

Into publishing

Youth worker gets insight

By CAROL HASKIN
BIRMINGHAM — Taking into account the ups and downs of the publishing business, Linda Sickles was pleased to get the third and latest issue of Baldwin Library's literary magazine, "Insight," almost according to schedule.

It only took three weeks to get it printed, the new editor exulted, after months of compiling and laying out material. "Last time it took two months."

Miss Sickles is youth coordinator at the library and spends most of her time working with the different departments in choosing youth-oriented books, since the library has no young adult section as such. In an effort to determine and meet the needs of teenage readers, she also works closely with junior high and high school librarians.

With her position came the semi-annual responsibility of publishing "Insight." During this, her first year on the job, she was helped by two assistant editors, Seaholm seniors Jayne Arnesen and Mary Ann Robb.

TOGETHER THEY sorted through 136 individual pieces of writing and artwork from 60 contributors to come up with the 18 pieces that make up the spring issue.

Miss Sickles said this year the magazine had a record number of

contributors and it was only due to limitations of space and time that more were not printed.

Contributions came from Detroit, Troy and Pontiac as well as the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, and from adults and teen-agers alike.

"There are a lot of talented people in the area," Miss Sickles said. "It makes it easy to tap the resources. We're printing double the number this time."

Most of the work submitted was either poetry or short stories. She said they never receive as many art contributions as they would like. Since the pieces have to be black and white and submitted on 5x8 paper she thought many artists might find the rules too confining.

THE CONTENT of the editorial material submitted hinted at a change in outlook and direction on the part of young people.

"In the first issue, young people were very concerned about peace and war and world issues," Miss Sickles said, "but now they seem more turned inward, exploring themselves, nature and other things. Some, in a way, are depressing, and some are quite beautiful."

She said the content of the entries corresponded to the kind of books now popular with students.

"They want information on current people in their world, but they're not really that interested

in politics. I majored in political science so I'm extra aware of that.

"They are very interested in nostalgia — things dealing with the '50s, the old days. When you think of it, many of them were born since 1960. They hardly remember the late President Kennedy."

WHILE THE CONTENT of the work was somewhat surprising, Miss Sickles was impressed with the quality.

"The maturity level of some of it is quite high. Whether it is a general thing with youth or just the people who are contributing, they are more sophisticated these days. They don't seem to be as run of the mill as in my day when everyone wrote the same things in the same way."

She said many of the adult pieces were much less polished than those that came from high school students.

"They probably had always wanted to try writing and thought here was their chance although they had never written before."

Material not used in the publication is returned to the author if any address is provided. Authors are invited to submit their work to the next issue, the deadline for which is June 30.

"It may not have been for lack of quality that it wasn't included," Miss Sickles said, "but just for lack of space. We want to encourage people to keep writing. Who knows, someday they might end up in 'Poetry' or 'The New Yorker.'"

Free copies of "Insight," which was funded by the Friends of the Baldwin Library, can be picked up at Common Ground, Groves, Seaholm and at the library.

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The newest edition of "Insight" is available at Common Ground, Groves and Seaholm High Schools and Baldwin Library in Birmingham.

Congregation taps new official slate

Congregation Beth Abraham-Hillel of West Bloomfield recently met to elect new officers.

Elected were Irwin Klar, president; Jack Schon, vice president and board chairman; Sigmund Lowenthal, second vice president; Sheldon Fishman, third vice president; Benoit Gorge, treasurer; Max Blum, financial secretary and Nelson Demba, recording secretary.

Trustees elected to serve a three-year term are Oscar Bank, Leonard Farber, Bernhard Lichtenstein, Dr. Robert Schlaf and Bernard Kaufman.

Mrs. Arthur Smith will serve a two-year term as trustee. Nat Fishman and Eddie Mittelendorf will serve one-year terms.

All the newly elected officers and trustees will be installed during the festival morning services of the second day Shavuot Saturday.

A kiddush reception will be held after the installation and services.

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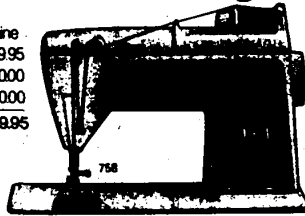
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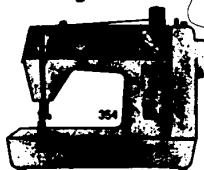
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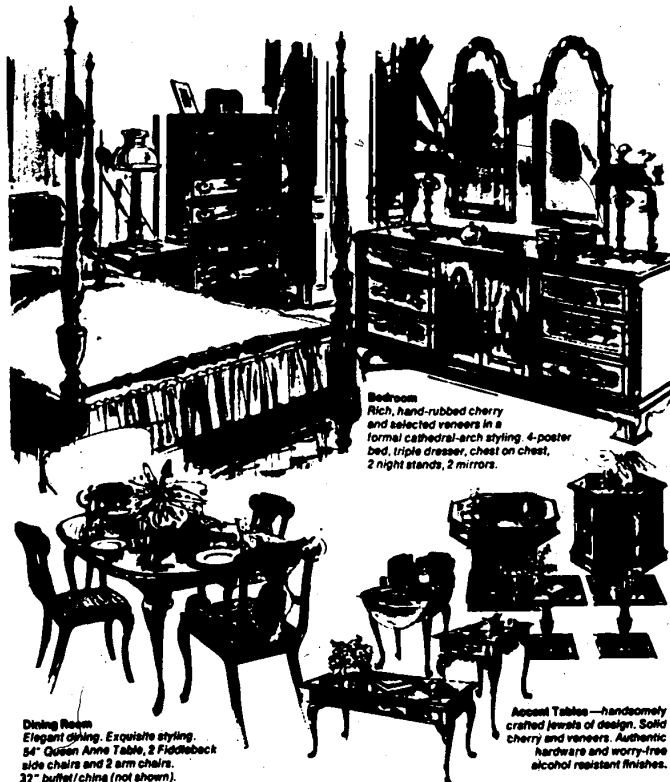
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