

Maple Baseball Team Wins Season Opener

By JIM MOSBY

The 1954 edition of Birmingham batsmen made coach Lewis Parry's debut as head baseball mentor a success, edging Waterford 2-0 recently behind the two-hit hurling of sophomore Larry Milford.

Maple moundman Milford fanned seven and walked but two in chalking up victory number one for the Maples. At one stretch he retired 11 men in a row. Larry did not allow a hit until catcher Jim Lessor snapped the spell with a single to right field with one out in the sixth frame.

Tight flinging by Skipper Jerry Kruskie gave Birmingham trouble throughout. Kruskie struck out 12 and walked one in a gallant effort.

WITH ONE OUT Marlon Bill Watkinson reached first due to an error. Mike Groves followed on Bill's heels with a single to center sending Watkinson to second. Jim Lessor's passed ball advanced both runners a base. After Milford fanned, Captain Jerry Beck drove across two runs with his rippling single. Never again did the Maples threaten, garnering only two more hits, both after two were out.

In the snappy cold, the Skippers only once advanced a man past second. In the seventh and final inning pinch hitter Allen Bradley opened with a single which snuck through outfielder Dan Cornia's legs for an error. A then advanced from second to the hot box on a passed ball. However, he died there when Milford mowed down the side in order to preserve his shutout.

This was the first meeting of the Maples and Skippers in baseball. They will battle each other on Birmingham's diamond May 23.

The Maples will take on defending co-champion Ferndale next Wednesday for the fourth contest of the current campaign.

The box score:

Birmingham	AB	R	H
Wedge, cf, rf	3	0	0
T. Beck, 2B	2	0	0
B. Allen, ss	3	0	0
Christie, lf	3	0	0
Watkinson, 3B	3	1	0
Groves, 1B	3	1	1
Milford, p	2	0	0
J. Beck, c	2	0	0
D. Allen, rf	1	0	0
A. Cornia, lf	1	0	0
Totals	25	2	1
Waterford	AB	R	H
Ryeson, ss	2	0	0
Lessor, c	3	0	0
Wood, 2B	3	0	0
Attard, 1B	3	0	0
Gard, lf	2	0	0
Bradley	1	0	0
Bray, cf	1	0	0
Piese, rf	2	0	0
Hoobler	1	0	0
Larkin, 3B	2	0	0
Kruskie, p	2	0	0
Totals	24	0	0

Hills Seniors To Sing at State Choral Festival

By PABBY MACLEAN

Saturday, May 8, the Senior Choir from Bloomfield Hills High School will travel to Michigan Central Teachers College at Mount Pleasant for the Class C-D State Festival. The festival is being held as a part of the events planned for Michigan Week.

The guest conductor will be Professor Paul Young, Professor of Music from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. The school entrants will be from Grand Rapids, Bloomfield Hills, East Jordan, Addison, Byron Center, Elsie, Hartland, Marietta, Birch Run, and Morley, Michigan.

The choir is preparing a number of songs for the competition under the direction of Mr. Luchman. The songs are: Let All Things Now Living, Crucifixus, Come Again Sweet Lover, The Legend, Carftown, Happy Song, Music When Soft Voices Die and Old Man Noah.

BLOOMFIELD Hills met Harper Woods in a golf tournament Thursday April 27. The tournament ended in a tie by Bloomfield's first and fourth men winning and Harper's third, and second men won.

The team members for Bloomfield Hills were Carl Morrow, Mike Strong, Stuart Bower and Ralph Garlick and Edlin Maci, John Perish, Sam Leone and Steve Simich for Harper Woods. The boys played in the order they were listed.

The new baseball team for Bloomfield made up of ninth grade boys had their first game April 27, at A. E. Smith school. Since some of the players from Smith were varsity team members the ninth grade boys found their competition very steep and they were defeated by a score of 18-0. Regardless if the loss the coach, Mr. Lemke is thankful for the experience the boys have gained.

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Troy and B'ham To Send Athletes To Wayne Relays

Seventeen athletes from Birmingham high school and 15 athletes from Troy high school will represent their respective schools in the 20th annual Wayne University Relays on Thursday and Friday this week at Mackenzie high school. Meet Director David L.

Holmes has announced. Athletes from both schools will be entered in relay and field events. Winning relay teams will receive trophies, and medals will be awarded to place winners.

Over 800 athletes from 41 Detroit area high schools, an all-time record, are expected to be on hand. Last year 35 teams completed. This year's group is made up of 27 Class A and 14 Class B schools.

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Congress Dance Slated for May 8

Dancing to the music of Les Shaw's band will insure a good time for all attending the Congress dance, May 8, 9:30-12:30, in the Maple room.

Bahia-Mar, yacht harbor at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, furnishes the theme. A scene of a table, umbrella, and fruit will be the center attraction and windows will be painted in water scenes.

Janice Cooper is general chairman. Assistant chairman, Ann Seymour; publicity, Nancy Yarn.

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