

Four Groves Seniors Named Top Students

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Special Writer

Mary Ann Murphy, Ellen Codner, Steve Bartholomew and Tom Diehl have been named as the top students in the Groves senior class.

Mary Ann leads the class with a 4.293 as her average. Moving here from Cincinnati, O., she attended Barnum Junior High School before coming to Groves. Her classes this year include physics, calculus, honors English and honors United States History. Mary Ann is the treasurer of the National Honor Society and also treasurer of Groves chapter of the American Field Service. After graduating from Groves this coming June, Mary Ann will attend Oakland University.

In the second position is Ellen Codner, who has a 4.259 average. Ellen also attended Barnum before Groves. Honors English, calculus, analytic geometry, physics, civics and economics are her classes this year. Ellen is a member of the A.F.S. She plans to enter the University of Michigan this coming fall where she will major in math and science.

STEVE BARTHOLOMEW is third in the class with a 4.228 average. Steve attended Derby Junior High before coming to Groves. His courses include honors English, honors math, physics and economics. Steve has been a member of the football team since the ninth grade. He has played basketball for three years and tennis for four years. A member of the National Honor Society, Steve has been nominated for West Point. He is also interested in the University of Wisconsin and Stanford University. Steve wants to major either in history or engineering.

Tom Dashiell has a 4.069 average. He wants to go to the University of California or the University of Michigan and major in engineering. Tom has played varsity football in tenth and twelfth grade; basketball in tenth and eleventh grade; tennis in the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. He

is also a member of the National Honor Society. His classes this year include English, French IV, calculus, physics, civics and economics.

Two debates will be held during the remainder of this month in which Groves will participate. The first will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. when Groves' teams will debate Oak Park. The second meet will also be held tomorrow, but at 3 p.m. with Royal Oak Donors. Royal Oak will host the debate. Debates will concern the topic: Resolved: the federal government should provide medical care for all citizens at public expense.

COACHED by Miss Joyce Malin, Groves has completed its three debate meets so far, two local meets and one state meet. Although the teams lost to North Farmington, they defeated Franklin-Livonia. In the state meet, Groves won the negative but lost the affirmative.

Locally, the team debates in varsity and junior varsity meets but in the state competition only the varsity debates.

Matches are judged on evidence, refutation, delivery and overall case analysis which is presented. Talon sales were 20 per cent better this year than last. More than 85 per cent of the school purchased the year book this year compared with 60 per cent last year. Leading salesmen were Mark Lickner, Paul Burstadt and Janis Cook.

THIS YEAR'S book will have several color pictures. The staff has tried to develop a system whereby every student in the school will have his picture included in the book at least twice.

Tina Steele has been selected for this year's Daughter of the American Revolution good citizen award. Tina was also elected homecoming queen at Groves this year.

Tina will be presented with a good citizenship pin at a luncheon in February when she and her

Winter Comes But Once A Year: Dec. 22

Winter will officially begin three days before Christmas, reminds University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Loeh.

The sun will arrive at the winter solstice at 9:02 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. It will then swing its shortest daily arc across the southern sky and we will have our shortest day of about nine hours and longest night, about 15 hours.

Professor Loeh also points out that the eastern horizon in Dec. is host to some of the most beautiful and colorful of stars:

"Auriga, the large five-sided figure, ruled by the bright yellow star, Capella, rises in the northeast soon after sunset."

"THE PLEIADES, followed by the rest of the constellation Taurus, rises at about the same time as Capella. Taurus is symbolized by the great letter 'V' with its orange star, Aldebaran, at the end of the lower prong."

"The winter constellations center mostly around Orion with his two Hunting Dogs and the Hare below him. Those who devised the constellations evidently intended to depict a hunting scene with the Dogs pursuing the Hare, and it in turn crouching low close to Orion seeking his protection."

"Sirius in the figure of the Greater Dog (Canis Major) is the brightest of all stars. It is easily identified by extending a line downward through the three belt stars of Orion. From time immemorial, Sirius has been watched, admired, and revered, rising as it does in the early evenings around Christmas time."

A cow that produces 11,000 pounds of milk a year drinks over 15,000 pounds of water and eats 12,000 pounds of hay, grain and silage.

mother will be guests of the Piety Hill chapter.

Discussion has taken place relevant to a suggestion that a John Fitzgerald Kennedy Award be established at Groves which would honor an outstanding member of each graduating class. No definite plans have been made.

German Girl 'Joins' Local Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Grindley, 4238 Meadowlane Drive, Birmingham, have a "daughter" in Germany.

They "adopted" nine-year-old Angelika Klein from Christian Children's Fund in Richmond, Va. "We thought she was adorable and we immediately wrote her a

letter to tell how happy we were to have her join our family," said Mr. and Mrs. Grindley.

SOCIABLE, FRIENDLY Angelika lives at the OCP-supported Tullingerrohe Evangelisches Kinderheim in Lorrach, Germany. Arithmetic and group games are favorites with this first grader.

Angelika's father died before she was born. Her mother, suffering from a nervous disease, wanted her daughter at home and did not send Angelika to school. Authorities brought Angelika to the Home.

Christian Children's Fund is the largest organization of its type, presently assisting over 43,000 children. Dr. J. Calvitt Clarke and his wife, Helen, report that they always have more hungry children than sponsors. They have a long waiting list of orphans requesting help, and the orphanages in turn have waiting lists of children needing assistance.

Sponsors send \$10 a month toward the child's care, choosing a boy or a girl from above the Arctic Circle to below the Equator. They are encouraged to exchange letters and Christmas cards with their "adopted" child. Many sponsors send gifts, provide for higher education, and in some cases, even take trips abroad to meet their "child."

THE CLARKES were one of the first to use this unique "Adoption Plan," back in 1938. Beginning by sending aid to one small orphanage in China, they soon found millions of Americans eager to "adopt" homeless children. And since "every other child in the world will go to bed hungry tonight," there is still a lot of work to be done.

Christian Children's Fund is affiliated with 476 homes, representing 35 Protestant denominations in 55 countries.

The party circuit will reach a high point of festivity at an International Student Society Christmas Party, Dec. 25, on campus, with an International New Year's Eve Party at the International Institute, climaxing the series of holiday events.

Dr. Virgil R. Lougheed, director of the WSU Foreign Students Office, which is sponsoring the program said: "We feel that foreign students can gain a more intimate picture of America by taking an active role in celebrating our holidays."



CHARLES T. BUCHAN Leads Local F. & A.M.

Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A.M. has elected Charles T. Buchan, 31242 West Rutland, Birmingham as their Worshipful Master. He was installed, along with other officers, at a recent meeting.

Hope of Life Sends Baby To Mayo Clinic

While other children are dreaming of dolls and skates, bikes and wagons this holiday season, 21-month-old Ralph Edward Hedman III wants a very simple, but totally necessary Christmas gift this year—that he be able to live and play like most little boys in Birmingham.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hedman Jr., 588 Chapin, Birmingham, Ralph has been afflicted with a congenital heart defect known as "transposition of the great blood vessels" since birth. This means that the circulation of his blood is reversed and he doesn't get enough oxygen to grow, according to his family pediatrician, Dr. Philip J. Laux.

Final steps to save his life were taken Monday when he was sent to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. to be examined by heart specialists. The Hedmans were told that nothing could be done to relieve Ralph permanently, except a chance for surgery at the Clinic.

DOCTORS AT UNIVERSITY Hospital, Ann Arbor, where Ralph has been an outpatient since birth, estimated that life expectancy of children with this condition is about two years from birth, and Ralph is now 21 months.

Ralph will first undergo tests to see if his condition is operable. According to Dr. Laux, operations have been done about 30 times, the survival rate being 50 per cent.

THE HEDMAN family has received help from the Heart Fund, acting as intermediary, and the Crippled Children's Commission. Hedman, a driver for the Birmingham Veterans' Cab Company, received round-trip plane fare and living expenses for the five days they will be at the Mayo Clinic from the Veterans' Trust Fund. The Hedmans' six other children, ages 9 months, three, four, five, six and seven years, are being cared for by friends and relatives.


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