

# Birmingham Thin Clads Defeat Mt. Clemens for Their Third Victory in a Row

## Mt. Clemens Man to Head School League

The Eastern Michigan High School League elected its new officers at the regular January meeting at Ferndale last week.

Ross A. Wegner, Birmingham principal, turned over the presidency of the league to Monte McParlane, principal of Mt. Clemens High School. Other officers elected were M. J. Tomlinson, Ft. Huron, secretary-treasurer; Rick Fowler, also Ft. Huron, statistician.

Tennis Scheduled

It was decided at the meeting to make tennis a league sport with a rotating trophy. Four schools will participate in this spring sport: Birmingham, Port Huron, Mt. Clemens and Ferndale.

Plans were laid for the league track meet in the spring. The league holds meetings three times a year, October, January and May.

## Sports Showup

**By DON BUELL**

In the Eastern Michigan League case race Birmingham and Port Huron are leading contenders for first place.

This far the Maples have beaten Ferndale and Mt. Clemens in the League, and Van Dyke outside. Hazel Park and East Detroit are on the schedule this week and deserve plenty of consideration, with the Barkers a tough League opponent.

A big factor in the Maples' scoring success is Chuck Murray. Standing 5 ft. 11 in., on a team that averages 5 ft. 10 in., he plays center and forward.

In spending most of his time at the pivot position he has piled up 39 points in three games to top the team in points scored. The closest

man to him is Leon Thurston with 14 points.

Murray is not only good on shots down the key but has made more than 60 per cent of his foul shots.

A game that is important in League standings was won in overtime play by Port Huron last Friday from Hazel Park 31 to 25. At that time both teams had yet to meet Birmingham, and both are very good teams.

A return game for the Maples with Ferndale will be Feb. 8 at Birmingham when their star and best coach, Jim Morris, will have graduated.

Although basketball season is not even half over, a few ambitious boys have started an early spring training preparation for track season: In the past Birmingham has always had excellent track and high point men. This season's aspirants realize they have some records to protect.

Birmingham is at present leading the Eastern Michigan Athletic League for the all-time record by nine points to eight for Ferndale.

## Maple Reserves Set Hot Pace To Win Third Battle

**By BILL BONES**

The Birmingham reserves, led by sharpshooting Roger Reynolds, scored a decisive 35-17 victory over Mt. Clemens for their third successive victory this season.

Birmingham's starting lineup of Jack Moses and Hugh Morrow forwards; Jack Hardy and Walter Allison, guards; and Roger Reynolds center, put on a first quarter spree of fourteen points to put the Barkers 11 points behind.

Coming back hard, the Maples tried desperately to overcome the Maple advantage but was only partially successful, finishing the game with the score 17-9.

The second half was highlighted by the Maples' brilliant defensive play. Mt. Clemens was able to score only five points in the third quarter but to see Birmingham come back in the final period to put the game on ice.

High point man for Birmingham was Reynolds with 15 points and Harry Nughton of Mt. Clemens topped his mates with five.

## Take Early Lead And Maintain It Throughout Game

**By D. ELGAR**

For the third straight victory of the season Birmingham's Maple hardwood squad won a 30 to 22 decision over a hard-fighting Mt. Clemens team in last Friday night's league contest in Baldwin's fan-packed gym.

Although at a disadvantage in height, the Maples consistently ruled the backboards throughout the game. With Chuck Murray leading the scoring attack by ringing up 17 points, the Maples put into effect a fast-breaking offense to gain and hold their edge over the Barkers.

A very tight first period found each team endeavoring to figure out the other's defensive play. The Barkers were the first to score, but Birmingham came up to end the quarter with a 7 to 4 lead.

Lead at Half

As the passing and ball handling smoothed out in the second period, the game opened up and the fast shooting began. Taking advantage of their backboard skill, the Maples were able to hold the opposition to three points for the period and gain six to set the score at the half at 13 to 7.

In a fast opening third period the scoring became heavier. Barkers making an attempt to overtake the Maples. But with increased speed and accuracy, the Maples not only held their lead but in-

## School Pupils Rewarded for Their Fine Work in Victory Loan Bond Campaign

The Birmingham Junior Defense Council distributed awards Friday, Jan. 11, to students of Birmingham schools who had sold the most bonds and stamps in the last Victory bond drive.

The awards were point-ladle booklets number five and six, a miniature jeep, American and Chinese flags, which were intended to be worn on the backs of fliers and invasion troops, and American flags with writings from different languages explaining identity of the war.

Those from Bartram were Tom Nalle, Alan Garfield, Guy Tunnicliffe, Winifred Lee, Martha Miller and Stuart Beebe.

Students from the other schools in Birmingham were Palmer Wood, Josephine Rothman, Thomas Palmer, Raymond Brant, Ellen Ann Adams, Arthur Caputo, Linda Adams, Marcus Smith and George Bihler.

At Pierce, selling by rooms instead of by individual students.

## Fight Infantile Paralysis

Room 23, teacher Miss Ella M. Cross, and Room 22 under Mrs. Josephine Beck, won the award.

Roger Wills, Chairman in charge of publicity and boy aviator chairman was Roger Wills, who distributed the awards to the students at their respective schools.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, secured the awards from the U. S. Treasury Department.

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## Bowling Scores

HOLY NAME BOWLING LEAGUE			
Team Standings W L			
Dugan	2	1	3
Guardian	2	1	3
Knights	2	1	3
Knoblock	2	1	3
Torrey	2	1	3
Season High			
High Team	2	1	3
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High 50	2	1	3

## Referee—Sam Beauchamp, Umpire—Julius Goldman, Detroit.

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## Time Schedule Is Set Up for Exam Week at Baldwin

The following schedule for the completion of the first semester's work was announced for teachers and students of Baldwin. January scores will take their examinations with the rest of the students at the regular time.

Monday, Jan. 21, regular periods will be run in the morning. In the afternoon final examinations will be given for the fifth and sixth periods, each being approximately one and one-half hours long.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, regular periods will be run in the morning with third and seventh hour examinations given in the afternoon.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, first and second periods will be run in the morning. Third hour a special basketball assembly will be presented. In the afternoon first and second hour examinations will be given.

During examination week the homeroom times will be as usual. Students will be dismissed Jan. 23 at 3:30 and will not report to school again until Monday, Jan. 28, the first day of the new semester.

## Coaches Have Eye On Mr. Tom Tracy

Elementary school basketball records were shattered as Adams whipped Quanton 35 to 22 with Tom Tracy tallying the almost unbelievable total of 31 points for the Trojans Saturday morning at Baldwin gym.

Scoring almost at will, Tracy collected 17 markers in the first half to give Adams a 10 to 6 lead. Quanton held the winners even the second half but failed to threaten as Adams coasted in on the first half margin.

Three records were broken. The individual mark was set at 31 points by Tracy, a new team record of 35 counters, and a game record of 57 points.

Holy Name Wins

Holy Name scored an upset victory over Pierce, the league leader, 10 to 7 in the second contest. The defeat, coupled with Adams' win, dripped Pierce into a first place tie with Van Fleetren's five points showing the way. Holy Name chalked up its highest score of the year while holding Pierce to his lowest.

Next Saturday another two-game program will present Holy Name vs. Adams and Pierce vs. Quanton.

# WHY Michigan Bell Goes to Court Again

A year ago, Michigan Bell asked the Ingham Circuit Court for relief from an order of the Michigan Public Service Commission directing us to refund \$3,500,000 from 1944 revenues. That court declared the order illegal on the grounds that the Commission has no authority to make a retroactive rate reduction. The issue has been taken to the Michigan Supreme Court on appeal.

On December 13, 1945, the Commission issued another order directing us to refund \$7,000,000 from 1944 and 1945 revenues and to reduce rates for 1946 by an amount estimated by the Commission to be \$3,500,000. Michigan Bell has now asked the Ingham Circuit Court to restrain the Commission from enforcing this present order.

We went to court BEFORE because of our obligation to protect the service we render the public. For the same reason, we must go to court AGAIN.

We can afford no such reduction in our revenues, and the same conditions apply to the refund provisions of the new order as in the 1944 order, previously held illegal.

Each utility, the same as each different business, has its own individual problems. During the war, we gained a large number of telephones, although restrictions prevented expansion of facilities to meet ordinary civilian needs. We still are far behind the demand for service.

We are shy \$50,000,000 of investment in facilities needed to serve today's business the way it should be served. This plant already would have been built had it not been for the war. Now it must be built. But as we add these new investment dollars, with no additional revenues from the increased investment, our rate of earnings will go even lower than the inadequate level to which it already has fallen.

Michigan Bell's earnings today are a lot lower than those of most industries. Our wartime earnings were the lowest in history except during the depression. Now and in the future, savings from lower taxes will be more than offset by the increased costs of doing business. Our basic wage rates, for example, are up more than 10 per cent

since a year ago and the national pattern of further wage increases is still a matter of debate. Other costs are climbing higher every day.

Unless conditions now forageable improve the situation, the Commission's order would reduce our earnings to the point of impaired credit, which, if continued too long, would result in insolvency.

When the financial standing of a public service institution is impaired, rate increases are necessary or the service slips. Earnings must be fair over the years or good telephone service cannot be maintained.

If refunds and a rate reduction cut our earnings further, it will tend to discourage folks from investing their money in the telephone business. And we'll be needing more investment money from now on to expand and improve telephone service in keeping with the high standards you want.

Michigan Bell's objective is to furnish the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Since 1936, the last time the Company challenged a reduction in exchange rates, there have been numerous rate cuts, representing a total savings of some \$7,700,000 a year on the basis of present usage.

Looking toward the widest possible use of the service, we expect and want our rates to come down as rapidly as technical improvements will permit. Such improvements in the past have kept telephone rates down in the face of rising costs. But today, increased costs are coming so rapidly that improvements in the telephone art cannot keep pace in offsetting them. We simply cannot afford another rate cut at this time.

What it all adds up to is this — Michigan Bell is not in court seeking increased rates or large profits. The Company is in court AGAIN to contest an order which is contrary to present economic conditions and which cannot be carried out at this time without jeopardizing the future quality of your telephone service.

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Since 1921-22, the Hittopians have ruled over Detroit for 23 seasons while the Titans have been victorious in only six of the 24 starts. The rivalry is the oldest on the Titan schedule.

**INDIA SKI TOURNEY**

Capt. Charles Eberhart, former University of Detroit basketball player, sent Christmas greetings to Capt. Lloyd Brazil from Calcutta, where Bruce is stationed. The "Titan" wrote that he had a white Christmas ever in India, for he witnessed the All-India ski tournament held in Kashmir, in the Himalayas.

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