

## Students Fill Baskets For Seventh Year

By LEE YOEKLER  
Special Writer

Busy filling Christmas baskets for needy families in the Pontiac area were 54 Seaholm home-rooms.

Student Congress has sponsored the project for seven years. Patti Mason, this year's student chairman, worked with Mrs. Carol Darling, Dean of Students, Miss Mary Hartwick's home-room, A113, came up with the novel idea this year of selling large wicker baskets to the home-rooms. The needy will find many uses for them.

At the Christmas assembly Thursday, Capt. J. William Weaver of the Pontiac Salvation Army will accept the baskets for delivery.

THE ASSEMBLY will include Christmas songs by the band, directed by Arnold Berndt and the choir, directed by Victor Ulrich. Prosement also will present "Mr. Kaplan and the Magi" under the direction of Richard Bagz and the student direction of Betsy Quinn.

AT AN ASSEMBLY Dec. 14, students enjoyed the Brothers Four, a popular recording group. Assembly Club, which tries to provide the best possible entertainment, selected this group to sing.

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## BARNUM JUNIOR HIGH

### Boys, Girls CARE; Collect for Project

By KAREN L. PIEL  
Special Writer

Barnum students are showing they do care by contributing to

CARE. For a Christmas project, each home-room is collecting money to buy one or more CARE packages. Each home-room may choose the type of package and the country to which they want it sent.

BARNUM'S Christmas program was held on Thursday. The music department, including the girls' eighth and ninth grade choirs, the eighth and ninth grade boys' glee clubs and the orchestra performed.

The girls were directed by Evelyn Micheletti. William Seeback directed the boys, and the orchestra was led by Dale Bartlett. A solo, "The Birthday of a King," was sung by Karen Jarvis, a ninth grader at Barnum.

Carols sung by the ninth grade language classes in French and Spanish highlighted the Christmas assembly which will be held Thursday. Christmas songs also will be sung by the eighth and ninth glee clubs and choirs and the orchestra will join in the performance.

AS IN PAST years, members of the seventh grade were chosen to be in a pageant, depicting the Bethlehem scene.

Those chosen were Ellen Towers who will play Mary; Don Roast as Joseph and Christopher Pendleton, Pat Kelly and Larry Evans who will enact the parts of the Shepherds, Mike Hawkins, John Albert, and Charles Daeof will play the three kings.

Angels will be played by Katie Kirvan, Ann Guthrie, Ellen Eckert, Lynda Strom, Betty Jo Hingelmann, Phyllis Richardson and Terry Goldmann as well as Gretchen K. R. h, Diana Rozema, Claudia Owen and Nancy Ackery.

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## Vacation Will Top Hectic Holiday Season

By BOB HUGHES  
Special Writer

The last few weeks before Christmas vacation are always hectic. On Friday, there were two athletic contests, a skating party and a presentation by J. V. Dracematis.

The Cranbrook Debating Team was also quite busy, running a tournament at Cranbrook on last Thursday, and attending another tournament the next evening. Under the leadership of Captain Bert Shapins, the team was quite successful in both of these ventures.

THE BOARDING houses held their own Christmas parties at various times during the last two weeks. Page and Marvinis held supper parties in the cabin while Stevens gave a desert party in the dorm, saving the cabin venture for Valentine's. Presents of a humorous nature were presented to faculty members at these gatherings.

Many Cranbrook boys were gaily entertained by our fair sisters at the dance given by the sophomores of Kingswood on Saturday.

THE NEXT EVENING, the combined glee-clubs of the two schools presented Handel's "Messiah" in the Kingswood auditorium, with Barney Crouse and Bob Hughes doing the male solos.

THE ANNUAL Christmas Pageant was presented by the glee club. With Barney Crouse doing most of the solo work, the singers presented a service at the manger and a personal number while a stalwart group of lower schoolers presented the traditional

## BLOOMFIELD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL Girls Contribute Holiday Ornaments

By PAULA GOODMAN  
Special Writer

The girls at Bloomfield Country Day School enjoyed the holiday atmosphere of the school, created for the Christmas program Dec. 11.

Soft candlelight, stained glass window, Christmas angels and fir trees, and a creche enhanced the vesper service. Doors and halls were decked with wreaths and holly and each girl contributed an ornament to hang on the tree.

A CHRISTMAS luncheon a day party was held last Friday, consisting of chicken salad made by Mrs. Wilma Norton and Christmas cookies made by Miss Marjorie Sallee. Gifts were exchanged by students and faculty.

Karen Vandenkort, an alumna of the school, was an honored guest.

The only sad note was the farewell which the girls said to Mrs. Ernest Beck, history and English instructor at B.C.D.S. for the past three years.

Mrs. Beck and her family are moving to California to join her husband who is now employed there. A farewell gift was presented to Mrs. Beck by the students.

## String Orchestra Premieres at School

By CAROL JURICA and JUDY GOODE  
Special Writers

An assembly was held Dec. 7 at Marian. The Marian string orchestra gave its first public performance.

The orchestra consists of 17 members, led by Mr. Waring. The Marian choral, consisting of almost the entire sophomore class, sang several different numbers and dedicated them to the Mother of God whose feast of the Immaculate Conception was held Dec. 8.

THIS ASSEMBLY officially kicked off the 1960 Christmas drive at Marian. This year we will provide for four needy families. Four committees were chosen to work on the project and all students were asked to contribute.

IN A DEC. 7 assembly, freshmen chose their class officers. Nominees were announced on the preceding Friday.

These girls presented campaign speeches to the student body. At the close of the morning session, freshmen cast their votes.

Our new president is Frances Thurber; vice-president, Nancy Brost; secretary, Sue Tighe and treasurer, Kathleen Sullivan.

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