out of sports

By WILLIAM F. ZACK

Modern-day football teams may boast of their split-T variations and Rose Bowl journies, but in the hearts of the men who played on it, there will never again be a squad like the first one that represented Birmingham high school.

Beginning in the fall of 1905, Dr. William Watson, the father of Birminghams' present-day specialist, Dr. Thomas Watson, began coaching a group of students in the game, according to Melvin Deer, one of the original players.

DR. WATSON, DEER relates, was a big strapping man who loved sports and had played football at an eastern university.

He was then the rector of St. James Episcopal church here, and also had charge of another parish in Detroit. The 1905 team had to purchase their own uniforms, and began their schedule against a Detroit Wolverine team, winning 12-0.

Thier first inter-school game was against Holly, and the Maples ran up what is probably the biggest score in Birmingham grid history, winning 128-0.

The next opponent was the traditional Royal Oak game, and the Maples downed the Acorns 27-0. Fenton high school came the closest to defeating the Birmingham eleven that year, as the squad was able only to score 12 points against them. Fenton, however, was held scoreless.

PONTIAC WAS DOWNED 14-0, and the schedule ended as the team whipped Monroe soundly, 78-0.

Total scoring for the year: Birmingham 271: Opponents 0.

The photograph of the team is from the collection of Roberts Hulbert, a present day Birmingham resident who played quarterback.

In the front row are Deer, who played end, and Emmory Hanna, the opposite end. In the second row are Howard Hanna, left half, Hulbert, who was the team's captain, and Charlie Streeter, the center, and Earl Ward, right half.

In the back row are Don Blair, tackle, Earl Bare, substitute tackle, Stan Todd, right guard, Fred Blanding, fullback, Bill Harding, tackle, and Stan Webber, left guard.

Deer, in reminiscing about the team, says that Blanding is deceased. He recalled that he went to the U of M after graduation, and played on the school's baseball team and graduated to professional ball with the old Cleveland Americans.

Harden, he said, is now in New York, an executive with the American Telephone and Telegraph company, Hanna is now a Detroit physician, while Streeter was last heard from as a Chicago resident. Blair is now dead, while Ward also studied medicine and is now believed to be practising in Texas.

THE TEAM PLAYED PONTIAC the day the new courthouse, now still in use was dedicated. The following year, Dr. Watson was transferred to Detroit, and the succeeding team members coached themselves.

Note: (Other sources relate previous games played by Birmingham teams before the 1905 eleven. However, research indicates that these teams were of the informal type, without a regular coach or schedule. Credit for the above must go to former end Deer, and ex-quarterback Hulbert, who provided the background material, and Ruth Silbar, historical writer for The Eccentric, who made the compilations. Further comment on other early Birmingham sports is invited.)

Birmingham Opens Cage Year By Downing Royal Oak, 51-38

By PETE KASS

Following its 51-38 victory over Royal Oak Tuesday the Birmingham basketball squad today can seriously be regarded as a definite title threat in this year's Eastern Michigan league cage race.

The Maples carried over none of the starters from last year's squad but they opened quickly to overwhelm the Oaks before the visitors could get organized.

Dick Sheldon popped in a pair of one-handers and Bob Goldsmith added another as the locals jumped to an early advantage.

Led by Ed Peters and Sheldon the Maples kept rolling and at quarter's end the tally was 18-9.

BILL BRAEUNINGER cashed in on two field goal chances to keep the Acorns from being completely snowed under. In the second period the scoring pace slowed and the Maples' lead was shaved to eight points by the finish of the half.

Sharpshooting and passing was the key to the Maples' first half success as they kept the visitors off balance with frequent steals.

Sophomore Bob Isbell grabbed a good share of the rebounds and dropped in a pair of jump shots as he rawerded Coach John Petrakis' confidence in him.

WITH THE OPENING of the second half the locals had lost none of their wizardry and by the close of the third quarter the count had risen to 38-26. Bob Grundeman took over the brunt of the Acorns' attack by netting five points in the third stanza and generally giving the Maples a rough time.

Junior guard Bill Swaney took over scoring duties for the Maroons in the final period and was helped out by game co-captain Bill Watkinson who counted six markers in a row and controlled the backboards. Grundeman again sparked the Oaks who by then were fighting for a lost cause.

GOLDSMITH LEFT THE contest on fouls in the fourth quarter and the southpaw guard received an ovation for his ball-handling and shooting abilities. He chalked up eight points before he left the game and his play was a spark for the victors.

Grundeman took scoring honors with 17 points on five field goals and seven free throws. Sheldon was high point man for the Maples as he meshed 13 tallies on six field goals and a single charity toss.

THE GAME WAS ENCOURAGING to Maple followers who up until Tuesday night had nothing upon which to base any hopes of league contention.

The decisiveness of the win should definitely establish the Maples as one of the chief contenders for the crown which rests rather uneasily on the head of defending champion Ferndale.

The Maples tallied on 37.5% of their attempts from the floor while the Oaks were only able to hit on just over 20%. Both teams connected on exactly half of the tries from the charity stripe.

THE MAPLE RESERVES lost their first outing 36-24 to the Acorn team. The squad had been practicing for only a couple of weeks prior to the game and the Oaks already had one contest under their belts.

Tony Evangelista led the reserves with seven points followed closely by Jim Robertson who garnered six. Acorns Evans Wade and Jerry Snider tied for high point men with nine tallies apiece.

Coach Lewis Parry feared this game because of the lack of experience on the part of his proteges. Coach Parry expects the team to round into shape quickly and provide some real excitement for the fans.

Varsity Box Score

Birmingham	FG	FT	Total
Peters	4	0	8
Watkinson	3	4	10
Isbell	2	2	6
Goldsmith	3	2	8
Sheldon	6	1	13
Bevis	0	1	1
Swaney	0	5	5
	18	15	51
Royal Oak			
Harper	1	2	4
Sides	1	1	3
Kelley	3	3	9
Grundeman	5	7	17
Braeuninger	2	1	5
	12	14	38

Birmingham	18	7	11	12	—51
Royal Oak	9	8	9	12	—38

Birmingham YMCA Cagers Lose First

Cagers from the Birmingham branch dropped their opening tilt in the Detroit YMCA Interbranch League last week when they were defeated by St. Antoine 37-31.

Pat Wall and Earl Mudge combined for 25 points for the Birmingham team.

Other players representing the local branch are Walt Allison, Jerry Wedge, Don Keener, Gene Sutton, Jim Kothe, Rog Reynolds, Bob Folin and Russ Nordman.

The local team, sponsored by Rite-Way Softener Service, will meet the Downtown Y Branch in Detroit tonight, Thursday.

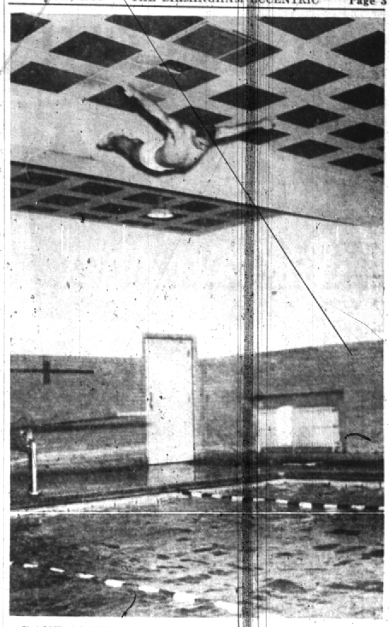
Sawney, Traa New BHS Co-Captains

By DAVE SUTTON

Recently elected co-captains of the 1955 Birmingham football team by the coaches and their teammates were Bill Swaney and Jim Traa, both junior standouts on this year's team.

Neither boy lacks experience as this was the second year on the varsity squad for both. Swaney was quarterback and defensive linebacker for the '54 Maples, while Traa held down the offensive right end and defensive left end posts. Both won varsity letters in the sophomore year.

The co-captains excel in other sports besides football. Both played reserve basketball last year, but in the spring their interests divided, Bill choosing tennis while Jim was on the track squad.



DAVE ALLEN, MAPLE DIVER, practices in the Barnum pool for the opening meet of the season last night, with Hazel Park at the local pool. Coach Jay Myers, although he has only a few of his last year's league championship squad returning, hopes to bring his newcomers into shape to be a strong contender. (Eccentric Photo)

ANOTHER POINT FOR BIRMINGHAM AS THE MAPLES DOWN ROYAL OAK
Foul conversion adds to Birmingham's total, in the first game of the season.

Cranbrook Cagers Nosed Out, 44-43

By JOHN NEWCOMB

The Blue and Gray varsity cagers dropped their opening game of the new season to Walled Lake high school 44 to 43 in a thrilling contest played on the winners' court.

At the end of a low scoring first quarter, Cranbrook held an 8-4 lead as both teams missed many shots.

Through the second quarter the Cranes maintained their scant advantages and held a 20-18 halftime lead mainly through the efforts of Co-Captain Dave Turner.

In the third quarter the Cranes matched the Lakers point for point. Then early in the fourth quarter the blue and gray held a 32-29 lead. However, at this point Cranbrook's offense folded completely and Walled Lake had a 42-32 advantage with four minutes remaining.

Cranbrook rallied valiantly on baskets by John Kirk and Co-Captain Jim Knapp. However the loss of Turner on fouls hampered their bid. Walled Lake's center Hess sank two crucial foul shots to clinch the victory.

Forward Myrle Taulbee led the Lakers with 15 points while Turner and Knapp counted 15 and 11 points respectively.

The Cranbrook varsity's next game will be against Romeo high school on Monday, December 13 at Cranbrook.

A restaurant in California has equipped all its tables with scrabble games. Losers pay the checks.

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BHS Athletes Honored At Annual Sport Bust

By MEGAN BUTLER

The fall sports turkey dinner given by the Mothers for the cross country and football teams will be tonight in Birmingham high school cafeteria.

Members of the varsity football team and League Champion Cross Country squad, coaches, and certain teachers and school officials will be honored.

GUESTS OF HONOR ARE Coach and Mrs. Carl Lemle, Coach and Mrs. Lewis Parry, Coach and Mrs. Thomas Carson, Coach and Mrs. Joseph Borovsek, Coach Kermit Ambrose, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Berndt, Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Wagner, Dr. and Mrs. Dwight D. Ireland, Vida McGiffin, Alice Price, Mrs. Monjelle Clark, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Jones.

Toastmaster of the evening will be James K. Flack presenting coaches and guest speakers. Doug Waggazer will say grace.

Coaches Parry, Ambrose, and Lemle will review the season with comment on individual players.

MRS. M. J. TAUP FOR cross country and Mrs. J. A. Watkinson for football are general chairmen. Junior chairmen are Mrs. Theodore Waggazer and Mrs. Russell Swaney.

Committee included invitations, Mrs. R. E. Doyle, Mrs. Anthony Spebar, Mrs. A. A. Applefoot, Mrs. Russell Swaney, Mrs. John Geggie; reservations, Mrs. C. G. Horton, Mrs. Robert Groves, Mrs. Alvin Fuhrman; programs, Mrs. Harvey Peters, Mrs. E. L. Stehle, Miss Mc Giffin;

HOSPITALITY, MRS. MANUEL Borris, Mrs. Carl Elcy, Mrs. Arch Stevenson, Mrs. Lorne Lavery, Mrs. Archie York, Mrs. E. L. Stehle, Mrs. G. R. Libby, Jr.; decorations and place cards, Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. J. K. Flack, Mrs. Lester Colbert, Mrs. J. F. Traa, Mrs. Mel Haugh, Mrs. John Geggie, Mrs. Theodore Waggazer, Mr. Edward Berry, Mrs. Kathleen H. DeHaan, Mrs. Raymond W. Long.

The Mothers have been presenting these dinners for the teams for over 35 years.

Birmingham Six In Hockey Victory

By BILL APPEL

In recent hockey games at Olympia two of the three teams with Birmingham players emerged victorious.

Sparked by the fine play of Roger Woonton and Ronnie Cornila the Sons eked out a 2-1 victory over a determined John F. Ivory team. Woonton tallied both of the Sons goals, while Cornila repulsed repeated efforts by Ivory. The Ivory goal was the first shot to enter Cornila's net in three games.

The win placed the Sons third in the league.

Counting three goals and six assists, Tim Baldwin led his Arrowsmith tool and die team to an 18-0 victory over Redford township. Tim's scoring effort pushed him to the lead in the individual scoring. The top two scorers in the League are members of the Arrowsmith team.

The Van Dyke merchants team in the junior league met defeat at the hands of Gage and Drummy Oldsmobile 9-0. Even with the high number of goals against him, Van Dyke goalie Bob Brook played a sound defensive game.

GREATEST TEAM IN BIRMINGHAM HIGH HISTORY?
The 1905 11 has been called the finest ever to represent the Maples

BOWLING SCORES

NEWCOMERS LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Manhattans	34	14
Mastertix	34	20
Old Fashioned	25	23
Macarthy	25	23
Bungalow	24	24
Whiskey Sours	24	24
Tom Collins	22	26
Pick Ladle	14	34

Weekly High Ind. (1) C. Mason 189, Ind. (2) C. Mason 177, Team (1) Tom Collins 845, Team (2) Old Fashioned 1830.

LADIES JUNIOR HOUSE LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Adams Greenhouse	41	31
Adamsbilt Barbecue	37½	34½
Twin Pines	30	22
Big Boy Dodgers	28½	23½
Birmingham Bowling	28	26
Tella Inn	25½	27
Smo-bol	25	27
Fisher's Market	24	28
Parkland Shell	23	29
Woods Hunters	22	30
Zebedeo Bowling	20	32
Youths	14	38

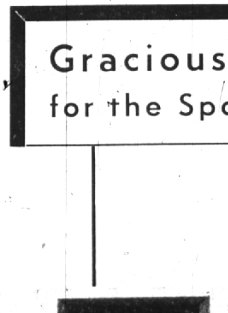
Weekly High: Ind. (1), Gowing—202; Ind. (2), K. Gowing—178, Team (1), Twin Pines—758, Team (2), Twin Pines —2305.

LADIES ALIBI LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Pharm Tapestrie	32½	15½
Mints Bel-Gram	31	17
Wayne Feed Co.	28	20
Twin Pines	27	21
Pharm Sales & Supply	26	22
Ed Custodian	26	22
Axler Jewelers	25½	22½
Washington Bldg.	22½	24½
Murray Wells	22	25
Sashlik Inn	19½	28½
Bostwick Shoppe	13	35
Pharm No. 2 Sales	10	38

Ind. (1) Ed Gatersnuck—183, Ind. (2) Interlandi—182, Team (1) Pharm Na-tional 1028, Team (2) Pharm Na-tional 2955.

Gracious Gifts
for the Sportsman



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Not illustrated: mahogany tray with Ripley pheasant, duck or quail-shooting print in full color. Shotgun shell handles, $25.00

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