RECREATION ROUNDUP

SWIMMING at Barnum pool on Saturday mornings 9:00 to 12:00 noon, beginning January 5, 1957. Register now by calling or coming in to the Birmingham Recreation Dept., Municipal Bldg., register before December 21.

Registration for the second session of swimming at Barnum Pool, Saturday mornings, is now in full swing. The second session will begin January 5, 1956, and will continue for 10 weeks; the cost is $2.00 for the ten lessons. Registration is open until December 21 and according to Birmingham Recreation Director, Robert E. Girardin, there is still space available in some of the classes. Call or stop at the Birmingham Recreation Department in the Municipal Building.

THERAPEUTIC SWIMMING, Barnum pool, Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00. Only requirement is a doctor's certificate which should be on file in the Recreation Office. There is no charge for the swimming.

ADULT NIGHT, Birmingham high school gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights. There will not be a session on December 25, December 27, or January 1, 1957. There will be adult night on December 18, and December 20. Come out and take part in the fun and activities such as shuffleboard, badminton, basketball, volleyball, fencing, boxing, and golf driving. A fee of 25c is charged.

SLED AND SKI SLOPES, located at 14 Mile and Cranbrook. To be ready for free sledding and skiing when the weather permits.

NATURAL ICE RINKS are located at Poppleton, Pembroke, St. James, and Quarton school for ice skating. The rinks will be flooded December 21 if the weather allows.

ETON PARK ICE RINK, located at Eton & Lincoln roads. Schedule available at the rink or at the Recreation office. Pre-schoolers through golden agers learn to skate by using Miss Heard's instructional methods.

Under the Recreation Director, Robert E. Girardin, Eton Park Ice Rink is a lively place these crisp winter days. Saturday was the first skating lesson for the tiny tots. On Saturday, December 22 at 1:00 p.m., a Christmas party will be held for these youngsters with prizes, games, and refreshments. A New Year's Party is going to be another big event, with noisemakers and party favors.

Watch for more news on these holiday parties. For those of you who have not joined in the recreation family plan, why not visit this popular gathering place for all ages.

CALL SANTA CLAUS. Children of the Birmingham school district, let your Christmas wishes be known. The Birmingham Recreation department has acquired a direct line to Santa Claus' work shop. Call Midwest 6-7227 between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and talk to either Santa or Mrs. Claus. Call December 10 to December 14 and December 17 to December 21.

BOWLING SCORES

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	Won	Lost	Avg.
The Eccentric	34½	16½	671
Rosemund Hills	36½	15½	666
Princeton Prep	31½	20½	66
Twin Pines	31	21	65
B.W. Controller	29½	22½	67
Tibbits Contractor	29	23	672
Whitmer Real Est. & Ins.	27	25	66
Manus Dist.	27	25	62
Volpe Dance Studio	26	26	71
B'ham Office Supply	26	26	65
Kaiser	18	33½	58
Casa Mia	16½	35½	585
Nat'l Bank	13	36	59
Vasbinder Inc.	13	39	56

Weekly High—J. Adams, 193 J. Adams, 493; B.W. Controller, 784; Manus Dist. 2239.

MICHIGAN GOLFERS on a golfing vacation recently at Pinehurst, N.C. held an informal tournament of their own. The nineteen members of the Birmingham country club were on the go playing golf all day. Left to right, bottom row: James G. Nick, Ray Maguire, Birmingham CC professional, Fred Burgess and Len Malis. Second row: Tom Clohecy, Harry Martin, Dale Burgess, Gale Stringer, Roland Nelson and Paul Canstein. Third row: Elmer Ellstrom, Anton Joen, Edward Linstrom, Charles Granader, John Brennan, Harold Hurkett, and Ted Chick. Fourth row: Edward Grabowski and Gene Tappero.

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friends and acquaintances is wide as the Pacific ocean, including bank presidents to short order cooks.

In business Buerge is closely identified with The Birmingham Eccentric, a paper which he has represented for the past 15 years in the advertising department. He has also been very active in service club programs. This year he was honored by being elected president of the Birmingham Lions club.

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BY AND LARGE officials have a thankless job which doesn't gain any attention unless it is all critical. No—This Is Your Life, or homey visits from Edmund R. Murrow for these men. Most fans would do well to consider the frightening possibilities if they didn't have the "Ref" around to control the game and protect the players from illegal maneuvers.

Hal's start in the officiating business parallels the story of most men—usually former athletes who have a strong desire to stay close to the game. After completing his high school sports at Reed City, Michigan, Hal worked the school's practice games. On one game trip to a nearby town the assigned official failed to arrive, so Hal stepped in. He did a creditable job and other coaches soon requested his services. Eventually his reputation spread and more and more games came his way. Moving to Birmingham didn't alter this sideline because local coaches also found him to be a capable and efficient man.

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IN A NORMAL year Hal will work 25 football and 40 basketball games, both high school and college contests. One of the busiest years was in 1948 when he called 38 football and 77 basketball contests.

In football Buerge usually operates as the referee in a three-man team. The "Ref" is the head man on the field, assessing penalties and controlling the ball game.

With all the running about on the floor and field, dodging in and out of rapid traveling players, he has received only one serious injury in 20 years of officiating. In a grid game at Clarkston, a tackled halfback fell across his leg, resulting in a fracture. Even this didn't dull his enthusiasm for the job.

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BUERGE WILL discuss rules, the game and players at the drop of a helmet and finds particular delight in going over complicated plays with his fellow officials.

His liking for this avocation is fully expressed when he said, "a man loves officiating like a man who goes hunting and fishing. To be a good official you must keep your head when everyone else has lost theirs.

Hal hopes to keep calling the games until it is physically impossible. But his biggest dream is—someday he might have the luck of becoming a Big 10 official, one of the most difficult jobs to gain.

But for now, its all fun and as he says, it keeps him young.

JOHN FOERSTER, (left) Birmingham senior, stands beside his father after being named as the 1956 recipient of the Lt. John Anderson Memorial Award at the annual Maple Fall Sports dinner. The award is given annually to a senior who best combines athletic proficiency with scholarship. Foerster was an autstanding lineman on the football team. Athletic director Frank Whitney, holding award, made the presentation.

Maple Swimmers Suffer the Breaks

After a terrific start in which they sank Highland Park, 61-35, Birmingham swimmers found things rough in their next two outings.

Last week the Maples lost to powerful Grosse Pointe, 56-40, and grimly placed in a tie for 11th in the Battle Creek Cereal Bowl relays.

Against Grosse Pointe, Birmingham took only three first places, but set four new school marks.

Bob Bechtel swam the 200-yard freestyle in 2:03.1, erasing his own record of 2:04.3, set the week before against Highland Park.

Pete Sintz did the 100-yard butterfly in 1:03 to break his school record of 1:06, and bettering the Grosse Pointe pool mark of 1:03.5.

Dave Cook broke the school record in the 120-yard individual medley doing the distance in 1:19 flat.

Another Maple mark that fell, getting Birmingham only a second, was the 160-yard medley relay record of 1:29.4. The quartet of Bechtel (breastroke), Sintz (butterfly), McGinnis (freestyle), and Steve Pew (backstroke), swam the medley in 1:28.3.

At Battle Creek, the Maples were dealt two hard-luck blows, when their butterfly relay team set a new record but was disqualified as the anchor man was judged leaving the starting blocks too soon, and the freestyle relay was discounted because of a muffed turn after the first three men had taken a large lead. Birmingham's time in the butterfly event was 1:53.

The Maples' backstroke relay consisting of Pew, Pete Palmer, Jim Walls, and Dave Smith, placed third behind winner East Grand Rapids, and second-place Jackson. The winning time was 1:59.5, Maples doing it in 2:02.

Birmingham placed sixth in the diving event.

Hosting team Battle Creek, won the relays with a total of 48 points. The Maples tied Allen Park for 11th.

Standings were:

Battle Creek 48, Lansing Eastern 46, East Grand Rapids 38, Ann Arbor 26, Jackson 24, Lincoln Park 19, Royal Oak 16, Fordson 12, Lansing Sexton 8, Plymouth 7, **Birmingham** and Allen Park 6, and Kalamazoo 3.

Birmingham opens its home slate tonight against Plymouth. The meet will start at 7:30 p.m.

39 Maples Get Stripes At Assembly

Members of Birmingham's cross country and football teams were given letters and certificates at the fall sports award assembly last week.

Boys that received letters for cross country were: Lynn Benn, Dick Boyd, Tom Fontaine, Steve Hunter, Phil Ingraham, Bill Landis, Bill McFarlen, Rich Riley, Gary Schack, Jay Stark, Steve Thorson, and Bob Benson.

Earning letters in football were: Jeff Ott, Bob Booz, George Miller, Tony Evangelista, Mike Nordstrom, Ron Sandberg, Ran Hamner, Bob Guyer, Dave Ritchie, Bob Stephenson, Dale Burrows, Bob Isbell, Dick Henderson, Jerry Rennell, Bill Yogus, Tom da Fonseca, Carlo Orlando, Jim Sechrist, Carson James, Dick Miller, Chuck Gibson, Dick Sokol, Jim Fry, Steve Pew, Pete Ritchie, John Forester, and Jack Palmer.

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MANAGERS AWARDED letters were: Dick Kaier, Jim Reid, Tom McDaniel, Barclay Gano, John Howell, and Joe Schlesinger.

In addition, varsity certificates were awarded Colin Stewart, Tom Watson, Ray Wilkinson, Harold Chappell, Gaer Guerber, Tom Chope, Howard Flint, Paul Camp, and Dave Muhlitner.

Reserve football certificates went to Jeff Atkinson, Ken Barker, Dave Berry, Tom Beuthien, Doug Booth, Jeff Boucher, Fred Buesser, Stephen Bugbee, Mike Brandt, Dave Carlisle, Phil Clohset, Leslie Danielson, Phil Debeaubien, John Duncan, Bob Gertz, Jim Griffin, Mark Hall, Bob Haskett, Mike Hines, Bob Innes, Mike Kinney, Roger Kissam and Harry Klimushyn.

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TOM LEVELY, Bob Lovell, Stan Madison, Steve Margrove, Ken Maurer, John Meade, John Muks, Ron Oliver, Ed Paeth, Pete Palmer, Jack Pricer, Wally Ross, Bill Ross, Phil Russell, Tom Schafer, Norman Shovan, Tom Sprung, Mike Livy, and Paul Zimmerman.

S'field LL Seeks State Tournament

Southfield Little Baseball League officials announced in a meeting Monday night that they are seeking to obtain the state tournament for Southfield next year.

Support of neighboring communities has been good, and the officials feel that Southfield has a good chance of being awarded the tourney.

In addition, plans were made to expand the league to 10 major and 10 minor league teams. In connection with this, committees were formed to study proposed rule changes. Among those suggested was that which would allow nine and 10-year-old boys to start and play entire games.

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IN THE PAST, many boys sat on the bench during crucial games.

Managers were appointed for the coming season. National League managers chosen were: D. R. Coutts, Braves; E. G. Carlson, Pirates; Robert Hall, Cardinals; Vic Marinch, Giants, and Bob Barrett, Dodgers.

American League managers will be: John Stipak, Tigers; Ellis Bennett, Red Sox; Gene Lombardi, Indians; Larry Markey, Yankees, and E. W. Speck, Orioles.

Safety and insurance programs were also discussed. The budget for the coming year and plans for raising funds were placed on the agenda for the next meeting to be held in late January. An announcement as to date and time of the meeting will be made shortly.

John Appleford Follows Bob's Grid-Steps

John Appleford, 3188 Bradway Bloomfield Township, was recently given his freshman football numerals at Dartmouth College. Appleford, a star left-halfback at Birmingham in 1955, played right-half and did the punting for the Dartmouth frosh.

He follows his older brother, Bob, into the college football ranks Bob quarterbacked Williams College through the 1956 season as a senior.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Appleford.

Winter Sports For B'ham GAA

Winter sports for the GAA at Birmingham are getting into full swing, with girls playing volleyball, swimming and bowling.

Volleyball, which meets on Tuesdays after school, has over 40 girls taking part. The annual student-teacher volleyball game was played Monday.

Water ballet, synchronized swimming, meets Wednesday nights. There will be a big splash Wednesday night when 120 girls try out. The theme hasn't been chosen yet.

Pins at the Birmingham bowling alley are really falling Thursday nights when 90 BHS girls are competing.

The first Thursday of each month, GAA has an open house. With the variety of seasonal sports there is always a large number of girls in attendance.

YMCA - Church Cage Year Starts

The Birmingham YMCA Church Basketball League gets into court action for their tenth consecutive season with opening games scheduled for Monday, December 10.

The eight member league is comprised of teams from churches in the Birmingham area including: First Presbyterian, First Methodist, Congregational church, Embury Methodist, St. James Episcopal, Lutheran Church of The Redeemer, First Baptist, and Community Church Congregational.

Games will be played Mondays and Thursdays at the Barnum school gym. Season starters pit St. James vs. Embury Methodist, 7 p.m., First Methodist vs. First Baptist, 8 p.m., and Congregational Church vs. First Presbyterian, 9 p.m.

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