

Few, indeed, are those who would walk into the presence of an evil and deadly disease, expecting to come through unscathed. Sinful temptations, though they may seem glamorous, are but devices which, like disease, bring disaster.

Local 'Y' Varsity Squad Defeats Northern YMCA

Birmingham men's varsity 'Y' basketball played heads up ball to come from behind and defeat Northern YMCA Outlaws of Highland Park 32 to 31 last Thursday at Barnum Junior high gym. The victory was the second for Birmingham, and the loss was Northern's second in 41 games.

Birmingham had difficulty locating the basket in the first quarter and did not score a field goal until just before the intermission. At this stage of the contest, Northern led 19 to 3. With Bob Folin and Jim Anderson hitting on lay-up shots, the locals closed the margin to 19-14 at the half.

IN THE SECOND 16 minutes of play, Al Larsen dropped in five baskets to bring the score to 27 points each. Both teams netted long shots in the closing minutes and Bob Folin sank a free throw to insure victory.

Folin led both teams in scoring with 12 points but the individual star of the game was Larsen whose control on the backboards and play upcourt was brilliant.

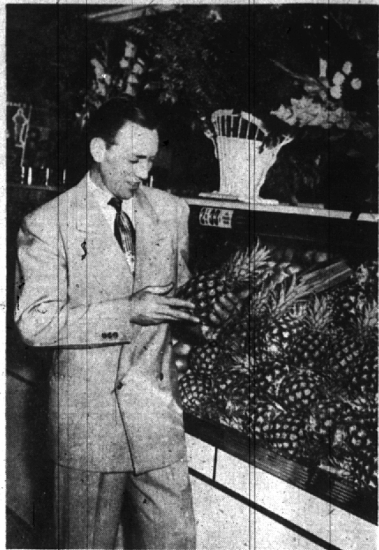
In the preliminary game, the Northern Senior Boys team failed to arrive for its game with Birmingham and lost on a forfeit.

Both the senior boys and the men's team play Northeastern 'Y' quintets Thursday evening, Feb. 8 on the Barnum Junior high floor.

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Opening Day Inspection



Norman Williams, store manager of the Big Bear Market at 14 Mile road and Woodward, looks over some produce during the opening day. The new market opened for business Monday, Jan. 29. (Joe Wheeler Photo)



Bits of Birmingham

When these hard snows come along and cover shrubbery pretty thoroughly, it usually pretty tough on the birds. Usually a number of persons throw out additional rations for them. However, there are those who maintain bird feeding stations in their yards.

Sunday morning, however, this Wanderer watched a dozen or so tough little sparrows take things into their own hands and get their own lunch. A neighbor placed a big pan of steaming hot food out in the yard for the dogs. No sooner had she shut the door behind her than the sparrows swooped down and sat on a nearby bush. Before the dog had a chance to clean his dish completely they began their dive-bombing tactics and drove him away, whereupon the clan gathered and in a twinkling the dish was as clean as a whistle.

In the past this Wanderer has heard many complaints about the condition of the sidewalks around the Baldwin library after every heavy snow. Let's change the lyrics of the annual song a little and say it was very pleasant to walk past that much-used building during last week's heavy storms and find them as slick and smooth as in June.

John Bay, nephew of J. A. Millar of Ruffner street and a former employee of Beck's cleaners, is one of those active in the prevention of crime among juveniles in Pemiscot County, Ill., where he is a clerk of the magistrate's court. Bay recently presented a new idea for the handling of juvenile wrongdoers which, to date, has proven very successful in putting young offenders on the right path and instrumental in cutting the county's juvenile court cases sharply.

The plan is to parole first offenders to their parents but subject to close supervision by parole officers, rather than to the state reformatory.

Down in the Postagon building in Washington, a man who has set up his office in a very unusual place, a local man reported to this Wanderer this week after a trip there on business. "He's put his desk in the men's room," our informant said. "I asked him why. He told me, 'Well, only in this place have I have met people who know what they are doing.'"

For the first time in the local club's history, perfect attendance pins were awarded Monday at the Rotary club luncheon. Those members with more than five years perfect attendance were: Forbes S. Haswell, 17 years; Sam Bruni, 16 years; Paul and Harvey Russo with 11 years; Ray Cook, 8 years; Dain Millman, 7 years, and Clarence Vietz, 5 years.

Many local residents seem amazed at the coordination between the city's snow loader and truck as snow is cleared from the streets. Both pieces of equipment keep moving but still the snow always is thrown directly into the truck from the loader and very little is spilled onto the streets.

The good old horse and buggy would have been a godsend to get around in hereabouts Thursday and Friday of last week. The heavy snowfall piled up the frozen water on streets, making driving hazardous. Motorists had to apply their brakes lightly, or they'd skid. Ice snow coats to windshield and many accidents occurred in the metropolitan area. Old Dobbin would have been slower but... but surer.

Milton H. Bers is confronted with a problem of infinite magnitude. Some day, he thinks, after he's quit being a successful flyer and operator of an airport, he wants to be a farmer. One of the modern types, of course. His boyhood was spent on a piece of nearby farm land, now covered with houses. His chief crop will be corn. "But what puzzles me," admits Milt, "is just how I should plant the kernels. If I don't do it right, the darn stalks might grow in every direction, unless I find out which part of the kernel to turn upward. Maybe, though,

by the time I get me a farm the Brannan Plan will be working—and heaven knows that kind of a program is so corny it may solve my problem."

Birmingham, this Wanderer wishes to remind you, still has a parking problem, even though the City Fathers rejected the Plan Commission's ideas on the subject. (Oh, if only the pioneers of this fair community, when they chased the Indians off, had been visionary enough to prophesy the future of the horreless carriage!)

Playing in nine basketball games so far this season, Richard "Skip" Halpin, 1424 Ruffner, has scored 60 points on 18 field goals and 14 free throws for the Alma college boys squad. Because of an early season injury, he missed three games.

Kenneth J. Hoover, 15990 Beverly, Beverly Hills, local insurance man was cited during the recent captain-sponsor banquet at the Detroit Masonic Temple. Hoover is sponsor of the team which competes in a Royal Oak league. He has a written two-year contract with the captain of his team and it provides for all needs of the squad. The contract is considered unique because most teams are only sponsored by verbal agreements.

J. H. Barrett, 720 Kennesaw, has enlisted his efforts to aid in gathering Bibles and New Testaments that are printed in German, to be forwarded to people in Germany who at present cannot get them. Barrett suggests to Eccentric readers that they may send them to the German Bible Collection, 736 Spink St., Wooster, Ohio, from which place they will be sent to Germany.

At the annual Oakland County Spartan Foundation football bust last week, Biggie Munn, head football coach at Michigan State college was present. Included in the audience were several persons who once played under Munn. The MSC coach introduced three Birmingham residents who formerly played for him at either Michigan State or Michigan. They were Bill Spiegel and Bud Gasser, MSC graduates and Vincent Seconette, Birmingham high school football coach who was coached by Munn at Ann Arbor school.

these problems promptly, adequately and with considerable thought to the future.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

At Tank Arsenal

Richard Dewey, with the Grinnell brothers store here for some time, has become associated with the procurement division at the Tank Arsenal. Dewey worked in this division during World War II.

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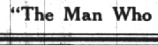
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Local Church Club Will Entertain Sons At Feb. 16 Dinner

Presbyterian Men's club members will entertain their sons at a father-and-son dinner Feb. 16 in the church parlors.

Sgt. Lester M. Coykendall of the Michigan State police, Rockford station, will give a demonstration talk on the proper use of firearms.



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