

Ferndale Edges Maple Runners

A double winner and a shotput slam were not quite enough power to enable Birmingham to defeat Ferndale recently and the Maples came home on the short end of a 59-50 score.

The Maple shotput trio of Hank Curtis, Tom Ricketman and Chuck Erickson continued to dominate this event, this time placing Curtis first with a 47 ft. 5 in. heave.

The other consistent winner for the Maples is Jim Barger in the 120 high hurdles, who placed first in 2:5.9 in this event and in 2:1.6 in the 180 yd. low.

The Raisers came up with two double winners, Scrip Reed running a 1:0.5 century and a 200 yd. dash in 20.8. Waverly Davis won the 400 in 36.6 and the broad jump with a 19 ft. 4 in. leap.

Birmingham's only other firsts were Mickey Plumstead with a 5 ft. 3.9 in. high jump, and Ken Fowler with a 10 ft. 4 in. pole vault.

Stuart Murray, Ferndale, took the mile in 4:52.8 and Whitmore Gaines, also Ferndale, won the 880 in 2:15.6.

The night's tightest race was the medley relay in which the Ferndale quartet of Jim Johnson, Tom Wajak, Dave Clayton and Jim Hawthorne edged out Birmingham by less than a foot in 2:47.3. The Ferndale 880 relay team also won, this time in 1:39.1.

Crane Trackmen Defeat Maples

On May 13, the freshmen-sophomore track squads of Birmingham lost to Cranbrook in the Cranes home field, by a score of 79-71. Cranbrook stayed ahead for most of the meet. However, the Cranes' edge was for the most part small.

At the beginning of the last event, the score was 74-71. This event, the 880 yard relay race, was to decide the meet. Jerry McHenry took the lead right away for Cranbrook, Jim Davison, Bill Raich and anchor man Joe Bratt lengthened this lead all the way. The time was one minute, forty-six seconds and seven-tenths. Jim Davison now leads the Crane squad with ten and one-half points.

Maples Avenue '52 Season Loss

Veteran pitcher Gordon Mutch pitched a 2-0 victory for Birmingham over Ferndale for his first league start in three years.

Shortstop Bill Allen led the Maples' attack with a double and two singles, his third inning single driving in both Maple runs.

Mutch struck out seven and walked three. This victory avenged the Maples' loss to Ferndale in 1952 which was the only league defeat of the season.



JUDY GOLDSTEIN MARY A. THURBER Thursday night murder victims return to Friday night's stage (Eccentric Staff Photo)

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Barnum Dramatic Classes Present Two Night Plays

Dramatic classes at Barnum Junior High school will conclude their stage season tonight and Friday night in the school auditorium with two evening productions, "Girl With Two Faces", and "Tom Sawyer".

Under the direction of Lyla E. McCormick, the classes have staged 14 day plays for Barnum students.

The "Girl With Two Faces" on Thursday evening is a three-act murder mystery with an all-girl cast. The site of the play is in a lovely mountain home of a recluse and the plot involves a group of girls intent on lightening his wealth.

Two murders, a washed out bride and a thunder storm add to the suspense.

The ever-popular "Tom Sawyer" will be Friday night's production. Both plays will begin at 8 p.m.

Thursday night's cast will include Mary Alice Thurber, Janet Fay, Lynn Smith, Jackie Adams, Andrea Bowlett, Anna Davis, Judy Selvidge, Sharon Myers and Judy Goldstein.

In "Tom Sawyer" cast members will be Bob Wood, Judy Goldstein, Mary Alice Thurber, Andy Hawley, Harry Strick, Kathie Voss, Jane Hudson, Bob Vingling, Nancy Jenkins, Dick Griffith, Dave Wendworth, Karen Williams, Tom Griffin and Steve Pev.

Music Festival Attracts 2000 To High School

Over 2000 students from Birmingham public schools will participate in the all-city music festival next Thursday and Friday in the high school gym.

Attnas, Baldwin, Harman, Blomfield Village, Franklin, Piore, Quarter, Walnut Lake, and Birmingham high school will be represented.

The students will be divided into groups consisting of fourth grade chorus, fifth grade chorus with the "Almas" dance group; sixth grade chorus with the Baldwin dance group; grade school pipe club of fifth and sixth grade pupils; instrumental group; junior high school girls' glee club, mixed chorus or-

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cherry and band; high school choir, girls' Glee club, and band.

The entire group will perform together in "America" and "America the Beautiful".

A rehearsal Wednesday is all the practice the group will have as a whole. Seventeen bands will bring children from their schools to the high school gym the first night leaving before the last loads pour.

The festival is being given two nights to permit parents of all participants to attend. Family tickets will be issued to help divide the attendance more evenly. However, there is no admission charge and the public is invited.

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