

# out of sports

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Sports Editor

**Birmingham's recreation board this week approved a \$1,905,000 budget for the fiscal year, which adds \$1,525 to last year's budget.**

A new tennis program, made possible by completion of the four tennis courts at Eton Park, gives for the first time the opportunity of BHS tennis teams to play upon their own courts.

Another program under consideration by the board is a new dramatics program, for which \$350 was tentatively included.

Bloomfield Lanes this week announced the beginning of applications for their spring league, following the end of the winter season.

League play will begin May 9, and July 1. Organized groups are invited to contact the alley.

Cranbrook's school day, held this year March 12, saw parents of school athletes watch a day of athletic demonstrations of their sons' activities.

With the program starting at Keppel gym, they saw a series of calisthenics.

All of the students participated in the next event, a game of spider hockey.

Running races followed. In the course of the day were two basketball games, six hockey games, boxing matches, and ten wrestling contests. Final events were tumbling acts.

Duncan T. Patten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marc T. Patten of 3690 Brookside Drive, Bloomfield Hills, was recently elected captain of the Wrestling team at Amherst College.

Dunc, whose overall collegiate wrestling record now stands at 23-3, won the New England Intercollegiate heavyweight championship this year, the only Amherst wrestler to garner similar honors.

Patten is a graduate of the Cranbrook School and a member of the Phi social fraternity.

## Little League Starts Action

Birmingham Little League will distribute its player application slips through schools Monday in preparation for its fifth baseball season.

Boys eight to 12 interested in trying out will be given a week to return the forms with their parents' signatures to teachers, who will have them turned in at tryouts which begin April 16.

As in other years, National League candidates will report at Pierce Field and would be American Leaguers at St. James.

GLENN M. EMERY, president of the Birmingham Little League, announced that this year boys will have to produce birth certificates to prove their age, a national policy which local officials have not enforced in past years.

Birth certificates will not be required until the player auction has been held May 2. Boys "bought" by Little League teams will be entering their birth certificates to the first team practice.

Age verification will also be required of those returning from the 1954 teams, Emery warned.

LAST YEAR more than 600 boys participated in Little League baseball here. Even more are expected out this spring.

Boys living north of Maple or in that section east of Woodward between Lincoln and Maple are in National League territory. Others belong to the American League.

Boyd Simmons, American League president, said the board is considering a third league this spring.

"National officials tell us we have more candidates out for our two uniformed leagues than any place in the country," Simmons said.

"THE RECREATION board has another diamond available to us but we would have to raise an additional \$1,500 by June 1 to get under way with a third league. We will decide at our next board meeting whether to try it."

Simmons and Arthur W. Farrell, National League president, said they are planning to expand the tryout program this spring to give each boy a better chance to show what he can do.

Details will be worked out at a meeting with the managers, they said. Evening tryouts by age groups are being considered.

BOYS league age is the age he will be on July 31, the last day of the season. Each uniformed team is made up of five 12-year-olds, five of 11 and five more ten or under. Unsuccessful candidates are assigned to the 20 minor or "farm" league teams which also play regular schedules.

★ Smile a Minute . . . Stout Woman—I want to return this washing machine. Salesman—Why, what's wrong with it? Stout Woman—Every time I get in the thing the peddles knock me off my feet.

## Future Plan of Eton Park Development

Year-round recreation for the young and old and for the entire family can become a reality to each Birmingham resident for a mere \$1.05 a year.

This is the observation of the city Recreation board in the recommendation made to the city commission for construction of recreational facilities at Eton Park.

The proposal for a general obligation bond issue in the amount of \$125,000 will appear on the April 4 ballot. "In its adoption or rejection by the people lies the success or failure of Birmingham's attempt to expand a more comprehensive recreational program," said Hollie Reese of the Recreation board.

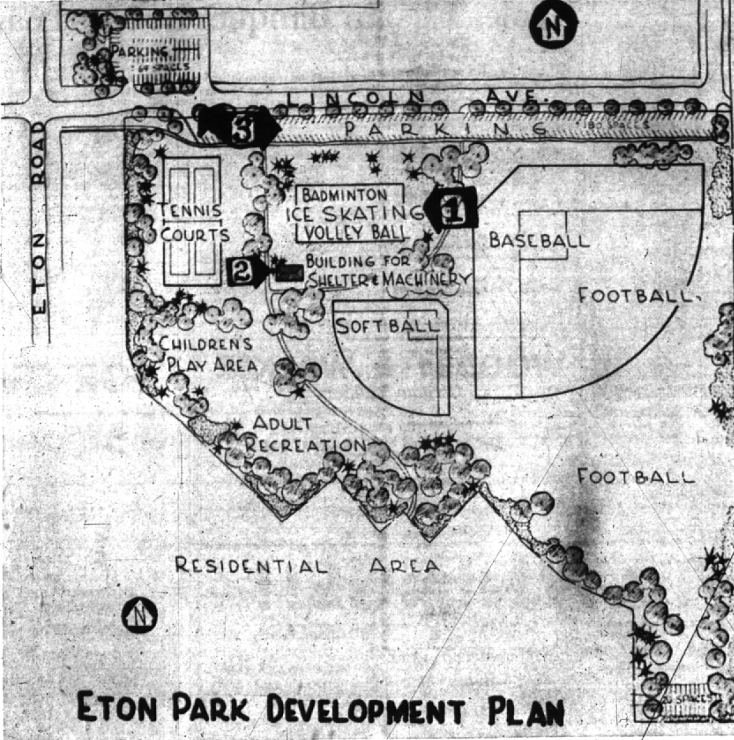
PROVIDED in the plan is a completely surfaced area, 115 x 215 with a 10 foot fence enclosure, which will include facilities for multiple summer and winter activities.

Shown in the drawing on the right, which was prepared for the city commission, is how the new facilities will look in comparison with the rest of the park.

Arrow ONE shows the proposed artificial ice rink measuring 85 x 185 which for the summer can be converted into tennis, basketball, badminton and shuffle board areas.

ARROW TWO shows the proposed building which will include shelter, rest rooms and machine storage rooms.

ARROW THREE designates the location for the parking lot which takes up \$15,000 of the total amount in the bond issue. The lot will be readily accessible for all of the park's facilities.



## ETON PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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## Troy Fails in Bid for "B" Title

By B. L. Kearns

Fast growing Troy high school may have just reached its fifth birthday, but in its short existence, the Coit basketball team gained tremendous prestige in its Class "B" ranks, and tried valiantly to accomplish something no other county team has done in 22 years.

Floyd Bailey called 15 and 13 points respectively for Troy.

The Troy mentor has stacked his cage gear away for the season, but has the depressive thought of losing four starters of this year's squad, that finished with 17 wins in 23 games.

TROY

J. Adams	1	1	1	1	1
J. Bernard	1	1	1	1	1
Moore	1	1	1	1	1

Buchanan	11	11	11	11	11
St. James	11	11	11	11	11
Phenix	11	11	11	11	11
Concord	11	11	11	11	11
Halftime: Buchanan 27, Troy 24					

## New Golf Fees Approved for Springdale Course

New and special golf rates for the Springdale municipal course were approved by the Birmingham City Commission Monday afternoon upon recommendation of Bob Fauteck, Superintendent of Springdale Park.

Fauteck also announced the golf program for the 1955 season, which included expansion of the Springdale course leagues and the Junior Golf Program.

UNDER THE NEW rate plan, the membership card would be decreased from \$3.00 to one-dollar, and weekly rates would permit members to golf all day for one dollar rather than 75 cents for nine holes which was the rate last year.

Last season, golfers could play only nine holes on weekends and holidays for \$1.25 plus 50c for each additional nine holes. A new Springdale course would be \$1.50 for all day of golf.

An innovation which was included for the purpose of giving added advantage to the golfer who plays frequently is the all-season plan for only \$25.00.

"THE NEW seasonal fee will encourage more play and be an advantage for the beginner or the golfer who likes to play four or more times a week," said Fauteck.

With intention of expanding the golf program for children between eight and 14 years of age, a new Junior Program fee was approved. Under the plan, children between these ages would be permitted to golf on Mondays and Thursdays for only 35 cents.

One rule which would remain intact is the limitation of membership strictly to residents of Birmingham, and to permit each cardholder to have three non-residents as guests.

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Two 16mm sound-color movies featuring football and hunting will be shown Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Farm's Sporting Goods, 4310 N. Woodward.

The first feature will show the highlights of the Detroit Lions 1954 season and the championship game against the Cleveland Browns that year.

Hunting enthusiasts will see a back-sight presentation on duck hunting called "Whispering Wings." There is no admission.

Application forms are now being accepted at the course and opening of the links is expected within the next two weeks.

Fauteck also explained that the Junior Golf Program would again include six weeks of free instruction and conclude with a junior tournament. The instructions would get underway on the first Monday after the schools close for the summer.

NEW SPRINGDALE COURSE RATES

Week Days	\$1.50 (All Day)
Sat., Sun. & Holidays	\$1.50 (All Day)
Tuesday	50c (After 6:00 p.m.)
Season Plan	\$25.00 (All Season)
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## Daily Workouts for 100 Maple Thinclads Start

By Bruno Kearns

Coach Kermit Ambrose has nearly 100 candidates vying for positions on the Maple track squad at daily workouts in the indoor dirt annex of BHS, but the quantity of manpower his concern will be to find capable replacements for the top performers lost from his outstanding 1954 squad.

"It's always hard to lose the leading boys on any squad," said Ambrose, "but our prospects are still pretty bright with a few sophomore replacements coming up," he added.

The Maples, unbeaten last year in seven dual meets, will engage eight dual meets this season and participate in five other championship meets.

GRADUATION of Russ Hibbard, the team's leading pointmaker and shot putter Chuck Erickson were the most serious losses for the Maples. Hibbard, the high jump artist who finished second in the regionals and third in the state meet last year, held the team scoring honors with 68 1/2 points. Erickson was the EML and regional Shot Put champ.

Gordon Pade, a hurdler who amassed 46 1/2 points last season and John Appleford, a dashman with 44 points, will also participate in the high jump events.

## BHS Champs Feted at Stites Home

Head coach John Petrakis and members of the EML championship Maple basketball team were among the 21 guests feted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stites, 528 Bates Street, Sunday afternoon.

Honored for their fine season in winning the Class "A" title of the EML, the guests were presented with a huge cake which was covered with colorful icing decorations and measured 9" wide, 20" long and 6" high.

George Stites, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stites, who is now a senior at BHS, was cited for winning his 17th letter as the student manager of the Maple football, basketball and baseball teams for the past six years.

## STRENGTH of the 1955 squad appears to lie in the 100, 220 and 280 events with lettermen Bill Dove, John Appleford and Dave Long returning as the top point men.

Among the promising newcomers Coach Ambrose is especially pleased with sophomores Doug O'Callahan in the shot put and pole vaulter Bill McFarlan. O'Callahan was awarded the shot put 44 1/2 during the workouts.

Ambrose said he hoped to go outdoors on the Pierce field track next week to prepare for the April 19th opener against Southfield.

Apr. 19—Southfield at Birmingham  
Apr. 22—Warrenville at Birmingham  
Apr. 27—Mt. Clemens at Birmingham  
May 1—Hazel Park at Birmingham  
May 10—Wayne Belays at Redford  
May 17—Albion Invitational at Albion  
May 11—Parade at Ferndale  
May 13—EML Meet at Mt. E. Detroit  
May 14—Class "A" Meet at Detroit  
May 17—East Detroit at E. Detroit  
May 21—Class "A" State Meet at Detroit  
May 23—EML Meet at Hazel Park  
May 25—Port Huron at Birmingham  
June 2—EML Meet at Hazel Park

## GAA Bowlers End Season

Last Thursday closed the final bowling match of the season for GAA bowlers. The girls have been in town and individual competition for the past 11 weeks.

The top bowler this year for her third consecutive win was Ethel Roehm. Runner-up to Ethel were Martha McDonald and Carol Peck.

Team 8 took first place honor. It consisted of Nancy Palmer, Bonnie Fisher, Darlene Pollock, Roberta Platner, and captain Pat Rander. Second place team was team 4. Ann Spoelstra, captain, and in third place was team 6, Ethel Roehm captain.

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Baseballs	\$1.25 up

ANNOUNCING . . . month-long Golf Clinic in conjunction with the Birmingham Recreational Department under Bob Fauteck, Springdale. There will be no admission for the clinic which starts the evening of April 5 at the Varsity Shop, April 12th at the high school gym and April 23rd at Springdale Park.

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