

# Nor'eastern Downs Y Varsity, 70-58

Birmingham YMCA men's varsity basketball team did not warm up fast enough in their game with Northeastern YMCA on the Detroit's floor last Thursday evening and dropped their fourth game of the season, as against two wins, by a score of 70 to 58.

Birmingham trailed 20 to 6 at the quarter and 35 to 20 at the end of the first half because of their inability to employ a good zone defense against a ratty club which was able to move the ball around with a great deal of ease and agility.

Lou Scarrizo scored 22 points for the Orange and Black of Northeastern and was a constant threat with his set shots from the foul line. Even though Coach Don

Little employed two men to stop this diminutive forward; he managed to grab shooting space and hit the net from all points on the floor.

**Leffler Leads Attack**

For Birmingham, Andy Leffler, Tom Mason and Roger Benjamins coupled with Al Larsen and Don Little to score most of Birmingham's points. Leffler led the Green attack with a total of eight baskets and one foul shot for 17 points. In the second platoon used by Coach Little, the play of Jim Kothe, Walt Allison, Harry Sueden, Mike Sotton and Gene Wilkens was outstanding.

Birmingham opens its home season this evening by taking on the strong St. Antoine branch, current YMCA state champions and undefeated on their home floor in three years of play. The game is open to the public and is being played at the Harnum Junior High Gymnasium starting at 8 p.m.

# Franklin Village Holds Family Night Dinner



It was hard to resist the temptation to sample some of the dishes served in Franklin Village Hall for their "family night" pot-luck-dinner.

Shown above taking a hurried peek before the amused glance of Alice Grigg are Ken Nichols and Len Roberts.

Chaplain W. F. Bostick of the Wayne county general hospital spoke to the group following the dinner on "Mental Crash Landings".

# Evenly Matched Swim Teams Set for Meet Tomorrow

By Dick Helgeson

Evenly matched, the Birmingham and Mt. Clemens swim teams will battle stroke for stroke in a dual meet in the Bathers' pool at 4 o'clock tomorrow.

In competition against Pontiac both Birmingham and Mt. Clemens were defeated by exactly the same score last year in the Eastern Michigan League meet Birmingham beat Mt. Clemens by the slim margin of eight points.

So far this year the records of the two schools stand about the same. The Bathers have won three and lost one, while the Maples have won two and lost one.

**Coach's First Year**

Coach John Shada is inexperienced in that this is his first year as a swimming coach. Originally he came from Royal Oak, but he was never a member of the Acorns' swimming team.

The Bathers will be greatly aided by their two Eastern Michigan league champions, Jack Flynn and Jack Krause. Holder of the league record in the 50 and 100 yard free style events, Flynn generally swims the 50 yard free style in 25.6 and the 150 yard individual medley in a time of 1:51.0 this year.

Although Jack Krause holds the league record in the 200 yard free style with a time of 2:25.0, he will have a tough time keeping up with Maple Don Goldsmith who

generally does this event in 2:10.3.

**Close Races Expected**

A photo finish is expected in the 100-yard free style between Maple Dick Helgeson and Bather Bill Corrie. Both boys usually do around one minute flat or below.

Bob Lagalaki, who took third in the backstroke in the Eastern Michigan League meet for Mt. Clemens, generally swims a time of 1:10.0 and will swim against Maple Larry Miller who has done 1:06.5.

Both teams have 11 returning letter men and rivalry is intense. All in all this meet promises to be a fight to the last relay.

# Unofficial Report Shows a Busy Year for City Firemen

December was the busiest month of the year for city firemen when the department answered a total of 90 alarms, Fire Chief Vern Griffith reported this week.

There were two general alarms, one for the gas explosion and fire of Dec. 11 when five persons were killed, and another for a minor fire at the Community House. Two of the runs were miscellaneous, with one first aid run.

Loss on buildings and contents, exclusive of the explosion, totaled \$8,250. A \$44,000 loss was reported on the Mother and Son antique shop fire.

The report shows that of the 157 inspections made during the month, only five were referred to the fire prevention bureau for further action. It also showed that a total of 25,150 gallons of water were used fighting fires in December, with nearly 60 hours spent fighting fire.

**Preliminary Figures**

A summary report, made to the city manager, Donald Egbert, gave the following figures for the city of \$1.64. Chief Griffith said that while this figure is comparatively low, it is higher than Birmingham has seen in several years.

There were 281 silent alarms for fire and fire investigations, with an additional 103 calls to check on reported gas leaks. Exceeding the past several years, the department responded to eight general alarms during 1949.

Three false alarms were received by the department with 10 each for miscellaneous and first aid runs. The year's total showed 413 alarms.

Damage to buildings and their contents totaled \$24,685, exclusive of the gas explosion. The property endangered by these fires was valued at \$4,639,300.

**Official Report Being Compiled**

During the year 2,433 inspections were made by the local department of public buildings and multiple dwellings. The fire prevention bureau had 21 of these reported where further action was necessary.

A fair-sized lake could have been created by the 663,780 gallons of water which passed through department pumps in drills and actual fire fighting. The average water pressure for the year was 42.9 pounds.

Over 2,700 hours were spent in fighting fire and drilling, with nearly 1,500 hours spent on well inspections and repairs and the maintenance of hydrants.

A complete report will be published at an early date, showing a more detailed picture of the activities of the local fire department and fire prevention bureau, Griffith said.

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