

Oakland U. Graduates Its 1st Class

Oakland University will graduate its first class at 4 p.m. Saturday when it will give diplomas to 146 seniors—among them, 18 from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Oakland, which opened its doors in 1959 with a liberal arts-centered program and no football or fraternities, is opening the commencement season early because since 1961 it has been on year-round operation with three "semesters" a year.

THE COMMENCEMENT speaker will be U. S. Commissioner of Education Francis Keppel. The exercises will be held in the university's new Intramural Sports and Recreation Building.

Keppel will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws, one of the three honorary degrees to be awarded. Mrs. Matilda R. Wilson, who donated her estate and \$20,000 for the first buildings, will receive a doctor of humanities degree, and

Harold A. Fitzgerald, publisher of The Pontiac Press and president of the Oakland University Foundation, will receive a doctorate of laws.

John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State University and of Oakland University, will also speak and Chancellor D. B. Varner will confer the honorary degrees and give the charge to the class.

THE PROFESSIONAL will be the Oakland University March, a work composed by Henry Cowell for the University's first annual arts symposium last fall.

Of the graduating class, 123 are members of the 1959 entering class of 570, and the rest are transfer students. About 45 more will graduate at the end of the spring semester in August.

IN THE FOUR years of its life, the school has graduated 1,200 students drawn from 12 counties in

Michigan, 12 other states, and four foreign countries.

Its physical plant on the 1,000-acre Wilson estate has grown from two academic buildings and a student center to 12—a nucleus which includes the Kresge Library, a science building, an enlarged student center, an "Intramural Building" and student residences.

In the same period, its faculty has grown from 24 to 73 scholars, teachers, nearly 90 per cent of whom have their earned doctorates.

THREE major events precede commencement exercises. On Monday, the senior class at a banquet, presented the class gift—oil portraits of Mrs. Wilson and the late Alfred G. Wilson—to Chancellor Varner.

Today, the seniors will have a "Blue Book (exam books) burning" bonfire, followed by satirical "Blue Book" university life, then a swimming party and record dance

in the intramural building. Friday night Mrs. Wilson will be hostess to a dinner dance for the senior class at her mansion, Meadow Brook Hall. The dance will begin at 10 p.m., with dinner at midnight.

MEMBERS OF the graduating class from this area are: from Birmingham—Geoffrey Burkhardt, son of Mrs. E. L. Burkhardt, 984 Oakland; Sue Chavel, 463 Eton; Thomas P. Fontaine, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fontaine, 1370 W. Lincoln; Thomas R. Kershner, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Kershner, 2364 Toney; Dorothy A. Kirchoff, daughter of Mr. George A. Kirchoff (formerly of Birmingham), and Steven L. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hunt, 984 Clark.

FROM BLOOMFIELD Hills are Marilyn J. Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Anderson, 931 Vaughn; Richard D. Rogowski, son

of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rogowski, 3321 Chickering Lane; Sandra S. Steinlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Steinlock, 283 Colonial Way; and Marcia K. Wes, 116 E. Hickory Grove.

From Lathrup is George B. Cotronio, son of George Cotronio, 17601 Avilla.

FROM SOUTHBFIELD are Patti J. Koenig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koenig, 19789 Melrose; Michael R. Leppala, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Leppala, 30187 Woodburn; Betty Jean Potts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Potts, 25666 W. 12 Mile Road; and Arne M. Santti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arne M. Santti, 25655 Coral Gables.

From Orchard Lake are Richard J. Stier, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Stier, 1961 Long Lake Shore; Helen E. Brieden, 3550 W. Orchard Lake, and Fred Korzon, 1895 W. Bend Drive.

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Tryouts Set for 'High Cost'

Wanted: A Texas senator, 50-ish and flamboyant; one femme fatale with Russian accent; "Man of Distinction" type corporation president; attractive leading lady—mid-twenties; rising ad executive, early thirties.

Tryouts for these and 40 other roles to be cast for "The High Cost of Loving in Bloomington" are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Baldwin School gymnasium, on Chester Street, Birmingham.

TRYOUTS ARE open to the general public. The musical comedy satire on credit-card living will be produced as a community activity June 20 through June 23 during the 1963 Birmingham Arts Festival, according to William Kegel, 487 Willis, Birmingham, chairman of festival music activities.

"All musicians and individuals with interest in any phase of play production—costume, scenery, props, lighting, etc.—should also turn in their names during the tryouts," Kegel said.

"THE LEADING roles require singing ability, but there are also a number of brief comedy parts to be cast, and some scenes require 25 or 30 individuals on a stage," reported Dean Coffin, 1150 Puritan, Birmingham, author of the show's book and lyrics.

Mrs. Charles Himelbock, 1135 Lakeside, Birmingham, is writing the music.

Last year's Birmingham Arts Festival show "The Blooming Newcomers," and its predecessor, "The Blooming Eccentrics," drew capacity crowds at every performance.

ROBERT F. McLEAN, 5625 Foreman Road, Birmingham, is chairman of the 1963 Birmingham Arts Festival, which will feature activities and displays emphasizing all the arts during the entire festival week, June 16 through 23.



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Autograph Seekers

"Would you sign here, please?" said many Birmingham youngsters as they took pads and pens in hand to the movies Thursday. A Disneyland caravan was in town, at the Birmingham Theater, to play a recent Disney production, "Son of Flubber." Getting an autograph from Annette Funicello (left), whose latest film was "Babes in Toyland," is Linda Piecuch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Piecuch, 1563 Ledbury Drive, Bloomfield Township, as Tommy Kirk, who stars in "Son of Flubber" looks on.

Cranbrook Plans Annual Art Auction

One of the traditions at Cranbrook is contributing its services to the community. This year, it is contributing its services to the community by holding an art auction and sale in which students contribute their own works of art to aid talented fellow students.

This year the auction will be held in the Art Academy Galleries from 8 to 11 p.m. April 26 while the sale will be conducted from 2 to 5 p.m. on April 27 and 28, also in the galleries.

Laurence Dumouchelle, Detroit auctioneer, is contributing his services for his completely student-operated auction and sale which will offer such objects as plates, cups, jugs, mugs, pots, place mats, scarves, pillows, stoles, blankets, rings, necklaces, pins, small sculpture, prints, lithographs, wood block prints, drawings, oils and watercolors.

Students hope to raise enough for 10 full scholarships.

A MIND FOR MINTAGE Local Man Finds Adventure in Coins

By EVELINE OEN
Arts Editor

For many people in stores, shopping is shopping, a purchase is a purchase and a handful of change is a handful of change. But for certain people, a handful of change is an adventure.

As a stamp collector is called a philatelist, these people are known as numismatists or coin collectors.

One such "adventurer" is John Lane of Birmingham. Lane began his collecting as a result of inheriting a collection of foreign coins from his grandfather—the late Dr. Hugo Erichsen of Birmingham.

"I DIDN'T DO much with them for some years. Then I decided to rekindle my interest; I wanted to see just what could be done with coins," said Lane.

The value of coins is regulated almost entirely by the mintage and the condition, according to Lane. "Many people start by checking the change they get in stores—usually beginning with pennies, especially Lincoln pennies," he said.

"HOWEVER, IF they want a 'set'—which is 1909 through the present in the case of Lincoln pennies—they usually need to purchase some. If all coins in such a set were in average or good condition, the collection would be worth about \$400," he said.

Lane noted that the number of collectors of a certain kind of coins tends to parallel the number of such coins minted, i.e. there tend to be more penny collectors than nickel collectors, more nickel than dime, etc.

"THE NUMBER of coin collectors in this country is estimated at eight to ten million people," he said, "and the interest is continuing to mushroom."

American coins are still "the kingpin" they are way out in front so far as interest and collectors are concerned, according to Lane.

"But they're just running out of rare coins, and this is stimulating greatly the interest in Canadian, English, Mexican and other foreign coins," he said.



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The "double eagle" is a \$20 gold piece—and not everybody has one. (They were taken out of circulation in 1933.) Looking at one which was minted in 1873 is John Lane of Birmingham. Lane emphasized that the age of the coin is not a measure of its value to the collector; more important are its mintage (which largely determines its rarity) and its condition.

HOW WOULD a person go about starting a coin collection? Besides looking over handfuls of change, Lane suggested studying publications in the field.

"The bible" for numismatists is a weekly newspaper called "Coin World" which has only been publishing for about three years and already has a circulation of approximately 110,000. It averages about 120 (tabloid-size) pages per issue," he said.

"Its growth has been a true measure of the growth of interest in coin collecting," he observed.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY of learning more for those interested in collecting, he said, is to attend a few sessions of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Coin Club which meets at the Community House the first Monday and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings usually begin at 7:30 p.m.

Lane was president of the club last year and is, at present, on its

board of directors. Current president is Thomas Williams. Chairman of the board is W. D. Singleton.

The club, which is only slightly over a year old, is affiliated with the American Numismatic Association and has petitioned for affiliation with the Michigan State Numismatic Association.

OTHER MEMBERS from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area include W. R. Allen, C. R. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. French, Craig G. Pries, William H. Gilday Jr., James E. Grady, Arthur J. Hicks, Charlotte Luscombe, Ernest F. Luah, Jeannine Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Omtvedt, Shirley Raymann, Robert L. Sauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Skinner Jr., Helene Tipton, Samuel H. Underwood, Marian W. Whitmore, Richard S. Wilson and Robert Woodward.

JUNIOR MEMBERS are Jim Correll, Robert F. Heller, John W. McQuiston and Kenneth H. McLean. Lane and his wife, Madge, have two daughters—Laurie, a sophomore at Northwestern University, and Connie, a junior at Seaborn High School.

Germany Seen Via Film in Travel Series

Color movie highlights of modern Germany will be presented in person by Kenneth Richter at the Community House, Bates at Townsend, Birmingham, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Shown in Richter's country-wide tour are storybook villages, Bavaria, the Rhine and its historic castles and East Berlin sequences filmed with a concealed camera.

Tickets are available on the nights of the show at the door. The same color films are shown on both nights for the convenience of Birmingham-area residents.

THE COMMUNITY House will serve a "Pre-Pierrot dinner" from 6 to 8 p.m. German cuisine will be featured, although American dishes also will be available. Reservations are requested for the dinner. Auditorium seats are especially reserved for dinner guests.

Dinkelbuhl, classic medieval walled town, is on the itinerary. Among other cities pictured are Hamburg, Lubbeck, Old Nuremberg, and East-West Berlin.

Shown too are Rhine castles of the robber barons, the Lorelei Rocks, terraced vineyards, the tranquil Mosel, and a trip to the top of Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze.

Richter also shows Mad King Ludwig's Linderhof Castle and the making of fine china at Nymphenburg. Also pictured are Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, and other political figures, the booming Ruhr industries, and a pictorial estimate of Germany's future as a Common Market power.

Teacher to Serve As Bulletin Editor

Sister M. Judine, IHM of Marian High School, has been appointed to a position with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), a professional organization of about 77,500 members and subscribers at all school levels.

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After-Class Bull Session

A spontaneous "let's get together for lunch after class" made for a fun bull session with "professor" Ruth Shain for about 10 "post-graduate" members of her American Association of University Women international relations class. The get-together was mainly to celebrate the last session of what has been a biweekly seminar on foreign affairs for the past year—and what has been a

Birmingham tradition for almost 43 years. Seeing the funnier side of a recent international development are (from left) Mrs. George F. Green, Mrs. Robert T. Eddy, Mrs. Shain, Mrs. Lee Spanier, Mrs. James C. Saylor and Mrs. Leo Swoboda. The gathering was at the home of Mrs. Green, 456 Warren Court, Birmingham.