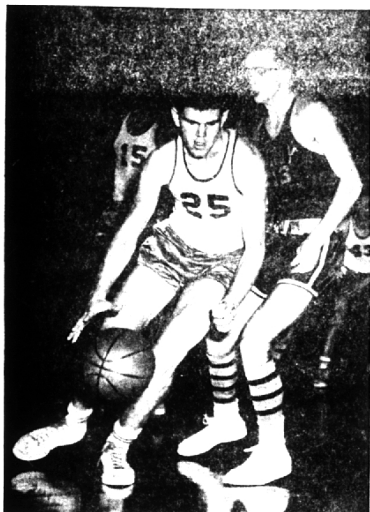


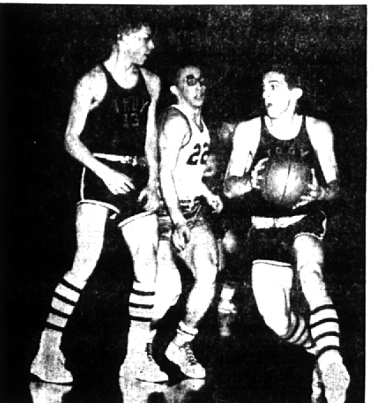
# As Colt Luck Ran Out



Flint Tech's Ron Cates breaks past Sandy Morgan of Troy after snatching a rebound under the Colt basket in their quarter-finals clash at Lansing Civic Center. A fourth quarter Troy surge fell two points short, 48 to 46, as Oakland county's tournament hope saw its win streak halted at 20.



Troy's coach, Pepton Goodwin, seems dismayed at some occurrence on the court during his charge's state quarter-finals game with Flint Tech.



Troy's Wayne Figley (with ball) eyes the basket as teammate Sandy Morgan (13) screens out Flint Tech's Mike Kerner (22) to clear the way for a drive-in shot by the Colt guard.



A Troy cheerleader intently watches the action on the floor while another casts an anxious glance at the scoreboard in the closing seconds of the Colt-Flint Tech tussle.

# Petrakis, Ambrose Resign Birmingham Coaching Posts

By LES LINE  
Sports Editor

Birmingham high this week found itself looking for two new head coaches following the unexpected resignations of Kermit N. Ambrose and John Petrakis.

Ambrose was head track and cross-country coach, Petrakis the head basketball mentor.

The resignations are effective at the close of this school year. Both men will continue on in the Birmingham high school faculty in roles of instructors only.

**A MOVE TO PILLI.** The basketball vacancy is expected within a few days. Appointment of Lew Parry, head basketball and assistant basketball and football coach at Birmingham the past seven years, to the cage post was predicted by informed sources.

Parry, 1949 graduate of the University of Michigan, coached two years at Belling before joining the Birmingham staff.

If named to replace Petrakis, he probably will give up his basketball duties.

Tom Carson, reserve football and head tennis coach, has been mentioned as successor to Parry's reserve cage duties.

Selection of a new track and cross-country coach is expected to come from outside the Birmingham school system. No names have been mentioned as possible replacements for Ambrose.

**THE RESIGNATION** of Ambrose, considered one of Michigan's outstanding prep track and cross-country coaches, came as a shock to Birmingham fans, students and fellow coaches alike.

Ambrose has compiled one of the finest coaching records in Birmingham high history. Since joining the staff here in the spring of 1952 his teams have won 20 league and regional championships in the two sports.

Accomplishments of his track teams include four Eastern Michigan league dual titles and three league meet titles.

two regional championships, three regional second places and two third-place finishes in state meets.

A 27-meet dual track winning streak, dating back to 1953, was broken last week by Detroit Redford in an indoor meet.

**AMBROSE TOOK OVER** the Maple cross-country duties in 1945. His harrier teams have won four EML dual titles and a like number of league meet crowns, have capped three regional championships and finished second in a fourth and captured second in last fall's state meet.

A 1932 graduate of Wayne State Teacher's college, Wayne, Neb., Ambrose handled reserve basketball coaching at the college two seasons while attending school. He coached in Nebraska, Wisconsin and Illinois prior to coming to Michigan.

He said his reason for giving up the local coaching post was that he was "just not interested in coaching anymore."

He stated Tuesday that he made his decision to give up coaching about two weeks ago. Ambrose will remain on the faculty as drivers' training instructor.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** of Petrakis' move was made last Thursday night at Birmingham high's annual winter sports banquet. Petrakis said Tuesday he had completed giving up coaching before the start of the just concluded season and that the decision became official several weeks ago.

His reason was that he had "stud enough of coaching and decided to quit."

Petrakis has held the head basketball post for seven years. He was head basketball and assistant basketball and football coach at Pontiac high before joining the Birmingham staff in 1951.

A 1940 graduate of the University of Toledo, Petrakis coached Birmingham to a league cage championship in 1951. His teams compiled a 44-11 record during his three best years, including 12 straight in that '54 campaign.

**PETRAKIS, WHO** coached one year at Racine, Wis., after graduation before joining the service, said coaching was taking up too much time. He stated that not putting his complete desire into the job would only be cheating the players, and that his only regret was that he couldn't win more games.

Birmingham finished the 1957-58 season with a 7-9 record, including tournament play.

Petrakis will drop all connections with Birmingham's physical education program, but will remain as high school history instructor.



LEW PARRY

Photos by Bill Williams

## Flint Tech Bursts Troy Cage Bubble; String Ends at 20

**LANSING**—Twice in his eight-year tenure at Troy Pepton Goodwin has guided Colt teams through the regionals into the class B state tournament. Twice his charges, both times sporting long victory streaks, have been halted short of their championship goal.

The Colts this year, riding the crest of the longest winning string in Oakland county prep history, carried the county's hopes for its first state crown in 27 years to Lansing.

But 20 straight was the limit for the Troy eagles, and a classy Flint Tech team was the one to administer the ax. Troy's second visit to the capital in four seasons ended abruptly, 48 to 46, Wednesday evening, March 19.

**FLINT TECH** carried almost a line a record as Troy's into the quarter-finals clash in the Civic Center here. The Eagles' Eric had snipped their opener to cross-town rival Flint Benlie, then had to go 22 straight through regional play.

Victory No. 23 over Troy proved to be the last for Tech, however. Powerful River Rouge eliminated the Flint club two nights later in an at Michigan State's Jensen Auditorium, 71 to 47.

Rouge in turn bowed to East Lansing, 62 to 31, in Saturday afternoon's title showdown.

**COACH GOODWIN'S** charges entered the Wednesday affair undefeated and considered a better outfit than the Troy squad that reached the 1955 semi-finals on a 16-game streak before bowing to Buchanan.

The Colts, however, came through with too little too late when they met Tech before a near-capacity crowd, estimated at 4,000.

It was a first-half freeze that proved fatal. Whether it was the pressure of Flint Tech's fast break or just tournament jitters that caused it is anyone's guess, but for 16 minutes of play the Colts were little more than a ghost of the team that had romped over 11 different foes in regular season and tournament activity.

**TECH NEVER** trailed Troy. The Eagles jumped to a 6-2 edge at the outset and when the first quarter ended were in front by a 16-7 count.

Eagle forward Gerald Beebe proved all too troublesome during that opening period as well as in the second. He had 17 points for the game, best Flint Tech effort, and 10 of those came in the first half.

Beebe, deadly on jump shots from the sides, scored nine points in the opening stanza and seven more in the second as he sparked Tech to a 27-19 halftime advantage.

**TROY, FORCED** to play Tech's wild racehorse style in the first half, managed to slow the pace somewhat as the third quarter opened, but couldn't keep the Eagles from boosting their lead to 11 points, 41 to 30, at the period's close.

Center Dick Booth fired the last-ditch Troy surge that twice brought the Colts within a point of Tech but fell just short of catching the Flint prepsters.

Tech managed to net just two points in the first five and one half minutes of the fourth quarter, and with 2:20 left found its lead slashed to 43 to 40 when Booth connected with a field goal.

**THE EAGLES WENT** into a stall at this point, but Troy steadily whittled the Tech lead away. Booth hit a layup to make it 43 to 41 with less than a minute left. Then, with 18 seconds to go, Parry dropped in two free throws, making the count 47 to 44 and providing Flint Tech with its winning margin.

Wayne Figley narrowed it to one point again, 47 to 46, with 18 seconds left. Wayne Figley and Troy left Tech guard Mike Kerner

Sandy Morgan and Boat added six each. Don Hamed had three to his credit.

**PANTRY FOLLOWED** back in the Flint Tech living with 18. Troy connected on just eight of 18 charity tosses. The winners, who also controlled the boards, hit eight of 12 Troy shooting percentage free throws for 20 points. Flincy netted 11 for Troy, while 18 in the first half.



A youngster gets archery instruction at one of Michigan's state park outdoor centers, for which some 8,000 to 9,000 students leave their classrooms each winter for a week of education and recreation. During this week of group camping they have an opportunity to learn about forest and wildlife management, nature lore and other conservation subjects, as well as enjoy hiking, archery, fishing and other outdoor recreation. (Conservation department photo.)

### 'Outdoor Classrooms' in 10th Year

Michigan's pioneering group camp program is now in its 10th year and going stronger than ever.

Group camps, or outdoor centers, as educational leaders like to call them, each year draw 8,000 to 9,000 Michigan students to state parks for a week or more of outdoor education.

The youngsters are housed in any one of 14 camps, mostly located in southern Michigan state parks. The camps range in size from a 25-camper minimum to a 142-camper maximum. Some have only one or two buildings, including dormitories and kitchen-dining hall, while others include craft shops, recreation rooms and various other structures.

Oakland county has three such camps—at the Treaville, Proud Lake and Highland recreation areas.

**COOPERATION** by students and schools who use the conservation department administered camps has been excellent throughout the program since its inception in 1948.

Students in particular enjoy the week or two of "school away from school" and participate in all the equipment and chores of

## Redford Hands Maples 1st Dual Loss Since '53

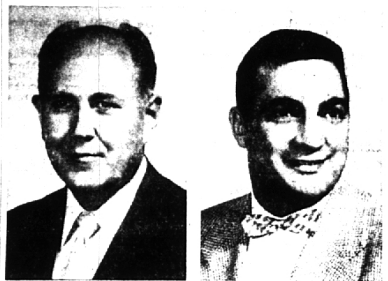
**DETROIT**—Redford high's first victory over Birmingham in dual meet action was on Thursday, 51 to 48, on Redford's indoor track.

Coach Kermit Ambrose's teams had won 27 straight dual meets. East Detroit was the last to defeat the Maple teamlets. Birmingham won five of 12 first and tied for another. The Maples led through the fifth event, the middle relay, but let the lead in the 30-yard dash and trailed the rest of the way.

**WINNING EFFORTS** by Birmingham in the field events included a 53-foot, 5-inch heave by Chuck Gibson in the shotput and Bill Alcorn's 12-foot, 15-inch pole vault. Maple half-miler Dick Boyd covered the 800 course in 2:05.5.

### Captains Wrestlers

Al Sanborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. Sanborn, 255 Pilgrim, Birmingham, has been elected captain of the 1958 wrestling squad at Denison university, Granville, Ohio, where he is a sophomore. Sanborn placed third in the Ohio conference tourney this year. He wrestled in the 177-pound class.



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Cost of the program is shared by the students and the state and totals about \$15 per student per week.

**THE BIGGEST** problem leaders face is crowding. Each year more and more students use the camps. Also, a number of schools with an interest in the program now use camps owned by other organizations—the city or the Boy Scouts or some similar group.

But one thing seems certain. Regardless of future expansion, the present program will continue to hold a secure place in the hearts of students.

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