

# 500 Boys Battle For Little League

More than 500 boys are already out for Little League baseball in Birmingham and the 1954 parents' permission slips are continuing to come in.

The total turnout according to Malcolm G. Adam, league board member assembling the slips, is certain to be well over 600 and may be considerably more.

In addition, Adam said, 125 fathers—the vast majority not previously active in the Little League program—have volunteered their services.

The slips were collected from the schools Thursday. They showed 435 new candidates in addition to around 75 boys returning from last year's major teams. Adams said there are also a number of slips being held up because of some question of age.

"We know that a lot of boys still have slips to turn in," he said. "There is no question but that by the time the try-outs are over we will have 600 to 700 boys out."

Last year more than 500 boys played on the 24 major and minor league teams in the Little League programs here.

The first tryouts were held Saturday and will continue at 9 a. m. on each of the next three Saturdays.

Despite rain on Thursday and Friday, the National League managed to hold a full scale workout on Pierce Field. Boys were divided by age groups. The older boys were given batting practice.

At St. James Field, the American League cancelled official tryouts for the day, but many of the boys stayed anyway and got in some practice on the wet field.

As usual, a number of boys showed up at the wrong field but league officials planned to straighten this out next Saturday. Boys living north of a line running along West Maple to Woodward, south on Woodward to Lincoln and east on Lincoln belong to the National League and try out at Pierce. Those to the south are in American territory and try out at St. James.

SOME OF the veterans of last year's major league teams worked out at Howarth Saturday for the benefit of photographers. For the most part these boys must mark time now until their team practices can begin early in May at the end of the tryouts.

A typing error in league information sent to the Eccentric last week made it appear that boys whose 12th birthdays fell within the season were ineligible to compete. The reference was actually to the 13th birthday.

Boyd Simmons, board member who handles league public relations, said a boy's league age is the age he will be on July 31, the last day of the season.

"If he becomes 13 on Aug. 1, he is still eligible for play this year," Simmons explained. "If he becomes 13 on July 31 or before he is not. This works a hardship on some boys but the national headquarters had to draw the line somewhere and that is how they did it."

It is quite human to offer advice to others; but is it wise? After all, is it not better to stand by until one is asked for advice, thus assuring the listener that what he or she says will be listened to and possibly accepted by the asker?

## ARC Gets Ready Should Disaster Strike in Area

Should storms or enemy bombs bring disaster to this area, the special committee to cope with it, headed by Bradlee Pruden, 701 Hanna, will have its headquarters in the Red Cross chapter house, 118 Franklin, in Pontiac.

The 17-room brick house, about six blocks from downtown Pontiac, can be easily contacted by the National Red Cross in care of emergency. Pruden pointed out.

The committee includes vice chairman Jack Shuler, Royal Oak, and Palmer Bundy, Davisburg; Mrs. Sheldon Noble, Birmingham and several subcommittee leaders.

AMONG THESE are James Abbott, Birmingham, transportation and communications; Miss Ora Hinkley, Pontiac, welfare; Wilfred Looney, Pontiac, food; Leon T. Bingley, Royal Oak, clothing; Mrs. Eleanor Buck, Pontiac, nursing; Jack O'Gorman, Birmingham, shelter, and Harold B. Euler, chapter chairman.

Operational plans have been drawn up by the committee on notification of members, location of extra keys to the chapter building, assignment of duties and plans to be organized by subcommittee chairmen.

## Girls' Open Tennis Tourney May 13-23

Entrants are now being registered for the annual Michigan State Girls' Open Tennis Championships to be held between May 13 and 23 at Kingswood School Cranbrook, Luella Hauser, official referee of the tournament, has announced.

The final entry date is May 8 for the singles tournament for girls under 15 years old. The play-offs for this group will take place May 13 through 16. Entrants for girls from 16 to 18 years old will play off their singles contests May 20 through 23. Entries for this group must be in by May 15.

Entry blanks and information may be obtained from the Tennis Tournament Manager, Kingswood School Cranbrook.

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A MONKEY WITH A SWEET TOOTH is the new pet of 11-year-old Peter Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brown, 2600 East Square Lake road, Troy township. The amiable little fellow joined the Brown family on their recent vacation to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and has been the center of neighborhood attraction since his arrival in the north. Television will be the newest experience for Pete and "Rusty" and they will appear on Play School sometime this week. (Eccentric Photo)

## County Red Cross Planning Advance First Aid Class

Area residents holding standard first aid certificates are informed of an advance course starting April 27, sponsored by Oakland county chapter, American Red Cross. Instruction will be given at chapter headquarters, 118 Franklin boulevard, Pontiac, at 7:30 p. m.

Special feature of this will be the care of atomic bomb victims. Regular instruction in ways to carry seriously injured persons, splinting and the like are included. Graduates are eligible for instructor ratings.

LAST MONTH the chapter trained 176 children in junior first aid, and 253 men and women in standard first aid. There are 25 standard groups and one advance, still working on first aid.

In addition March training included two junior life saving certificates, five senior life saving papers, 189 certificates to beginning swimmers, 105 intermediate, 69 swimmer certificates and six advance swimming papers.

## Aboard Destroyer

Gilbert R. Salkelo, storekeeper third class, USN, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Samuel N. Moore which has had three hours of duty in the Far East. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling H. Thomas, 1288 Bird street.

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## 2 Policemen Hired

Jay Harrison and Norman Dehnke, both 27, have been added to the Bloomfield police department. Police Chief Clark Green announced this week. They replace two men who recently resigned.

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Upon completing eight weeks of training, he will either be assigned to another post or he will remain at Camp Chaffee for additional instruction in his military occupational specialty.

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