Birmingham Teacher Has Fishy Story

News article which appeared in the Evening News of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and an item about Abie Swart who teaches in the Birmingham school system at Beverly elementary.

Swart got into a fight while on a brief vacation at the Sault. He won, and has evidence to prove it.

THE FIGHT was with a five-pound rainbow trout which hit the worm and spinner that Swart was casting in the lower St. Mary's river.

It was a tough struggle, Swart said, which lasted about 15 minutes before the big fish came to the net.

The hefty rainbow is one of the largest reported taken from the St. Mary's this season. Swart says he plans to enter it in a Detroit fish contest.

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Men in Blue Volunteer Time and Effort in LL

How many times have you heard the old familiar term "Play Ball" bellowed on the baseball diamond?

It is so familiar that most fans take it for granted whether the umpire is a paid professional or an unpaid volunteer trying to do his good deed for Birmingham youngsters in the Little League program.

Without these good samaritans of the Little League, who would be on tap to call balls and strikes and the close plays on the bases?

Most of the men who donate their services to the rather difficult job of officiating are men with only the best interest for the young players and the correct aspects of the game.

Giving up personal time and pleasure is quite a sacrifice for most people, yet these fellows are out on the field doing a job which meets with almost everyone's criticism.

Americans in general feel that second guessing the Ump, is one of the original rights proposed in the constitution.

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IN A NORMAL week the umpire will put in about six hours. This doesn't take into consideration the hours spent in the pre-season schooling and practice or the time that must be put into rule discussion and interpretation.

Bernard Danton, umpire for the Fedcral league, summed it up for most of the men in blue when he said, that umpiring was based on a interest in the kids and seeing sports played according to the rules and regulations of the game.

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ONE OF THE OFFICIALS in the group remarked that to be an umpire, one must have the tough skin of an alligator, the voice of a frog, the understanding of a school teacher, the patience of a good father, and the honesty of a supreme court justice plus the knowledge of the rules and the will to do a good job with youngsters.

Meeting these pre-requisites and many other extra qualities in the Little League are the arbitrators who see that these youngsters participate in the national pastime according to the rules of fair play.

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HERE ARE the men who the fans and players see in action behind the plate and on the bases for the various leagues.

National League

Stan Kelley, Chief. Vern Bryant; Don Wallace; Hal Meyer; Al Robertson; Fred Sheldon, Jr., James Flynn, Murray Stewart, Peter Grylls, Ed McCloy, Al Chadwick ,Bill Lutz; Tom Pykary.

American League

Jim Downey, Chief, Walt Riley; Bill Todd, Charles Fisher ,Jim Barbour; John Nahabedian; Gordon Mosher; Bill Thomas; Ed Pugh; Paul Mortimer; Bill McTighe; Rollie Reves.

Federal League

Don Fill, Chief; Don Clark, Bernard Danton; John Krull; Wallace Repinski Charles Melrow; Paul Schuster; Dean Nelson; Bob Senger.

TWO of the Federal league volunteer umpires pose together before one of their three games last week. Kneeling behind the chest protector is Bernard A. Danton and standing is Paul E. Schuster.

Wins Olivet Award

Star pitcher for the Olivet college baseball team this past season was Mike Hefferan, 608 Lakeview, Birmingham, who won two out of the school's three wins.

In addition to receiving his varsity award, Mike was named honorable mention All-MIAA as a pitcher.

OAKLAND HILLS country club's veteran tennis professional, William Horton, instructs one of his younger students in some of the finer points of stroking through with the racket. Observing him at the net is 9-year-old Cheryl Simons. Horton is returning for his fifth year at the club.

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Mich. Tech Honors Herb Schreiber, Jr.

At its annual varsity club banquet in honor of all lettermen in college, Michigan Tech presented to 22 graduating seniors the highest athletic award given by the college, the blanket award.

One of the school's outstanding athletes was Herb Schreiber, Jr., 18151 Sunnybrook, Lathrup Village. Herb was a varsity member of the swimming and track teams. The track squad elected him co-captain.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George Schreiber.

You will find many bargains in The Eccentric Classified Columns.

James MacFarlan Is Home on Leave

Pvt. James George MacFarlan, son of Mrs. Alex McVean of Webster avenue, Birmingham, has been home on leave since June 12. He will leave Sunday to report back to duty at Fort Lewis, Seattle, Wash., where he is stationed with the United States Army.

A graduate of Birmingham high school, he entered service in December, 1955, and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo. Shortly after his return to his base, he expects to be assigned to Alaska.

Reith Joins Board Of Drake University

F. C. Reith, 975 Arlington, Birmingham, vice president of Ford Motor company and general manager of the Mercury division, has been elected to the board of trustees of Drake University, Iowa's largest non-tax supported university. He was named to a three-year term.

Reith received his bachelor of commerce degree from Drake in 1936.

With its diversity of fruit crops, southwestern Michigan is often known as the "Fruit Basket of the Middle West."

Rockets Still Top B'ham Babe Ruth At Half Way Mark

Although the Rockets lost their second game to the Spartans this week they came out on top of the league for the first half of the season.

The Spartans set them down 7-0 with Rod Ruddy getting three RBIs and Bill Muenchlinger, who was the winning pitcher, accounting for two and Steve Weiner added another.

The Rockets took the Chiefs 10-3 making it six wins against two losses. Gene Apple led the RBI column with three while John Dixon and Roger Barrett drove in two runs each. Winning pitcher was Tim Springer.

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ON MONDAY the Barons came to life to beat the Wolverines 10-5 with a barrage of 16 hits. Ed Busch led the hitting spree with 5 hits for 5 trips to the plate. Phil Isbell put the first home run over the newly installed outfield fence. Sandy Barr received credit for the win.

In other games the Wolverines beat the Chiefs 11-5 and the Spartans downed the Barons 12-10.

STANDINGS

	W	L
Rockets	6	2
Spartans	5	3
Wolverines	4	4
Chiefs	3	5
Barons	2	6

The St. Marys' ship canal with the Soo locks at Sault Ste. Marie carries more traffic than the Panama, Suez and Kiel canals combined.

LITTLE LEAGUE

AMERICAN LEAGUE FIRST HALF BATTING STATISTICS

PLAYER	POS.	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT
PLAYER	POS.	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PCT.
Fleming	1B	Yankees	9	27	11	9	0	0	0	9	.500
Kalocsay	P-3B	Red Sox	8	59	12	14	0	0	0	15	.466
Oatman	1B	Indians	8	25	6	11	1	0	1	9	.449
Walton	P-SS	Yankees	9	28	7	11	2	0	1	3	.392
Townend	P-SS	Indians	8	23	10	9	2	0	1	9	.391
Harley	3B-P	Indians	9	18	8	7	0	1	1	9	.389
Ryan	3B-1B	Red Sox	9	28	5	11	4	0	0	4	.393
Gowing	C-P-1B	Yankees	9	31	7	11	0	0	1	2	.354
Mosher	C-OF	Indians	9	29	7	10	1	0	0	1	.344
Ward	2B-LF	Indians	9	27	5	9	1	0	0	1	.333
Murray	CF-C	Indians	8	25	2	8	0	0	0	6	.320
Pavarsky	C-P	Yankees	9	25	9	8	0	0	0	8	.319
Mortimer	C	Indians	9	22	8	7	2	0	0	2	.318
Cuoco	P-SS	Tigers	8	22	2	7	1	0	0	2	.318
Stevens	C	Red Sox	9	16	8	5	0	0	0	6	.313
Kirby	P-1B	Red Sox	9	27	8	8	2	0	0	1	.296
Steiner	C	Tigers	9	14	2	4	0	0	0	1	.286
R. McDonald	CF	Red Sox	9	25	1	7	1	0	0	4	.280
Flaik	1B	Tigers	9	22	1	6	0	0	0	3	.273
Gibson	RF	Red Sox	9	16	4	4	0	0	0	3	.250
Mills	LF	Yankees	9	16	4	4	0	0	0	3	.250
Jeynes	P-1B	Yankees	8	21	5	5	0	0	0	2	.238
McCracken	1B	Yankees	8	27	4	6	0	0	0	2	.226
Mathews	P-CF	Tigers	8	22	3	5	1	0	0	1	.226
VanHarten	2B	Tigers	9	18	4	4	1	0	0	1	.222
Heavenrich	SS	Red Sox	9	25	3	5	0	0	0	3	.200
Fleischmann	LF	Indians	7	5	2	1	0	0	0	2	.200
Martin	2B	Indians	9	26	3	5	0	0	0	2	.192
Shroyer	2B	Red Sox	9	23	0	4	1	0	0	0	.190
P. Springer	CF	Tigers	9	27	6	4	0	0	0	1	.181
Muenchler	C	Yankees	9	31	6	4	0	0	0	2	.166
Kenjosky	SS	Yankees	8	30	4	5	0	0	0	1	.166
T. Downey	RF	Yankees	6	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	.157
Foster	LF	Red Sox	9	19	2	3	0	0	0	1	.158
Sather	3B-SS	Tigers	8	13	1	2	0	0	0	0	.153
Diamond	CF	Indians	9	21	3	3	0	0	0	1	.142
King	LF	Indians	5	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	.142
Patton	2B	Yankees	8	15	1	2	0	0	0	1	.133
Hutton	SS-3B	Indians	9	18	3	2	0	0	0	3	.111
Savage	2B	Indians	8	15	2	1	0	0	0	1	.066
Sperlazdt	2B-1B	Tigers	8	17	2	1	0	0	0	1	.058
Correll	C-SS	Tigers	9	19	1	1	0	0	0	0	.052
M. Klein	LF	Tigers	4	19	1	1	0	0	0	0	.048
Angell	2B-RF	Yankees	9	21	3	1	0	0	0	0	.048
Kalocsay	RF	Indians	9	27	3	1	0	0	0	0	.037
Loupe	CF	Tigers	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Freiberg	2B	Red Sox	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
J. McDonald	SS	Red Sox	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
M. Springer	RF	Tigers	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kennedy	LF	Indians	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Jones	2B-LF	Red Sox	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Wisniewski		Yankees	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Cook	CF	Red Sox	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Conlan	RF	Yankees	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kurz	P-RF	Red Sox	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Fisher	RF	Tigers	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Schaefer	SS	Red Sox	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
P. Klein	2B	Tigers	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
R. Downey	RF	Yankees	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

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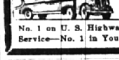

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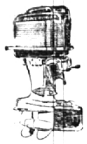

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