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most no scoring punch. However, they looked greatly improved Friday night in holding powerful Owosso to a 13-0 score.

COACH SECANTINE goes into the game with the best Thanksgiving classic record of any Maple mentor with two wins, one loss, and one tie in his short four-year tenure. He warns, "In any traditional game of this type, the season's records of the respective squads mean nothing. It also is a fact that the victor's season becomes a success regardless of past performance."

Seniors playing their last game for the Maples are Larry McCracken, Jim MacFarien, John Hardin, Tom Tracy, Ron Rolph, Jim New-

man, Stu Scheffels, Russ Sanders, Dave Bowen, Bill Dodds, John Schoenfeld, Marc Joslyn, and Tom Oberger.

Local Reserve Ticket Supply Gone for Game

All reserve seat tickets in the Birmingham section have been sold out for the Thanksgiving day game at Royal Oak, according to Athletic Director Frank Whitney. A total of 680 tickets were allotted for the Birmingham section and were sold out last week Whitney said.

General admission tickets are available at Shains Drug store and will be sold at the field the morning of the game.

Opinions

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wet basements toward the Eaton end of the street.

The Raymond L. Babcock family, 1849 Holland, and Richard Kings, 1821 Holland, both have small daughters, and both expressed a dread for their safety.

"I had to keep Patty, who is not quite two, from playing in the yard this past summer," Mrs. Babcock said. "She's too young to know the danger and too little to protect herself. It was difficult."

"Kathy's just four," Mrs. King said, "and has already fallen in several times. The boys, both older, have gone in, too. They were just lucky and did not get hurt."

MR. AND MRS. Willis J. Meyer, 1890 Haynes, also were among those who spoke of the dirty conditions which the open drain creates. Mrs. Harry Moodt, 1810 Haynes, expressed a like opinion when she said that as long as the drain existed there was little incentive to try and make a nice yard.

"We put our fence up," she said, "but can't do much more. We certainly don't like the mess. Most of the neighbors have the open drain because there because every time there is a heavy rain they would be ruined."

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Jay Galoci, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Galoci, 1840 Holland, is another of the neighborhood youngsters who has fallen into the drain. His accident happened about two years ago and when found the youngster was deep enough in the mud that he could not get free without help.

"**WE LIVE** across the street," Mrs. Galoci remarked, "and Jay had gone across the street to play with the Doan children. There were several of them around, but Jay was the only one who happened to get into the drain."

Neighbors recalled that, although no tragedy had taken place, several youngsters have been close to it.

Mrs. William Cordes, mother of a four-year old boy, summed up the general opinion by saying:

"David is like all other boys, a puddle or a stream fascinates him." He's been lucky and had no serious trouble there. His father and I know it's just luck, though, and wonder how much longer it will hold out."

NEARLY ALL residents said they did not feel that correction of the problem was their financial responsibility.

"We bought these houses with the assurance that the matter would be taken care of," they said. "We cannot see why it should come back on us in the form of taxes or special assessment districts."

"The whole thing originates in a small area which is a part of Birmingham, but of Troy township. Why should we, who suffer a danger and inconvenience, be expected to pay for the correction of a situation which is not of our making?"

Special Church Service
A special order of service will be followed at the Church of the Ascension Sunday morning when the last day of the church year is observed as one of humiliation and prayer. The Rev. Paul Shipert has chosen for his topic, "Tend your hearts and not your garments and turn unto the Lord your God."

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EVEN IF YOU HAD A PROGRAM, you couldn't tell the Birmingham from the Berkley football players after they had been in the lineup for one or two plays. Numbers, uniforms, faces soon looked the same as they became covered with mud. But Tom Tracey (above), the Maple's all-state candidate, kept his footing on this play and sloshed 50 yards to his third touchdown as Birmingham defeated the Bears, 21-0, the 'locals' first win in this four-year rivalry. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

Petition

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Commissioner, Ralph Main said that appropriate steps now are being made to establish a county drain on the Porritt property.

He pointed out that a previous petition was prepared for this area last spring, but hasn't yet been returned to the proper authorities. When that petition was drawn up, it was thought that the Oakland Hospital was going to be built on the Porritt property.

He stated that a new petition has been prepared to facilitate action.

BECAUSE THE PORRITT property is located in Troy township, the petition for a drainage district was sent Thursday by the drain commission office to township authorities.

Troy township Supervisor Norman E. Barnard said the petition must be signed by at least 10 property owners who are affected by the drainage conditions.

After the petition is signed, it will be returned to the drain commission office, which will form a drainage district.

Barnard pointed out that he was aware of the serious condition and is anxious to see something done.

The supervisor said, "I'm sure our township board will do everything possible to aid in this matter."

HE CAUTIONED that it may be some time before work is actually started on the drain and added:

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that he hopes county authorities can think of a quicker solution.

Last May Attorney Forbes S. Haxcell told city officials that construction of a sewer by the city acting alone would not be a proper solution, because part of the property involved is outside the city limits.

He stated, "The entire cost of such a sewer would be borne by properties within the corporate limits, whereas the problem is created by properties lying outside. The latter properties should be required to pay their proportional share of the cost of such drainage structures."

This spring, the Oakland Hospital authority, who owned the Porritt site, petitioned the county for annexation of the property to the city of Birmingham. However, since that time, the hospital board acquired property at 13 1/2 Mile and Woodward, and the Porritt site was turned over to the Greater Detroit Hospital fund.

This parcel has since been sold by the latter group.

MARK BEACH, executive director of the Greater Detroit Hospital authority, announced Tuesday that the property has been sold to Reid-Patterson Inc., 730 South Woodward.

Although the purchase price wasn't stated, Beach said it was in excess of the original amount paid by the hospital group for the land, which is reported to be \$46,000.

Another possible solution to the problem was given by Birmingham City Manager Donald C. Edgett. He pointed out that there might

be a chance the city and the new owners of the Porritt property could enter in to a joint contract for construction of the drain.

He stated, "We're very interested in having this matter taken care of. By the city and the Porritt property owners entering into a contract, the drain probably could be constructed sooner."

Edgett added, "I know that Drain Commissioner Main is doing everything he can to solve this problem."

Adams PTA Schedules Second Square Dance
Second in a series of square dances, sponsored by Adams PTA, will be held in the school Nov. 24. Dances are scheduled for the fourth Saturday of the month, with the exception of December. Mildred and Lee Breaun again will call at Saturday's dance.

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Equipment Needed For New Y Opening Early Next Year

Ed Kirbert, local Y secretary, said this week that the new building at 400 East Lincoln, would be ready for occupancy early in 1952.

Kirbert said Birmingham residents and organizations have already presented the Y with a

radio-television console, clock, sink, fire place screen and a kitchen sink. Others have made arrangements for future gifts and cash donations to purchase needed equipment and furnishings.

He said the Y still was in need of books and bookcases, game equipment, clothing racks, tables, silverware, chairs and sofas, venetian blinds, lamps and additional kitchen equipment. Information on the more pressing needs may be obtained at the Y office on West Maple.

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