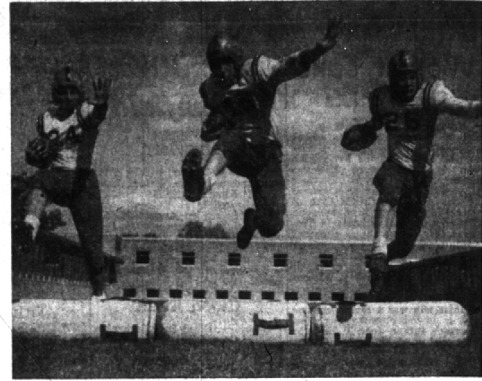
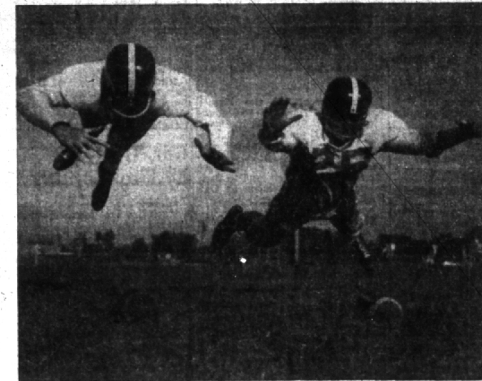


# They'll Be the Backbone of Maple, Blue Jay, Baron Squads



At left are the five of Birmingham high's '57 grid squad huddle. Left to right are Jim Sechrist, end; Rah Hammer, guard; Chuck Gibson, fullback; Dave Ritchie, quarterback, and Bob Stephenson, end. Center are Southfield high's two

line stalwarts, Center Todd Grant (left) and Guard Jim McCann, leap for a couple of loose footballs. Grant is 6-3 and weighs 188. McCann, moved from fullback to guard, tips the scales at 175. Right are the

three veteran backs bolstering hopes at Bloomfield Hills this fall. Left to right are Bob Elston, halfback; Jim Kearney, either fullback or halfback, and Doug Danziger, quarterback.

## Pace Quickens for Prep Gridders as Season Openers Near

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The Birmingham Eccentric  
**SPORTS**  
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**Big Date Only 8 Days Off; Coaches Study Newcomers**

The bossmen of the area's five prep football squads stepped up practice drills this week as the time left before the season's initial encounters grew shorter and shorter.

With just eight days remaining to shape a unit for those important Sept. 20 clashes, all five coaches scheduled key scrimmages for either Friday or Saturday.

A few minor changes in positions of returning letter winners took place during the early part of the week.

AND AS the pace quickened, several outstanding newcomers came under the scrutiny of coaches searching for youngsters to fill positions vacated by graduation.

Coach Don Hoff at Bloomfield Hills has his eye on a half-dozen new faces, several of whom might work into the Baron starting line-up.

Among the top new candidates at the Hills is Jack Kelchner, sophomore lineman and probable starting guard.

Another sophomore who will probably be starting somewhere for the Barons is Bill Martin. He's being tried at both center and fullback.

STARTING CENTER for the Barons is likely to be a junior up from the JV squad, Jim Ford.

Another junior, John Leslie, may be a starter at end for Hoff's club.

Dale Moneroff, a junior has looked good as a defensive line-backer for the Barons.

Southfield grid mentor Monte Charles has a couple of outstanding new linemen in Bob Rogers and Ray Durrer.

ROGERS, a senior, is out for the first time and has been worked into a defensive end position.

Durrer, a junior, is working at one of the guard berths for Southfield.

**Here Are the Schedules for B'ham Little Football Varsity, Frosh Play**

VARSITY	
Fri., Sept. 27—Wolverines vs. Browns, Pierce, 8:30 p.m.	Fri., Oct. 18—Spartans vs. Tigers, Pierce, 8:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 28—Tigers vs. Spartans, High school, 10:30 a.m.	Sat., Oct. 19—Wolverines vs. Browns, High school, 10:30 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 4—Spartans vs. Wolverines, Pierce, 8:30 p.m.	Fri., Oct. 25—Browns vs. Tigers, Pierce, 8:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 5—Tigers vs. Browns, High school, 10:30 a.m.	Sat., Oct. 26—Spartans vs. Wolverines, High school, 10:30 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 12—Tigers vs. Wolverines, High school, 10:30 a.m.	Sat., Nov. 2—Browns vs. Spartans, High school, 10:30 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 12—Browns vs. Spartans, Pierce, 10:30 a.m.	Sat., Nov. 2—Wolverines vs. Tigers, Pierce, 10:30 a.m.
JUNIOR VARSITY	
Fri., Sept. 27—Wolverines vs. Browns, Pierce, 7 p.m.	Fri., Oct. 18—Spartans vs. Tigers, Pierce, 7 a.m.
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### Season Tickets Now Available for B'ham High Football

Season tickets for 1957 Birmingham high school home football games are now available at the athletic office in Hill school, Chertter and Martin, according to Frank Whitney, athletic director.

A book of tickets for all six home games will cost \$6. The tickets are for reserved seats in the center of the stands or near the 50-yard line.

Individual game reserved seats may be obtained at the gymnasium lobby window on the night of the games, Whitney reports.

ALL GENERAL admission tickets will be 75 cents regardless of age.

Only two tickets—reserved and general admission—are to be sold for the coming season.

### S'field Sets Youngsters Harrier Sked To Play At Briggs

Southfield high's cross country squad will open its 157 harrier competition in two weeks, facing Redford Union at Southfield Sept. 20.

The squad will compete in eight regular-season meets, including a triangular with Farmington and Waterford and the Detroit Thurston invitational as well as the Inter-Lakes league meet Oct. 17.

The 1957 Southfield cross country schedule:

- Sept. 20—Redford Union (home)
- Sept. 24—Detroit Lutheran (home)
- Sept. 26—Ferndale (home)
- Oct. 1—VanDyke (home)
- Oct. 3—Detroit Thurston (away)
- Oct. 8—Walled Lake (home)
- Oct. 10—Triangular, Waterford and Farmington, at Farmington
- Oct. 15—Detroit Thurston Invitational
- Oct. 17—Inter-Lakes league meet at Wixom

## Walnut Lake Man Rebuilds Stoddard-Dayton—Vintage American Sports Car

By LES LINE Sports Editor

WALNUT LAKE—Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither was a Stoddard-Dayton.

And if you don't believe it, ask Don Harter. He's spent two years on the job already—and he'll spend the better part of another year before things are finished.

He'll often tell you it's not an overnight job.

For those of you wondering just what a Stoddard-Dayton is... it's one of the first American sports cars, appearing on the market about 1906—and disappearing, as did many of our early autos, just a few years later.

restoring.

AT THE TIME it was what vintage auto collectors refer to as a "basket case."

A collector down in Cleveland had started to rebuild the car and had it completely disassembled when he lost interest in the project. Don

bought the pieces for \$1,000, toted them back to Walnut Lake and began work.

After two years of work and \$3,000, the chassis has been restored, the motor rebuilt and the seats restored with fine leather upholstery. This latter work was done by a well-known professional

restorer in Pontiac. Don estimates he'll put another \$700 into the car before he's finished. All the body parts have to be completely made anew.

Don, who has made a thorough study of the history of the Stoddard-Dayton, could probably write a book on the history of the vehicle.

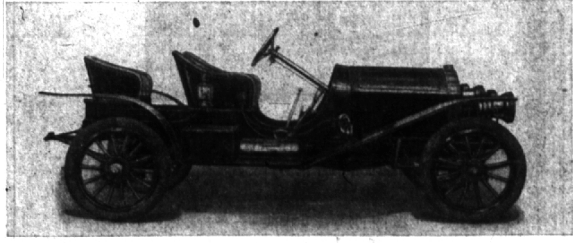
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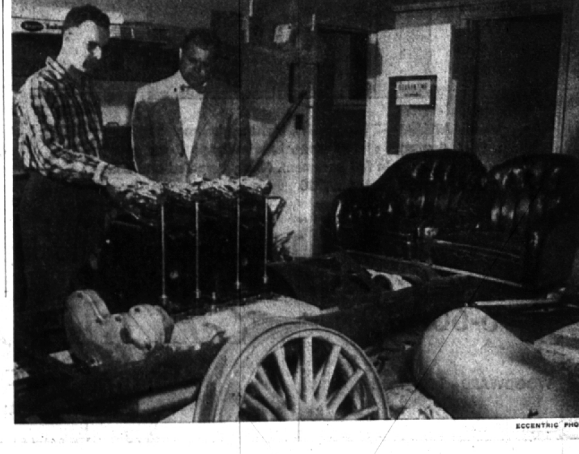
The Stoddards were a Dayton, Ohio, farm implement firm prior to 1905 when they decided to make cars. The first Stoddard-Dayton by the new firm, the Dayton Motor Car Co., appeared in 1906. In 1908 Dayton merged with the Columbia Motor Car Co., the Maxwell-Briscoe Motor Co., and Brush Runabout Co. into United Motors Co.

Benjamin Briscoe came from Buick to be president of the new firm. (See SPORTS CAR, Page 7-E)



The Sports Job of Yesteryear

"The drawing above shows a 1908 Stoddard-Dayton sports car, similar in nearly every detail to the 1910 Stoddard-Dayton being rebuilt by a Walnut Lake man, Don Harter, 6171 Idlewyle. The drawing was taken from a rare copy one of the auto firm's sales booklets in the possession of Harter. The 1908 sales price was listed at \$2,500. Right, Harter (left) points out features of the motor on the 1910 car he is



It was just about two weeks ago that George Bass phoned and asked that I drop by his office on the second floor of the Birmingham Theater building.

He muttered something about Venezuela, fishing and Field and Stream and hung up.

Befooled and more than a little bit curious, I stashed a few sheets of paper and a pencil in a jacket pocket and dodged raindrops the two odd blocks down Woodward.

Letters on a downstairs door read Bass Construction Co. A girl upstairs pointed out an open office door and told me to wait outside for a minute.

ENGROSSED in a telephone conversation, George Bass sat at a cluttered desk in the center of what could have passed for both the marine room of a small museum and the storeroom of some store.

On all four walls hung mounted fish—ranging from deep-sea specimens—dolphin, sailfish, swordfish, marlin—to two freshwater prizes that would make any frustrated weekend angler green with envy.

A COUCH and chairs held stacks of clothes and boxes of provisions. Other boxes were stacked on the floor about the room.

It wasn't the kind of office you'd expect a construction executive to occupy.

Bass motioned me to a chair next to his desk after ending his conversation. He handed me a copy of the August issue of Field and Stream, a stack of photographs, another stack of papers and started talking.

I listened and thumbed through the magazine photographs as Bass told of a trip that was every bit as fabulous as it may sound—a trip to the sportman's new frontier—Venezuela.

BASS IS a director of Field and Stream magazine. At the invitation of the Venezuelan government, he, his wife and A. J. McClane, a staff writer for the magazine, headed south, along with others, to survey the country's fishing and hunting potential.

McClane was to do the first of two articles for Field and Stream, handling inland fishing and hunting. Bass, who with his wife, a well-known model as well as a fishing expert, has held at one time or another 25 world big-game-fish records, was to do a second article covering saltwater fishing.

The party had spent six weeks last Spring in Venezuela. Bass' boat, "Sambo," had been the first United States sport-fishing boat to enter Venezuelan waters.

NOW BASS was returning for three more weeks for photographs and final material for his article. He was to leave the next day.

Therefore the clothes, provisions and the men entering and leaving his office carrying various boxes and packages.

He described the fishing there as "phenomenal." His photographs backed him up—giant white and blue marlin, tuna and others.

Venezuela, he said, is a fabulous discovery for the sports world. But there are a few "catches," he added.

CHARTER BOATS just aren't available. With the exception of two government-owned boats—and those have been in service only (See A LINE, Page 7-E)