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He may not be the biggest football player in America, but Tony Sapon, freshman guard at the University of Scranton will certainly be the biggest man on the field when the Tommies clash with the University of Detroit Friday night. Sapon stands 6-foot-11, and tips the beam at 315 pounds. He is 17 years old, plays tackle, and hails from West Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Sometimes it takes a long time for those Army awards to come through. In fact, sometimes the wait is so long those receiving them are really surprised. Anyway this week Herbert Gardner, staff sergeant with the 126th Infantry in New Guinea, received the infantry combat medal for his outstanding work in communications during some of the fiercest and longest campaigns on the island. Herbert, who was overseas most of his 32 in the Army, has been back in the United States since last January and out in the Army since last July. He now resides in Detroit.

Down at the McFadden game, Friday night, a Birmingham man was standing out in that pouring rain and finally was heard to remark, "I don't know why I am here in this downpour. I don't even have an umbrella. I am a bystander. I am coaching football and have five kids, all daughters." The bystander was Coach Jack Rabe, of Dearborn high school.

Mrs. C. A. Valpey, of 355 Baldwin, got a letter from her son, Al. The other day telling her that he is on his way home after an absence of nearly two years. Al has been in Europe with a medical unit. Anyway the point of this story is that on the front of the envelope Al had written "Birmingham, Va. Importance," and on the back, "Are you sure you are rushing, postmaster?"

"Right now about the only park improvement contemplated for next season is the building of the new club house at Springdale park," explained City Manager Harold H. Corson to the Wanderer this week. He said plans for Smith-Poppleton Park included baseball field and tennis courts, and a couple of tennis courts, softball and tennis and possibly building are included in Cummings park plans; but thus far no action has been taken by the city to secure funds to go ahead with it.

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"With the labor situation as it is today we are not even getting the bids," commented one of the Springdale park builders, "the manager continues. Contractors also don't seem to want to enter bids, fearing the labor market. We have had to extend the time limit for bids to October 5."

Some really smoky football is looked for tomorrow night when Birmingham tangles with Hazel Park under the lights at Pierce field at 8 o'clock. In the season's opener at the park Birmingham appeared over anxious, the Wanderer noticed, and lost a lot of yards for illegal use of the hands and rough play. With experience will come ability to play the game hard and fast, and still not make fouls. Players will have learned to refrain from "piling on" after the whistle and also develop ability to block and tackle without tangling with the officials. That Friday night game should be a real battle and those wanting realistic seats will get them early.

A sort of preview of the front and interior of the new R. B. Shop on East Maple street was gained by pedestrians past the place Friday when workmen moved the false front and installed the display window glass. "It's going to be some place," declared one woman as she peeked into the interior and got a glimpse of arrangements. So the Wanderer also took a look and agreed.

Up in Bloomfield Hills the Wanderer was told that the gasoline shortage apparently was slowing down and thinning out automobile traffic on Woodward avenue. "Have a drunk driver, a speeder or a reckless driver for a week," was the word from the city offices. So that's that, and some good perhaps has come from the new traffic obstruction. But down here in Birmingham police did get a couple who seemed to be in a hurry. Herbert K. Lewis, Detroit, was given a ticket for speeding 30 miles an hour through a 30 zone. He was ticketed going 55 in a 45 zone.

The gasoline shortage had not halted car thefts, nor tire thefts either. Spencer Kelmer, Commonwealth's attorney in Detroit, said he saw a factory where he worked and police found it out there was something in the weeds. It was noticed along the highway near Redding and Woodward. Tires and wheels were missing.

Jim Juhl, son of Mrs. J. Lenard Juhl, of Lelandville drive, wrote home the other day from the S. Pacific that the mail service out there was something to be desired. He received his July 12, 1945, edition of The Eccentric in the same mail delivery as he received the January 4, 1945, edition.

Skunks are a real problem with Dr. Joseph B. Maddy, director of the Interlochen Music Camp. Several Birmingham young musicians report numbers of them have encroached themselves beneath logs.

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buildings of the camp and during the season which ended recently strolled up and down the aisles of the concerts were in progress and occasionally appeared behind the footlights. Practice sessions also were delivered by their visits. The harpists evidently holding greatest charm for them. Bassoon and brass sections were given a wide berth. The state has advised intensive trapping during the coming season, Nov. 1 to Jan. 31.

The state, collecting \$640,330 through license sales in the first eight months of 1945, reports a 5.2 per cent gain in revenues over a similar period last year when \$608,448 was received. Some of it was Birmingham money. Sales of fishing licenses are up 2.4 per cent for a total of \$819,866.

Many a Friday night football game was a "washout" as far as spectators are concerned for rain was quite general last Friday night all over this section of Michigan. Friday afternoon game got along very well but came night down came the rain. In most cases the games had just nicely got underway when the weather became too dim for most spectators. The Wanderer recalls one season or so many years ago when he and hundreds of other fans were caught in a fierce blizzard while out witnessing a football game. Players were provided with gloves and shovels were needed to dig down to find those important white lines.

It appears that even at church one's possessions are not always safe. The Wanderer was told today that a bicycle was stolen from the church Sunday and that a suit Tom Garrison is walking these days. Tom rode his wheel to Sunday school, missed the lock and expected just as much as could be to find the wheel, as usual, in 16 place when he returned. But someone else apparently wanted a suit and just appropriated Tom's. The report says numerous wheels stolen. "These reports come in almost every day. We find some of them but many are never found. Someone appears to be on the lookout for a chance to lift."

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something and bicycles appear their first choice," declared Chief of Police John P. Rackets, when he heard of Tom's loss.

"We have enough on our hand to make the October pickups in Bloomfield Village, but do not know whether we will get gone for future work or not," the Goodwill told Mrs. Henry G. Gasaway, Jr., Village savings chairman today. The Wanderer was asked to state that the pickup is now being made—Oct. 5, 4 and 6, with the tin can pickup on Oct. 6. Barrels will be at Maple and Laneser and at Cranbrook and Gasaway ton roads Oct. 5 and 6. "We hope to continue paper salvage as long as the work is continued in Birmingham," Mrs. Gasaway said. "Just tell the folks to 'pick up their papers' as usual. However, the October 6 can pickup will be the last," she said.

PROMOTED TO SERGEANT
HARMON FIELD, promotion of James W. Norton, Birmingham, Mich., to Sergeant is announced by Col. O. E. Carlson, commanding officer of this B-29 repair unit. Sergeant Norton arrived at Guam with a Quartermaster platoon early in November, 1944, and is authorized to wear a aviators' wings. Norton had a bronze service star for participation in the Western Pacific campaign and the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations ribbon. He was a POW/POW from the Dodge Forge plant before entering the service in April, 1942.

TO HOLD COURT OF HONOR
Troop B-7, sponsored by Pierce P. T. A. and under the leadership of Scoutmaster Robert C. House, will hold a Court of Honor in the Pierce School auditorium Monday, Oct. 8 at 8 p. m. Parents and friends of all Scouts in the troop are urged to attend.

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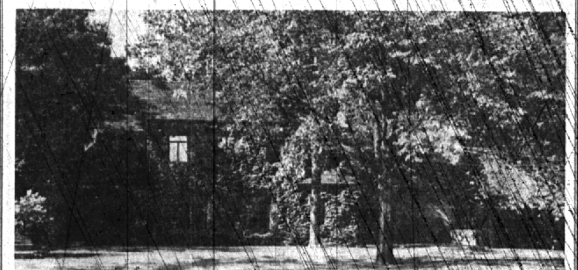
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