

YOUTH and EDUCATION

Cranbrook Cranes

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Special Writer

The 1961 school year ended today for Cranbrook students, amid excitement of Christmas preparations and last-minute efforts by the students to finish themes and tests.

The 33rd annual Christmas pageant was held in the Cranbrook dining hall Tuesday evening. Approximately 190 students and 50 faculty members and special guests shared the dinner prepared by Mrs. Page and her staff and were entertained during and after the meal by the Glee Club and the Mummer.

STU BAKER, in jester's costume, summoned everyone to the dining hall from the general meeting place, the Page Hall common room. As the meal was being served the Glee Club presented the procession of the board's head. Barney Crouse did the soloist part.

At one end of the dining hall was the Nativity scene and the Glee Club later returned to do several Christmas numbers. Henry Weil, Ted Lerchen and Graham Gladwell portrayed the three Kings.

Later, the Mummer of the lower school presented the annual play, "St. George and the Dragon." Headmaster Harry D. Hoey also addressed the students.

Three Cranbrook masters have taken trips lately. Mr. Robert Kenney of the English department, traveled to Princeton, N. J., to work with 23 other English instructors of high schools and colleges. Their task was to read and grade 18,000 experimental essays written by students from 25 secondary schools across the nation.

Mr. Peter Slader, director of athletics at Cranbrook, attended a meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., of the athletic directors from the schools of the Interstate Preparatory School League. It was originally known as the Tri-State League. Cranbrook joined in 1939.

CARLETON McALIN, Cranbrook admission director, attended a meeting in Chicago of the American Alumni Council. He is chairman of this district of the Council. While he was away, he also visited several families who have sons at Cranbrook. He also interviewed prospective students, a job that takes him on five major trips each year, to many parts of the nation.

During the past two weeks, several speakers have addressed Cranbrook students in Chapel and assembly.

The Reverend Paul Hiyama, of Japanese ancestry but born on the American west coast, spoke on Dec. 7. Appropriately enough, his topic dealt with his experiences as a Japanese in this country at the outbreak of the Second World War. He was among the dislocated thousands who were evacuated from the coast.

BISHOP CROWLEY, suffragan

bishop of Michigan, spoke in Chapel last week. He has two sons who are alumni of Cranbrook and serves on the Cranbrook Board of Directors.

Last week Mr. Dennis Poulston showed a set of very interesting slides in assembly. Mr. Poulston is a zoology major who is in his junior year at Antioch college but is working on his major with a staff biologist at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. The slides dealt with Mr. Poulston's recent trip into the Arctic region.

Last Monday evening, the lower school Christmas party was held in the lower dining hall. Some 110 students of the lower school, grades seven and eight, and faculty members attended. A turkey dinner was served.

Mrs. David Allen and several other faculty wives had decorated the tables with multi-colored candlestick holders and evergreens. The boys all drew names and exchanged gifts. As one of the highlights of the evening, Tom Bennett, a lower school prefect, played Santa Claus. The Mummer's part on their play, "The Mummer's Carol" singing concluded the evening.

LAST WEEK, Cranbrook was host to about 90 debaters from the schools in the Inter-Lakes league. Both varsity and junior varsity teams debated. The Cranbrook varsity continued its undefeated record. Beer and Barone of the affirmative, and Pontiac Northern, and Senter and Katzman of the negative, downing Farmington. Cranbrook is the defending champion of the League. The next debate will take place at Southfield on Jan. 11.

B'field Hills Barons

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Christmas means a Christmas dance. The Student Council this year will sponsor the "Holiday Hop" on Saturday.

"Holiday Hop" will have as its band the 6-piece band of Don Rikarapok from the University of Detroit. Committee chairmen include decorations, Marcia DuVal; refreshments, Ann Norris; publicity, Nancy Couzens assisted by Lee Reika.

Sally DeBord is the overall dance chairman.

Better than 95 per cent of all braille "library" reading is done by the individual in his home, according to M. Robert Harnett, executive director of the American Foundation for the Blind, with the majority getting the materials on a mail order free loan basis from regional libraries for the blind.



Taking Sides

Under the guidance of Sr. Carol Ann, St. Hugo of the Hills School first grade students (from left), Mary Morris, Janet Poupard and Robert Back meet the challenge of geometry at the primary level. Sixteen pint-sized scholars from the Bloomfield Hills

and other units germane to geometry. The school recently visited St. Gregory School, Detroit, to demonstrate their proficiency in unraveling the mysteries of angles, triangles program is used as an enrichment to their regular arithmetic class.

Barnum Trojans

On Friday, Miss McCormick played the play cast of "Custer" to the Community House to perform for the senior citizens.

There was an assembly Dec. 12, entitled "Previews of Progress," presented by General Motors Corp. This program pointed out that many opportunities await the student in the fascinating fields of science and engineering. The Science Department at Barnum sponsored the program.

The Art Department under the direction of Miss Clawson is beginning work on murals and other projects which will be exhibited in the Hill Building during the Christmas season. Students are also working on landscape and Christmas scene paintings, Christmas candles, and ceramics.

On Friday, the ninth grade girls' and boys' choirs caroled through the halls of Barnum.

The Barnum boys' gym classes

unit is being covered by the eighth grade.

Mrs. Frievald's, Mrs. Nelson's and Miss McCormick's ninth grade students have recently finished Dicken's "Great Expectations," and many pupils are reading a novel with a similar theme. Mrs. Wilson's classes are working on the dictionary unit.

Mr. McMahon's history class and Miss Micheletti's homeroom sponsored bake sales in the cafeteria on Dec. 11, 12. Student Council also sponsored a bake sale on Dec. 13. Mr. McMahon's class will use the funds for purchasing a set of booklets for the study of Civil War history.

Miss Micheletti's homeroom group will contribute funds to CARE, packages to be sent overseas through the efforts of Barnum's Presidents' Club. The student council used their proceeds for the dance. "The Tinsel Twist" held Dec. 15.

IN THE BARNUM Industrial arts department a major change-over happens every two marking periods. The boys who were in woodworking change to metal working and vice-versa. Most of the boys are making Christmas projects.

Mrs. Frievald reports the seventh grade has been working on Christmas poems and has just completed its folk-love units. The inventor's

B'ham Area Students Eligible to Enter Detroit Science Fair

Rules, entry forms and descriptive brochures have been sent to senior high schools in the Birmingham area for the 1962 Metropolitan Detroit Science Fair.

The exhibition will open March 24 at Detroit's Cobo Hall.

Now in its fifth year in Detroit, the science fair gives seventh through 12th grade students an opportunity to publicly exhibit their scientific endeavors.

Information, entry form and rules may be had by writing the Metropolitan Detroit Science Fair headquarters, 100 Farnsworth Avenue, Detroit.

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