

out of sports

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Which would you, Birmingham resident, be willing to sacrifice if you could be made between giving up \$1,000 a year from your budget or allowing, and the well-being of the city's youth.

ETHICALLY and deep down in your heart you know there would be no monetary value of sacrifice big enough if it meant keeping your sons and daughters out of the grasp of juvenile crime.

THE RECREATION facilities offered in proposal number 628 cannot guarantee to end every thing considered as juvenile delinquency, but like the cold fall which kills not the cold but its discernment, the success of this program is more than an office of prevention.

Winter recreation is still in Birmingham. The ice rink can stimulate good wholesome fun for the entire family, and spur the skating and other interests of the young athletes.

SUMMER facilities are mediocre in Birmingham. By converting the same proposed recreation area to tennis courts, shuffle board lanes, outdoor basketball would be more comprehensive.

Local Student Has College Sports Job

Harvey Peters Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Peters, 1725 Kirkshire, is sports editor of the Wittenberg college "Torch," student weekly newspaper.

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Coach Hopeful Maple Nine Will Defend Title

There is strong reason to believe that Birmingham high school will successfully defend its EML baseball title this season, despite the loss of seven lettermen from the 1954 squad that won nine of 10 games.

Maple coach Lew Parry is not boasting, he is just hopeful that adequate replacements among the 50 spring candidates will fill the losses.

"Our hitting may not be as strong, but we will have our three leading pitchers back with more respect, which should help us," said Parry.

SENIOR HURLER Dick Shephard, who won six and lost one last season, leads the returning mound staff with junior Larry Milford also slated for starting duties.

Milford had a 2.0 mark and did a fine job in relief and as a starter last year, according to Parry.

Third member of the returning staff is Larry Howard, winner of one game without a loss as his 1954 record.

Except for first base, infield positions will be filled by township. The return of Tom Beck to the squad gives Parry an adequate replacement for shortstop Bill Allen, the team's leading hitter who was graduated.

BECK fractured his ankle sliding in the third game of the season last year and was put out of action. He is a senior and rated by coach Parry as a good hitter with plenty of speed.

The hot-corned has Bill Watkinson, a senior who led the team in assists last year, back in his position. Junior letterman Bill Deer at second base, rounds out the catchers in the infield except for letterman Kirk Flack, senior backstop who was one of the team's 300 hitters a year ago.

THE OUTFIELD presents more of a problem for Parry. Holdover Dan Cornia is back in center, but the outfield is on the other side of him is open for grabs.

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THE BOARD voted to split the Birmingham school district into three parts.

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COACH PETRAKIS SHELDON FRANK WHITNEY LEWIS
Maple Award Winners Are Congratulated At Sports Banquet. (Eccentric Photo)

Basketball and Swim Teams Share Honors at Banquet

Champions received their due honor in the Maple room of Birmingham high school before an estimated 200 people Tuesday night.

The Maple basketball and swimming teams, each claiming EML titles in their respective sports, were paid tribute by their coaches, parents and guests, and a total of 34 athletes were named as recipients of letter awards.

HEAD BASKETBALL coach John Petrakis announced the names of 15 letterwinners from his cage squad, and Athletic director Frank Whitney, in the absence of swimming coach Jgy Myers, named 19 tank letterwinners.

Coach Myers was unable to attend the banquet due to the illness of his wife in Rochester, Minn.

THE GOLDSMITH award, given annually to the outstanding member of the swimming team, was presented by Whitney to senior captain Doug Lewis, the little but congenitous 125-pound tank star, who led BHS to the EML title. Among his numerous records is the school's 300 yard freestyle mark.

Coach Petrakis briefly advanced up his basketball team's success in the league championship, and praised the Maples' "desire and hard work" in bringing BHS the title.

TOASTMASTER for the affair was the Rev. Robert D. Dewey, minister of the Congregational church of Birmingham, and general chairman were Mrs. John Allen, Jr. and Mrs. James K. Lewis for swimming and Mrs. Harvey S. Peters and Mrs. James Traa for basketball.

Pro Football Lures Tracy From Tennessee Gridiron

Canadian football has lured Birmingham's Tom Tracy from the University of Tennessee where he starred on the gridiron for the past two years.

According to Gus Manning, sports publicity director at the school, the former Birmingham high school star left the University last week, and since then his whereabouts have not been known.

IN AN EXCLUSIVE report to The Eccentric, Manning said that Tracy "had become ineligible for the baseball team this spring because of failing a course and he was somewhat disturbed by the fact."

"We tried to persuade Tom to make up some credits during summer school," said Manning, "but Tracy thought he could not keep up with his class work."

Several Canadian football offers were tempting Tracy, and it was learned from a University spokesman that the Ottawa Roughriders signed him to a contract on Monday.

PLAYING fullback and halfback for Tennessee for the past two seasons, Tracy was rated as one of the finest backs in the South. He was a member of the All-Southeastern Conference team in 1954 with a running mark of 794 yards in 115 carries for an average of 6.7 yards a try.

Bowden Wyatt, the Vols' new head football coach was planning to use Tracy strictly at fullback and he was ready to build Tennessee's 1955 fortunes around the local lad.

"He would have easily won All-American honors at fullback next season," said one of the school's athletic spokesmen.

WHILE Birmingham high school Tracy won letters in football, basketball and baseball, and he was one of the most sought-after players of the Detroit area in recent years before going to Tennessee.

Tracy's mother, Mrs. David H. Thompson, now residing in Rochester, Mich., was upset over the news of Tom's departure from the Tennessee school.

"Tom did not tell me of his plans to leave school, and I am upset not knowing of his whereabouts," said Mrs. Thompson, on Tuesday.

Local Sportsmen Elected to Office

Bill Bosserman, Birmingham sportsman, is the newly elected second vice-president of the Oakland County Sportsmen Club at Westford.

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Six Net Lettermen Among 20 Maples In Early Drills

SIX lettermen are among the 20 terms candidates that opened drills at Birmingham high school. Returning veterans John Van Alstyne, Pat Marshall, Toby Wells, Bill Swaney and Ed Siskel, along with several new prospects should give the netters a tight season.

Coach Harold Newcomb said he plans to cut the squad to 14 men.

LAST YEAR Birmingham compiled a perfect dual meet record plus the Regional title and a runner-up spot in the League meet.

The Maples open with an exhibition match at Detroit's Cooley high school, and then begin league competition against Mt. Clemens after spring vacation.

THE 1955 TENNIS SCHEDULE

April 27 at Mt. Clemens
May 4 at Hazel Park
May 10 at Grand Rapids
May 11 Ferndale
May 17 at East Detroit
May 19 at Fort Huron
May 21 Regional Meet
June 1 League Meet
June 3 State Meet

Clinic and Film Set For Golf Enthusiasts

A clinic and a pair of golf films will be offered to link enthusiasts Tuesday evening April 5 at the Varsity Shop, 277 Perc.

Supintendent of the Springdale course, Bob Fauteck will be the clinic instructor, and movies "Golf Rules and Etiquette" featuring Ben Hogan and "Famous Fairways" is being offered through the courtesy of the National Golf Foundation.

Set YMCA Banquet

The Birmingham YMCA's church basketball league will hold its annual Recognition Night banquet for member teams at the First Methodist church, Monday April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the church or at the YMCA until April 5 and no tickets will be sold at the door.

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