

Barnum JHS

New From MSU—A Shop Prof Who's Learning

By THE PRESS CLUB
Barnum's new student teacher, Mr. Kenneth Miller from Michigan State university is assisting Mr. Merlin Smiley in the shop.

Mr. Miller's hobbies include book-keeping, reading fiction and shopwork. He commented that Birmingham was his first choice in which to student teach, and also that the people he's met around Barnum are very pleasant and friendly to talk to. Mr. Miller makes his home

in Grosse Ile, Mich.
The student council alternate met with Mr. Ladd in room 190, Jan. 5. Pat Roach was elected chairman, John Merker, vice chairman, and Sue John secretary. The alternates plan the '55-'56 publication of "Who's Who at Barnum?"

Who's who is a booklet giving recognition to those students who have received honors or taken part in school activities during the first

three marking periods of the year. This year the collection of facts for this publication will be carried on by the home rooms.

Barnum's 1950 yearbook, the M-platoonian, is being sold in the home rooms from Monday, Jan. 4 to Friday, Jan. 15. The yearbook will be awarded to the student who designs the best cover; the contest closes Jan. 11.

As a conclusion to the volley-ball season for B.H. this year, two games were held Wednesday night in which the ninth-graders stood seventh and eighth graders. The ninth grade, winning in each case, chose Marcia Hutchinson and Brooke Hinkley as their captains. The scores were 15-11 and 15-7.

The students of Barnum have come back to school really feeling like cracking-down and getting some work done. There is a contrast between now and before the Christmas vacation. One can almost feel the atmosphere being very business-like.

Barnum's swimming team, which is composed of ninth, eighth and seventh graders, will have its first meet next Friday with the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Lee, the swimming coach, has drilled the team in swimming and diving very well. The team has good spirit, and has high hopes of winning its coming meet.

Kingswood Column
By JOAN McDONALD

Kingswood classes resumed Wednesday, Jan. 6, ending the three-week holiday. Boarders returned to the dormitory Tuesday evening, while day students were not reinstated in school life until 8:30 the following morning.

The foremost thoughts in everyone's mind are of the mid-year examinations which will be taken at the end of January.

Last weekend, however, the seniors had another type of test to contemplate. Saturday morning they were given the College Entrance Examination board's scholastic aptitude tests.

These examinations have become exceedingly important to colleges in their decisions in accepting applicants. They are one of the few ways in which students can be compared on a national scale. Juniors, who took the preliminary aptitude tests earlier in the year, will receive their scores this week.

In the first chapel service following vacation Wednesday, the speaker was Sara Bartholomew, president of the student council.

Marian Hi
She's Back And Seems To Like It
CAROL JURICA

Welcome back to Marian Hi! After a long vacation, which was thoroughly enjoyed by this writer, we're trying to get back into the swing of things. This is not as easy as it sounds, but our new year's resolution is to go, go, go—so let's go!

Wednesday, Jan. 6, Marian was privileged to have a representative of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith come and present a program.

The program started with a motion picture on the society's needs, and was narrated by the well-known Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. After a brief explanation by our visitor, a second film was shown which portrayed the lives of the people who are aided by the society, and the work of the Redemptorist priests and nuns in South America.

The program lasted about one hour, and the faculty and student body were present. By the way, this was the first time that our recently finished gymnasium had been used for any activity.

Marian high school held auditions Monday afternoon for girls interested in competing in the annual Gleaner Speech festival, to be held in February or March. The auditions included a one and a half minute reading, which was judged according to diction and expression.

The reading could be in one of three categories: a passage from the Bible, a dialogue, or story-telling. The girls, who were selected for competition will be announced in next week's column.

A party, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, has been proposed by the Marian student council. Dancing to records will be included in the party. The party is still in the idea stage, so more will be said about it later.

Local Mothers Join 2 Million in Dime March

Thousands of mothers of Oakland County are joining two million women across the nation in a campaign for facts and funds for the New March of Dimes.

An announcement by the Rev. G. Burton Hodgson, Oakland county chairman of the New March of Dimes, also disclosed that the county chapter had spent \$10,296 aiding victims of paralytic polio in the Birmingham area during 1959.

THE TRADITIONAL Mothers' March will be Thursday evening, Jan. 28, according to Mrs. Harvey C. Swift, 375 Stanley, Birmingham Mothers' March chairman.

This year our Marching Mothers will ask for information along with a contribution," Mrs. Swift said. "Both are needed for the National Foundation's fight against birth defects, arthritis and polio. One of these cripples attacks one out of four families in the United States."

In addition to collecting voluntary contributions to the New March of Dimes, Mrs. Swift explained, the mothers will present each household with a copy of "Door Count," a concise, fact-finding folder in which each family is asked to indicate if any of its members has a birth defect, arthritis or polio. Additionally, the family is asked how many members have had three or more Salk vaccine shots.

MRS. SWIFT stressed that each family record will be in strictest confidence.

"Although the house-to-house poll is in no way planned as a statistically valid survey," Mrs. Swift said, "the sum of information taken in the door count will help provide a working estimate in our county of the number of persons suffering from arthritis; the number born with birth defects and the number who have been victims of paralytic polio."

They'll Change Bottles to \$

Seasholm high school seniors are scheduled to go clicking, clanking and tinkling down Birmingham streets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jan. 16.

The sociology students of Don Grothe will be out collecting bottles which they will sell to make money for the old people in Oakland county infirmary.

THE BOTTLES will be collected in cars, taken to the home of Chairman Dick Sperling, president of the sociology class. They will then be taken by truck to a Birmingham store that has agreed to buy the bottles.

The proceeds, students hope, will be enough to buy the patients a transistor radio.

A bake sale later this month will raise funds to buy magazines, books, aprons and goldfish for patients at the Pontiac state hospital. The students and goldfish have proven to be popular at the hospital, a student said.

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Medical Mirror
WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT

Why Can't Johnny Read?
• Vitamins

Q. Our 7-year-old son has been very slow in learning to read. Does this mean that he is mentally below par?
A. No. Slow reading is not necessarily an indication of retarded intelligence. In fact, many children with reading difficulties have superior intelligence. At age 8, when most children enter the first grade, many are just not ready to read. In our educational system, where all children must conform to a set pattern, "reading readiness" is very much in the picture. The already child rapidly develops feelings of inferiority, and something that should be simple becomes very hard to do. Soon emotional factors set in and the child's ability to learn is hampered. It is true that the taking of very large doses of certain vitamins, such as A and D, over a long period of time may cause trouble. However, the use of multi-vitamin preparations of moderate potency and in the recommended dosage is not at all likely to cause poisoning.

Note: The next time you are in your store raise the question of vitamins. We will be glad to discuss this subject in detail.

Questions directed to Science Editors, P.O. Box 196, Madison St. Sta. N. Y. 10 N. Y. will be incorporated in these columns when possible.

Parents faced with this problem can get some good tips from certain books, a list of which will be sent to interested readers upon request.

O. Please advise me in your column if it is necessary for a child of 65 to take vitamin tablets. Someone told me vitamin tablets were poisonous. Is this true?



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Friday another Kingswood student spoke during assembly time. She was Raewyn Frear, Raewyn, who is the foreign student, talked on New Zealand, its geography, its people and its life. Many slides, taken by herself, illustrated her talk.

Skating parties will be the major social activity Friday nights until after exams. Last week the party, which usually would have been at 7:30, was delayed because of an exciting Cranbrook hockey game which, incidentally, proved to be a terrific victory.

The party this Friday will be conducted by Kingswood's K-Club and will include refreshments which will be held in the Cranbrook cabin.

Need 300 for an 'A'?
How's this for a test? Miss Warner's seventh and eighth-grade math classes at Derby junior high have been studying a unit on keeping bowling scores. Tonight they will be given a test in the archery game, as they enjoy an evening of bowling.

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