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## ★ ★ News of Schools and Sports ★ ★

### Birmingham Baseball Season Opens With Cranbrook Game, Here, April 24

By **BILL CURLEY**

Birmingham high school baseball team will play host to Cranbrook in the opening game of the season April 24, at Foster Field.

New material for the Maples are Bill Saffel, who is working on third base and Jack Filkins who is holding down the left field position. Other potential players for the Maples are Chuck Murray, Bill Kirkley, and George York, all sophomores.

With six lettermen returning while Cranbrook has five, Birmingham should have a strong team.

### Birmingham Track Team Attends Big River Rouge Event

By **TED MANSFIELD**

Birmingham's tracksters journeyed to Ann Arbor for the River Rouge Invitational meet at the Yost Field House last Saturday for their first experience this season. Boys from 37 schools of all classes participated.

Although Birmingham did not figure in the scoring, Coach Lloyd Cooper felt his boys made a good showing, considering the handicap of no indoor season. Those who gave particularly good performances were Bill Old, 40 man, who won by his heat and finished seventh in timing; Jim Jones, low hurdles, who took fourth in his semifinals heat; Tom Zoellin, high hurdles. Absent because of injuries were Tom Woodhouse, high and broad jump; Shep Cain, pole vault, and Carol Voorheis, mile.

### Five Are Elected to Annual Girls' State

At the last meeting of the Baldwin High School Girls' League, five girls were elected to represent Baldwin at the Wolverine Girls' State the latter part of the summer at the University of Michigan.

Named were: Nancy Hanson, president of G.A.A.; Dorothy Davis, head of Red Cross drives; Sally Kreider, was a vice-president of Girls' League; Martha Bost, former secretary of Student Government; and Gloria Maxwell, treasurer of the Girls' League. Owen Chapman was elected as alternate.

Each girl is being sent by an organization in Birmingham including the American Legion Auxiliary, Girls' League council, A.A.U.V., P.T.A., council, and the Girl Scout council. The reservations will be sent in with the hope that there will be no curtailment in this district due to the war.

### Schools Now Busy On V.F.W. Auxiliary Annual Essay Contest

"What Americanism Means to Me" is the theme of an essay contest being conducted nationally as well as locally by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mrs. Fred Samuelson, 908 Chapin, Americanism chairman of the Birmingham branch of the organization, heads the local Contest, ending April 27 and open to those attending Junior and senior high schools.

Many students have entered, each hoping to win a prize for his essay. A 25 dollar War Bond, ten dollars, and five dollars in war stamps will be awarded to the local top ranking three, while \$1000, \$500, \$250, and \$100 in cash will go to those winning the National Contest.

The Auxiliary has sponsored contests such as this for the past ten years. The group is purely a patriotic one with one of its chief aims to promote Americanism among the students who will soon be the nation's leaders.

### Track Season Will Open Here Friday With Pontiac Team

By **TOM WOODHOUSE**

The first dual track and field meets of the year will take place when Baldwin High School plays host to Pontiac this Friday and Royal Oak next Tuesday.

The Birmingham tracksters will face a strong, well balanced team in Pontiac, which has seven lettermen returning. Although the low hurdles and shot put are Pontiac's strongest events, all events are well manned. Pontiac defeated the Maples last year 71-27.

With eleven lettermen returning, Royal Oak is expected to be much stronger than last year. The Oak's strongest events are the mile and the dashes. Untried men will carry the load in most of the events but they may prove stronger than expected. Birmingham won over the Oaks last year 79 1/2-24 1/2 but they are expected to have to show plenty of strength to repeat this year.

### Student Congress To Honor Court Team

A jam session will be featured at the "9:30 Special," April 20, sponsored by the Student Congress in honor of the basketball team.

While Peter Leone's band is one of the intermission acts, Adams and his band will take over with a short jam session. Beside Chuck Adams and his six, there will be Joe Harding at the piano; Bud Gregory on the drums; and Bob Tyson with his trombone.

Further entertainment will be a song naming contest, naming the songs that various posters among the decorations illustrate. The boys' quartet will sing. The members of the quartet are Bob Erwin, Chuck Lee, seven, Harry Wagner, and John Dalton.

### Everything Is Ready For Home Economics Open House April 24

Plans for Baldwin's home economics open house, at the new laboratories in Hill School, April 24, are under way.

Special invitations have been sent to the faculty and Board of Education and notices to the parents. Colorful posters have been placed around the school and a dinner will be presented at an assembly last Tuesday.

The music room, where refreshments will be served, will be decorated with spring flowers and music notes. The tea table will be done in pastel shades.

### Barnum School To Present Operetta

With fifty pupils participating in the operetta, "Tom Sawyer," will be presented at Barnum school auditorium Thursday evening, April 26.

The cast is composed of girls belonging to the Glee club, boys and girls enrolled in the 7th grade vocal music course, and members of the Dramatic club.

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