

Alumni-Varsity Basketball Game Set For Tuesday

By BILL BONES
With the return of many veterans Birmingham will have the treat of an Alumni vs. Varsity basketball game Tuesday night, Jan. 29, at Baldwin gym with a preliminary against the Reserves starting at seven o'clock.

Playing with the Alumni are former Baldwin graduates who in their high school careers established their names in Birmingham's "hall of fame." Paul Kelly, captain of the '42 team, Johnny Memorial Award winner, will captain the Alumni.

Dennis Therrian, Derek Bolton,

Bob Moody, Rodney "Lefty" Grambeau, Don Upward and Ted Corson are a few others who have been all over the globe in the armed forces and have now returned home with honorable discharges. They challenge Baldwin's Varsity to the "game of the year."

Diek Hopkins, another Johnson Memorial winner, will try to be on hand. Jack Steelman, who excelled in basketball and holds two track records, later making a name for himself on the cinder path at Michigan State College, will try his hand at a comeback. Al Larsen, of a more recent team, will also play against the Varsity.

The reserves will have their hands full with another group of "longer ago" stars challenging them. Don Porteus, Hartwell Ladd, Dan Peacock, Clifford McBride, and Raymond McBride will all attempt to find out what has helped the Reserves to win five straight.

The Maple's Varsity, having won four games and dropped but one, has no intention of letting the Reserves to win five straight.

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Michigan in 1946

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

Wanted in Michigan: A master plan of taxation.

The present scramble of governmental units in Michigan for a share of the promised \$27,000,000 surplus in state treasury on July 1, 1947, serves only to emphasize the need of inter-governmental distribution of tax revenues. It certainly does not justify the imposition of new and added taxes.

When the state legislature convenes Feb. 4, the tug-of-war will begin.

Already legislative committees are at work hearing appeals for part of the state's kitty at Lansing. Sentiment to date among the house and senate finance committees is said to favor expending two-thirds of the surplus for state educational institutions and \$200,000,000 to be spent for other worthy needs.

Findings a solution to Michigan's tax problem is a haystack. It might be accomplished, but the chances appear to be slim.

In November, 1944, just ahead of the 1946 general session of the legislature, a special tax study advisory committee released a report of commendation, following months of exhaustive study, whereby the present 3.25 per cent state sales tax would be reduced to 2 1/2 per cent for purpose of state revenue with a specific authorization that any rate might impose a supplemental rate of 1/2 per cent for local revenues collected monthly.

Cities which elected to operate on the 3 per cent basis would receive one-third of the tax revenues collected monthly.

The goose that lays the golden egg is the state sales tax.

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The little three cents on each dollar of retail sales brought approximately 51 millions into the state treasury during the 1938-39 fiscal year, a year in which the state's expenditures EXCEEDED its revenues by a substantial margin.

Those were the years of deficits and red ink at Lansing. Deficits, in fact, prevailed at Lansing during the last two years—1937 and 1938. The first two years—1937 and 1938—were marked by the period of industrial unrest and unemployment, featured by the national UAW sit-down strike in 1937 over the Murphy administration.

From a \$1 million revenue point in 1938-39, while the treasury was running a deficit, the golden state tax has mounted annually. For the 1943-44 year it yielded \$11 million, and in 1944-45 it rose to \$12 million. The current year, ending June 30, 1945, will see further rise to around 108 million.

It is easy to see that the state sales tax has DOUBLED revenue in 15 years, and the end is not yet in sight.

There is no magic, however, in the continuous rise of tax revenue, due to the collection of many penalties on retail sales.

War inflation of prices (due partly to rise of labor costs, of course) is chiefly responsible for the boom.

It is the plight of Michigan's large cities, especially those having a 15 mill tax limitation (Grand Rapids, Flint, Saginaw, Pontiac, Jackson, Muskegon and Battle Creek), which inspires such an-

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At a luncheon meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the community council headquarters, the members of the 41 member organizations of the Community Council met.

Frank D. Slutz, honor guest at the seventh annual Community Institute, existing adult education programs in Birmingham were outlined for Dr. Slutz, and he responded from his observation of other community centers.

Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt, presiding, called on four speakers to report for Charles Slutz, were doing a little except for the Business Women's Club, with a loan fund which permits limited programs of tuition money to be loaned girls for outside of the church organization.

Mrs. Wm. Milligan surveyed the active programs of women's clubs. The Women's Club, she stated, has a number of opera mounts.

Club divisions bring outside experts to talk. This organization has no special staff outside of the church organization.

Mrs. Barbara Ann Berry, 622 Chesterfield, died Wednesday morning, Jan. 16, following a long illness. She was born March 16, 1903, in Highland Park and had lived in Birmingham with her family for the past six years.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Berry; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berry, of Tillsburg, Ont.

Funeral services were on Friday, Jan. 18, at 2 p. m. from the Manley Bailey funeral home, with the Rev. W. Glen Harris officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

Harold Cecil Bynum, 11 1/2 Valley road, Bloomfield Hills, died Thursday, Jan. 17, at St. Joseph Mercy hospital. He was born in Stonefort, Ill., Aug. 23, 1892, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bynum, and married Eva Powell in the same town.

Mr. Bynum had been in the county for three months, coming here from Harrisburg, Ill., and was employed in the maintenance department at Cranbrook school.

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Benefit Fashion Show For March of Dimes

A benefit Fashion Show and luncheon will be presented by the Fashion Group of Detroit on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Latin Quarter to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The Fashion Show will give Detroiters their first look at the original models of America's top designers following by only eight days their presentation in New York. Hostess, Catherine Nettie Rosenstein, Maurine Renner, Anthony Blotta, Lily Bache and other designers are shipping their designs air-express for the special benefit showing. Detroit models will contribute their time so that the women can see what's new for America's first Victory spring.

Clothing Collection Depots and Hours

Christ Church Cranbrook—Open daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church—Open daily from 9 a. m. to 12 Noon.

Holy Name Church Alumni House—At any time.

First Methodist Church at Church House—Open daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

First Baptist Church—Open daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

English Lutheran Church—Open daily from 8 a. m. to 12 Noon.

St. James Episcopal Church at Parish House—Open daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Embury Methodist Church—Open daily from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Southfield United Presbyterian Church at the Church or at the home of the Rev. Mr. Linton—Anytime.

St. Hugo of the Hills, at St. Hugo Country Day School—9 a. m. to 12 Noon.

Franklin Community Church at the home of the Rev. Mr. Saraw—Anytime.

Lobby of the Post Office in Birmingham—During regular hours.

Central Collection Depot—Basement of the Municipal Building, Fridays from 7 to 9:30 p. m. and Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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Mr. Watson has been a resident of Birmingham for the past 20 years. He was a member of, and formerly on the board of trustees, of the First Presbyterian church and was past president of the club. He was connected with the M. H. DeKeyser Co., wholesale plumbing and heating contractor.

Surviving besides his wife are a son, P.C. William J. Watson, Jr., a daughter, Virginia, and five sisters, Mrs. Huston Taylor, Santa Monica, Calif.; Mrs. Josephine Lockwood, El Paso, Tex.; Mrs. Robert Smith and Mrs. Walter Glennie, South Bend, Ind.; and Mrs. H. C. MacDonald, Birmingham; and two brothers, Harry and Edgar, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Work Wins Praise

Dr. Slutz congratulated the council on its fine integration and appreciation of the city's needs. He pointed out that in some states adult education programs are set up like the public school system with classes afternoons, evenings and Saturdays, some for credit and some not.

Portsmouth, Ohio, sponsors a "town meeting," and collects a regular fee for financing a well regulated educational lecture series. Churches and high school auditoriums are used and the program is assured of a yearly support.

One town has a class with an attendance of 5,000 at a Sunday afternoon program for the purpose of having citizens intelligently participate in current good books.

Remembering his audience that parents are permitted to make up of mothers, Dr. Slutz suggested that a "Dads" organization could be helpful in solving local problems.

A counseling service for youth, set up in one town by local business and professional men, has proven particularly successful, he said. Boys are permitted to work in local stores or offices without pay, but purely as an experience in learning a trade.

Dr. Slutz commended the local Council on "finding the need, fostering it, letting it grow and putting it finally into the hands of responsible groups."

Oh, Dear!
From a petition in a damage suit by a lady whose bathtub is evidently located in the kitchen:

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SEEK VETS' INSTITUTE
George Marshall, of Ypsilanti State Normal college; Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, of the Birmingham public schools; Ross Wagner, principal of Baldwin High School; and Jack Thomas, veteran, contacted plans to install a Veterans' Institute in connection with Baldwin High School. Mr. Thomas stated that if ten or more veterans expressed a desire to complete high school education here such an institute probably could be secured. Cost of the school would be covered under the G. I. Educational bill.

ENTERTAINS ROTARIANS
Chas. R. McCornick entertained Rotarians with some of his beautiful colored pictures of Florida, Peary's Arctic and other mid-Pacific beauty spots, at the noon meeting of the club, Monday, at the Community Hall. Harvey Jackson was program chairman.

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