

SCHOOL NEWS

Groves Falcons

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Special Writer

Sponsored by the senior high student government, a Christmas dance will be held Dec. 21 for the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Mac Pitt's orchestra will provide music in the gymnasium from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The dress will be semi-formal. Ann Lawrence is in charge of the dance.

Also on Dec. 21 will be the junior high Christmas dance for grades 8 and 9. It will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Groves cafeteria. Jerry Olson will be on hand to provide recorded music. Jacques Passino is in charge of the committee arranging this dance. Other members of the committee are: Sue McBride, refreshments; Sue Moakes, entertainment; Sandy Derre, decorations; Karen Karp, publicity; Diane Hayner, tickets; and Randy Schiffer, clean-up. The seventh grade party will be held on Dec. 14 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Groves Band and Orchestra Music Parents club sponsored a card party from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Nov. 30 in the cafeteria. All members of this organization and their guests were invited. Money raised from this party will help pay for the annual Awards Banquet held at the end of each school year. It will also help support the arrival of the Michigan State Band, March 21, as guests of Groves. Over 40 door prizes were received and bridge, among other card games, was played for table prizes brought with trading stamp donations. Students served refreshments.

National Junior Honor Society held its second meeting of the year Nov. 29 for an hour after school. Officers were elected and future meetings were planned. Serving as president of NJHS this year is Paray Boynton; vice president, Alicia Hyden; secretary, Dorothy Riter; treasurer, Beverly Bishop. Students in this organization are recognized for their outstanding service to the school and for their excellent academic averages.

Over 35 girls, members of Future Nurses club, met at Margie Newcomb's house from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Dec. 8. This club is

for senior high girls who intend to study for a profession in medicine. Sponsor is Mrs. Dalsa Sutton. R.N. Christmas caroling for hospitals in the Birmingham area was discussed and planned.

7,587 Students Added to County School System

If Oakland County schools are looking a little crowded this fall, there's a reason. The number of public school children has jumped by 7,587 since last year. The official Sept. 29, count released today showed a grand total of 182,474 children in public schools. The total for Sept. 29, 1961, was 175,160. Robert Morgan, child accounting auditor for the Oakland County Board of Education said the increase amounted to 270 classes of children.

ONLY TWO school districts had fewer children in school this year than last. Hazel Park schools counted 7,874 children, down 41 from last year. North Oxford, Oakland County's sole remaining one-room school, had 17 students as against 20 of last year.

Teachers of high school sophomores found themselves confronted with 2,049 more students this year than last. This was the largest increase at any grade level. The second largest increase was in the 11th with 1,648 more high school juniors on the rolls.

FOR REASONS best explained by the demographers, or population experts, there are 134 fewer children in the fourth grades and 107 fewer in the eighth grades this year than last.

At all other levels, the count of children increased. The smallest increase was in the kindergarten with a gain of only 94 children over last year. The second smallest increase was in the ninth grade with 192 more students.

Barnum Trojans

-By BILL COLLINS
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At one time or another in one's youth it is inevitable that death strikes close to home. This was the sad case at Barnum. Last week, the halls were quiet, the students subdued. The death of two of our classmates, our friends, cast a pall over the entire school. We care not why they are gone, we do not strive to pin the blame on any one factor of our society. We do not use this tragically as a bad example, trying to get teenagers to stay home nights. All we know is that Paul Droege and John Krauss will no longer be with us. Dean Gebro is at this time, (Dec. 6), in critical condition at Beaumont Hospital, and we all pray for his speedy recovery. All of us who knew these boys, who loved them, miss them very much.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, the Barnum basketball team played its first game. The game was played with Oak Park, after school, at Barnum. It was a game well-played and well worth watching. This was the starting line-up for Barnum: forwards: Bruce Landin and Bill Lucy, center: Charlie Foss. Guards: Mike Branic and Dick Lowrie. There was a good turnout for the game, and we hope this holds true for all our games.

On Friday, Dec. 7, the annual Christmas party was held for all Barnum band and orchestra members. This party was sponsored by the B-Bop club, organized by the parents of these students. The main activity at the much-looked-forward-to party was dancing. The party was held in the school cafeteria and from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Present at the party were various parents who volunteered to chaperone, and also Barnum's two instrumental music instructors, Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Hansen.

The art of fancy rope-spinning was developed originally in Mexico. It was not adopted by cowboys in the United States until late in the 19th century. The man responsible for introducing the art north of the border was Vincenti Orsopo, a larri-expert with the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show. After seeing Orsopo in action, U.S. cowhands tried their hands at fancy rope-spinning and it became a popular extra-curricular pastime on ranches all over the west.

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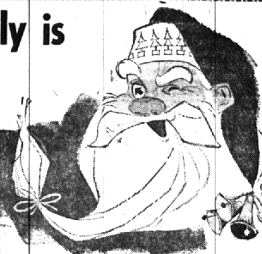
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