

Birmingham Tennis Club Ready for Another Season

MORE THAN 80 members and their friends of the Birmingham Tennis Club (B.T.C.) gathered for a social evening and dinner at Sylvan Glen Inn recently. Plans and preparations were made for a full summer of tennis activity among the club's players and other tennis organizations in the area.

Besides the enthusiastic tennis conversation, the affair was highlighted by the showing of the hour-long movie of the 1955 Davis Cup challenge round matches at Forest Hills.

Only members of this group who were on hand when the club was organized in 1946 are Leon Cranley and Ray Sackett. Sackett was president in 1950, '51 and '52. Bill Henderson is the 1956 president.

Twenty-five years ago a predecessor tennis club in Birmingham had three fine clay courts at the northeast corner of Pierce and West Lincoln.

The high wire fence and a couple of net posts are still there. The old club broke up and for almost ten years there was no B.T.C. largely because there was no place to play.

Initiatives was given to the present Birmingham Tennis Club, which in 1946 an arrangement was made with Kingswood School to use their five beautiful courts during the summer. From the close of school to the opening in the fall this arrangement has continued ever since.

THE B.T.C. and the Kingswood courts have been the scene of some of the best tournaments in this area since 1947. The annual fall Birmingham Tennis Club Invitational being one of the most



FORMER NATIONALLY ranked tennis stars gather with the president of the Birmingham Tennis Club at a banquet held recently at the Sylvan Glen Country Club. The avid players waiting for the opening of the courts are (left to right): Bill Henderson, president, Bob Faught, formerly of Notre Dame tennis and basketball fame a few years ago, played number two on the Notre Dame varsity and was a ranking National Junior player at the time famous Jack Kramer was a Junior.

Charles Jaych was captain and number one player of the Yale University team around 1930 or '31.

GIL BOGLEBY won the National Junior championship in both 1948 and '49, was captain of the Princeton University team and went on to win the Korean championships while in the service. Among his victories during his Junior championship days were Tony Trabert and Ham Richardson, who have since become world tennis figures.

A series of interclub matches is being arranged to test the playing skill of these and other B.T.C. members who will make up the team.

Hooker Electrochemical, DuPont and Union Carbide are several of the companies which have located in Michigan in recent years because of the state's large supplies of salt and brine. Iron, copper, limestone, and timber are several others of the state's most plentiful natural resources.

Cranbrook Lists Staff Additions At Summer Theatre

Joining the Cranbrook summer theatre staff as head of the junior division will be Kathleen Tenney, formerly of radio station WDR and now head of dramas at the Condon school, Detroit.

Taking over the Costume Department will be Alfreda Walls, head of home economics at the Cass technical high school. Patricia O'Connell of Purdue university will assist in the intermediate division, along with Jane Seymour of Wayne university.

Other staff additions include Joseph Barrett of Wayne university; Barbara Krajcna of Marygrove College; George Allen, technical Director of Cooley high school who now becomes technical director for the Cranbrook theatre; Barbara Biggs of Indiana University and Nana Adams of the University of Michigan graduate school.

Others are Peter Schmidt and Carole Torrey of the Cranbrook summer theatre, Nancy Wambarger of Michigan, and Robert and Malcom Usells of Cranbrook.

Senior production chiefs will be William Hollingsworth, head of drama at Cooley high school, Smith of the Detroit public schools, and Waldemar T. Garf, head of drama at the Detroit Lutheran high school.

The theatre school will open in the Greek theatre at Cranbrook on June 18 with a record enrollment. A few places are still available for men in the top divisions.

on sun-earth relationships. Both commencement exercises are held in Christ Church Cranbrook, Kingswood in the afternoon, and Cranbrook in the morning.

Cranbrook Schools Proclaim Speakers For Graduation

CRANBROOK—Two nationally known personalities will deliver the commencement addresses Saturday at Kingswood and Cranbrook schools.

George W. Romney, president and chairman of the board of American Motors corporation, will speak to the senior class of Cranbrook school, and Dr. Helen W. Dodson, associate professor of astronomy at the McMath-Hull observatory of the University of Michigan, will address the graduates of Kingswood school.

Romney, prior to becoming president of American Motors, served as a tariff specialist in Washington, D.C., and as a member of the American Automobile Manufacturers' association and managing director of the automotive golden jubilee in 1946.

Kingswood's speaker, Dr. Dodson, has entitled her address, "Look Skyward." She is the only woman member of the council of the American Astronomical society and is, according to her co-workers, "a little dynamo." She is recognized as an international authority

Wider Southfield Hearing July 2

Birmingham City Commissioner Harry Detyens' absence from Monday's meeting resulted in the postponement for a week of the hearing on special assessments for widening of Eton, from Lincoln north to Xenia streets.

One of the most controversial street improvements in recent years, residents, the city, and abutting business properties are not in agreement on the project's merits.

Necessity was approved on a 4-3 vote. The special assessments need at least a two-thirds majority.

Reported switch of one of the commissioners to a 3-3-foot, rather than 44-foot, seems to insure confirmation next week at a public hearing on the project.

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11—Birmingham at Pontiac, 6 p.m.

Fishing Boat To Take Y Group To Isle Royale
Birmingham YMCA has arranged for a one-week trip to Isle Royale, commencing Saturday, June 30, and running through Sunday, July 8.

A deep sea fishing boat has been engaged to accompany the party from Copper Harbor to Isle Royale and remain with the group during the entire trip.

The trip is open to men interested in a week of fishing, picture taking, nature study, hiking and outdoors. Cost of \$60 includes all expenses from Copper Harbor to the mainland. A son may accompany his father at a lesser fee.

Reservations may be made at the Birmingham YMCA by making a deposit of \$10—the balance to be paid one week before leaving.

For further information, telephone Ed Kierbit at the "Y."

McBride, Local Gymnast Stars at Univ. of Colorado

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A CLEAN ONE-ARM leap over the gym horse is made by Bill McBride, former graduate of Birmingham high school. McBride is presently a member of the University of Colorado gymnastics team. Recently he was elected captain of the team and is expected to continue his outstanding performances for the next season of varsity competition.

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