

# Cage Job to Parry; Tassio, Carson Get Baseball, JV Posts

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Sports Editor

Confirmation of the expected appointment of Lew Parry as Birmingham high school's head basketball coach came today from the board of education, along with announcement of two other changes in the Maple coaching staff.

Parry replaces John Petrakis, who has resigned after seven years at the Birmingham cage helm.

Sam Tassio, now assistant football coach, will take over Parry's head basketball duties. The new basketball mentor is being relieved of the spring sports post at his own request.

Tom Carson, head tennis and assistant football coach, will take over Parry's reserve basketball job.

ALL THREE MOVES will become effective at the close of this school year. No action has been



SAM TASSIO



TOM CARSON

Parry, 1919 University of Michigan graduate, has been head basketball and assistant basketball and football coach at Birmingham the past seven years. He coached at Bowling two years before joining the staff here.

Official announcement of the three coaching shifts came from Dr. Carson.

THIS IS TASSIO's second year at the Birmingham staff, both as reserve football coach.

Tassio joined the Birmingham staff in the fall of 1956 as football assistant. He was head baseball coach at Troy for two years prior to taking the post here, and also coached Troy's reserve football team one year.

A 1947 graduate of Iowa State Teachers college, Tassio was head coach of all variety sports at Garrettsburg, Ia., a year and then coached football coach three years at Dubuque, Ia., before taking the Troy post.

He has a master's degree from the University of Michigan and is drivers training instructor at Birmingham high.

CARSON JOINED the Birmingham staff in the fall of 1953 following his graduation from Michigan State university. He was assistant football, head baseball and junior high basketball coach at Lansing, Resurrection high school three years, while attending MSU.

His first coaching chores at Birmingham included freshman basketball, reserve football and track assistant. He coached the freshmen basketball team three years until the junior high school, and later came to the assistant track duties, coaching two years, and is high school physical education instructor.

ACCORDING to Dr. Carson, Carson has requested he be relieved of the tennis position if a replacement can be found. The job, Dr. Carson adds, will not be filled until a check is made of the qualifications of new teachers coming into the Birmingham school system.



## No Humps, No Bumps

Lathrup Little Leaguers will have smooth running this summer. Lathrup dads got together with grass seeders and rakes recently and the diamonds will soon be ready for the potential big leaguers. Pushing the seeders, from left, are Jack Goldard, Chuck Fritz, Henry Ohrt, Jack Berner and Mike Kratz.



## Birmingham's Church Champs

First Presbyterian won this season's Birmingham YMCA church basketball crown. Kneeling, from left: Hugh Thompson, Gary Shannon, Ed Phelps, Fraser Coles, Tom Kershner and Ray Hudson. Standing, from left: Coach Dave McArthur, Gordon White, John Robinson, Dave Keyser, Bob Proctor, Tom Chope, Harold Chappell and Bob Gertz.



## Ypsilanti Highlights

Birmingham's junior pole vault ace, Bill Alcorn, clears the bar at 11-6 (above) in Saturday's third annual Eastern Michigan college, Ypsilanti. He went on to win the event, clearing 12 feet 4 inches, the best mark of his career. Maple thinclads took two firsts and a second in the big indoor event, the second coming in the two mile relay (left). Jim Reilly starts on the third 880 leg of the race after taking a handoff from Fraser Coles (left in the photo).

## Spring Sports Skeds

Birmingham

### Baseball

April 29—East Detroit (H)  
May 6—Kimball (A)  
May 8—Ferndale (H)  
May 13—Hazel Park (A)  
May 15—Port Huron (A)  
May 23—Mount Clemens (H)  
May 27—League Meet  
May 28—Cranbrook (A)  
June 3—League Meet

### Track

April 18-19—Mansfield (Ohio) Relays  
April 23—East Detroit (A)  
April 26—Kimball (H)  
May 2—Ferndale (A)  
May 3—Central Michigan Relays  
May 6—Hazel Park (H)  
May 9—Cranbrook (A)  
May 10—Monroe Relays  
May 14—Flint Northern (H)  
May 20—League Reserve Meet  
May 27—Mount Clemens (A)  
May 31—League Meet  
June 4—League Meet

### Golf

April 29—Kimball (H)  
May 6—Hazel Park (H)  
May 8—Poniatz (A)  
May 13—Port Huron (H)  
May 23—Poniatz (H)  
May 26—Poniatz Press Invitational  
May 27—Mount Clemens (A)  
June 3—Dundore (A)  
June 3—League Meet

### Tennis

April 18—Bloomfield Hills (A)  
April 23—Cranbrook (H)  
April 29—East Detroit (H)  
May 6—Kimball (A)  
May 8—Ferndale (H)  
May 12—Northville (A)  
May 13—Hazel Park (A)  
May 16—Port Huron (A)  
May 19—Cranbrook (H)  
May 27—Mount Clemens (H)  
June 4—League Meet

### Cranbrook

#### Baseball

April 8—Poniatz (A)  
April 12—Assumption (H)  
April 15—Berkley (H)  
April 19—Flint Northern (H)  
April 22—Detroit Catholic (H)  
April 26—Flint Central (A)  
April 30—Dearborn (H)  
May 4—Hamtramck (H)  
May 10—Western Reserve (H)  
May 14—Flint Central (H)  
May 15—Dearborn (A)  
May 17—Nichols (A)  
May 21—Poniatz (H)  
May 22—Ferndale (H)  
May 24—Assumption (A)  
May 27—Flint Northern (H)  
May 28—Birmingham (H)  
May 31—Shady Side (H)  
June 3—Hamtramck (H)  
June 6—Dundore (H)  
June 7—Taylor Center (H)

### Track

April 15—Triangular, Berkley and Utica (H)  
April 18—Walled Lake (H)  
April 25—Ferndale (H)  
April 26—Kennedy (A)  
May 1—Detroit Catholic (H)  
May 2—Central Michigan Relays  
May 6—Triangular, East Detroit and Orchard Lake St. Mary's (H)  
May 9—Birmingham (H)  
May 14—Hamtramck (H)  
May 21—Waukeville (H)  
May 31—League Meet

### Tennis

April 15—Grosse Pointe (H)  
April 18—Grosse Pointe (A)  
April 22—Hamtramck (A)  
April 23—Kimball (H)  
April 25—Birmingham (H)  
April 30—Kimball (H)  
May 4—University (A)  
May 7—Dearborn (H)  
May 10—Western Reserve (H)  
May 14—Hamtramck (H)  
May 17—Nichols (A)  
May 19—Birmingham (H)  
May 20—Grosse Pointe University (H)  
May 27—Ferndale (H)  
May 31—League Meet

### Bloomfield Hills

#### Baseball

April 17—Oak Park (H)  
April 21—Milford (A)  
April 24—Clarencville (H)  
April 28—Northville (H)  
May 1—Brighton (A)  
May 4—West Bloomfield (A)  
May 8—Holly (H)  
May 12—Clarkston (H)  
May 14—Clarencville (A)  
May 19—Northville (H)  
May 22—West Bloomfield (H)  
May 27—Oak Park (A)

### Track

April 15—West Bloomfield (H)  
April 23—Triangular, Orchard and Oak Park (H)  
April 30—Triangular, Milford and Oak Park (H)  
May 7—Triangular, West Bloomfield and Northville (H)  
May 14—Triangular, Clarkston and Clarencville (H)  
May 20—League Meet

### Golf

April 21—Holly (A)  
April 22—Milford (H)  
April 28—Holly (H)  
April 30—Oak Park (A)  
May 1—Brighton (A)  
May 7—Triangular, West Bloomfield and Northville (H)  
May 13—Oak Park (H)  
May 20—Triangular, West Bloomfield and Holly (at Pontiac)  
May 22—League Meet  
May 26—Poniatz Press Invitational

# Maple Thinclads Cop Two Firsts, Second In Indoor Ypsi Meet

YPSILANTI—Birmingham high's tracksters were forced to take a back seat to fine aggregations from Pontiac and Flint, but the Maples still came home with a fair share of honors from the third annual Huron relays at Eastern Michigan college here Saturday.

Accomplishments of Coach Keyser's thinclads at the huge indoor affair included two firsts and a second and a four-place finish in the unofficial team standings. Birmingham was the unofficial champion last year.

Both firsts came in the field events. Chuck Gibson capped shot put honors and Bill Alcorn, junior pole vault ace, won his specialty handsily.

THE CRACK Maple two mile relay team was second. The record set in the distance event by Birmingham last spring was broken by Flint Central's winning four some.

Pontiac, with five firsts and a tie for a sixth, compiled the highest team total, 49. The chief of been state champions three straight years, Flint Northern was second with 34. Flint Central third with 26 and Birmingham fourth with 18. Fifth went to Inkster, with 14, while Ypsilanti and Lansing placed were sixth with 10 each.

Twenty-nine class A schools competed in the Saturday afternoon and evening affair. The list included one from Ohio, Toledo Lily, Class B schools ran Friday night.

GIBSON'S winning shotput heave was 52 feet, 6 1/2 inches. Alcorn cleared the pole vault bar at 12-4.

Next meet for the Maple thinclads will be the April 18-19 Mansfield (Ohio) relays.

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## Springdale Boosts Season Fee, Adds Family Play Plan

The individual season membership fee at Springdale golf course has been raised for this season, with a family membership plan placed in effect for the first time.

Cost of the individual season membership has been raised from \$25 to \$35. The family membership plan, to cost \$75, will permit a man, his wife and children 17 and under to play.

The only limitation under the family plan will exclude children from Saturday, Sunday and holiday play, unless they pay the regular weekend greens fees.

Par will remain the same, Ralph said.

## B'ham Little League Tryouts Begin April 12

Tryouts for major league teams in all three Birmingham Little Leagues will begin April 12, with additional practice sessions scheduled for April 19 and 26.

Applications have been distributed to all Birmingham public and parochial schools and should be brought to tryouts by each boy. They must be filled out and signed by the parents. The league will furnish all equipment except gloves and shoes.

BOUNDRARIES of Birmingham's three leagues are determined by schools, and all private, parochial and junior high boys are assigned to the league covering the public school area in which they live.

National league tryouts will be at Poppleton field near Hunter and Oakdale American league will use Parker field and the Federal league will hold tryouts at Eton park.

The tryout time schedule and the schools forming the area for each league:

National (Adams, Bloomfield Village, Highland and Quaker)—April 12, 9 a.m. to noon, registration for all boys 8 through 12; 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., tryouts for 9 and 10-year-olds; April 19 and 26, 9 a.m. to noon; 9 and 10-year-olds; 1 to 3:30 p.m., 8, 11 and 12-year-olds.

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At Baseball Confab

A local man, Jack C. Lindley, 1720 Birmingham, attended the third annual Little League baseball congress last week in Chicago. He represented district four of Michigan.

## Ex-Maple Ace Hurts Four Hitter as MSU Blanks Marine Nine

A former Birmingham high baseball star, Don Picmann, fired a four hitter for Michigan State university Saturday afternoon as the Spartans blanked the Parris Island Marines, 5 to 0, at Parris Island, S.C.

Picmann and another ex-Maple star, John Fleiser, left last week on MSU's 78th southern baseball trip. His win came in the nightcap of a doubleheader, the Spartans dropping the opener, 8 to 0. He struck out six, walking only two in the shutout.

OTHER OPPONENTS on the Spartan tour include the University of South Carolina, the University of Georgia, Clemson and Fort McPherson.