

Invitational Meet Starts Maples Off on Track Season

By Sandy Cruber

Birmingham's 1948 track team will open the season this Saturday competing against 30 other schools for top class B honors in the ninth annual River Run invitational indoor track meet in the University of Michigan Yost field house at Ann Arbor.

Birmingham's 29 man aggregation, built around a nucleus of ten returning lettermen, is expected to finish higher than last year's seventh slot. However, the Maples will go at a decided disadvantage as they have had barely two weeks of practice while the opposing schools will be winding up their indoor schedules.

Ypsilanti Central, defending Class B champion, is given a good chance to retain the crown.

Nation's Largest Prep Meet

This affair, which has drawn athletes from all parts of the state, is the largest prep meet in the United States with 1500 athletes representing 100 schools competing.

Director Frank Weber has an-

ounced that the meet will get under way promptly at 1:00 p.m. and will last until 9:00 p.m.

Following the River Run meet, the Birmingham schedule includes a dual contest with Mt. Clemens on the Bathers' oval April 23.

Birmingham will be represented for the first time in the Toledo-Devilbill Relays in Ohio April 26.

The Maple track team will then participate in four dual meets. May 4 Birmingham will clash with the Cranbrook Grapes on the home track. The Maples will play host to the Acorns of Royal Oak May 11, and travel to Hazel Park May 14. On the home oval the Maples encounter their arch track rival, Ferndale, May 17 in the home meet.

Slight Favorites

Regional champions last year, the Maples are slight favorites to capture the title again this season. It has not been determined where the Maples will compete, but the date is set for May 22.

The boys who qualify in the Regionals will participate the following Saturday at Michigan State College in the state meet.

The Maples will attempt to duplicate last year's victory in the Eastern Michigan League meet at Hazel Park June 2.

Birmingham's two relay teams and members of the team in other

events will participate in the Wayne Relays June 5. Last year the Maples took third honors.

Before racing the curtain down on the 1948 cinder season, the squad will journey to London, Canada, where relay teams will run in the London Relays.

Dinner

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Tiny Forrester, Don Little, Paul Carroll, and Harold Kelley and Charles Reynolds.

Red chenille 'Y' letters with a white background and a white letter 'Y' will be awarded members of the YMCA intermediate boys team which won their sectional championship in basketball but did not qualify for the state tournament. Those being honored are Robert Jackson, Robert Pope, Tucker Luscombe, Tom McKinley, Henry Parks, Bruce Kenfrew, Charles McIntyre, Albert Fremody, Don Jones and Barry Wall.

The YMCA men's varsity team composed of Don Little, Al Larson, Lou Hagopian, Roger Reynolds, Paul Kelley, Harold Kelley, George Pope, Hugh Morrow, Harry Sugden, Walter Allison, Fred Billingsley, Gene Wilkins, Jim Kothe, Derek Bolton, Stanley Peterson, Jack Tobin, and Coach Ed Kirbert will receive miniature gold 'Y's for play in the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA League.

This year's tie-in is carried in an eight-team league playing Class A basketball.

Bowling Winners

Individual bowling trophies will go to John Nickel, Jim Milford, Ron Israel, Dubac Preco, and Tom Nalle for winning the Metropolitan YMCA bowling tournament last week end. The story of their victory is carried in another column on this page.

Toastmaster for the occasion is Walter Morgan who will introduce Rev. Jesse D. Epps for the invocation and then will honor individuals as they appear on the program. Colorful programs containing achievements of the individual participants have been mimeographed. The meeting opens with dinner, followed with presentation of awards, and closes with the showing of the 16-mm sound film, "America the Beautiful" and some sports shorts.

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Music Students Face Finals This Friday

Finals in the music appreciation contest will be held tomorrow morning at Adams School, and tomorrow afternoon at the University School. Teachers of music in the Birmingham public schools are competing for the title of Music Appreciation Teacher of the Year in preparation for the finals.

Eubones will be presented to those who attain honorable mention, while prizes will be presented to the winners in the various groups. The prizes have been donated by the American Association of University Women, Leonard's music department of the Birmingham Musicale.

Those who have been conducting the tests and will have charge of the finals include Miss Phyllis Anderson of Adams School, Miss Marjorie Johnston, Pierce and Quarton; Mrs. Madge Brissette, Bloomingdale; Miss Jeanne Parker, Franklin and Mrs. Muriel Shepard, Walnut Lake.

Those who are awarded prizes will receive them during the contest week during their regular school activities.

Basketball League Winds Up Season

In the final games of the YMCA church basketball league, Embury Methodist defeated Franklin Community church, 31 to 17, for first place and Holy Name Catholic took a 26-to-20 verdict from DeMeley to place third in the playoff series.

Embury's victory maintained their streak of continuous victories without defeat, except in two state tournament games over the 1947 and '48 seasons. All-round play by Harry Sugden and Tom Tracy gave the Red and White a lead which they held throughout.

Credit for the play of the group goes to Roger Reynolds as coach-teacher and Howard Littleton as manager. These two combined their efforts to bring the group to the finals of the State Intermediate Boys Church League championship, which was taken by Lansing, and to victory in the local play-offs.

Alumni Luncheon Next Wednesday

The Cranbrook Alumni Association will lunch informally at the University Club on Wednesday, April 21. Dr. Paul Connolly is in charge of arrangements.

Ralph Getsinger, Jr., new president of the association, will be introducing the other newly-elected officers. Otis C. Thompson is secretary. Colin H. John is vice-president and the treasurer is Dorr F. Lovett.

Expresident Edward H. Lorch has been appointed chairman of the committee to work with the Kingswood Alumnae Association in planning for the annual holiday dance.

Urgent Request for Blood Donors

The Eccentric received yesterday morning an urgent appeal for blood donors on behalf of Harold Giles, a former Eccentric employee.

According to his brother-in-law, Walter Forbes, Giles is a patient in St. Joseph of Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where he is suffering from a brain tumor. Blood transfusions are vitally needed and blood donors to replenish the hospital's blood bank will be most welcome Forbes said.

Obituary

Mrs. Pearl M. Smith
Mrs. Pearl M. Smith, 1335 E. Ruffner street, died at home April 12, after a prolonged illness.

She was born in Colrain township, Sept. 23, 1881, and was married to Homer (Scott) Smith in Pontiac in 1901. Mr. Smith passed away in 1943. Mrs. Smith survived for 31 years.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Edna Shipley, Mrs. Lucille Johnson, both of Birmingham, and Mrs. Doris Stephens of Big Beaver. There are seven grandchildren, one brother, Fred Jenkins of Birmingham, and three sisters, Mrs. Martha Twiggler of Drayton Place, Mrs. Nettie Zollner and Mrs. Minnie Wager, both of Pontiac.

Funeral services took place from the Bell Funeral Home April 12, with burial in Union Corners cemetery. Rev. Glen Harris of the First Presbyterian Church officiated.

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