

# Hold Tennis Clinic to Open Season Here

## Cincinnati Coach Will Bring Team

Last year's highly successful Birmingham Eccentric Recreation department tennis tournament has prompted Varsity Shop owner Vince Secontine and the Recreation department to sponsor a tennis clinic May 2 at Eton park. University of Cincinnati tennis Coach Harry Fogleman will bring his team to Birmingham May second, conduct the clinic under the sponsorship of the Recreation department and the Varsity Shop, and will present an exhibition match.

A MATCH between U. of C. and Wayne State University will highlight the clinic following a break for lunch.

If successful, the clinic will become an annual affair as a forerunner to The Birmingham Eccentric Recreation tennis tournament held in mid-August.

This clinic will give helpful advice to both the novice and the experienced player.

ADULTS ARE invited to attend with their children to pick up a few tips on the finer points of the game.

While Coach Fogleman gives tips to experienced players, members of his team will start the clinic at 10 a. m. by helping the beginners.

Introduction to tennis, helpful exercises for practicing swings, forehand and backhand strokes and footwork along with instructions on the best way to serve will be included in the clinic.

AN EXHIBITION will cap the clinic before a lunch break for the fans and players.

At 1 p. m., Wayne State University Coach Fred Mulhouser will bring his squad to Birmingham for a match with the Cincinnati team to finish the afternoon.

## Turner Earns Second Letter

GRANVILLE, Ohio—Tom Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Turner, 3153 Kenneway court, received his second basketball letter at the Devon University team dinner recently.

A senior, Turner netted 177 points in 21 games for the Big Red. He was one of seven players to earn varsity letters. In scoring, the 6-2 forward ranked fifth.



## Cranbrook's Starting Outfield

Two Muts and a Jeff are the only possible way to describe Cranbrook's starting outfield. Here with their coach, Fred Campbell (left), are Roy Rothemburger, Butch Heisenrich and John Waters, Rothenburger

and Waters, both six-footers, tower over their playing companion. Heisenrich stands 5-2 and weighs 110 pounds, according to Campbell.

## Cranbrook Southfield '9' Meets Prepares R.O. Kimball Friday For Flint

Cranbrook baseball Coach, Fred Campbell and his charges prepared for an invasion by Flint Northern Saturday following last week's win over a strong Assumption, Canada, college nine.

Southfield's baseball team will clash with Royal Oak Kimball tomorrow at Kimball's field and will visit Waterford on Tuesday.

The Jay nine dumped Redford Union last week 7-2, as Terry Olson earned the decision. Bob Eljar also worked in the game.

The game will visit Hamtramck next Tuesday with the track team and the track squad will register the win.

SOUTHFIELD scored three in the fourth and four in the fifth to overcome an early deficit when Redford Union scored twice in the first.

Tom Ridley led the attack with a triple and a double and knocked in one run. Filar, Jim McDonald, Jim VanBrunt, Bob Davism also brought in one, but Jerry Olson brought in two runners with timely hits.

Harold Park, however, crushed smutch, Andy Billeston and Tom Debrack, a careered the pitching chores. Heisenrich received credit for the win.

SOLBERG took firsts in the 100 and 220-yard events and paced the and added two more in the third 880-yard relay team to a first. Dick Rankin, Tom Lovell and Jim Delaney worked the rest of the Cranbrook's two hits in the third stanza, provided the margin for victory.

The track team will host Farmington tonight and will enter the

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**SPORTS**

## Maple Trackmen Ready For Mansfield Relays

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Birmingham trackmen will journey to Mansfield, Ohio, tomorrow for the 28th annual Mansfield relays, the premier track and field event of the season for the high school elite.

Highlighting the Maple entry will be the medley relay team of Fraser Cocks, Bill Green, Jim Reilly and Les Danielson. Cocks will run 880 yards, Green 440 yards, Reilly a mile and either Les Danielson, Dick Zaino or Steve Jacobson will run the 220 yard lap. In practice, this medley relay team has a time better than the winning time six of the past eight years.

ALSO EXPECTED to gain points for Birmingham are the four mile relay team of Fraser Cocks, Dan Reid, Dave Pew and Jim Reilly and state pole vault champion Bill Alborn.

Maple athletes will be competing in a field of 126 schools and 1500 trackmen. In all, Birmingham coach Kermit Ambrose has entered his squad in nine events.

Last year, Birmingham placed 11th, Flint Central 5th and Pontiac Central took first place. Several factors indicate this finish might be repeated this year.

RUNNING INDOORS at the Haron relays, Birmingham took 4th, Pontiac Central 4th, and Flint Central first. The Maples, however, were lacking several boys who were on the senior trip.

Last weekend at the Saginaw high-Arthur Hill Class A invitational indoor track and field meet, Flint Central took first again and Pontiac Central was runner-up. Birmingham did not compete.

The Maples have never won the Mansfield Relays, Pontiac Central will be out after its second consecutive title and its third in four years. The Chiefs are the only

## THE MANSFIELD event will be the initial outing for the Maple varsity, although Coach Ambrose will undoubtedly run some of them in a reserve meet Wednesday against Pontiac Central. Birmingham will return to open its Eastern Michigan league dual meet against East Detroit next Tuesday on the new Maple track.

## Gehringer To Speak At BBL Meet

Detroit Tiger executive Charlie Gehringer will be the guest speaker at the organizational meeting of the Bloomfield baseball league to be held next Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Bloomfield junior high school on Quenton road.

The meeting is open to boys and their fathers; managers, coaches and others interested in promoting and helping the 1959 program.

ALL BLOOMFIELD Hill youths, nine to 15 years old, are invited to attend the meeting that will feature a film on Little League baseball.

Registration forms to play in the league this year are still available, according to league treasurer Fred Jantz.

Forms can be obtained from any school in the Hills school district years. The Chiefs are the only



## Bigger Than He Is

Dickie Stebbins, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stebbins, 1428 Cranbrook, Birmingham, proudly displays the 51 pound, six foot sailfish he landed unassisted while vacationing in Florida with his parents. Dick also caught 12 red snappers, considered by some to be the finest eating fish, and his sailfish was entered in the Miami metropolitan fishing tournament.

## Along the Sidelines with bill arthur

If the reader of this weekly diatribe will spend a few seconds of deep meditation and concentration, perhaps he (and even possibly she) can remember a treatise on one Ollie Spencer, erstwhile tackle for the Green Bay Packers, a professional football team of sorts.

Now that you have recalled that little item, forget everything about it except that he was an insurance salesman for some company that we presume was as reputable as possible.

MAY WE NOW take a few inches of space to introduce you to one George Thomas who has somehow managed to wrangle a picture of himself elsewhere on these pages.

The only connection between Spencer and Thomas is that they both sell insurance—and both have methods that are practically infallible.

Thomas, who visits his wife occasionally at 645 Graefield court in Birmingham, is a fencer.

He has distinguished himself rather well by defeating Byron Krieger, a youngster who has been on the Olympic fencing team twice, to earn a spot in the finals of the State Amateur Fencers League of America.

HIS PARTICULAR forte is the sabre, but it must be cautioned at this point that Thomas does not rely entirely on his talents as a fencer. He also resorts to "thick" tactics that must be more frustrating than anything else.

In the first place, Thomas does not overwhelm his opponents by his size.

In the second place, his sabre is slightly bent so that a touch may be made without his opponent even realizing it. How the judges ever discover this fact escapes this word (See SIDELINES, Page 7-E)

## Sylvan Glen Greens In Good Condition

Sylvan Glen golf club on Rochester road is another of the Birmingham area's semi-public golf courses which has opened for the 1959 season.

The golf course has undergone the reconditioning of all tees and greens according to Bill Catto, pro-manager, and conditions for early season play are quite good.

THE SYLVAN Glen Inn, as the club house is called, has been open all winter with full facilities open for individual luncheons and dinners as well as catering to banquets and parties of all types.

Bill Thibodeau is club manager. He is well known in the area for his former association with the Fox and Hounds Inn for several years.

Golfers will find complete facilities of the Inn ready for them and numerous bowling banquets have been scheduled, according to Thibodeau.

Sylvan Glen is owned by Jim Robbins, popular south Oakland county sportsman.



## Franklin Cagers Take Church Title

Franklin Community church cagers came from nowhere to nab the YMCA church league championship two weeks ago. In the first row from left, are Carter Billio, Tom Burdick, coach Tom Rex, Greg Larkins and John Hill. In the back row are Keith Brumm, Ed Loppnow, Don Emmerling, Bob Taylor, Bill Premo, Ron Garwood and Dave Scott. Three straight wins in the final weeks of the season found a playoff game which Franklin won, 38-27, over First Baptist church.

## Earns Letter

Henry H. Beam, 331 Larchlea, Birmingham, was awarded a junior varsity squash letter at Princeton university last week.

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