

SPORTS AFIELD

By Bill Averil

On a smooth, dry track at Cranbrook Friday afternoon, Quentin Brestford clipped two seconds from his previous best time for the half mile when he covered the distance in the unofficial time of 2 minutes flat. His fastest time prior to Friday was 2:02 made during the track season last year.

And unless there is a sudden appearance of some other spectacular half-milers at the Mansfield Relays Saturday afternoon, Quentin is a sure bet to come home with a first place in the event. And since the record for the 800 in the Mansfield Relays 2:04.5, he will surpass the old record anyway. If he does reach the tape first, Quentin hopes his time will be better than 2 minutes.

"If it is in me at all," Brestford said, "I hope I can break under the 2 minute mark some time this year. I felt as though I was holding myself back a little last Friday, and I am sure I can make it in faster time. If I get the kind of track at Mansfield which I had at Cranbrook, I think I may be able to do it there."

Michigan Editor Describes Electric Chair Used In Illinois For Death Penalty

[Muri H. DeFoe, editor of the Charlotte (Mich.) Republican Tribune, is an ardent partisan and a close observer of human activities and institutions. Recently while in Chicago he visited the Cook County Jail and was shown the electric chair used by the State of Illinois in the slaying of its murderers. He writes about it as follows:]

Chicago, April 10.—Illinois has the death penalty and electrocution, the legal method for killing, available at three points in the state. Obviously the completely mechanical chair in the Cook county (Chicago) jail is the most popular of the trio of "hot seats." Thirty-five offenders have been put away in this chair since 1927. The killings are almost scheduled for one minute past midnight, which standard practice regulates the timing of an occasional reprieve from the governor of the state. The requirements of the presence of certain persons, medical, spiritual and otherwise, but a general thing there are hundreds of requests to attend every execution.

A number of the guards actually engaged in the detail of the execution all the witnesses view the scene from a large heavy window directly in front of the chair. The death chamber, which is in front of the death house, is perhaps the best square and is sound proof. Possibly fifty people standing together can hear the sound of the killing. And yet there is little to see. The face of the victim is closely covered by the same material that fits tightly over the head. A sudden forward movement by the body is the only thing that tells that the prisoner has paid the penalty for his crime with his life. Six seconds is allowed as the average length of the operation.

Description of the Chair
The death chair could be any barber or dental chair in appearance, much heavier however than either with an electric on the top and on one side of the chair. The top of the head and the side of the lower right leg of the prisoner is clean shaven and the current is sent into the body from these two points of contact. The last six hours of his life the condemned man is allowed to spend in one of the three death cells directly behind the death chamber. The cell has a cot, one stool and toilet facilities.

Directly in front of this cell is a pulpit-like arrangement where the clergyman of his choice may stand during any conversation. The prisoner does not know the exact time of the electrocution other than the six hour rule. Every detail is carefully planned. One of the guards comparable in weight and build to the condemned man is picked and for a solid week half a dozen times a day the guards assigned to this death scene are killed, in fact the last and final kill takes place 10 minutes before the execution dead line. The man is, of course, blindfolded by his combination mask-cap when he leaves the death cell only a few feet away. He is led into the death chamber through a side door. A chair with more or less emphasis, the psychology being that at a moment he is thinking of the roughness rather than the climax. Each of the four guards in the "pulpit" has his particular mechanical errand, consisting chiefly of clamping down the double hook like device over each of the arms of the chair. In six seconds the flash to switch on the current is given.

Four Men Push the Buttons
Unlike the old hangman's job process, the police officers dislike to be known as the executioner. A new technique has been the result. In the control room adjoining the electric chair, a recent innovation has been introduced, namely: a four-button switch—three dummies and one live switch. Four men push these buttons simultaneously and no man knows, actually, who pushes the live button

for their fine work during those two years.

McCarthy's own record for the high jump is 6' 10", which he made last year. While practicing inside lately, he again equalled this height. In the 1937 Relays, Chandler, of Toledo, Scott, took the place with a jump of 5' 11 1/2". Last year Allison, of Cleveland Central, broadjumped 21' 1/2" and McCarthy beat him only 1' 4 1/2" ahead of Mac's best jump.

If McCarthy keeps up his present form he ought to be right in among the first five.

Carey, O'Donnell, and Gorman will probably encounter a little more difficulty in their events, but one never knows till after the race is run. And we hope that everything will be favorable to all the contestants.

Here's what Coach Whitney has to say about the meet Saturday:

"The competition will be stiff, I know. We don't expect anything very much—we'll be satisfied with anything we can get. What I want the fellows to get out of this meet is mainly the experience in major competition. But I would like to see Brestford take the half mile and hang up a new record. I'm sure he would get a great thrill by having his name placed among such famous track and field stars in the country."

19 Months, Uses Two Languages



Toy blocks are just a sideline to 10-month-old Carlene Roberts, daughter of a Richmond, Calif., oil refinery engineer, who at her tender age is able to speak in French as well as English. The precocious youngster also sings French and English nursery rhymes, knows the alphabet and can read about 25 words.

What Your City Commission Is Doing—

April 18, 1938

The building inspector was authorized to renew a temporary building permit for Alfred W. Feller, for a period of three months.

Bills were approved in the amount of \$10,089.28, including a payroll of \$5,866.72 for the period 4/11-15/38.

Daniel Swartz and Scott A. Percy were appointed to serve on the 1938 Board of Review, on May 12th, 13th and 14th, their compensation to be \$10.00 each per day.

Commissioner Moody was appointed to represent the Commission on the Recreation Committee.

A report from the city treasurer indicated that when he turned the delinquent tax rolls over to the county treasurer, 74,152 of the general taxes and 61 1/2 of the miscellaneous items on the city tax roll had been collected.

A plan, authorized last week, whereby a certain piece of property belonging to a widow, could be placed on the ten year plan before the May 1st tax sale, including security for the city, was approved, and the treasurer was authorized to pay to the county treasurer the sum of \$10,000.

The agreement now existing between the city, and the Birmingham Golf Club, for the furnishing of water was extended for one year.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Whipple, deceased.

Tom J. Martin, administrator, with the will annexed of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is Ordered, that four months from the date allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 6th day of August, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, he and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.

A True Copy.
LEAH KOCH (MARTIN), Deputy Register of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Eudora H. Durward, deceased.

Darward E. Wilkinson, Guardian of the property, having filed a petition, praying for license to mortgage real estate therein described, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 285, I. P. of 1937, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, he and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM MICHIGAN

"Price is received on the following materials proposed to be purchased by the City for sewer construction, to-wit: 925 lbs. of 2 1/2" Vitrified Clay Sewer Pipe— 400 lbs. of Portland Cement The Sewer Pipe shall conform to the requirements of the Specifications of the American Standards for Vitrified Clayware, No. C13-45 and the cement to the specifications of the same organization No. C13-40 Copies of these specifications are available for inspection in the office of the City Engineer, Department of Municipal Affairs, Birmingham, Michigan. Separate sealed proposals must be in the hands of the City Clerk by 12:00 P. M., Monday, April 25, 1938, when the City will receive the bids, and the City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive irregularities in bids.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk

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