

### GROVES HIGH Committee Ponders Possible UN Drive

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Groves is considering a United Nations drive. Brought before Student Government on Jan. 9, it was okayed and a committee is looking into fund-raising projects. It is hoped that the students of Groves and the families of this area will support the drive wholeheartedly.

"If it goes over well in this area we hope to start it throughout the state, and then maybe the entire nation," says Pete Millington, founder of the drive.

LAST FRIDAY, an assembly about the American Field Service was presented at Groves. It may be possible for GHS to have a foreign exchange student in the not too distant future.

Mrs. Frank Wickham brought Sabholm exchange students for the assembly and they told about their experiences abroad. It was explained to the students how the A.F.S. operates.

### BLOOMFIELD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL Girls Sharpen Wits For Mid-Term Exams

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Drivers going by Bloomfield Country Day School might think they were looking upon a Currier and Ives print—come to life.

The girls have sharpened their skates and donned gay, warm clothes to get the keenest enjoyment from skating over the ice on the tiny lake which is part of the setting of Bloomfield Country Day School.

Skating is a welcome break in the day which helps toward redoubled diligence in studying for mid-terms at the end of January.

SPEAKING OF examinations, the seniors were a little tense about the College Boards which were taken on Saturday. Good luck, seniors.

Miss Marjorie Sallie, headmistress, has given a series of talks to the students about the current situation.

GIRLS' Athletic Association, a newly-founded club at Groves, is sponsored by Mrs. Laurimour, gym instructor. The officers are president, Karen Kalayjian; vice president, Sue Whittebury; secretary, Mary Ann Swoboda; treasurer, Maris Smith; Chairman, Sue Robinson; and historian, Wendy Nahabedian. The purpose of the club is to promote interest in girls' athletics.

ANOTHER CLUB to join Groves was the Michigan Astrophysical Research Society, better known as MARS. It has permission to build a rocket and is drawing up the plans for one.

Pete Toot is president, Don Novak and Dave Downs are vice-presidents and Norb Mustos is secretary-treasurer. Mr. Pykary, mathematics teacher, is sponsor.

FEB. 3 THE Pep Club of Groves will host a stock-hop after the Falcon's game with Cherry Hill.

### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT A. REZBERG, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the estate shall be the 20th day of March, 1961, at noon, in the Court Room of the Probate Court in the County of Oakland, at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of FREDERICK ARNOLD KNORR, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the estate shall be the 20th day of February, A. D. 1961, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

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### Is Essay Writing Dead? Local Writer Says, 'No'

A person has to go to school (at night) in order to find out where his errors lie (or lays)? What should the instructor announce at the first meeting of an exciting course in magazine writing four weeks ago but "Sorry, folks, the essay is dead." Without demanding we take her word for this sad theme, she held up three or four impressive heavy books which declared the same thing: "The Essay is Dead" covers. All were written by experts who spend their time putting words together, too.

"AN ARTICLE must not only interest the reader; it must give help," she added. She said the essay, no matter how charming its paragraphs and its thought-lines, its conclusions did not accomplish the latter. Leaving through one of the books a whole page was read to reinforce this argument. (It was "reinfined" beautifully.) Ironically, what did E. B. White, the Editor of the New Yorker lament just this past week when receiving the NIAL medal for high quality writing? "I wish," he stated, "that more writers were turning out satire, parody and informal essays." He said we Americans gulped "facts" in bigger doses than we do our health pills, as if they facts were

reflect. We don't have time," he deducted in this age of grabbing more buttons to push. Poor Michel de Montaigne, the Papa of modern essays, what would his reaction be, this 16th century Frenchman who created this work of art by merely jotting down, on a moment's notice, his tastes, habits and thoughts concerning daily life? (Shakespeare and Bacon studied him constantly for his style and the precise manner in which he was able to put sentences, packed full of thoughts, together. Montaigne, after writing years' ended his discussions with this question: "What do I know?"

LIKE ALL essayists, Lamb included, he realized that his knowledge lay more in the field of the "spirit and ideas" than they did on the hard ground of facts. To swing back to the one element which critics say the "essay" lacks: that it fails to give help. Don't we get enough help all the time? Assistance is given, (by everyone) in how to live better, act better, love better and to think better! Aren't there just a few left (maybe more than we realize) who delight in having their imagination tickled and probed by a simple essay, providing it's not too simple?

