



# News and Sports

## Baldwin Cagers Seek 3rd Straight Victory of Year

Birmingham's so far undefeated basketball team is looking for its third consecutive victory.

Rochester has not played any games yet this season, while Birmingham has played two, defeating the Alumni by a score of 39-36, and Mount Clemens 29-25.

Rochester's lineup has not yet been formed, but three lettermen, Lee, Cickert, and Smith, will probably see action.

Birmingham defeated Rochester last year by a very unequal score, and Franklin Whitney, Baldwin coach, hopes to win again this year.

There will be a radical change in Birmingham's lineup. Although the lineup has not yet been determined, Coach Whitney said that several of those who were out for football might play.

These probably will include Bill Merrill, Dutch Olson, Dave Kennedy, Hugh Mack, and Joe Armstrong. Their positions have not yet been decided.

## Four Birmingham Players on League Honorary Team

Four Birmingham players were named to places of the mythical All-Twin Valley football team Monday. Snyder, Colgrove, Mack and Wensell—and the latter was named honorary captain.

Following is the complete selection:

Ends—Tom Darrico (Wayne) and Ted Snyder (Birmingham); tackles—Ralph Parker (Ypsilanti) and Larry Colgrove (Birmingham); guards—Howard Truitt (Ecorse) and Bill Ulrich (Ecorse); center—Earl Angell (Wayne); backs—Jasper Gachette (Wayne), Rudy Hickey (Ecorse), Hugh Mack (Birmingham).

Quinn Gets Letter  
Calver, Ind., ... Hubert Quinn, Jr., 3205 Bingham road, Birmingham, was one of 12 runners on the Calver Military Academy cross-country team to receive reserve letters at the conclusion of the current season. Quinn is a first year cadet in the Black Horse Troop.

On His Sneeze  
St. Peter—"How did you get up here?"  
Latest Arrival—"Flu."

## Maroons Battle Way to Lead in Mt. Clemens Tilt

By JACK PEARCE

Coming from behind after trailing through two quarters, the scrappy Birmingham High School basketball team put on a steady methodical exhibition of basketball to outsmart and defeat a strong Mount Clemens quintet by a score of 29-25, last Friday at Mount Clemens.

It was a nip and tuck battle all the way, with the lead continually changing hands until the last quarter.

Controlling the ball off the backboards and breaking up many openings proved to be the winning factors in the Maroons' victory. The Mount Clemens attack was repeatedly halted on Birmingham's defense, playing a cautious, alert game.

Mount Clemens held a 10-9 lead at the end of the first quarter, when Birmingham got loose on several fast breaks only to throw the ball away.

The second quarter found Birmingham trailing 18-16. But the Maroons began to click with their old-time technique.

Gilbert tied the score at 20-20 on a spectacular one-handed shot. Lorne McDonald followed with a dog shot after stealing the ball on a Mount Clemens rush, putting Birmingham two points in front.

The cagy Bathers then repeated their attack, but Birmingham took the ball on Mount Clemens rushes and held a 24-22 lead at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter Mount Clemens missed several long and short shots which bounced off the rim of the basket. The Maroons tallied five points to three for Mount Clemens in the quarter, ending one of the most thrilling games ever witnessed on the Bather court.

Lorne McDonald led both teams in scoring, connecting for four field goals and three free throws for 11 points.

John McDonald turned in a good performance on defense, controlling the follow-ups.

## Art Classes Work On Christmas Projects

The sixth and seventh hour art classes of Miss Joy Stewart at Hill School have been combining their classes and their preparation for Christmas. Although some pupils aided in decorating the gymnasium for the Piskin Prom, the majority of the two classes have given their talents for the past few weeks to Christmas cards and gifts.

The two classes which number approximately 55 are dividing their time among linoleum block prints, gaily colored Mexican belts, and brightly designed pottery.

## Cranbrook Cagers Reveal Schedule

Cranbrook School's basketball team, under the tutelage of Coach E. E. Raymond, has been working out daily since the middle of November in preparation for a hard schedule. While Coach Raymond was able to bring his Crane football team through last season unscathed, the chances are slim that his basketball team can duplicate that record, although the team promises to be a good one. Bill Hudson, of Georgetown, Del., and Chuck Martindale, of Lansing, are co-captains of the basketball team, and Jack Pickering of Pleasant Ridge, Mich., is manager.

The schedule is as follows:

Dec. 12—Birmingham High School  
Dec. 15—Patterson Collegiate Institute  
Jan. 9—Kennedy Collegiate Institute  
Jan. 16—Patterson Collegiate Institute at Windsor  
Jan. 20—Howe School of Howe, Ind.  
Jan. 23—Walkerville Collegiate Institute  
Jan. 27—Shady Side Academy at Pittsburgh  
Feb. 10—Cleveland University School  
Feb. 13—Walkerville Collegiate Institute at Walkerville  
Feb. 17—Culver Military Academy at Culver, Ind.  
Feb. 19—Kennedy Collegiate Institute at Windsor  
Feb. 24—Nichols School of Buffalo  
Feb. 27—Birmingham High School at Birmingham  
March 2—Western Reserve Academy at Hudson, Ohio

Home games  
The games with Shady Side, Cleveland University School, Nichols School, and Western Reserve Academy are the only ones that marked "Stick 'em up!" when he wanted those members of the class who knew the answer to signify in the usual way.

Underworld on Top  
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## Pigskin Prom Brings Gridiron Season to Successful Close

A successful dance for a successful team was presented Friday evening, Dec. 7, in the form of the annual Piskin Prom, given in honor of Birmingham's Twin Valley League champions.

The gala affair was sponsored by the Student Congress, with Miss Shirley Busby as general chairman.

The decorations were beautiful, consisting of a "mum" in the center of the ceiling of the gym, with huge pennants hanging from the track with the score of each game and the team played lettered on them. Lifesize caricatures of football players covered the walls.

Lettermen and invited guests included Jim Bennett, Colin Gowans, Sheldon Olson, Ted Snyder, Dick Neely, Lawrence Colgrove, Don Rickson, George Baldwin, Marcel Cole, Hugh Mack, John Adams, Clark Pardee, Dick Wenzell, John Porter, Raymond Bannister, Bob Eade, Gene McCullough, Erwin Covey, Ken Kirby, Bill Hopkins, Frank Armstrong, Jim Herbst, Manager Bob Fisher.

Bruno Peters and his orchestra furnished the music. The floor was decorated with Miss Claire Rose Kean, with three acts from Mary Gegg Studio.

The patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Crull, Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Bechtold, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Wurster, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin E. Darling.

Committees working on the dance were general chairman, Shirley Busby; general adviser, Mrs. Carol Darling; publicity, Bill Baldwin; John Bathgate; orchestra, Bill Kreitz; decorations, Dick Harvey; Jim Dolin, George Lang, Roy Lewis, Don Matthews, Junior Moore, and Annette Stanley.

Tickets: Clifford Harvey; lounge, Doris Franklin, Barbara Sauer; floor show, Jane Pollis; checking, Richard Harvey; invitations, Helen Rounds, Franklin Spoly.

## Who's Who ON THE Basketball Squad

By JACK RIGDEN

In full swing, the basketball season with another, it begins to look like Coach Franklin Whitney has another great squad. Two games have already been played, both wins. The boys defeated the Alumni 39-30 and Mount Clemens 29-25.

So that you may know the players better, thumbnail sketches of nine members of the team follow: Lorne McDonald, guard, made the first team in the ninth grade and is playing his fourth year on the Birmingham Varsity. He was one of the main players of the great teams of 1937-38 and 1938-39. Lorne has stepped into Upward's shoes as a steady influence on the younger members of the team. He will be available only until January when he will graduate.

John McDonald, center, started his varsity career as a sophomore, and last year advanced to regular center and second high scorer. In a playoff game against Yale High School, he rang up 22 points. McDonald towers above the six-foot mark.

Dick Gilbert, forward, also started his career as a sophomore and at present is pacing the team in scoring. This is his second year on the Varsity. His favorite attempt is a short close-up pivot shot.

Dennis Therrian is a newcomer to the team this year. Coming over from Barnum, he jumped right in to a Varsity berth. At present he is an understudy for John McDonald at center and gave a good account of himself in the first two games.

Ray Prevo, forward, is a senior; and this is his second year as a member of the Varsity. Ray hung up a great junior high record, and this year should find him a valuable man.

Julian Feiler, guard, is another six-footer. This is his second year on the Varsity. He will graduate in January.

Paul Kelly was the star player of the Adams Junior High School team that hung up such a great record in winning the city championship. He is coming along fine this year, winning a regular berth on the team as a sophomore. Paul is a guard.

Howard Crull, Jr., after hanging up a great record in junior high, Crull came to Birmingham and played good ball on the second team last year. This year, however, he is expected to make the Varsity and should show some good stuff.

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## Junior High Plans Open House Dec. 12

For the purpose of interesting parents in certain extra-curricular activities, the Student Council of Baldwin Junior High School is sponsoring an open house night for parents, teachers, and students to be held Tuesday night, Dec. 12.

The program will consist of various activities carried on during the regular activity period every Tuesday.

It will open at 7:00 with a basketball game between two junior high teams. Following this, there will be short programs presented by various clubs. The student council will conduct a regular business meeting.

Howard D. Crull, superintendent, will give a short talk on the relationship of home and school.

Ray H. Bechtold, principal, will speak on the purpose of the junior high school.

After the program, refreshments will be served.

Out of Practice  
Wife—"Ere you are, just 'ome after doing two years for arson, and now you can't even make the kitchen fire draw!"

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## Sports Showup

By JACK RIGDEN

In recent memory of Dr. James Naimith, inventor of basketball, who died recently, taps were sounded before the start of the Mount Clemens-Birmingham game. Dr. Naimith was 58 years old.

The Mount Clemens newspaper had a picture of six foot eight inch Sievert, who is only 15 and in the ninth grade, standing on a scale getting measured and a caption below the picture saying that he was the spearhead of the Bather attack. Personally we were rather disappointed in Sievert as he missed five straight free throws and missed several shots under the basket, even though his upraised arms were only inches below the rim. In several instances he was out-tipped by smaller Birmingham players. We thought that George Girsh, Bather forward, was the best player for Mount Clemens.

Several players just back from football appeared at the game in uniform but didn't play. There were "Ole" Olson, a letterman last year; Bill Merrill, also a letterman; and Hugh Mack.

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These boys will probably be playing before long.

Some interesting facts: At Mount Clemens there were girls dressed in gray and scarlet (Mount Clemens' school colors), guarding all the doors. A new 1939 rule says that the referee has to sign the official scorebook between the halves. A fair crowd of loyal rooters was on hand to cheer Birmingham despite the inclement weather and competition from the football game.

It looks as if three Birmingham boys are going to play leading roles in college football next year. Three Birmingham boys have been awarded freshmen football letters this fall. Frank McCarthy and Robert White were awarded Michigan numerals and George Forester received his at Kalamazoo.

This Friday Birmingham plays Rochester on the latter's home floor. The Maroons usually have an easy time against Rochester but it is always an enjoyable game. Let's see a big crowd out at the basketball games just like those we had at football games this fall.

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## Bowling Scores

HOUSE LEAGUE	Won	Lost
Carl's Cat Rate	29	18
Lady's Service	29	18
Membership Shop	29	20
Orpheum Bar	29	21
Mid-Park Coffee Shop	29	22
21st & Baker	29	23
Milly's Service	29	24
Birmingham	29	25
High single game—C. Chapman, 224.		
High score—B. Burman, 295.		

JUNIOR HOUSE LEAGUE	Won	Lost
Birmingham Rec. Jrs.	23	11
Mulholland's	23	14
Summer Motor Sales	23	15
Winningham Chevrolet	23	16
Riley's Sport Store	23	17
Strick's of Pontiac	23	18
Saver's Funeral Home	23	19
Oliver's Beverages	23	24

LEONARD ELECTRIC LEAGUE	Won	Lost
Team No. 4	22	14
Team No. 1	22	15
Team No. 6	22	16
Team No. 3	22	17
Team No. 5	22	18
Team No. 2	22	19
Team No. 7	22	20

MERCHANTS' LEAGUE	Won	Lost
Clawson, Oil	22	19
Black Horse	22	20
Summer Motor Sales	22	21
Wherman's Market	22	22
Center	22	23
Diaz Diner	22	24
High single game—Tramont, 235.		
High score—Tramont, 265.		

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