

Country Day Alumni Return For 50th Year Anniversary

By MARY BAHN
Staff Writer

More than 300 of the 486 alumni of Detroit Country Day School will return to their alma mater Saturday not only to watch a homecoming football game, but to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary.

Highlighting half-time festivities in the traditional match between Country Day and Gross Pointe University School will be the dedication of the new football bowl.

A bronze plaque will be installed bearing the name of F. Alden Shaw, which will honor the man who founded Country Day in 1914 and for nearly 50 years has built it into a renowned independent college preparatory school.



DR. W. RODMAN SNELLING

through grade six, and Upper School, (for seventh through 12th grade boys).

- the smart, school-embellished blue suit;
- the small, 15-student classrooms that encourage individual attention;
- the high number (over 90 per cent) of their graduates which go on to win their bachelor's degrees—most at the University of Michigan or at Harvard;
- the student himself, usually highly-motivated because he is individually selected for intelligence and aptitude.

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ALSO AT half-time, returning alumni will tour Country Day's new athletic fields and observe the finish of the cross country meet with Gross Pointe—two appropriate activities which bear out the school's motto, "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body."

Later, a reception in the modern and new Headmaster's Residence will give alumni an opportunity to visit with the now-retired Mr. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw, after which an alumni banquet is planned.

But that's not all.

ALUMNI WILL also hear from Dr. W. Rodman Snelling, the new headmaster who described the school's "Living Endowment" program at a recent news conference.

"Our tuition fees only pay three-quarters of our operating costs which run \$350,000 yearly," said Snelling.

"We receive no endowments or foundation aid, so the balance must be made of alumni gifts."

Dr. Snelling also sends out a "Wanted List" to alumni, and he has received in return such items as a two-ton truck, a thermofax machine and trees.

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B'ham Area UNICEF Total Largest Collected

More than 500 young people from 11 Birmingham area churches collected a total of \$1,670 in the annual UNICEF canvass Sunday.

The amount contributed will supply more than 750,000 glasses of milk to hungry children around the world, or can be used for enough penicillin to cure 25,000 of yaws or enough vaccine to protect 167,000 children from tuberculosis.

Churches participating in the "Trick or Treat" fund drive were Beverly Hills Methodist, Christ Church Cranbrook, Birmingham Congregational, Embury Methodist, First Baptist, and First Methodist.

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OTHERS WERE First Presbyterian, Franklin Community, Northminster Presbyterian, Redeemer Lutheran and St. James Episcopal.

"This was the largest group participating in this project, and was the largest amount collected in the years since Birmingham has cooperated in the international drive," said publicity chairman Rev. William Sutterlin.

It is estimated that 3.5 million boys and girls were included in the

UNICEF drive in 50 states and more than 12,000 communities.

EACH PENNY received will have long range effect in terms of help and hope. The United Nations Children's Fund continues to aid more than 500 projects for needy children and mothers in 116 countries.

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Bar Releases Candidate Poll

The Oakland County Bar Association last week released the results of a poll of its 434 members showing the preference of its membership for the candidates seeking election on Nov. 3 as judges of the Oakland County Circuit Court and of the new Michigan Court of Appeals.

The results for the candidate for Circuit Court are as follows:

Philip Pratt	252
Arthur E. Moore	249
James S. Thorburn	221
John E. McGrath	82
James Clarkston	58
Allen C. Ingle	32

The vote for the Court of Appeals candidate was:

Timothy C. Quinn	212
Louis D. McGregor	204
Farell E. Roberts	194
Thomas G. Kavanaugh	115
Donald R. Freeman	58
Francis L. O'Brien	54

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FROM THE BOOKCASE

Nonpoisonous Gardening Revealed through Remedies

GARDENING WITHOUT POISONS
MRS. HUNTER, Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, 1964, 214 pp., \$2.

Reviewed by
RODNEY H. MILTON

Like "Silent Spring," "Gardening Without Poisons" is timely and thought-provoking. Its content is stimulating and extremely interesting despite the fact that the author is not a professional horticulturist.

Her gleanings, however, come from experts in the field of agriculture, entomology, chemistry and horticulture. "Gardening Without Poisons" aims at control, not elimination; shoots at the middle-of-the-road target and comes up with an excellent score—though not all bulletproof.

The use of organic matter to improve soil for healthy crops; the symbiotic-type relationship between certain weeds and cultivated plants; the use of simple, non-poisonous sprays listed by the author will be found to be something "new" and interesting to the beginning gardener, as well as to the many green-thumbed who "have tried everything."

HOWEVER, a number of these remedies may not work for some due to a number of circumstances—weather conditions, improper timing, various techniques, etc., but they are certainly worth the small effort involved.

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of poison sprays due to possible drifting on the adjoining property and endangering the health of humans and animals.

THIS would be reason enough to try some of these safer sprays as well as the biological controls. Biological control is the use of insects to combat the harmful ones, such as the employment of lady-brothers to control the population explosion of aphids. Many insect predators can be purchased from specialists.

A debatable subject in the book is the authors' advocacy for organic sources of fertilizer for plant nutrition. Many excellent crops as well as prize-winning flowers have been produced with the optimum of nutrition in the method of hydroponics.

But in this medium of growing with inorganic sources of fertilizer, in solution, balance is the secret work — the keystone. This is why many gardeners run into difficulty when using chemical fertilizers. It's so easy to overdo and use the wrong ratio. Organic fertilizer is safer and in more perfect balance.

"Gardening Without Poisons" is a well-written book encompassing all the possible types of insect-control, as well as controlling predatory birds and animals.

The appendices are an excellent source of reference — filled with pertinent information. The list of suppliers for materials is an encouragement in itself to try many of the controls suggested by the author.

As the appendices comprise the last quarter of the book, "Gardening Without Poisons" can be quickly and easily read. However, a few chapters may be difficult for the reader with no background knowledge of the plant sciences.

MRS. HUNTER also is the author of the "Natural Food Cookbook" In "Gardening Without Poisons" she sometimes approaches factual subject matter more from the point of view of the food fanatic than from that of the authoritative horticulturist.

The book jacket credits Mrs. Hunter with being an honorary member of the American Academy of Applied Nutrition. This organization is active in opposing court actions brought by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration charging that the federal courts are prejudiced. However, like Rachel Carson before her, Mrs. Hunter is, for the most part, saying something that needs to be said.

IF AFTER reading "Gardening Without Poisons," you are further inspired and want additional information, then by all means purchase a copy of "Plants & Gardens," volume 16, autumn issue (November, 1960) titled "Biological Control of Plant Pests," published by Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn 25.

It is profusely illustrated with many excellent "action" photographs.

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County Releases School State Aid

The Oakland County Treasurer has released \$6,277,626 representing 16.66 per cent of the October apportionment of State Aid money distributed to the various school districts in Oakland County.

Area districts and their appropriations include Birmingham, \$497,100; Southfield, \$291,000; Bloomfield Hills, \$127,500; Troy, \$132,000; West Bloomfield Township, \$64,500; Oakland Schools, \$7,160.



Torch Drive Kickoff

On her visit to Detroit to help kick off the United Foundation Torch Drive, "Miss America," Vonda Kay Van Dyke, was greeted by two volunteers. At left is Benson Ford, honorary chairman of the UF board of directors. Sheldon Moyer, (right) 3917 Cottontail Lane, Birmingham, is senior vice president of the D. P. Brother advertising agency and chairman of the newspaper committee for the Torch Drive.

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