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### Badminton Club Guest Stars Prep For U.S. Title

Both stars scheduled for the Birmingham Badminton Club "Open House" next Wednesday, February 17, are already tuning up for the first U. S. International Championships coming in April.

Vic VanDeVen, Michigan and Indiana title holder, is a strong contender for the "world crown." Only lack of top-flight competition will prevent the slender 20-year-old from springing the tournament's big surprise.

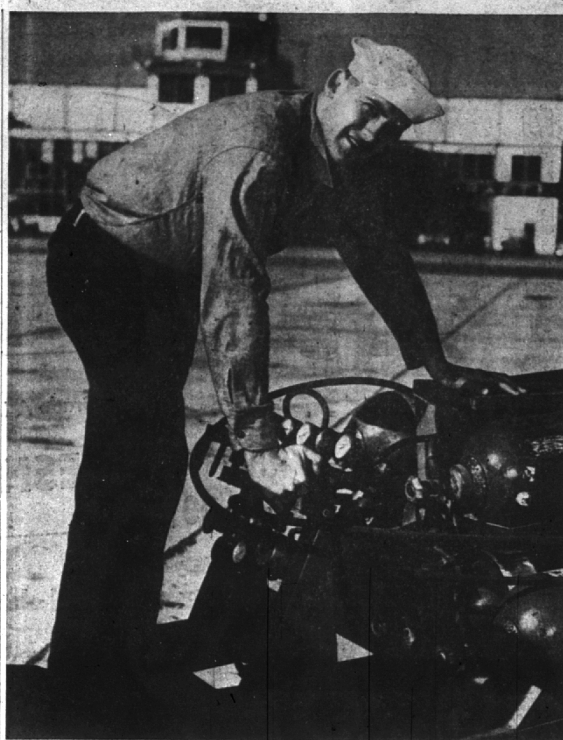
Ted Barber, Canadian ace who will oppose VanDeVen here, is a six-foot-two slugger who is always a threat in tourney play.

Following a ten-minute "demonstration clinic" of shots and techniques at the "Open House," VanDeVen and Barber will compete in singles, mixed doubles, and men's doubles events.

Outstanding local players will pair up with the guest stars in the doubles events—Fatty Dupler and Jane Piggett in the "mixed" play, and C. E. Wilson Jr. and Don Hacker in the men's doubles.

The "Open House" program, specially planned for newcomers to Birmingham and anyone interested in the sport, will start at 8:45 P.M. in the main gymnasium at Cranbrook School.

No admission will be charged, and no tickets will be required.



NAVAL RESERVIST WILLIAM K. DOWNEY of 207 Abbey Rd., Birmingham, checks pressure in a truckload of oxygen bottles on the flight line of Attack Squadron 735. The unit, whose home station is at Grosse Ile, Mich., just underwent two weeks of annual training duty in Sanford, Fla. Selected last month as the outstanding attack group in the entire Naval Air Reserve program, the squadron returned to Michigan February 7 after an intensive training schedule in all phases of air and ground operations. (U.S. Navy Photo)

### Township Balks Change of Date On Porritt Vote

A resolution requesting the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to maintain the August 3 date for the election on Birmingham's annexation of the Porritt property was approved by Troy board members Monday night.

The W. E. Reid Development company, owners of the land and petitioners for the annexation, successfully called the board of supervisors into a special meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, to consider changing the date of the election to April 5, date of Birmingham city election.

The developers contend that the August 3 date would delay proposed development of the land long enough to lose this year's building season.

Troy board members agreed that the April 5 date would mean a special election in the township which many residents would ignore. They believe that more township response would be gained by holding the question up for election on the same date as the state primary.

#### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Bham Mayor Ralph A. Main: "We only talk about skating and sledding facilities for youngsters after the snow and cold weather arrives. That should be considered in the summertime. Also, right now we should be talking about swimming facilities for next summer."

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### WALNUT LAKE NEWSLETTER

Final assemblies were held for the retiring School Council last week. The retiring president, Bill Kipp, presided.

Reports were made by the secretary of the council, David Harpur; the vice president, Doug Walton; and treasurer, Doug Moore. The captain of the safety patrol, Art Allen, and the captain of the service squad, both spoke.

Reports were also made by the following people: Joy Snyder, chairman of the library committee; Larry Camp, chairman of the defense committee; Jean Mott, chairman of the health committee; Philip Enrich and Corinne Sarlund, co-chairmen of the banking committee; Bob Sintz, editor-in-chief of the Walnut Lake Spigias; and Peggy Sloat, president of the Garden and Science club.

**THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE** gave instrumental solos: Bobby Sutton, Don Enrich, Bobby Noggle, Terry Unsworth, Doug Moore, Judy Symon, Susan Smith, Gerald Gibson, and Carl Hellenberg. Judy Karnes, Sandra Sweet and Karen Smith danced.

A film on Abraham Lincoln was shown. Two almost identical assemblies had to be given because the new addition is not yet finished. The retiring president introduced the retiring council members: Joyce Smith, Jean Hellenberg, Barbara Kipp, Hugh Nickel, Carolyn Sanborn, Douglas Moore, Judy Symon, Douglas Walton, David Granger, Bill Kipp and David Harpur.

The new council was sworn in: Robert Freund, Lynda Murray, Joel Smith, Marilyn Shank, Robert Szyko, Christine Layman, Susan Smith, Terry Roberts, Susan Parkins, Fred Hamilton, John Rice and Jim Alain.

AT A PREVIOUS meeting they had elected Susan Parkins, president; Jim Alain, vice president; Fred Hamilton, secretary; and Susan Smith, treasurer. The school council meets every Monday morning before school.

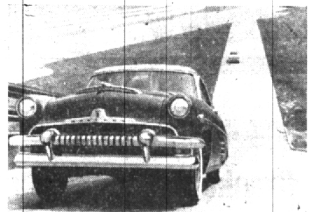
The banking committee is very active. Corinne Sarlund and Philip Enrich are co-chairmen. The other members are Carol LaMotte, Richard Masley, Bob Sutton and Gerald Gibson.

To launch the banking program they put on a skit written by themselves for the two assemblies for the younger children and the older children. It stimulated a great deal of interest.

The children bring their savings every Tuesday and a messenger from the Birmingham National Bank picks them up. Each child has his bank book and is very proud of it. The Committee has made a chart which shows the number of deposits in each room each week. The chart hangs in the hall in a conspicuous place.

**THE GARDEN and Science club** meets every Wednesday for lunch and a half-hour program afterwards. Many members are making bird houses for the Detroit News Contest. The club has voted to visit the Sportsmen's Show. Hobby Day has just been held, and a display put in the hall.

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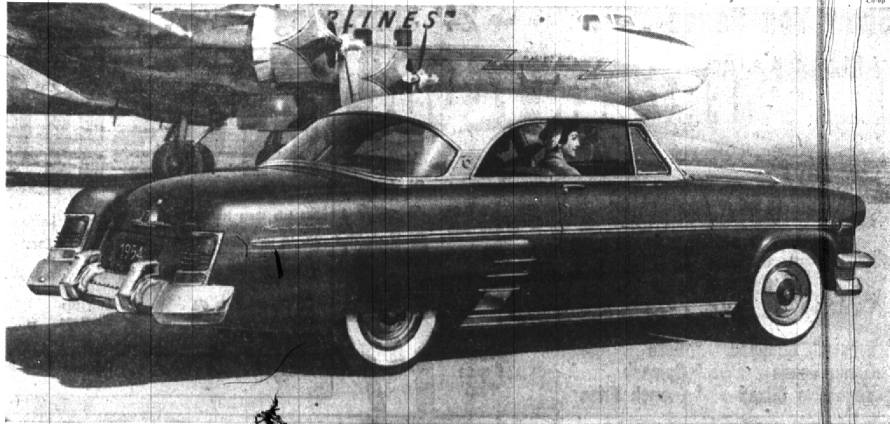
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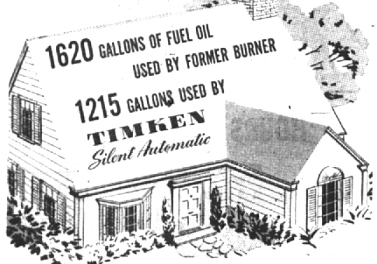
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