.

The entire student body and faculty gathered at 8:30 a.m. in the student lounge. A wonderful verse choir presented the history of the order and the background of the program, as several girls gave well-composed speeches.

Included in the program was the order's song, "Order Blue," and Marian's newly-written school song, "The Marian Hymn," which were sung by the girls under the direction and piano playing of Sister Georgilyn, music teacher. A courage and spiritual bouquet were presented to Mother Thomas Agnes, principal.

ALL IN all, everyone enjoyed the day, especially the faculty, whose "birthdays" it was. Many girls from Marian will attend the Ganesha festival at St. Mary's Academy in Monroe on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 9-5.

The festival will consist of plays presented by several high schools in the Detroit area, dancing, choral singing, etc. A bus is being chartered for transportation to Monroe, and a wonderful day has been promised all the girls.

Standard baseball bats are made from oak wood.

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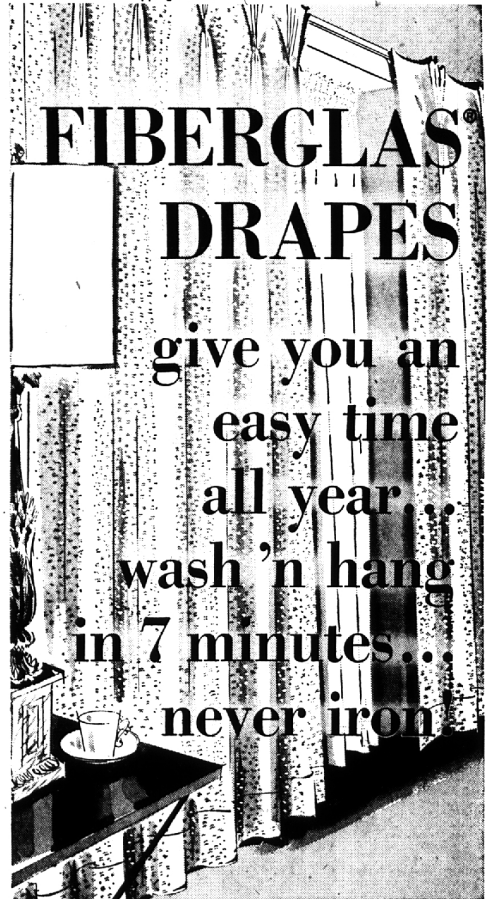
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## Cranbrook Corridor

### ... to be Held Here, Weekend Of Nov. 20

By DON CUMMINGS

The fourth annual Lake Erie Religious conference, this year hosted by Kingswood and Cranbrook schools will be on the weekend of Nov. 20-21.

Registration will be Friday afternoon, Nov. 20. Approximately twelve participating schools will be represented and the area schools invited are: Liggett, Detroit Country Day, Bloomfield Country Day, and Grose Pointe University school.

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