

LOCAL NINE WINS, LOSES

LARGE CROWDS SEE MERCHANTS HIT EVEN IN FIRST HOME GAMES

The return of baseball to Birmingham gave a almost comical scene when crowd Sunday and Tuesday which watched the newly organized Birmingham Merchants team in its first two home games. The crowd was so large, the merchants had difficulty in getting on the Grand Trunk tracks on Madison Avenue.

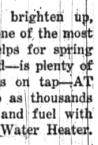
The Merchants split even in the two contests, but were finally able to come away with a 6-5 win. It was the Elliott Cartage team of Detroit which handed the Merchants their defeat in Sunday's game, while the Detroit Monarchs, whom the Merchants routed in the process in the Monday encounter.

Cox Falters

Birmingham team in the eighth inning, with a 5-5 lead, had over nine runs in the ninth, but in that frame Seth Cox, Merchant's finger, blew up and allowed four hits and three runs. The Merchants were beaten by the Detroit Monarchs, whom the Merchants routed in the process in the Monday encounter.

"Young man," said the employer, "do you save ten per cent of what you earn?"

"No," replied the bright young man, "my whole salary is not that much."—American Mutual Magazine



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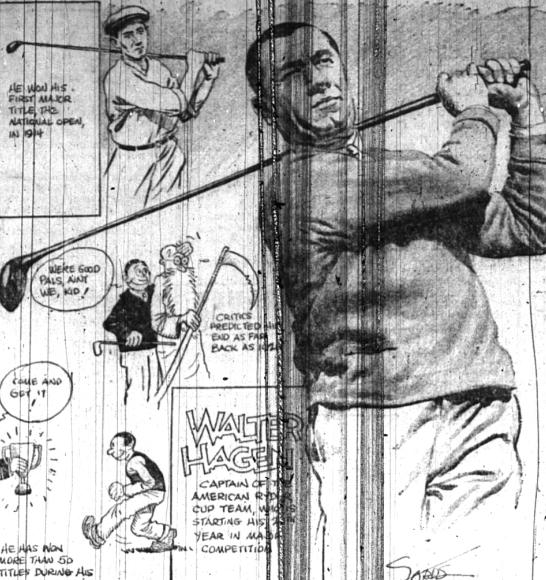
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AS GOOD AS EVER

By Jack Sond



SCOUT NEWS

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

By JULES WENZL

Outstanding performance by the members of Troop B-3 in the annual inter-troop competition held Saturday afternoon at Camp Concord enabled them again to win the coveted trophy and annually to the troupe scoring the most points.

Their remarkable achievement was made possible by the B-3 tent-pitching team, composed of John Hubert, Eugene Merz, Robert Peebles and Charles Wilson. In 4½ minutes they assembled the tents disassembling a standard 3x12 tent.

Besides the outstanding record made by the tent-pitchers, B-3 also won first place in fire-bystand-off, first place in relay and climbing contests. Darby Taylor and Dick Gibson's drill squad took top honors in fire-by-friction and drilling for Troop B-1, while George Scott and his crew representing B-5, took first place in the string-burning contest.

Following a picnic supper served on the camp grounds, a brief but impressive court of honor was held. Fifty scouts, representing each of the five troops in the Birmingham area, received a total of 71 awards. A fine climax to the program was the awarding of the President Hoover streamer for outstanding achievement during 1932 to Troop B-3 by Commissioner Howard D. Clegg.

Following is the list of scouts who received awards:

Second class badges—Robert Porter, B-1; John Boebelant, B-1; Evan J. Parker, B-1; George M. Roands, B-3; David Peebles, B-3; Charles Wilson, B-3; Walter Schell, B-3; Cleon Howery, B-3; Junius Cole, B-2; Charles Pearce, B-3; Gerald Lentz, B-4; William Price, B-4; Charles Halsted, B-5.

First class badges—James Schooley, B-2; William Biggers, B-3; William Martindale, B-3; William Loud, B-3; Arthur Mois, B-3; Bill Pheat, B-3.

Star awards—John Smith, B-2; Robert Watt, B-3; William Graves, B-4.

Life award—William Hosick, B-2.

Eagle palm awards—Robert Peebles, B-3; gold; Thomas Navin, B-3; bronze; David Robinson, B-3; bronze.

Merit badges were awarded as follows:

Troop B-1—Ralph DuBois, horsemanship; Neil M. Stark, scholarship; Tom Taylor, first aid; Eric M. Meyer, scholarship, first aid.

Troop B-2—Bud McCormick, archery; William Howell, physical development; Dennis Smith, scholarship; Dennis Root, scholarship; Kenneth Jones, chemistry; Jim Schooley, personal health, carpentry; leathercraft, handcraft, woodwork.

Troop B-3—Eugene Merz, scholarship, civics, automobiling, stamp collecting, camping; William Biggers, personal health, public health, life saving, swimming; Jack Reynolds, public health, personal health; Bob Watt, reading, personal health, public health; Molvin Morehouse, leathercraft, bookbinding; Robert Peebles, safety, plumbing, scholarship, first aid; David Wilson, Navy, textile; Jim Martindale, swimming; John Wilson, animal industry.

Troop B-4—Winston Cox, scholarship; Andrew Watson, carpentry; James Portfield, science.

Troop B-5—George Scott, leatherwork; scholarship; Bill Pheat, stamp collecting.

We bought a shirt that was advertised to "wash at the wash-and-dry" and it came back with its sides split.—Life.

Teeming Variety of Wild Life Calls Oakland County Y. M. C. A. Camp 'Home'

The boys who attend Camp Mahn-go-tahsee, the Shandian County Y. M. C. A. camp this summer will find an opportunity of viewing animal habitudes which, for its abundance of wild life, is one of the most noted in Michigan.

The 427 acres, which comprises the main area dedicated to the use of the camp as a property, and nearly a score of different species of birds and animals, to be found there. About 40 mammals have been seen on the property. Partridges, wild duck, porcupines, squirrels, rabbits, moles and other varieties of wild life are found petting in the camp grounds. A deer is the camp pet.

The camp also boasts hills and bluffs, some 50 feet above the lake level, including bluffs, ever-plenty woods, with a wide variety of trees, including pine, spruce, beech, hemlock, maple, elm, hazel and birch and a sand beach which provides a great deal of opportunity for swimming. The lake itself is well stocked with pike bass and a few pectorals.

Less than five miles from the camp is the famous Au Sable River Camp, the right fork of the river flowing into Lake Michigan. At the mouth of the river is a 10-mile stretch of beach. This part of the Au Sable is about half a mile wide. Five miles north of the camp is the Huron National Forest Reserve, which has planted thousands of small pine trees, and in which the first 2000 acres to be seen by spring follow:

This Week's Games Thursday—Birmingham Theater vs. First Precinct; Varsity No. 1 vs. Varsity No. 2; Varsity No. 2 vs. Varsity No. 2, at Embury Church last Thursday, June 1, at 8 p. m.; and the second on June 3 to 5, and the second on June 8 to 10 at 8 p. m.

Wednesday—First Precinct vs. Varsity No. 2; Varsity No. 1 vs. Postoffice; Van's Pharmacy vs. Embury Church.

Friday—First Precinct vs. Varsity No. 2; Varsity No. 1 vs. Postoffice; Van's Pharmacy vs. Eastern Michigan.

Saturday—Batteries—Holmes and Robin-

son, Wickham and Powers.

Sunday—First Precinct vs. Batteries—Ladd and Schwar-

mer and Moss.

Monday—Batteries—McNamee and De-

Nald. Tuesday—Batteries—Marshall and Dens-

Brown and D. Donaldson.

Good Advice

Rounder: I sure need advice, old man. I'm in love with a Chicago gangster's wife. What would you advise me?

Hounder: "Well the Prudential, Metropolitan or the Travelers are all good companies.—Tyro Graphic.

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GENERAL OFFICES

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

May 29, 1933.

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

This is the fifth of a series of weekly letters addressed to our 500,000 customers in 48 cities, 58 villages and 130 townships in the southeastern corner of the State of Michigan.

Last week we tried to show you that there is a lot more to our system than just a power house and some wires. The power plant is seldom one-third of the system. Add the cost of making the power at the power house is just a shadow less than the taxes that we are required to pay—or rather, that we are required to collect from you. Please look at this showing of how much tax money was taken out of each dollar paid in recent years.

Remaining to us out
of each dollar paid
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Year	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932
5 1 cents	5.1	6.5	6.5	6.8	7.7	8.0	9.0	9.7	9.8	10.7	12.9	13.5	94.9 cents
5 1/2 cents	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.8	7.7	8.0	9.0	9.7	9.8	10.7	12.9	13.5	93.5
5 1/4 cents	5.7	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.8	8.1	9.1	9.8	9.9	10.8	13.0	13.6	92.3
5 1/2 cents	5.8	6.7	6.7	7.1	7.9	8.2	9.2	10.0	10.1	11.0	13.1	13.7	91.3
5 1/4 cents	5.9	6.8	6.8	7.2	8.0	8.3	9.3	10.0	10.1	11.0	13.2	13.8	90.3
5 1/2 cents	6.0	6.9	6.9	7.3	8.1	8.4	9.4	10.1	10.2	11.1	13.3	13.9	89.3
5 1/4 cents	6.1	7.0	7.0	7.4	8.2	8.5	9.5	10.2	10.3	11.2	13.4	14.0	88.3
5 1/2 cents	6.2	7.1	7.1	7.5	8.3	8.6	9.6	10.3	10.4	11.3	13.5	14.1	87.1
5 1/4 cents	6.3	7.2	7.2	7.6	8.4	8.7	9.7	10.4	10.5	11.4	13.6	14.2	86.5

12 months to April 30, 1933.
(The three per cent U. S. tax is additional to these figures.)

When you get your bill for city or state taxes, or when you fill out your income tax blank to the United States Treasury, you know you are being taxed. When you paid your electric light bills since 1920, you did not know that you were paying added taxes, from five cents out of each dollar in 1920, up to thirteen and a half cents out of the dollar this year. The taxes were there just the same, and we want you to know it.

These indirect taxes affect all of you. They make a tax-gatherer of your electric company. You blame the company if you think your bill is too high.

To be exact about it, your electric bill would have been lower by eight cents on the dollar if the taxes on the Company had been fixed at the 1920 figure.

It looks easy to see the electric company. To do so changes the place for a long run.

We have never made a campaign against high taxes. We have no wish to make one now. But we may find ourselves in such a place where fairness to us will want you to understand that it is your pocketbook that we are protecting, and we ask you to keep that statement in mind.

Alex Dow
President

ENTEX, VAN'S NINES VICTORS

Eastern Michigan Wins Twice During Week in Softball Loop

Fintex Fellowship and Van's Pharmacy teams in Y. M. C. A. camp this summer have had four wins in games during the past week and remain in the lead. The boys play throughout the day.

Fintex registered its third straight win when it enraged First Precinct Monday night, 11 to 7.

The team, opening play, will be back this evening at 8 p. m. when they enter the seventh inning.

Embry Church last Thursday night, 10 to 13.

The score by evenings follow:

Wednesday—Birmingham Electric, 0 to 4. Eastern Michigan, 0 to 2.

Thursday—First Precinct, 1 to 7. Van's Pharmacy, 1 to 4.

Friday—Embry Church, 1 to 5. Second Precinct, 1 to 0. Eastern Michigan, 1 to 2.

Saturday—First Precinct, 1 to 3. Eastern Michigan, 2 to 0.

Sunday—Batteries, 2 to 3. Eastern Michigan, 0 to 2.

Monday—Van's Pharmacy, 2 to 1.

Tuesday—Batteries—Wichman and Powers.

Wednesday—Ladd and Schwartz.

Thursday—Marshall and Dens-Brown.

Friday—McNamee and De-Donaldson.