

**We Heard It Said By:**  
 Charlie Shain, chairman of the annual Halloween celebration: "This is the biggest and best party we have ever had. There were more kids, more prizes and more food than ever before. More people came out to see it, and the weather was perfect. None of the little tots had to be taken home early to keep from freezing to death!"

### Parade

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giant pumpkin which lighted up a "Maple of 1968" which I'm sure the Baldwin scouts spotted and listed in their book for future reference, a Raggedy Ann and a very disheveled looking tramp who wore a "press clip" in his hat band and snapped his camera at us as he passed, displaying a clown

face inside the camera, but we felt no indignation at the indignation. There was a variation on the witch costume when a two-headed witch passed by looking very weird and spooky. We discovered that Hitler is not only alive but living right here in town as he, too, bounced along in time to the band music. We saw noses, ties, ears right up, we saw a "Strike, boys, the cleaners" sign tacked onto a cleaning establishment's bag, we saw cannibals and headhunters, knights in armor, frogs, a bride and her honor maid, a very mischievous monkey, two little titlons who looked as lost as their mittens in the crowd, a toddler in a jumble and parade repalls who looked as if she wanted very much to sit down and rest awhile and who was greeted with much applause for her obvious determination to see the parade through. She was probably thinking of the food awaiting her.

#### Applauds Crowd

A tiny clown hopped by, stopped and applauded the crowd as it applauded him. A monstrous green worm humped its way towards us, a little Chinese shuffled past, hands tucked in his sleeves in true tradition, and the only dog in the parade, a dachshund, walked obediently with his mistress, not minding at all his paper make blanket.

So Pepo was there, as were a group of Zulus, all black with tangled mops of hair; three little drum majorettes twirled their batons with hold skill as they strutted past the admiring throng and a strong man carried his burden with practiced ease, keeping his eyes on Gorgonzola George walking near him. There were cardboard box men who lit up, a cleanup squad, angels and the Statue of Liberty who seemed intent to exemplify that Halloween evening of freedom and typical American spirit as she carried her torch high and proud in her hand.

#### All Accounted For

When the parade ended and the bonfire burst forth into gold-red flames and the excited and appreciative exclamations from the youthful mouths blended in with the crackle of branches and bonfire. Sgt. Henry Timm grinned at us and said, "Not one kid lost tonight and there were more here this time than I've ever seen before. Great parade!"

Which is exactly what we were thinking about that time; what a lot of children; what a great parade. Well, for that matter, what a great town!

#### Have You Met . . .

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### Sigler Brings Campaign to Birmingham

In a windup campaign tour of South Oakland County communities, Gov. Kim Sigler (right) stopped in Birmingham Saturday morning. After his short talk, the Governor spoke to Clarence Vliet (left) and Howard R. Estes, who was re-elected to the state legislature as 3rd district representative. Mayor Milton F. Mallender, who introduced Sigler to his local audience, can be seen over the Governor's left shoulder.

### Election

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in the race for state senate, as against 1,047 votes for Johnson.

#### 6,331 Votes Cast Here

Birmingham backed Estes with 5,032 votes in his successful campaign for re-election to the state House of Representatives. His opponent, Fournier, obtained 1,028 votes here.

A total vote of 6,331 was recorded in Birmingham, only 11 ballots less than the local record of 6,422 cast in the 1944 presidential election.

When polls closed here at 8 p.m. Tuesday night, all six precincts reported fairly long lines of voters still waiting to cast their ballots. Precinct No. 1 (Quarton School) was the first to report at 10 p.m., while No. 3 (Adams School) came in last at 11:20 p.m.

### Locals Win, 18-7; Berry, Pearson Out for Season

By Duke Layland

Seaback Dick Murray raced 63 yards to score as he sparred Birmingham's 18-7 rout of Port Huron last Friday night in the Big Red Memorial stadium in the roughest game this season, costing the Maples two of their best tackles.

Birmingham suffered its worst break of the year when Dean Berry and Dale Pearson were injured during the second quarter. The boys were carried from the field on stretchers and taken to the Port Huron hospital in an ambulance. It was discovered that both had torn cartilages in their left knees. The tackles were visited by the victorious Maple team after the game and were given a

big lift when the whole team crowded into the room.

Will to Win

Again Birmingham's sterling line, the best in the Eastern Michigan League, showed what it could do as the forward wall out-charged, out-fought and out-smarted the slow, beefy Port Huron line.

During the second half the Maples were forced to play without the services of the injured tackles and this proved the incentive that gave the team the will to win.

Outweighed 20 to 30 pounds per man, the Maples came back in the last half to hold Port Huron to four first downs and a net gain of 73 yards rushing.

60-Yard Scoring Drive

Birmingham scored with the first quarter just five minutes old, when Bob Littleton went 14 yards off tackle for the touchdown, climaxing a 60-yard drive. Co-captain Willis, Port Huron fullback, set up the Maple drive when he fumbled on the mid-field stripe, Rolle McGinnis recovering for Birmingham. The try for point after touchdown was not good due to a low pass from center.

Not to be outdone, the Big Red drove 45 yards to tie the score with the second quarter half over. Two passes of 11 and five yards highlighted the drive. Quarterback Kerr snaked over the two yard line for the touchdown. Jacobson's try for conversion split the uprights and Port Huron led, 7-6.

The Maples uncorked a passing attack late in the first half. On the first play after Port Huron's kickoff, quarterback Walt Bodie faked back to the 37 yard line and flipped a 28 yard pass to Littleton who took the ball on the Big Red water tower and eluded the safety man at the 30, only to trip on Port Huron's 25. The drive was stopped as the half ended.

Maples Recover Fumble

Fired by the will to avenge the serious injuries, Birmingham started the second half with Bill Downey kicking off to Washington who returned the ball to the 39. Three plays and a penalty put the ball on the Maple 18. Washington fumbled and Captain Clay Joyce and Gordon Crawford recovered for Birmingham on their own 12.

Bud Carten, a former student at Port Huron, brought the ball to the Maple 28 from which Littleton and Murray moved it to the 37 yard line.

Murray took a lateral on his own 37, circled left end and sprinted down the sideline to mid-field and raced the remaining yardage to score on the longest run of the game. This jaunt gave further proof that Murray is developing into the best Maple breakaway runner in a decade.

Chuck Olin's try for conversion was wide by a foot and Birmingham led 12-7 midway in the third quarter.

Maples Roll Again

Port Huron took to the air after the kickoff, but Chick Ganley intercepted on the Big Red's 42 and brought the ball back to the 25.

Littleton moved to the 23 and Birmingham was again rolling. Littleton failed to pass and Clay McGinnis on the seven yard line, but Watson stole the ball from him and gave Port Huron a first down on their own seven.

The Blue Water Boys picked up a first down and reached their own 35 where it was fourth down and a yard to go. Kerr tried a quarterback sneak for the need-

ed yard but the inspired Maple line stoned him for no gain.

Birmingham went the remaining distance for the winning touchdown. A 20 yard pass from Littleton to Downey sparked the drive. Murray going over from the two yard line. Olin's try for point after touchdown was low, the game ended with Birmingham downing Port Huron 18-7 in the hardest fought game of the year.

Second in League Standing

Two years ago the Maples played on this same field but the concrete stands had not been built. Though not yet completed, the stadium seats 12,000 people and is by far the best field in the league. The Birmingham bus was given a police escort down to the stadium from the center of the town.

With this game the Maples completed their league schedule in second place with a record of four wins and one setback. This is the highest standing achieved by Birmingham in the four-year life of the Eastern Michigan League. Much of the credit for the team's fine record should go to Coach Vincent Secotine. This is Secotine's second year as coach and he has given Birmingham a team of which it should be proud.

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