

Baldwin Team Again Is Winner of Michigan Class "B" Track Title

Victory Is Third Captured In Past 4 Years By Squad

By BUD COY
A powerful Baldwin track team, repeating last year's victory, captured the Class B State Championship at East Lansing, Saturday, with a total of 35 points, leading the nearest opponent by 14 1/2 points. The Maroons journeyed to the state finals with a smaller team than last year's and returned home with the same results. This is the third time in four years that the Baldwin Thincinads have been victorious in the finals.

Driving over to East Lansing, the Birmingham team arrived there about nine o'clock in the morning in time for the preliminaries and the Class B single in the pole vault and broad jump. In the morning there was a fair wind blowing with rain threatening but the track was hard and in good condition. Clark Collins qualified in the 220 and 100-yard dash in the morning try-outs. Collins placed second behind Mead of East Lansing in the 100-yard dash with the time equal to the record of 1:02. Clark Collins placed second again in the afternoon finals. Mead tying his morning time of 1:02. Collins added another five points to the Maroons' list when he took second in the 220-yard dash.

In the first second of the 440-yard dash Colgrove placed third to tie the Maroons' total up to 12. The rain had been pouring hard for some time when the second section of the 440-yard dash was run off. Caryl sloshed his way around the track to place first and give his team five more points.

McCarthy jumping from a squatting position, produced by the rain, crossed the bar at 5 ft. 8 in. to capture first place in the high jump. McCarthy displayed good form and probably would have gone higher had the weather and track condition been more favorable.

Quentin Bedford, mixing a dog paddle with his best stride, made the fastest time of all classes in the 800-yard run when he pulled away from the pack in the beginning of the second lap to lead 18 runners across the tape in the fast time of 2:03.

The relays were handled the same as in the Regionals with the teams running against time and not competition. The Maroon four doubled the track in the fastest time of all classes, winning the event in 1:37 1/2 which was fast time considering the condition of the track.

Class B Summary
Broad Jump—Won by Kladyk (Bad Axe); Rimes (St. Joseph) second; Shelby (Allegan) third; Smith (Hastings) fourth; Lerman (Carroll) and Luke (Buchanan) tied for fifth and sixth. Distance 39 ft. 11 1/2 in.

Pole Vault—Won by Bekkering (Fremont); Scott (Three Rivers) second; Brantinger (Allegan) third; Waterman (Three Rivers) fourth; Saratore (Niles) fifth; Miller (Alma) and Shelby (Allegan) tied for sixth. Height—11 ft. 6 in.

100 Yard Dash—Won by Mead (East Lansing); Collins (Birmingham) second; Symons (Mt. Morris) third; Eastay (Dowagiac) fourth; Hoffman (Big Rapids) fifth; Anderson (Kalamazoo State High) sixth. Time—1:02. (Equal State record).

220 Yard Dash—Won by Cooly (Howell); Henniger (Alma) sec-

HILLS SQUAD 2ND IN TRACK FINALS

Bloomfield Thincinads Lose Class D Title By 2 1/2 Points

The thincinads at the school on Vaughan Road completed their 1937 track season by taking the runner-up position in the State track meet in East Lansing last Saturday. After having won the Class "D" Regional championship at Ypsilanti the week before and qualifying nine men for the State tournament, the Hills team was nosed out for the State championship by Saint Mary's at Mount Morris. Saint Mary Scored 36 1/2 points to Bloomfield Hills' 34.

The outstanding performance by the Vaughan elder artists was the relay which they won in 1:40:2 on a very slow track. The winning relay team was composed of Richard Shepherd, Leon Sawyer, Richard Flannery, and Arthur Gibson. Other places were taken at the meet as follows: Robert Hall—first in the high hurdles and third in the low hurdles; Arthur Gibson—third in the 100 Yard Dash and third in the 222; Richard Shepherd—second in the 220 Yard Dash and second in the 100 Yard Dash and in the 220. Gordon Craig, who qualified in the morning trials in the high hurdles, failed to place in the finals. Mike Golley, shot putter, and Bradley Higbie, low hurdler, failed to weather the preliminaries.

"I saved a man's life once, but didn't get a medal for it."

"Well, a lad came back to the ship lit and got under a steam pipe to take a shower. He would have been scalded to death only was the engineer and there wasn't any steam."

The BOOK SHELF

Late Book Reviews and Literary Criticism
by *Dois Flint*

"FORTY YEARS ON MAIN STREET"

William Allen White

It is not often that a small town editorial writer or other writer for that matter, can make his fortune out of something that looks like tripe to him ten years later. But that is just what happened to William Allen White of Emporia, Kansas. When he wrote his famous editorial, "What's the Matter with Kansas?" he was hurrying to catch a train and trying at the same time to think up something to fill a hole in his paper. Big Republican Boss, Mark Hanna saw the sarcastic article on Bryan's Populists, liked it, used it in the McKinley-Bryan Campaign and besides offered the author of it his choice of a job. But Editor White then just 28, red-headed and roly-poly decided to remain in his Emporia. From that day on though he has never dropped out of the public eye. He is still the No. 1 U. S. country editor and philosopher and "Forty Years on Main Street" is a collection of his writings.

He was pretty well satisfied with anything done by the Republican party. No reviewer remarks on his change of heart could possibly equal his own pungent footnotes in the book. He says he is "ashamed" that he called Bryan a "shallow fellow" and Socialist Eugene Debs a "charlatan"; he "blushes" over his flag-waving editorials on the Spanish-American war and World Wars, thinks he was often "too noisy" in his praise of Emporia and Kansas; would take back, if he could, an editorial upholding the guilt of Sacco and Vanzetti "whose execution was a crime for which American lost prestige in the eyes of millions." He makes no apologies for his early stand for U. S. recognition of Russia and the innocence of Tom Mooney. Neither has he had any qualms over twice refusing the Republican party; once to join Roosevelt's "Bull Moose" campaign and again in 1924 to run independently on an anti-Klan platform for Governor of Kansas.

When we read "there is no longer anything absolutely mine or thine; some of it all is ours. Government is rapidly assuming the part of guardian of the weak against the strong" we at once connect it with the philosophy of the present administration but what a surprise when we read further that it was contained in an editorial written during Theodore Roosevelt's time. Already, as White himself puts it, he had

gone down the road to Damarcus and seen a light which most of the American people did not see for another quarter of a century, and to which many are still blind.

In a way the book is the history of the development of a liberal—which is something when you consider that he started out as a Mark Hanna conservative. Now at 69, William Allen White shows no signs of worry despite the predictions of his own Republican candidate Alf Landon, that we are headed for a Roosevelt Dictatorship.

If you want to read something really sweet and touching find the editorial which he wrote on the day following the death of his 16 year old daughter who was killed when thrown from a horse.

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