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First Methodist Leads The League Of Church Cagers

St. James Episcopal church proved that no team is defeated until the final score when they chalked up a very impressive 43 to 36 victory over First Presbyterian church last Wednesday in the Birmingham YMCA Church league to topple the leaders into second place. The win gave First Methodist undisputed possession of the top spot.

Down 23 to 4 at the end of the first quarter of play, St. James appeared doomed to defeat but rallied in the second quarter to score 13 points while First Presbyterian was held to two baskets and a foul shot. The margin of lead diminished to one point at the end of the third quarter and St. James moved out in front to stay during the final eight minutes of play. Jerry Wedge led First Presbyterian Church with 17 points while Joe Wheeler hit the loop for 12 of St. James' total score.

AL FAWCETT of the First Methodist church took over the individual scoring record in the 'Y' league with 37 points as First Methodist swamped First Baptist 78 to 41. Except for the second quarter, in which First Baptist was unable to score, the game was closely contested. The win preserved the First Methodist's undefeated record.

In other game, First Presbyterian church defeated Christ church 62 to 19 as Don Kaener again

acked up 24 points to preserve his better than 30 points per game average. Jim and Jerry Kraus of Christ church were held in check by Tom Weir and Bill Karch of First Presbyterian and this spelled defeat for the Blue and White.

Southfield United Presbyterian continued to show great improvement with a 45 to 33 win over Lutheran Redeemer church to move up in the standings. A late scoring spurt by Jack Waldron gave Southfield a cushion lead that it held.

GAMES Thursday, Jan. 29 will bring to a close the first half of the schedule, with postponed games being played the following week to determine the first-half winner. The second-half play will start at Baldwin school, February 5.

Sibert Lutz of the Southfield United Presbyterian was elected president of the local Birmingham 'Y' Basketball league to succeed Harold Geiger of St. James Church at the league's meeting last Monday night.

Anti-Airport Motion Filed by Commission

The city commission Monday night filed a resolution from the City of Oak Park requesting Birmingham's support in opposing the proposed airport on Dequindre and Twelve Mile, Warren township.

Birmingham already has gone on record opposing the selection of the site.

The cities of Royal Oak and Pleasant Ridge also have passed similar resolutions.

Serves With 7th Division In Korea

Cpl. Donald L. Rigdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Rigdon, 483 West Brown, recently completed his seventh month in Korea while serving with the 7th Infantry Division.

Cpl. Rigdon entered the Army in February, 1951, and is now a member of the division's 73rd Tank Battalion. He attended the University of Detroit before entering service.

RECREATION ROUND-UP

Intramural Basketball—The high school Saturday morning intramural basketball program is sponsored entirely by the Recreation Board. About 70 boys are participating, and both gymnasiums are up in the standing full time for games.

The purpose of the activity is to provide recreational use of the new gymnasiums for boys who are not playing on varsity teams. It is hoped that as the teams increase more time will be made available for the project.

Roller Skating—Now that the recreation board has secured permission from the Board of Education for the use of the new high school gymnasium for roller skating activities, experimentation will be made for providing a future program.

Skating offered will in no way equal that provided at commercial rinks. Special roller wheels must be used which give adequate protection to the floor. However, it is thought the program will provide a good opportunity for children, special parties, beginning skaters, and physical education classes.

IN ALL probability Saturday afternoons will be devoted to community and Saturday evenings thought to be for student activity.

Ice Skating—Only a few days remain in January to offset the worst skating record ever experienced by the recreation department. No cooperation whatsoever has been received from old man weather. There were two good days of skating and a very few poor days. Most of the month found no ice at all on the rinks. The Department of Public Works will resume the water activities from the spectator section of the pool. It is located in the junior high school

at Frank and Purdy streets. Children living in the Birmingham school district are eligible to attend.

GIRL SCOUT Swimming—The Recreation Board has secured permission from the Board of Education to allow Birmingham girls to scout the use of the Barnum pool on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. The program will be under the supervision of the girl scouts and the Recreation Board. A program of girl scout water instruction, achievement testing, and water safety training will be conducted.

Saturday basketball—All elementary graders participating in the Saturday program are looking forwards to practice games with other schools. The Baldwin, Quanton, Pierce, and Adams gymnasiums are available for boys of the upper elementary grades from 9 till 11 a.m.

B'ham Cleaners Sweeps 'Y' League

In an abbreviated season, caused by the departure of young men for military service, Birmingham Cleaners won the title in the Birmingham YMCA league by sweeping all of its six games. In second place were the Birmingham Merchants who dropped a low scoring 28 to 20 game to the Cleaners last Wednesday evening.

Jim Mackay lead the winners with 11 points while Bill Gordon served in a supporting role with 7 points. This game marked the close of the league but informal play between members will continue at the Baldwin school each Wednesday evening.

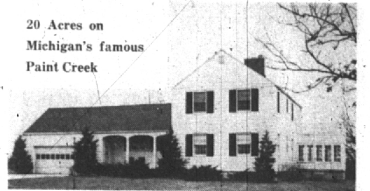
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