

Defending Champions Win Tennis Titles

For the third successive year, the Milbrand trophy will be in the possession of Mrs. Katherine Smith who successfully defended her title as women's singles champion by defeating Ann Hall 7-5, 6-4, in the Birmingham Tennis Club tournament recently completed at the Kingswood school courts.

The Milbrand trophy was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Milbrand in 1947, and Mrs. Smith holds the honor of being the only winner of the cup since it was put into competition.

The Averil Trophy, symbolic of men's singles supremacy in the annual contest, was awarded to Dick Gabori who won over Frank Coppel, 6-3, 4-3 and 6-1, thereby becoming a two time winner of this cup.

In the Junior division, 15-year-old Jerry Schramm dominated both the 15 and 16 years and under classes by coping both titles. Howard Johnson fell to Schramm 6-1 and 6-2 in the 15 years and under matches, while Dick Little,

was semi-finalist in the 18 year and under division falling 6-3 and 6-3.

In the Men's doubles play, Woody Davis and Jerry Schramm teamed together to defeat Doug Holmes and Jim Hall, 6-1 and 6-1, while in the women's doubles division, final results showed Mrs. Katherine Smith and Ann Holmes victorious over Barbara Van Dusen and Mrs. Mary Lou Yost 6-1 and 6-0.

Simple, semi-finalists, Frank Coppel and Ann Hall downed Ed Dingler and Ann Holmes 6-3 and 6-2 in the mixed doubles matches.



DR. JAMES H. ROBERTSON, (right) assistant dean of the College of Literature, Arts and Sciences at University of Michigan, discusses training at Camp McCoy, Wis., with Monroe Adershold of Highland Park and George Allen, 436 Park, Birmingham (center). Adershold and Allen, students at the University, are taking part in the six-week ROTC infantry training at Camp McCoy. The ROTC regiment recently played host to educational leaders from the various universities and colleges represented in the unit. (U. S. Army Photo)

VFW Finds Site for Circus

When the Birmingham VFW decides to have a circus a little thing like no place to put it doesn't stop them.

City commissioners denied their request to hold a circus here several weeks ago, pointing out that Birmingham had no suitable location for such an enterprise. Not daunted, the members went off with their search and have now completed arrangements for a circus to be held Sept. 5 at their airport, East Maple.

It will be a three-ring circus, Commander Gus Mitchell said, "with clowns, animals and trapeze acts. However, there will be no carnival sideshows."

Mitchell said the event was being sponsored by the VFW to raise additional funds toward the purchase of a club house in Birmingham.

Their present location at the corner of Woodward and Berkshire has been listed for sale.

It's the first circus to be held in this immediate vicinity in a long time, Mitchell said, "and we feel it will be welcomed here."

To Reactivate Traffic Study Group In Fall

Don McGaffey, chairman of the Birmingham Citizens Traffic Committee, said Monday that plans were being made to reactivate the group in the near future. A tentative meeting has been planned for early September, he said.

When the new group meets, McGaffey said, "we hope to have representation from the organizations which joined us in earlier efforts. At that time, several Birmingham clubs appointed delegates to represent them at our meetings. We plan to have officers act in this capacity in the future, in order that we may have an immediate decision on what these clubs will play in any plans."

"Representatives felt they could not speak for the groups and it often meant a long delay before they could report to them and bring the decision back to the committee."

McGaffey pointed out that J. M. Hall, former chairman, would continue with the committee's work in an advisory capacity. City officials previously named to the traffic committee will also continue to serve on it.

"Officials have recognized the work the committee can do if it is functioning properly. It is the hope of everyone that to have direct representation from the various civic-minded clubs and to have a definite program to follow will bring the committee into useful existence," McGaffey said.

City Considers Agreement With Property Owners

An agreement will be reached between certain property owners on south Bates street, and the city of Birmingham, whereby the property owners will pay for connection to a new sewer and the city will assume the cost of sidewalk replacement.

Monday evening, the city commission authorized City Manager Donald C. Egbert to work out the matter and report back for confirmation.

A PETITION HAD been received from several of the Bates street property owners asking the city to bear a major portion of the cost of replacing sidewalk. They stated the property line is below the curb line of the new paving and is beyond repair.

Egbert said Monday that the houses in question are connected to an old sewer extending along the rear lot line, and the sewer is in such condition that it can't be maintained.

The city manager pointed out that he believed it was the obligation of the property owners to connect to the new sewer.

He stated, "If the owners are willing to proceed with this connection, at their expense, reimbursing the city for the cost of the sewer service from the main to the property line, the city could well afford to assume all the cost of the sidewalk replacement."

RECREATION ROUND-UP

Playground leaders have found that dog days have not meted the enthusiasm of local competitors. Henry Burdick won the city championship in regulation horseshoe pitching. Betty Tahert topped all entries for the shuffleboard crown; the tether tennis tournament saw the championship divided between Don Laird and Frank Coppel, and nine year old Larry Stoffer proved to be the best in the field for miniature basketball.

NOT WISHING to jump heads with any local "prevention of cruelty to turkeys society," the department again modernized its annual title shoot. Instead of a live turkey an excellent reproduced exactly 25 seconds. Each contestant attempted to hit the center of an individual grid fastened behind the head four times during the interval the "turkey" was in sight.

Obituary Notices

MRS. WILLIAM J. COONEY, 66, of 41 Walnut Lake road, died at her home July 26 after a long illness.

Grace Anna Allen Cooney was born in Bloomfield township on Aug. 6, 1884, and had spent her entire life in this area.

Survivors are her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Joyce H. Wood of Detroit and Mrs. Ray Berth of Howell and a brother, Archibald R. Allen of Williamston.

Services were held from the Bell chapel Monday afternoon with burial in Franklin cemetery.

MRS. ARCHIE E. BLAKESLEY, 59, a former resident of Birmingham, died Sunday morning at her home in Grand Rapids after a long illness.

She was born in Palo, Mich., in March 1892, and was a resident of Birmingham for about 12 years, leaving here several years ago.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. David E. Kline and Mrs. Chet Spierling of California, and Miss Barbara Kline and three brothers, A. V. Evans of Seattle, Wash., C. R. Evans of Kennett Square, Pa., and E. K. Evans of Birmingham.

Services and burial were in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

MRS. META HARTMANN, 78, died at the home of her son, John C. Hartmann, 25115 Farmbrook road, Southfield township, Monday, following a long illness.

She was born in Dubuque, Germany on Dec. 3, 1873, and in June, 1894 was married to Wilhelm Hartmann. He died in 1922.

Mrs. Hartmann came to her home from Germany four years ago.

Services are from the Redeemer Lutheran church Thursday at 2 p.m.

This year's match proved to be exceptional in the fact that for the first time two contestants tied for first place and a shoot-off had to determine the final winner. Craig Hills, aged 10 was defeated by 16 year old John Brown.

ATTENDANCE - STATISTICS for the interest activities of tennis, riflery, baseball schools, craft shop, swimming, music, radio dramatics, baseball league, golf, softball; and the playgrounds at Barham, Quakertown, Pierce, broke, Torry, and Adams during the first four weeks of operation have hit an all time high with daily average participation reaching the 983 mark.

Extremely hot weather is expected to cause a drop in participation during the last weeks of operation. The swimming pool, naturally, is leading all activities with about a 6000 count.

2 p.m. The body will be at the Manley Bailey funeral home until noon. Burial will be in Glen Eden cemetery, Farmington.

HENRY JOSSMAN, 81, died early Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Murray D. VanWagoner, 175 Abbey road. He had made his home there since 1944.

He is survived by his widow, Lena, whom he married in Clarkston on Aug. 26, 1896; Mrs. VanWagoner; a brother, Ralph Johnson of Detroit and a sister, Mrs. Holly Chandler of Iron Mountain.

Services will be from the Huntoon funeral home in Pontiac at 11 o'clock Saturday morning with burial in Clarkston.

City's Parking Problems Subject of Meeting

An executive session of the city commission to discuss the city's parking problem has been called by Mayor Chad Ritchie. Date of the meeting hasn't yet been set but will be either the end of this week or the first of next, the Mayor stated.

The commission is expected to discuss the appointment of an off-street parking committee.

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George F. Green Resigns From Board of Appeals

Resignation of George F. Green from the Building Code board of appeals was accepted by the city commission Monday evening. Green asked to be relieved because of his recent appointment to the new city planning board.

Mayor Chad Ritchie requested commissioners to give thought for a replacement as the appointment will be made at the next meeting, Aug. 6.

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