

Work Begins Again For Gra-Y Clubs

Gra-Y Clubs of the Birmingham YMCA got underway in the Birmingham public schools this past week. The program is geared for both boys and girls whose purpose is to be strong in body, mind, and spirit and to live in a Christian way in their homes, schools, churches, and communities.

The groups meet for one hour half of which is devoted to a physical education program and the other half to a social or educational program. Clubs are now meeting at Pierce, Walnut Lake, Quorton, and Adams Schools with other groups at Bloomfield Village, and Baldwin schools to start next week.

Schedules for youngsters attending Franklin and Torry schools will be worked out.



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ADVISOR FOR THE UN DAY of the Community House September 19, sponsored by Birmingham unit 3 of the MOMS, Mrs. Philip Gentile, a lecturer for the extension service of the University of Michigan.

Approve Bond Purchase

Wylie Groves, treasurer of the Birmingham Board of Education, Tuesday night was authorized to purchase \$108,875 in Series J government bonds from the 1950 bond retirement fund account from the National Bank of Detroit.

Maple Gridders Open Nine Game Slate At Romulus

With 45 candidates including 12 lettermen practicing since September 1, Maple Gridders Vincent Seconime met the largest turnout in several years.

For the first time in the history of Birmingham, the high school squad is practicing on its own field. Before this year the team practiced at Barnum or Pierce field.

Other firsts in football this year include a new freshman grid squad coached by Hugh Loveland. New locker room facilities are now in use and appear to be excellent morale builders for the coming season.

Led by Captain Gordon Mutch, Maple gridders are confronted this year, starting with the opener against Romulus there Friday night. The Maples have an open date Sept. 29 but cannot schedule a game.

MT. CLEMENS HERE Oct 3 will be the Maples' first league opponent, followed by four more Friday encounters on successive days: Friday, Oct. 10; Hazel Park away, Oct. 17; East Detroit here, Oct. 24; and Port Huron there, Oct. 31.

Non-league games with Waterford here Nov. 3; Berkley there Nov. 14; and Royal Oak here Nov. 27 complete the Maples' 1952 schedule.

Personnel of the varsity squad lists Captain Mutch, Jim Wheeler, Bob Karch, Tom Rickelman, Jack Watkinson, Russ Nordman, Bill Donaldson, Don Dupuis, Bob Appleford, Doug Colwell, Bill Ferguson, and Fred Bevis, all returning lettermen.

Other varsity candidates are Charles Weir, Larry Coleman, Bob Thalacker, John Monaghan, Davill Perry, Bill Hohmeyer, Dick Alexander, Joe Archer, Glen Ayera, Bob Beatty, Jerry Beck, Tom Beck, Howard Blake, Payson Chapman, Jon Clarke, Don Dimmock, Kirk Flack, and Mitchell Foster.

OTHERS ARE EBBIE GOOD-FELLOW, Dave Hamil, Craig Kalen, Bill Watkinson, Dick Morgan, Jerry Wedge, Dick Thalacker, Jim Owens, George Sinnott, Merrill Schlaack, Jack Sweet, John Hubert, Bob Jenkins, Bud Satteria and John Shance.

The reserve squad coached by Kermit Ambrose also got underway Sept. 2 with 35 players turning out for practice. The reserves will play a complete schedule including games with Mt. Clemens, Oct. 6; Ferndale, Oct. 13; Hazel Park, Oct. 20; here; East Detroit, Oct. 27; there; and Port Huron, Nov. 7, here.

Candidates for the reserve team include Martin Dehan, Laurence Binston, Howard Pittman, Ralph Hotchkiss, Dick Gezieg, Bob Loose, Bill Allen, Bill Neelman, Jack McKenzie, Dan Shore, John Beiser, Bob Gove, Bob Stevenson, Don Cornia, Howard Foote, Chuck Erickson, Larry LaTourneau, and Don Fowler.

Others are Rick Schmidt, Doug Austin, Stan Rosenquist, Bill Fay, Bob Thompson, Paul Mullin, Jim Johnson, Don Dunn, John Buick, Bob Lavery, Ernest Teichman, Tony York, Bennett Wright, Ed Gierok, Bill Dove, Larry Lundberg and Don Fraser.

City Public Relations Draws More Criticism

Is the building inspection department the city's closest contact with new home owners? City Commissioner Lance C. Minor believes it is, but City Engineer I. R. Gare, under whose direction the building inspector operates, is not so certain.

In a sharp criticism of the city's handling of its public relations with new residents, at the city commission meeting Monday night, Minor charged that a great deal can be done by the building inspector's office to acquaint new Birmingham citizens with present city policies.

HOWEVER, Tuesday afternoon Gare told a Birmingham Eccentric reporter, "I think I understand what Commissioner Minor has in mind but I'd like to talk the matter over with him in more detail. Basically, I agree that the city should do everything it reasonably can to aid and inform property owners."

"But pending further investigation and study, I would hesitate to say right now that the building inspector's office is the proper department to accomplish this."

Gare said the building inspector's contacts are primarily with builders, not the eventual home owner. He said possibly some other city department might be able to handle this "public relations" responsibility "more easily and directly."

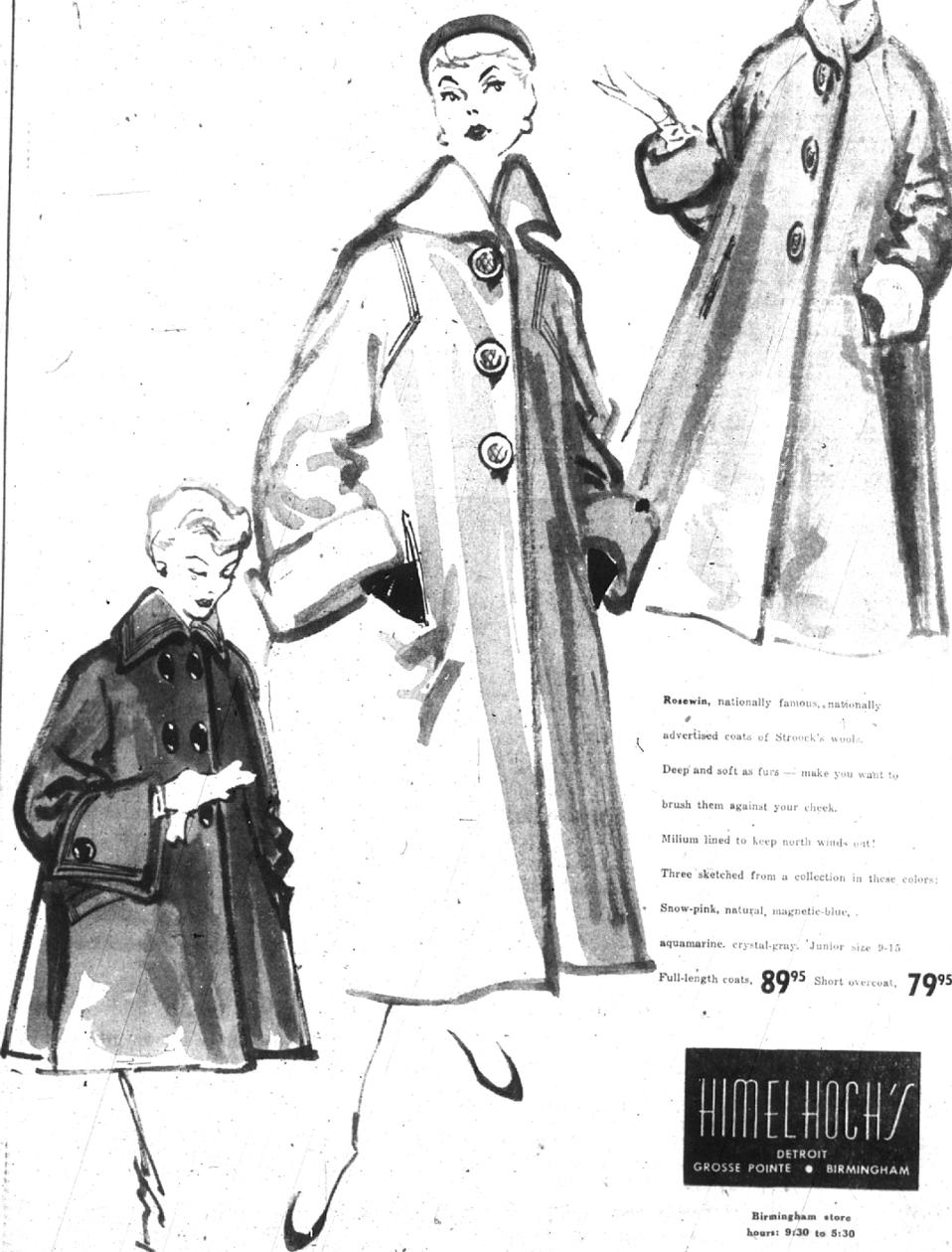
COMMISSIONERS ordered City Manager D. C. Egbert to explore the possibility of what can be done to have the building inspector's office handle some of these "public relations" duties.

"I think Birmingham city employees—at least in my department—go much further to get information to the public than any other city I've been associated with," Gare stated.

"I insist that my departmental employees, at least, work considerately and courteously with the taxpayers."

State, U Tickets Left Birmingham YMCA has notified this paper that just a very few tickets remain of their allotment for the Michigan-Michigan State game. The group will leave on September 27 at 11:30 a.m. for Ann Arbor and return immediately after the game. The price of the trip includes transportation, a snack on the bus, and a reserved stadium ticket in Section 13 of the stadium.

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Final Approval On School Budget

The Birmingham Board of Education Tuesday night cited the phenomenal growth of the school district's population when they gave final approval to the 1952-53 operating budget totaling \$1,735,177.80.

The final audit of school bank funds and the audit covering the financial records of the school district was received and approved by the board.

The debt retirement for this school year has been set at \$266,142.50.

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