

Out of Sports

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Birmingham city recreation board announced the following staff for its winter activities: The basketball school at Adams will be directed by Mr. Charles Welsh at Baldwin school by Howard Malwitz; at Birmingham High by Mr. Tom Carson; at Quanton school by Kermit Ambrose; at Pierce school by Carl Lemke; at Terry school by Lew Parry; at Barnum school by Fred Radloff; and at Pembroke school, as soon as the gymnasium opens, by Harry Keller.

These activities will start Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and will continue each Saturday until March 12th inclusive.

THE PERIODS are open to the boys of the 5th and 6th grades who live in the surrounding neighborhood. No registration or fees are required.

All boys, regardless of their ability are invited to participate. They may bring their own basketballs, although all equipment is furnished except basketball shoes which should be worn on the gymnasium floor.

DONALD GROTHE will head the swimming staff at the Barnum pool which will offer beginning swimming instruction to both boys and girls who are attending elementary schools in Birmingham. Parents may still register their children at the recreation office at the board of education and receive complete information on the swimming program.

Attempts have been made to flood the rink at Quanton school, Booth park, Poppleton park, Pembroke park, St. James park, and at the new park. Weather permitting, daytime activities are to be confined to general skating until dark.

After dark lights have been installed and are available for hockey players. Skis should be kept off the skating area at all times. Due to the uncertain ice conditions, the Recreation board has not been able to provide supervision for ice skaters who participate at their own risk.

If the New Year's day fiasco in the Rose Bowl has not demonstrated the complete pointlessness of present scheduling arrangements, it is doubtful if anything will.

The fact that the game, once regarded as the highlight of the season of a real national champion has degenerated into just another commercial spectacle was obvious.

No one who saw a completely outclassed USC squad pushed around by the Big 10 champions had any doubts but that there was no reason for the two teams to be on the same field.

There wasn't.

IF THE midwest conference continues with its present policy regarding the Rose Bowl, the game will continue to decline in importance and prestige.

A natural contest, between the Bluejays and UCLA would have given the nation the climactic football which made the Tournament of Roses feature in the past a national tradition.

Today, we have the spectacle of watching a team, already beaten more than once, trying to carry the standards of the Pacific coast, while UCLA, the logical choice, watched from the sidelines and on television.

There is just one more development possible to make the game even more ludicrous. That would be the time when the Big 10 champion had already been soundly beaten, say 40-0, by a Pacific coast team in regular season play and returning for another beating.

Sports Guild Makes Award

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Maples Continue Winning Streak

Victors in Last Pair

Birmingham cagers Tuesday night demonstrated a vastly-improved offense as they downed Waterford 51-34.

After building up a 13-7 lead in the first quarter, Coach John Petrakis began to send in his substitutes and eventually all of the 14 men on the squad saw action.

Forward Dick Sheldon, although he was on the court for less than three periods, paced the victors with 16 points. Chuck Gilie led the Waterford team, with eight.

The game was not as lopsided as the score indicates, and demonstrated that the Maples can field a squad which will be a threat to any of their future opponents.

BETTER BALL handling and rebound control were apparent throughout the game, although the team still relies on a guard back to its own basket while an opponent is in the act of shooting.

This seemingly small and easily correctable fault may prove disastrous when the team meets faster and more experienced opponents.

Coach Lou Parry's reserve team had a narrow escape against a determined Waterford B squad, winning 38-34 in the final quarter.

With the Waterford game under their belt, the Maples prepare to tackle an undefeated Fernandale tomorrow, Friday, in a game that is decisive to the hopes of both for the league.

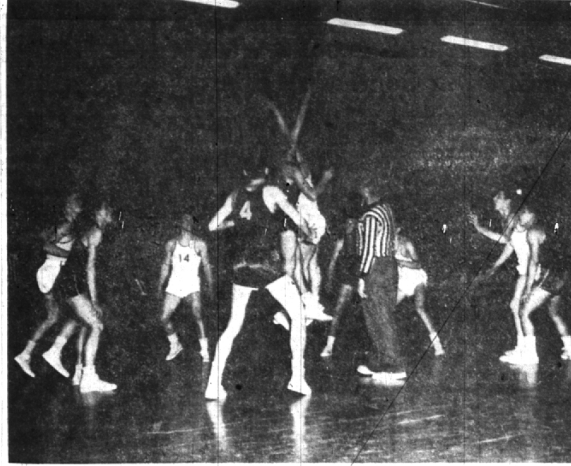
To date, Birmingham has won five games, bowing only to Mt. Clemens in a closely fought battle.

DESPITE preseason predictions, the relatively inexperienced team has succeeded in defeating Royal Oak, Troy, Southfield and Fitzgerald as well as Waterford.

The team was led by the Fernandale game, they will pose a definite threat to opponents in the state regional tourney, which will be held in the high school gym starting Feb. 10.

Winter Sports Book Describes Michigan

Grand Rapids, Mich.—A completely new 32-page book describing in detail the winter sports areas of West Michigan has been published by the West Michigan



BIRMINGHAM CAGERS SHOW FAST OFFENSE
Improved team downs Waterford, 51-34; Fitzgerald previous victim

Annual Wildfowl Survey Here Shows Fewer Birds

The most numerous, although a few ridges were observed at winter feeding stations.

Members of the Detroit Audubon society, making the tenth of the yearly counts, met early at the Carleton Institute of Science under the chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mahan, of Ferndale.

Sixty-five members of the society divided into 20 parties and covered territory within a 50-mile radius of Sibley park.

Each member observed birds for seven hours. The total for this year was below that of 1954, when 60 species and 10,217 birds were observed.

AMONG THE most uncommon winter birds seen were the brown thrasher and the phoebe, both of which usually leave the Birmingham area in the fall for migration to the Gulf states.

Mahan said that there are a considerable number of migratory birds, but pointed out that they are probably not the same birds who were here in the summer.

Bandings of these birds, he said, has shown that Michigan lies to the south with the coming of fall, and that these have now mostly Canadian birds who have come this far to escape even more rigorous Canadian winters.

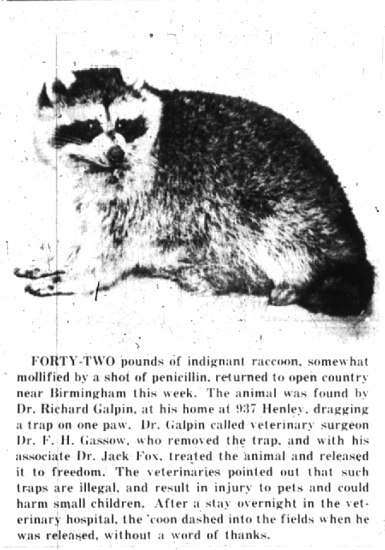
COUNTERS counted many cardinals, and five species of hawks; the red tailed, red shouldered, rough legged and sharp shinned, as well as the cooper's hawk.

Game birds included wild ducks, the majority mallards, as well as quail and pheasants and a few ruffed grouse.

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FORTY-TWO pounds of indignant raccoon, somewhat mollified by a shot of penicillin, returned to open country near Birmingham this week. The animal was found by Dr. Richard Galpin, at his home at 937 Henley, dragging a trap on one paw. Dr. Galpin called veterinary surgeon Dr. F. H. Gassow, who removed the trap, and with his associate Dr. Jack Fox, treated the animal and released it to freedom.

The veterinarians pointed out that such traps are illegal, and result in injury to pets and could harm small children. After a stay overnight in the veterinary hospital, the coon dashed into the fields when he was released, without a word of thanks.

Wayne Cagers Begin Season Tonight

Wayne University's basketball squad will swing into the 1955 season with four games in Tartar territory, followed by an equal number of away games.

St. Francis College of Pennsylvania will be the first opponent tonight at U. of D. Memorial Building starting at 8:15 p.m.

Robt. St. Francis and Wayne U. will turn the evening's proceeds over to the Stary Community for Boys at Albion. Tickets for this charity game can be purchased at the Wayne University ticket office or at the game.

Grid Letter Winners

Tristram and Howard Coffin, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dean F. Coffin, 977 Gordon lane, received awards for their play on the Moresburg Military academy's football team.

THE QUOTA AREA system of distributing deer hunters during the one-day special season this year was a bother to all concerned, but it did apparently accomplish its purpose.

MICHIGAN OUTDOORS
with MORT HEFF

There's little excuse for those who love Michigan Outdoors to get into semi hibernation in the winter time!

Each month is filled with thrills in the snow country of the north as well as the lake country of the south where ice fishermen make a holiday of their sport.

Today almost every part of Michigan boasts a well-equipped winter sports area within easy drive of every community.

THIS LOOKS like the year of the "big snow," with an ideal early fall of soft powdery snow made to order for coyote, fox and bobcat hunters.

COYOTE hunts are held regularly on Beaver Island where huge drives keep these predators stirring until they eventually get into the line of fire.

ELSEWHERE specially trained hounds are used for tracking Wildcats are hunted by still another classification of hound hunters have trained to be rabbit and fox proof.

IT'S SNOW TIME!

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| Viking \$22.50 | Henke-Victor \$29.95 | Men's \$21.75 to \$32.50 |
| Monarch Ebonite \$29.95 | Arosa \$37.50 | Misses' \$19.95 to \$28.95 |
| Olympic Plastic Bottom \$49.95 | Super \$42.50 | |
| FES Ebonite Bottom \$39.95 | Seelos Pro \$56.50 | |
| Jr. FFS Hickory \$14.95 up | Dartmouth \$9.95 | |
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