

Barnum Junior High

Three Staff Members Are New to School

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The school year at Barnum opened with three new members on the staff. Charles E. Beyette, the new assistant principal, was graduated from Michigan State university in 1951 with a bachelor of arts degree. He received his master of arts degree in 1956 from the same institution.

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Eight and ninth grade football players have been working hard to get off to a successful start in the new season. They will play Groves Junior High, Sept. 29 or 30. The eighth grade game will take place at Pierce field. The ninth grade will play at Groves.

If you think Barnum eighth and ninth grade girls have been over-acrobatic, they probably were only limbering up for the final overhauling tryouts on Sept. 22.

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Southfield High

'Ronnie' Rates High In Flying Jay Start

Southfield high's fourth exchange student, 17-year-old Renate "Ronnie" Beisel, certainly qualifies as the school's most versatile student.

The young lady from Darmstadt, Germany, speaks five languages, (English, German, French, Spanish and Dutch) reads Italian, is the tennis singles champ at her German school, and helped finance her trip to America by tutoring eleven 13-year-old students in math and English.

Renate, brought to this country by the exchange student program of the Michigan council of churches, is living in Southfield at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Huthchison, 22425 Riverdale. Her "sister" is Southfield high senior Judy Huthchison, who has been her constant companion since August 15 when Renate and 75 other European teen-agers flew into Detroit metropolitan airport.

"It is quite a flight," mused Renate. "We flew the loop from Holland to Iceland to Newfoundland to Detroit."

A SENIOR, Renate is taking a typical senior course at Southfield high: American government, speech, typing, English, American history, and study hall.

"The schools are quite different," Renate commented. "In Germany, I had as many as 16 subjects in a single semester. Of course, not as much time was devoted to each class per day. And our schools are much smaller. I'm amazed at the facilities and the courses here."

Another of the exchange student's first impressions was the distinct difference in school fashion.

"In Germany the girls were high heels to school, but in America many students wear tennis shoes. I honestly thought that tennis shoes were for playing tennis," she laughed.

OTHER FOREIGN exchange students at the local school were Hans Kristen, Germany, 1954-55; Ritta Karvonen, Finland, 1956-57; and Heidi Fasching, Austria, 1959-60. Renate will return to Germany sometime next summer.

The 'Singing Cop' Charms Small-Fry In Local Schools

Children of the Birmingham elementary schools had an unusual experience on Sept. 19 and 20. They sat in assembly and heard a policeman sing songs.

He was Lt. Wilburn Legree, Flint's internationally famous "Singing Cop" who brought to the children his novel method of teaching traffic safety. He used a mixture of film, talk and some of the many safety songs for children, which he and his wife have written.

"Traffic safety can be a pretty dull and dry subject for children," Lt. Legree said. "But if we can get them to learn a few simple songs with a message applicable to the traffic conditions all young children meet, we can get them interested in spite of themselves."

Lt. Legree presented copies of his safety song book to the teachers of all schools so that the initial lessons may be continued throughout the year.

Lt. Legree retired recently as child safety director of the Flint Police department and now is child safety consultant to the Associated petroleum industries of Michigan, which has sponsored a number of school safety programs.

Swimming Classes Begin in October

Elementary school age children residing in the city or school district of Birmingham may enroll in Saturday swimming classes, according to a notice from the Birmingham recreation department.

The classes begin Sat. Oct. 1 and meet on the following dates: Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22; Nov. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 1960.

Children will be grouped into beginners, those who swim less than 30 feet or are non-swimmers; polypwags, those who swim at least 30 feet or the width of the pool; intermediate, those who swim at least one length of the pool and advanced, those who swim at least two lengths of the pool.

Advanced swimmers can enroll in the diving class.

Children must measure 40 inches from chin to floor for classes at Derby and Seaholm; must measure 45 inches to swim at Barnum. Classes may be combined or scheduled according to the number of registrations.

Registration is by mail only from Sept. 19 to 23, and a fee is charged. Parents will be notified by mail if their child is accepted. Names of those not accepted will be placed on a waiting list.

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AFS Explained At Open House

Opportunity to learn more about the operation of the American field service exchange program is being offered to Birmingham Seaholm juniors and sophomores and their parents, Sept. 29, when an open house will be held in the high school building.

Letters announcing this meeting will be mailed to all families represented in the undergraduate classes, since these are the people most directly interested in the AFS program.

Only junior students are eligible to apply for acceptance as a foreign ambassador. Only the homes of juniors and sophomore students are considered when trying to find a home for foreign students to stay in the United States.

The program Sept. 29, in the Birmingham Seaholm high school at Derby and Seaholm; must measure 45 inches to swim at Barnum. Classes may be combined or scheduled according to the number of registrations.

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S-Quires, Trio At Teen Center

The Birmingham Teen Center will begin its third year of operation tomorrow night, Sept. 30. It was announced by the junior board last week.

This year, the board with three years of experience behind them has planned carefully to assure good programs. Top entertainment to go with the marvelous facilities at the YMCA building where the center meets.

Opening night features the S-Quires, a rock and roll band made up of six local student boys. They are Bink Gowing, Warren Cortright, Chuck Sitta, Steve Anderson, and Newt Cole of Seaholm and Rick Ratner of Cranbrook. They have played at radio station WKMH dances, at Oakland Hills country club and for numerous school functions and private parties.

Also on hand will be the locally famous Maple Trio, a singing group of three guitarists from this area. The Trio, Hap Dunne, Bill Furdy and Bruce Berry, sound very much like the Kingston Trio.

A junior board meeting was held last Wednesday, Sept. 21 and once again, for the third straight year, Sue MacLean was elected chairman. Maryann Arner, an English teacher at Seaholm, starts her third year as leader.

Other junior board members for this year are: Steve Collier, entertainment; Jim Bragaw and Gary Downey, clean-up; Jim Ruhl, publicity; Francis Quillian, secretary; Hap Dunne and Sharon Beaudin from Seaholm and Kathy Leau and Lee Driver from Groves. Four sophomore members, two per school, will be announced soon.

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