

East Detroiters Face Birmingham Cagers Friday

By CHUCK SMITH

A powerful East Detroit basketball team will invade the Birmingham high school gymnasium tomorrow night for a battle with the Maple cagers.

At present East Detroit is leading the Eastern Michigan League with four victories against no defeats and is ranked among the top teams in the state.

Faced by high scoring center Ron Kramer, the East Detroiters have won six of their seven games thus far, losing only their first game of the season to 1952 state champion Highland Park.

Although Shamrock Coach Fred Lee was blessed with six returning lettermen, three will be playing their last game tomorrow night. They are George Staban, Gary Nelson and Richard Ruggeri.

Upset last Friday night 61-42 by Port Huron, the Maples have

Fishing Pictures Stated For YMCA

Colored motion pictures of fishing will be shown at the Y Men's meeting Monday night, Feb. 2, at 7:15 p.m. at the Y House. Efforts will be made by the group to garner five more young men in order to charter the club with Y's Men International.

Any young man 18 to 35 years of age may apply for membership by calling Birmingham YMCA. This is the service club of the Y and has been aiding in expanding the YMCA in Birmingham.

been working hard in hopes of ending the first round of league play with a much-needed victory.

Maple Coach John Petrakis altered the starting lineup slightly in search of someone who could bring that winning spark.

The tentative starting lineups are:

Birmingham	Y	East Detroit	Smith
Maple	F	Staban	O'Hara
Port Huron	G	Nelson	Kramer
Highland Park	G	Ruggeri	Staban
Shamrock	L	Lee	Nelson

STATUES SEE THEIR ANNUAL SHOW



The Italian "Teatro Olimpico" in Vicenza, Italy, is one of the world's most elegant and least used theaters. Built in 1628 and filled with delicately carved wood and statuary, it is opened once each year for a period production in costume. Seen at left, a statue of a Renaissance Italian seems enthralled by the play. Contrasting symbols of modern times are the spotlights beaming between the statues. Actors on stage, seen at right, take bows.

State Police Had Busy 1952, Records Show

The year 1952 will long be remembered as one of the busiest in Michigan State Police history. Although there were decreases in general police activities under the all-time high record of the previous year, this was accounted for by the Jackson prison riot.

Up until April 20, when 204 state police officers were mobilized to handle the riot, monthly activity reports showed substantial increases in general police work over the previous year. Likewise, since August, when the last of the state police were relieved of duty at the prison, there have been gains.

But the decreases between April and August as well as other special assignments such as the re-

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Provisional figures showed a net loss of seven per cent in man hours on patrol, 428,977 under 471,051 in 1951. There was a drop of three per cent in total arrests, 83,188 under 85,349. Included in the arrest total were 74,108 for traffic offenses, also three per cent below 76,597 the previous year.

THERE WERE 4,492 juvenile offenders not included in the arrest total as compared to 4,982 in 1951, a nine per cent decrease. This classification comprises delinquent and wayward minors and juveniles involved in traffic offenses.

Complaints handled in all matters totaled 70,211 in 1952, again three per cent under 72,382 the previous year.

Despite the curtailment of activities in the field, 1952 ranked well with other years. Arrest totals were the second highest, complaints the third and man hours on patrol fifth.

As always, the traffic problem remained serious. Final tabulations will not be completed until all reports are received, but on the

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TOTAL CASUALTIES, however, were under the previous year's record high of 50,058. While deaths increased, injuries decreased 1,203, or two and one-half percent, 42,216 under 48,418. Deaths and injuries combined totaled 48,890, the second highest on record. The 47,339 in 1951 was third.

There were 165,824 accidents, a decrease of 10,753, or six per cent, under the 1951 record high of 176,587.

The post war upward trend in both miles traveled and registered vehicles continued, but the increases were less than one-half of one per cent. Motor vehicles traveled an estimated 23,484,400,000 miles as compared to 23,482,200,000 the previous year. There were 2,573,100 registered motor vehicles as compared to 2,560,652.

On the basis of the provisional figures for traffic deaths and miles traveled, the death rate per 100 million miles of travel was 7.1. This was the same as the 1949 rate.

Junior Quintet Suffers 4th Loss

The Junior Boys quintet of the Birmingham YMCA will have to wait another week before seeking to garner win number three as they dropped a hard fought contest to Northeastern 'Y' by a score of 22 to 22.

The second lowest on record. The record low of 6.98 was established in 1951.

THE YEAR saw a new leader take command of the department. Dr. May S. Governor-Williams named Joseph A. Childs to succeed retiring Commissioner Donald S. Leonard.

Childs, like his predecessor, began his career with the state police as a trooper and rose through the ranks. When Leonard was named commissioner in 1947, Childs became his administrative assistant. He was serving in that capacity with the rank of lieutenant when appointed to the top position.

The lads from Birmingham had difficulty playing on the large court and were able to score on only 8 per cent of their shots.

Northeastern 'Y' enjoyed a 22 to 2 lead at the quarter as Birmingham endeavored to chalk up its first basket. Play in the second half found Bob Wootton hitting for 13 points which kept the Green in the game.

However, the large first half lead proved to be too much of an obstacle and Birmingham YMCA boys suffered their fourth loss. Tony Shinkus, six foot center for the Detroiters, scored 15 points before he left the game.

Inability to connect at the foul line and from beneath the basket doomed Birmingham early in the contest. They will be trying for a repeat win against Hannan YMCA when they meet the Orange and Black Saturday, Jan. 31, on the Detroiters' floor.



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