

Maples Win Hot Battle, 47 to 45, From Hazel Park

By CHUCK HALSTED

Paced by Dick Murray with 25 points, Birmingham's scrappy cagers fought their way to a 47-45 decision over the Hazel Park Vikings by staging a last period finish that thrilled a partisan crowd Tuesday night at Birmingham.

The triumph was scored in the tightest sort of a game with neither team ever having more than a three-point margin and moved the Maples into a second place tie with the Parkers in the Eastern Michigan League race, both five

having won four and lost three. Murray's sharpshooting enabled Birmingham to overcome the 37-36 lead Hazel Park's high scoring pivotman, John Bollen, and his teammates had held as the last stanza began.

Reserves Beaten

The Birmingham Reserves were handed their third defeat of the season by Hazel Park Reserves, 28 to 25.

The Vikings jumped off to a lead in the opening period with the aid of Jim Sweeney, who ran wild in this quarter, scoring all eight of Hazel Park's points. The Maples couldn't get started and netted but three points in the entire frame. The rap was closing at the half-time horn sounded with the score 14-10.

As the dust cleared at the end of the third period, the Vikings had strengthened their lead to 24-16.

SALARIES

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er's certificate was discontinued, while one teacher left without completing the year.

The only abnormal circumstance in the above is the decision of 10 teachers, or more than a third, to leave the teaching profession, saying positions somewhere else. The reasons listed by these teachers were the low salary that school superintendents encounter each year.

While there is a sharp differential between the actual salary of Birmingham teachers and what they are receiving, according to educational standards, the Birmingham Board of Education has done what it could in recent years to bring these two figures into line.

During the school year 1942-43, the Board paid \$18,939 in teachers' salaries. If they had been on the salary schedule adopted by agreement between the board and the teachers and the superintendent, in the Spring of 1942, the salary scale would have been \$218,200. This was a differential of \$36,261.

At that time the teachers were assured that even though they were more than \$30,000 under the schedule, they would eventually reach this schedule by receiving double a n n u a l percentage increase each year, or \$200, until they hit the schedule. This would have been year in 1942.

Living Costs Grow

In the meantime, however, the increased cost of living has become appreciably accelerated. Teachers were actually losing ground. A schedule that looked good in 1942 became quite inadequate by 1944.

Accordingly, the board needed up annual increases. This procedure practically attained the old schedule in the year 1945. The salary was actually paid on 1945-46 salary contracts, which the schedule actually set at \$228,245.

Having so closely reached the schedule, the Board then looked over the schedule for 1946-47. A study was made of 18 neighboring communities to compare teachers' salaries. Birmingham was found to be at the bottom.

A committee was named by the Birmingham Teachers' Club to work with the superintendent on an improved salary schedule which was presented to the School Board Tuesday night. (See story on Page One).

"In this new schedule it is being proposed that a cost of living index, based on the Bureau of Labor statistics index, be added to the old schedule," explained Dr. Ireland. "This will provide each teacher with cost of living increment of approximately \$300 in addition to the normal increase scheduled on the schedule for next year."

"This will place Birmingham in much more favorable position as compared to neighboring communities. It will make the median salary approximately \$2800 for next year."

Where Money Goes

The median teachers salary for 1945-46 is \$2,350. According to the superintendent's calculations, it will go toward the following:

Interest on investment	\$ 100.00
Investment	46.50
In-service	83.33
Federal tax	389.00
Retirement	117.50
Professional	6.75
Median Salary minus deductions	\$1606.32
Room and Board	1060.80
Balance	\$ 545.52

This balance of \$545.52 must provide clothing, insurance, medical care, cultural growth, savings, and sundries.

Another factor in the salary picture is the additional work required of many teachers above and beyond what normally they are expected in the position she was engaged for.

"In order that the schools' special courses should not be curtailed—that is, music, home economics, art, dramatics, languages and others—many teachers have really been working overtime to these subjects could be maintained," explained Dr. Ireland. "You might say they're worked to a frazzle."

The substitute teacher picture has become alarmingly serious.

"Replacements are not equaling the withdrawals," said Dr. Ireland.

Cover Entire List

Not to be excluded from a discussion of higher salaries are the school principals, clerks, custodians, special and substitute teachers, whose annual incomes must be correspondingly raised with those of regular teachers.

"It would be out of line to pay a teacher more than a principal," said Dr. Ireland.

"And if you are to maintain young, strong custodians—those men who have charge of the maintenance of school buildings—we have to boost their present minimum salaries. Right now they're too low to attract men young and strong enough to efficiently handle this type of job."

Although not accurately portraying the situation today, the following will illustrate the monetary value of a new teacher six years ago: In the Spring of 1940, the Birmingham Board of Education hired a new teacher for Question School who was working on her Master's degree and who came highly recommended. Her salary was \$1900 a year.

While the salary level is approximately 62 per cent higher than it was even four years ago, clearly indicated it must go higher. She is being considered a neglected profession. That's already evidenced by a 60 per cent drop in student enrollment in colleges of education through out the nation.

Frank Wangberg Is Graduate of M.I.T.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald Wangberg, 1011 Pierce street plan to leave today to attend the graduation of their son, Frank, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

On Monday morning, Feb. 25, Frank will receive his B. S. degree and be commissioned a ensign in the U. S. Navy as an aviator. After a brief visit home he will leave for Kodiak, Alaska.

Enroute East, Mr. and Mrs. Wangberg will be joined by Miss Connie Wangberg, their daughter, Miss Joy Wangberg, a student at the University of Michigan, and at Cleveland, their daughter, Miss Joy Wangberg, a student at the University of Michigan. Miss SKZC, will join the party.

Another son, Harold G. Wangberg, was discharged from the Navy after three and a half years of service, having served Task Force 58 as a fighter pilot. He and Mrs. Wangberg, the former Virginia Wandell of Seattle, Wash., who spent several weeks in Birmingham have now located at Berkeley, Calif., where Harold is completing his college work.

FUND DRIVE

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he stated that of the county quota more than 51 per cent is being raised in Oakland county for home service expenses. The value of advertising and publicity in the fund drive were stressed by Judge Holland.

County Meetings

Red Cross campaign meetings will be held in various parts of the county according to Judge Holland. A campaign committee will call all meetings accompanied by a special speaker.

The dates are as follows: Monday, Feb. 25, at 8 o'clock at the Royal Oak High School; Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 8 o'clock at the Holly High School auditorium; Thursday, Feb. 28, at 8 o'clock at the Lake Orion High School auditorium; Friday, March 1, at 8 o'clock at the Mill Ford High School; Monday, March 4, at the Donelson School, West Huron street, Waterford Township.

The Red Cross, never exclusively a war agency, will have increased post war usefulness in its regular services such as disaster relief, first aid and home nursing and water supply, as well as continued service to occupation forces overseas. The domestic program will include recreational and health services in camps and hospitals; chapter service to families of servicemen and veterans and their families.

Barnum Jr. High Wins Pontiac Game

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Last Friday Barnum raised their winning streak to five games by defeating Pontiac Washington 32 to 19. The battle was easy with Barnum taking an early lead and keeping it all through the game. The team was leading 7 to 0 at the end of the first quarter and comfortable 17 to 1 lead at halftime. As Barnum sent in subs the score of Pontiac increased but the score was never close.

The boys were playing one of their best games of the season as Bob Polin again topped the victors by scoring 16 points, one-half of the total score by the team.

Meanwhile Ferndale dropped a game to Cranbrook and so dropped to second place in the League and making Barnum sole possessor of first place.

LOCAL MEN

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members of Board 7, stating that the Birmingham board stood high in Selective Service circles because of a series of district meetings held throughout the state, honoring the volunteer personnel who have carried on the local administration of the draft law. The medal awarded was authorized by Congress and the knowledge and performance of the people and Government of the United States for voluntary service performed in a manner which is an example of patriotism.

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GAS SERVICE

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area involved, the cost of which will be borne completely by the Consumers Power Authority. The charges rendered by the City for work performed.

Projects of this size are usually scheduled after the frost is out of the ground. This is being started now for several reasons and it is necessary to use air pneumatic drills to break the cement and the concrete when compared to programs which lessened by reason that most business places will have their windows and doors closed; second, it is a time of year where the least amount of traffic will be encountered and finally the work will be completed before the springtime weather.

Brown stated the company renewed eight streets in the City of Birmingham last year and routine plans call for more work in the four outlying districts during the present year. He further stated the company's interest in the growth of Birmingham and as soon as the material and manpower problem clears itself, plans will permit future extensions and improvements with the best interests of the city in mind.

Mayor Moody Gratified

Mayor Moody stated that he was extremely gratified that the Consumers Power Company had selected the Birmingham project as one of the first projects to be started in the 1946 construction program.

"While recognizing that there will be an inconvenience to the public and the merchants in the area where this construction is being carried on, I have been assured by the representatives of the Consumers Power Company that this inconvenience will be kept to a minimum," he stated.

HOME IS BURLARIZED

The David Levinson home at 2150 Northway, was burglarized on Saturday night while the family was away. Police report that the telephone wires to the house had been cut and that the thieves apparently took some time in ransacking the house. Missing were clothing, jewelry, record player, jewelry, household goods. It is said the loss is covered by insurance.

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TEACHERS

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"The position of the teacher on the salary schedule shall be that which it would have been had the teacher been in the profession."

The compulsory retirement age of teachers in Birmingham public schools was lowered from 67 years in 1946 to 65 years in 1947, and finally to 65 years in 1948. Teachers over the age of 50 will be "retained in either full or part-time service only on the basis of an annual examination covering physical and mental fitness."

A special meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, Feb. 19, at which the committee investigating the high school problems of fraternizing and drinking was to report its findings and recommendations.

The Board was informed that the "Hush a Tone" demonstrations made in Birmingham schools amounted to \$522.62.

Amounts payable in the amount of \$7,246.81 were approved by the Board, as well as \$921.09 in retentions.

E. S. George Sends Greetings to Local Scouts and Scouters

Edwin S. George, West Long Lake road, who is spending some time at the University of Florida, has sent his greetings to the Boy Scouts and Scouters of the Birmingham District on the occasion of the 56th Boy Scout Anniversary. The letter did not reach here in time for publication last week, but it is being published here as one of the best friends of the organization in this area. In his letter Mr. George congratulated the Scouters and Scouters of Birmingham, another strong friend of Scouting.

Value Of Music In Hospitals Explained To High-12 Members

Mrs. Philip Ross of Battle Creek, state chairman of music in hospitals of the Michigan Federation of Clubs, spoke to the members of Birmingham High Twelve Club Monday evening at a meeting in her home. She explained the value of music in hospitals and how a music appreciation course is being set up to help nationally known artists and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

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EIGHT ARE DISCHARGED

Eight Birmingham men, who have been serving in the navy during the war, received their official discharge at the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, on February 12, according to word from the Birmingham office of Gilbert G. Strader, PHM2C, 612 George street; Arthur A. Brennan, PFC9, 1506 West Main street; Eugene B. Griffin, MAN2C, 1530 Webster; William J. Wideman, EM3C, 830 East Lake road; Eugene A. Trudell, SC3C, 772 Smith street; Lt. (j.g.) John M. McDonald, 659 Chestnut street; and Jack E. Thatcher, SK2C, 238 Catalpa road. Reported discharged on Feb. 17 were: Forrest E. Flier, SKC 1040 East Maple street and Lt. (j.g.) Sidney J. Wilkins, 1714 Norfolk drive.

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