

Little League's 8-Year-Olds Play Own Minor Loop

Eight-year-old boys will have their own minor league in Birmingham's Little League program this year.

The 76 youngsters in that age group, youngest to try out this spring, will play against each other in four-team competition.

Otherwise, the farm system will remain the same as last year. The 9-to-12-year olds already eliminated from major league consideration were assigned to farm teams at a managers' meeting Monday night. First practices will be held Saturday.

League president William R. Barrett explained that the "eighties" were separated from the others for two reasons — for their own safety and to give all boys more opportunity to play.

They will be told to report for practices as soon as new managers for the teams are named.

THREE NEW farm team managers were named this week.

Mr. Mel Hillaker, 30215 Everett, Southfield Twp. (Bulldogs); Bob Garrison, 188 Elm, (Bisons); and Hqn Oatman, 1313 Latham, (Wildcats).

Major league managers continued to work with their squads of old and new players in an effort to determine which ones shall be given uniforms. They have until May 27 to make up their minds.

In order to see that the greatest possible number of boys take an active part in the Little League program locally, the executive board voted Monday to force all major league managers to carry full quotas of 15 players this year.

In the past some have carried squads of only 12 or 13 players although allowed 15.

To allow trading after the season opens, as permitted by league rules, the managers are given until June 15 to get their squads at full strength.

Birmingham's turnout of more than 600 boys is one of the biggest in the national Little League program.

Only one challenge to the Detroit area is at Lincoln Park where 400 boys tried out for 180 places in the three leagues. Lincoln Park has no farm system.

Elect Jones Head Of Toastmasters' 28th District

Houston Jones, 17360 Birwood, was elected lieutenant governor of the 28th district of Toastmasters International at the regional meeting of clubs from northern Ohio, Indiana and Michigan held last Saturday, May 15 at the Hotel Statler, Detroit.

Jones is a past-president of the T.N.T. Club which meets each Tuesday evening at the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. He was the first to finish the basic training course of the local Toastmasters club and has served in several offices since his transfer from the Schenectady, New York club.

At the final meeting of the club until fall, held last Tuesday, the club paid tribute to its president Pete Statler; Don Fleischman, winner of the local speech contest; John Neill, who has spearheaded many of the programs for this year; and E. Kirbert who received his certificate for completing basic training.

A total of 86 different men have been members of the toastmasters club since it was chartered in March, 1951 with charter members Russell Haeger, Houston Jones, and Ed Kirbert still active. Present membership is 29.

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Northland Has 'Blackout' When Power Goes Off

Dependency of modern business on electricity was sharply pointed up Wednesday when a power failure about 10 a.m. brought a halt to everything at Northland Center, 8 Mile and Greenfield.

For about an hour, the entire Center was without lights. Electrically operated cash registers were useless and customers took to the stairs as escalators ceased to function. As one Center employee remarked, "even the lunch room was temporarily out of business."

PAUL GRANT, assistant district agent at the Birmingham Detroit Edison office, said the failure was due to a "false substitution wire."

The Center, Grant said, "is normally powered from a station in Detroit. That circuit was taken out for repairs and the temporary hookup made. The service break came when a wire went down on this second substitution."

Drunk Driving Cases Busy Court

An unusual number of drunk driving cases have been appearing before Birmingham Justice John J. Gaffill in recent weeks.

A plea of not guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of liquor was entered Monday for Charles Hall Mayne, 18066 Hamilton, Detroit, when he stood mute. Justice Gaffill set jury trial for June 9.

Mayne was arrested at 2:55 a.m. Saturday, May 8. Two and a half hours later he was ordered released on \$100 bond by Associate Justice John C. Emery.

Emery said he ordered Mayne released to the custody of Thomas E. Sheehan, 583 Fairfax, after Sheehan called him at 5 a.m. and offered to put up the \$100 bond.

PRESENTLY awaiting trial on drunk driving charges are Mayne; Frank L. Uhas, 255 Glangary road; J. W. Leverett, 702 E. Dorthmouth, Flint; and R. E. Dubois, 19225 Salisbury, St. Clair Shores.

Gaffill said some drivers were returning to their homes from club parties.

"Party-goers must be made to realize that no matter what their club affiliations may be, they cannot be exempted from observance of traffic laws or from the penalties of the law in case they transgress. Persons attending parties with the foreknowledge that drinking will be going on should make arrangements for being driven home."

"One rule that every driver should observe is that for every drink he consumes, he should wait an hour before driving," said Judge Gaffill.

Conquering Bloomfield Hills Country Club's fifth hole is becoming a habit for J. P. Little, 1584 Dorchester.

Little scored his second hole-in-one on the 165 yard hole in the past four years Friday when he hunted a wood shot. His first ace came on the same hole in 1951.

"I was playing with Herbert E. Listmas, 316 Arlington.

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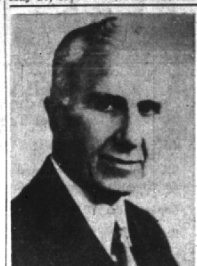
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DR. HENRY HITT CRANE, pastor of Central Methodist church in Detroit will speak at Birmingham high school, commencement exercises June 17 at the school gymnasium. Dr. Crane last addressed a Birmingham high school graduating class in 1949. The Rev. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Birmingham, will deliver the baccalaureate address Sunday evening, June 10, at the First Presbyterian church.

1948 Damage Suit Nears Court Date

A damage suit brought by a Royal Oak dentist involving the Birmingham school board as a responsible party in the collapse of bleachers at a football game in 1948 is scheduled to come before the Oakland County Circuit Court sometime next week, according to Cole and Mead, Ferndale attorneys for the claimant.

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Lunch Profits Worry Board

The Bloomfield Hills board of education is wondering what to do with the accumulation of profits from its school lunch program.

At present the program is showing a cash balance of \$4,114, and board members are concerned lest the schools lose their state aid for the lunch program.

After discussing various suggestions ranging from cutting the price of lunches to buying kitchen equipment to reduce the balance, the board decided to let the matter ride until the end of the year to see what the surplus would be.

If it remains large, the board then plans to take action.

Moody to Speak In Birmingham

Blair Moody, candidate for nomination to the U. S. Senate on the Democratic ticket in Michigan's August primaries, will be guest speaker at a public meeting Wednesday, May 26, at 8:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, according to Meeting Chairman Mrs. James T. Dunne, 7588 Sweetbrier, W. Bloomfield township.

The meeting is being sponsored by a group of Oakland County citizens interested in having national and international issues fully discussed in the coming election campaign, said Mrs. Dunne.

"Voters who select candidates on the basis of issues should not miss this opportunity to hear and question Moody on his views about how the United States should handle such problems as the Indo-China crisis, U. S. economics and McCarthyism," said Mrs. Dunne.

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