

# Baseball Fans Turn Out 250 Strong For Local Clinic



Baltimore Oriole catcher Joe Ginsberg, former receiver for the Detroit Tigers, took over the chores of catching and batting instruction at the baseball clinic held Saturday in Derby school gym. When Detroit Tiger outfielder Al Kalline failed to make the clinic because of unexpected business, Ginsberg handled both phases of the class. While Ike Delock and Billy Pierce coached future big leaguers on how to throw the ball past the batters, Ginsberg showed them how to make sure it didn't get past them.



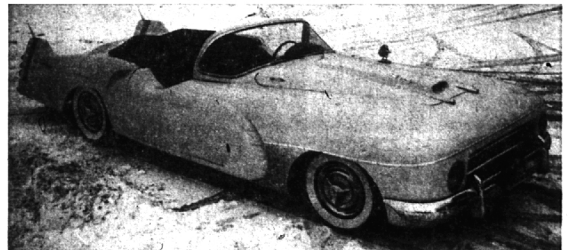
The photographer's flash made Boston hurler Ike Delock blink, but it didn't stop him from showing how to pick off a man at first base during the baseball clinic held at Derby school Saturday. Delock also showed the fans the finer points of pitching.



While Ike Delock demonstrated the art of pitching from the right side of the mound, Chicago's ace portside Billy Pierce showed fans how it is done from the left side. Here Pierce stresses the importance of balance and footwork in delivering the ball to his group of interested listeners. When he finished his lecture on pitching, Pierce showed the youngsters how to hunt properly for that sacrifice play. Since he is one of the best bunters in the league, the boys (and girls) listened carefully.



Joe Ginsberg, Billy Pierce and Ike Delock (with their backs to the camera) held a question-and-answer period for the 250 youngsters who turned out for the clinic in spite of near-zero weather and three inches of snow. The snow failed to dampen the enthusiasm and even the parents who stayed for the clinic seemed to enjoy asking a question or two themselves. Little sister tagged along in several instances and were not the least bit bashful in asking a few pertinent questions, either. All three players remained in the gym for over a half an hour after the clinic was closed in order to sign autographs for the youngsters.



Frank Blanda and Charles Franz, new co-owners of a local service station have been attracting new customers with this custom-made car valued at nearly \$6,000. They bought the car over two years ago at an auction and have been working on it since. When first purchased, the car was nearly completely designed, but it has taken two years of hard work on the part of Blanda and Franz to finish it.

## Maples Out For Second Straight Win

The Birmingham Eccentric

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### Along the Sidelines with Bill Arthur

A quiet-voiced Southerner visited this desk the other day and informed us that he had just been named head pro of the Indianwood country club.

Ralph D. Yankee, who hails from the same town as former president Truman, now eats his meals at 2115 W. Lincoln, when not playing golf.

IT SEEMS that while most babies used an ordinary teething ring, Yankee photographed his father's golf clubs with impressions of his young molars.

His golfing background is extremely impressive, which would lead one to believe that Indianwood club officials knew what they were doing when they hired this young man.

Since his father was the pro-manager of a golf club in Kansas City, he comes by his trade naturally.

While still a youngster, his father "made" him get out on the golf course at every opportunity.



RALPH D. YANKEE

DURING his senior year, however, Yankee won the state high school championship and from that moment on, his father couldn't keep him off the course.

Five years in the air force during World War II didn't improve his golf game, but he picked up where he left off by winning the southern California PGA championship during his stay on the coast.

He was head pro at the country club of Detroit from 1953 to 1955 and just recently resigned from the Detroit yacht club to take the Indianwood position.

HIS WIFE is head of Gay Yankee, Inc., a local interior decorating firm. He and his wife increased their family to three. (See SIDELINES, Page 7-D)

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### Jays Meet Waterford After 65-37 Victory

Southfield will visit Waterford tomorrow night on the heels of Friday's crushing win over Warren Lincoln, 65-37.

Waterford is expected to give the Jays a bit more competition than did Lincoln, which trailed from the outset.

If there is a glint in the eyes of Waterford cagers when the Jays step on the court tomorrow, it will be there for a good reason.

THE WATERFORD quintet will be thinking back to Dec. 12 when the Jays edged them by one point, 47-46.

The Jays had no trouble with Lincoln as they held an eight-point lead at the end of the first quarter, 18-10. They increased that to 16 points at halftime.

Cliff Solberg took top scoring honors for the night as he led the winners with 22 points.

TEAMMATES Tom Ridley and Elmer Hill also found the range quickly as they hooked in 14 and 10 respectively. George Hatch had 18 for the losers.

It appears the Jays are on the comeback trail following a loss to Farmington two weeks ago.

Their shooting was off against Farmington as was their work on the defensive plays. None of these shortcomings were apparent in the Lincoln tilt.

### Balanced Scoring Beat M.C.

Birmingham Coach Lew Parry is keeping his fingers crossed this week.

The Maple quintet will be out for its second straight win tomorrow night when it hosts Royal Oak Kimball and if Parry gets the balanced scoring he received last week—that win can be chalked up on the record books.

KIMBALL, which lost its eighth straight last Friday, will be looking for its first win of the season and the breaks could start bouncing in Kimball's direction.

The visitors have lost three games by only two points and it is only a matter of time before they crack the win side of the ledger.

Birmingham chalked up its second league win of the year by dumping Mt. Clemens, 65-52, as (See SCORING, Page 7-D)

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### Local Couple Find Top Fishing in Fla.

Spencer Gates and his wife, Barbara, 179 Suffield, Birmingham, won angling recognition in the 21st annual metropolitan Miami fishing tournament when they caught three grouper, three jack, one mackerel, one cobia, and one bonito in the all-tackle division.

The fish were not weighed for competition for prizes or trophies, but will be recorded on the front page of their personalized copy of the attractive highly illustrated year book of south Florida fishing.

### Custom Sports Car Stops Traffic On Telegraph and Maple

That traffic-stopping sports car in front of the service station at Telegraph and Maple represents two years of hard work and \$3,600 to the owners.

Frank Blanda and Charles Franz, co-owners of the car, recently purchased the station and are using the car as an advertising stunt.

WHEN FIRST parked in front of the station, cars could be seen slowing down for a better look and a few even drove in.

Drivers passing the station can't help but notice the car. Besides its unusual design, it's painted "shocking pink."

The two-passenger car is shaped like a torpedo in the rear and has a very plain grille design.

Since purchasing the car, Blanda and Franz have put more than \$3,000 into it.

"THOSE BUCKET seats alone cost \$350," Blanda said. "The custom top cost nearly \$100 and those are just a few of the items that were custom made."

There are no door handles on this car. Entrance is gained via a solenoid switch hidden inside the door panel. The button is covered by the fabric.

Although it has no heater, engine heat keeps the passengers warm enough, even in the coldest weather, Blanda said.

THE CAR is 18 feet long, 6'3" wide and only three feet high.

That is one of the nicer features of the car.

"Putting my three daughters in the convertible top well and taking them for a ride," Blanda said, smilingly.

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