

International Theme Marks Country Day Christmas Play



The holiday season got off to a sparkling start at Detroit Country Day School in Birmingham last Thursday evening.

The occasion was the International Song Festival presented by the junior school. The Christmas play has been a tradition at Detroit Country Day School for more than 25 years.

THIS YEAR'S production, planned and directed by the music, language and art departments, featured holiday songs from all over the world. The children in grades two through six were costumed in the native dress of more than 12 countries. Germany, Austria, Syria, Italy, Wales, Ireland, England, Bohemia, Poland, Spain, France and Sweden were represented.

The second grade sang a "Belgian Lullaby" by Gevaert, in French, featuring Nancy Elkington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Elkington, 23200 W. 18 Mile Road, Birmingham; Wendy Avis, daughter of Mrs. Susan F. Avis, 1001 Glenberry Circle, Birmingham; and Ina Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones, of Detroit.

AMONG THE SELECTIONS sung by the third grade was the folk tune "Oe Matin" Jonathan Toy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Toy, of Farmington; Robert Rex, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rex, 3109 McKinney, Franklin Village; and Stephen Nose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiaki Nose, of Detroit, performed as a trio.

A Swedish folk tune, "Now It Is Christmas Time," was sung by the fourth grade starring Eric Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis, 3341 Kertway Dr., Bloomfield Hills; Robbe Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Moore, 30768 Lincolnshire, Birmingham; Thomas Jakobovitz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Jakobovitz, of Livonia; Gregory Crystal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crystal, of Livonia; and Michael Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods, 26520 W. 13 Mile Road, Birmingham.

THE "PINIATA SONG" was featured in Spanish by the fifth grade. The sixth grade sang the Nancy Elkington and Pete Jason. The play included children from grades two through six.

of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dunitz, of Detroit; Katherine Bull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bull, 1080 Foxchase Road, Birmingham; Jennie Crystal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crystal, of Livonia; and Adrienne Panaretos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Panaretos, of Detroit; and four boys, Jay Bolter, son of Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Bolter, 6760 Woodbank Drive, Birmingham; John Kountoupes, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kountoupes, of Detroit; Charles Martenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Martensen, of Pleasant Ridge; and Richard Wresche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wresche, of Detroit. David Kroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kroll, of Fer-

dale, was narrator throughout the performance.

The Junior School Club furnished introductory and background music during the entire program.

EXCITEMENT REACHED ITS peak when, at the end of the program, Santa Claus arrived. This was a complete surprise to all the children present. Good old St. Nick had goodies packed in his bag for all the good little boys and girls. A warm, friendly get-together ended a most pleasant evening when the parents, children and faculty gathered in the school lobby to join in singing beloved carols of the season.

Marian High

By CAROL JURICA
Special Writer

One, easy lesson in international relations—take a cute, personable, black-eyed Mexican girl, mix her with a friendly bunch of Marian sophomores, and you have Marian's latest exchange students—

Senorita Maria Alejandra Bolido Lopez. Maria joined us at Marian about four weeks ago after a long trip from her native country of Mexico. As our other friends

"from south of the border" have received, we promise Maria a time of friendship and fun during her stay at Marian.

The senior class has been organized into 20 committees of six girls each in conjunction with the Career Day program to be held in March. The committees cover many careers and professions in which the assigned girls will become authorities after study and research. Underclassmen, seeking information on a particular field, will have the opportunity to consult these "experts" on such things as career and college requirements, places for study and opportunities in any chosen area.

The chairman of the senior committees are: in the field of nursing, Marcia Shusterbauer; law, Kay Mack; engineering, Dana DeWulf; advertising, Mary Beth Kehoe;

medicine, Barbara Monohan; medical technician, Chris Ackley; library work, Jane Seid; communication arts, Kathy Osborne; fine arts, Sharon Michael; home economics, Chris Bender; science, Jean Slavin; teaching, Pat Bokary; psychology, Pat Flaherty; secretarial work, Pat Theisen; foreign service, Marilyn Golar; retailing, Judy Reid; mathematics, Ann Fisher; youth service, Lynne McKenna; journalism, Nathalie Daniels; and unusual occupations, Connie Fry-stup.

The first general meeting of these charwomen was held last Monday, Dec. 10, and individual meetings are being held by separate committees at stated times weekly. Reports from all these committees will be scheduled after Christmas at assemblies for the entire school.

Sister Rose Matthew, general supervisor of the I.H.M. schools, visited Marian last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Her observance took her to every department throughout the school.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, the human relations club welcomed Miss Mary Yvonne Lethi as a guest speaker. Miss Lethi is presently a student at Marygrove college in Detroit but has lived in Illinois, India and Japan. Her mother is connected with the United Nations and Mary had several points of interest to relate to the club.

Two Marian girls, Catherine Am-

Barnum

By BILL COLLINS
Special Writer

The annual Barnum Christmas Party was held on Friday, Dec. 14, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The name of this year's dance was the "Sleighbell Ball." This dance was sponsored by the Barnum Student Council, and was one of the highlights of the social year at Barnum. A small jazz band was hired to supply music for the evening's dancing. The room was sold all during the week preceding the dance by members of the Student Council. Many were sold, and a large crowd was in attendance. The dance was enjoyed by all, and we wish to thank all those who made it possible.

A Christmas concert was held on Thursday, Dec. 13, at Barnum. The concert began at 8 p.m. and was composed mostly of tunes appropriate for this season. The music was presented by the choir, under Mr. Ish and Mr. Smola, and the Barnum Orchestra, under Mr. Bartlett. The highlight of the program was the rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus by the combined talents of the orchestra and the dance mixed choir. Admission was free, and many people attended.

It is indeed amazing how a single room can present so many different faces to those in constant contact with it. Barnum's gymnasium is a prime example of this. To most of the students at Barnum the gym is a room which, three times a week becomes a place for exercise and constant improvement of our bodies. But when an assembly is held in this marvelously versatile room, it becomes crammed with chairs, filled to the brim with people. The room seems too, to be very small indeed.

And when the occasion calls for a dance to be held in the gym, it takes on a completely different character. The floor is mobbed with couples, while the sides of the gym are crowded with those

broisiano and Mary Rose Lamb recently received certificates of merit for placing among the west region winners of the Junior Round Table contest in Metropolitan Detroit in their Brotherhood Speech Contest. The Junior Round Table is affiliated with the Detroit Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

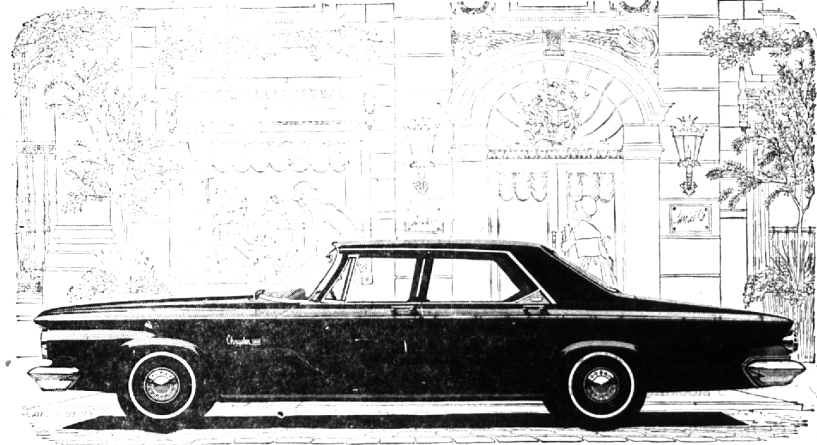
Kingswood School

By PEGGY PRANCE
Special Writer

On Saturday, Dec. 15, two major events of the Christmas season took place at Kingswood. In the afternoon, the Student Cabinet put on its annual Children's Christmas party. The party is given for a group of handicapped children. Each child receives a doll dressed by girls in Kingswood. The party was supervised by six hosts and six hostesses from Cranbrook and Kingswood. Kingswood girls chosen were: Ellen Freedman, Cooky Goodstein, Jane Guest, Paulette Stocky, Sandy Young, and Sue Young, with Pam Hill and Leslie Schimpke as alternatives.

That evening was the sophomore dance. The theme of the semi-formal dance, "Wonderland by Night," was revealed to the rest of the school through a skit put on by the publicity committee and the sophomore class. The publicity committee, under the chairmanship of Judy Linn, devised the skit. Other committees and their chairmen were: tickets, Mino Duffy; refreshments, Anne Fuchs; decorations, Betsy Harris; records, Candy Porter; and blind dates, Terry Lerchen.

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