

# ★ ★ ★ Highlights and Sidelights From Schools In Birmingham and Vicinity ★ ★ ★

Two Birmingham boys, Richard H. Moen, son of Mrs. Olive M. Robinson, of Tootie Lane, and James P. Storer, son of Mrs. Mary P. Storer of Tootie Lane, are on the merit list for their superior academic work during the fall semester at Kenyon College, Gambier, O. The merit list was read at the traditional Honors Day Convocation Feb. 26.

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## Reserves Trail All the Way in Final Cage Game

By Bill Robertson

Inability to hit on their shots cost the Birmingham reserves the game as they lost to the East Detroit reserves, 30-25, in their final game of the season last Friday at the Baldwin gym.

The Maples seemed unable to get started in the first half and were trailing at the intermission, 25-10.

Birmingham came back strong in the second half, narrowing the margin so that at the end of third quarter the score stood 25-25.

Game Is Closed

In the final stanza the Maples were able to get the score up to 31-29, but two rapid baskets by Tony Aibel clinched the game for East Detroit.

Aibel was the game's leading scorer with 12 markers while Clayton Joyce had nine for Birmingham.

This loss broke the Birmingham reserves' victory string at ten in a row. Their final season record stands at 12 wins against two losses.

## Baldwin Tankers Capture Second Place in League's First Swim Competition

By Phil Allen

Showing excellent condition and spirit, Birmingham swimmers were runners-up to the East Detroit Tankers in the history-making first league swim meet held at the Baldwin pool last Thursday evening.

Mr. Clemens took first with 70 points to Birmingham's 52. Hazel Park came up 39 for third, and East River collected only four.

The meet was swam by heats, with points given for the five fastest times. Of the six schools in the Eastern Michigan League, Farmdale was the only school which was not represented.

Producing near-panic among the Maples spectators and teams was the 150-yard medley relay. Mt. Clemens and Birmingham raced stroke for stroke during the first seven lengths; on the eighth and final length, Dick Hollesen broke ahead with a terrific burst of speed to win the medley for Birmingham by three-tenths of a second.

First Event

Hazel Park won the first event of the meet by capturing the 50-yard free style with Mt. Clemens taking second, and another Hazel Park third. Gene Waltrath, Birmingham, was fourth while Mt. Clemens took the fifth place.

Winning the 100-yard breaststroke for Mt. Clemens was Evers Cottrell with another Hazel Park fourth. Hazel Park took second and Birmingham third and fifth.

Mr. Clemens had his second win of the meet when Jack Krause won the 200-yard free style. Mt. Clemens also took second; Neil Stoll of Birmingham was third, while the fourth and fifth positions went to Hazel Park.

First Local Winner

Birmingham's Bob Webster was the Maples' first winner when he won the 100-yard backstroke. Hazel Park's Robert Knobloch won the 100-yard free style.

In the 150-yard individual medley Mt. Clemens had its third win in Leo Reinhold. Hazel Park won the 200-yard free style with Birmingham second and Mt. Clemens third.

Birmingham did exceptionally well in the diving contest won by Jack Goodwin with 197.9 points to his credit. Wellman, Mt. Clemens, was close behind with 136.2.

The Tankers also taking third, Frank Weaver, Birmingham, was fourth and Leo Hanson, another Maple, finished fifth.

Few Mix-Ups

Though the first swimming meet in league history, this one was un-

off very efficiently with few mix-ups, and fine sportsmanship was displayed by every team entered.

During the bus ride over to Mt. Clemens the team elected Steve Campbell, captain.

This Saturday the Maple tankers wind up their first season in 1948 when about ten of the boys go to Lansing for the state meet.

Coach J. J. Meyers is hopeful of winning a little more but thinks the boys will at least get a lot of experience. He is taking two relay teams for the swimming portion of the meet. Jack Goodwin and Bob Woodruff will represent the Maples in fancy diving.

## BALDWIN HIGHLIGHTS

Greetings, Gates,

Cheering the Maples on to a one-point victory Friday night, Annie saw Mary Gilchrist, Barbara Strehlow, Jo Burdick, Ann St. Denis, Maria Voss, Cecile Sheldon and Lolly Wallich.

Arriving at the Maple Mazurka with music by disc jockeys Don St. Denis, Maria Voss, Cecile Sheldon and Lolly Wallich.

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## Defeat Dearborn Last Week, 31-27

By Pete Abbrecht

In a thrilling-packed game marked by sterling defensive play and smart floor work, Birmingham took the measure of Dearborn's Pioneers, 1947 runner-up for the class A state championship, by a score of 31-27, on the local floor last week.

The Maples spent the first quarter in feeling out their opponents, making five charity tosses but failing to connect for field goals.

Trailing 11-7 at the end of the first quarter, the Maples took a 17-14 halftime lead by dropping in ten markers in the second stanza and limiting the Pioneers to three points, all of which were scored on free throws by Captain Don Kosmuth.

The Pioneers again took the lead in the third quarter but were stopped when Birmingham changed to a man-to-man defense. Bob Littleton led the Maple scoring with 11 tallies while Mike O'Connell dropped in nine for the losers.

## Baldwin Seconds Swamp Dearborn Reserves, 41-23

By Bill Robertson

Using a fast breaking offense that couldn't be stopped, the Birmingham reserves steamrolled over Dearborn's seconds 41-23 Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the local gym.

The Maple reserves were troubled only early in the first quarter when the Dearborn lads took a narrow lead, the margin, however, being cut down quickly and the halftime score reading Birmingham 26—Dearborn 15.

The second half found the Maples lengthening their lead by holding the Pioneers to one basket while making five mistakes.

Bohke McGinnis paced the Maple attack by sinking six baskets and two charity tosses for 14 markers.

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The following is the program for the service: hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today, congregation; responsive reading, Sally Howard; poem, "What Does Easter Mean to You"; Marilyn Blumman; The Lord's Prayer, Marilyn Blumman; Easter Message, Bill Plant; hymn, "Hail, Holy, Holy," congregation; Closing Thought, Tim Adams.

The committee planning the program is Phyllis Morse, Marilyn Blumman, Gladys Carver, David Williams, Mable Chapman and Mary Stringer. Faculty adviser is Miss Virginia Hawkins.

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