

World-famous sculptor Samuel Cashman prepares a kite for the Bloomfield Art Association kite design contest to be held at the BAA building, 361 N. Woodward, Birmingham, beginning Sunday. Deadline for entering a kite in the design division of the Spring Kite Festival is 7 p.m. tonight. The flying contest will be held on April 4 at Poppleton park in conjunction with the Birmingham recreation department.

Kites Must be Entered In Contest by Tonight

Deadline for the Bloomfield Art Association-Birmingham recreation department kite design contest has been set for 7 p.m. tonight.

Contestants must have their kites at the BAA building, 361 N. Woodward, Birmingham, by 7 p.m. if they are to be entered in the contest.

ANY KITE of unusual design may be entered in the contest and

all the kites will be put on exhibit beginning Sunday.

Contestants who wish to enter their kites in the flying contest to be held at Poppleton park on April 4, can withdraw the kites from the exhibit several days before the contest.

Kite contest officials are making arrangements to have a helicopter from Selfridge air force base to judge the highest flying kite on April 4.

The kite construction clinic had another large turnout last Saturday and the youngsters will present some unusual ideas come kite flying time.

It will make little difference as to what the kite looks like during the flying contest, however. All that will count is how high it flies.

Offers \$2,000 For 300 Game

Birmingham Bowl manager Rod Smith is offering \$2,000 to the first bowler who rolls a 300 game in one of the two establishments owned by his family.

The cash prize will be awarded to the keeper who rolls a perfect sanctioned game in either the Birmingham Bowl or the Bowlers located in Royal Oak.

The standing offer will be kept open indefinitely, Smith said.

Maple Tankers Finish Third in State Meet

The Birmingham Eccentric



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Jay Hurlers, Catchers Continue Gym Workouts

Southfield high baseball Coach Ed Bryant, who has had his pitchers and catchers working for the past week, is keeping one eye on the players and one on the field.

Bryant isn't too worried about the pitching of this year's team, but he will have to find a whole new outfield and outfielders can't practice in the gym.

WITH HIS infield only partially set, Bryant, like other coaches in the area, needs that outdoor field. Early workers in the gym get-

ting their arms loose are hurlers Bob Pilar and Terry Odom. Jerry Odom and Dick Jusino are battling for the first-string catcher's slot.

Returning veterans to the Jay squad are Tom Ridley at shortstop; Jim MacDonald at first base and Dave Boyer at third base. Bryant, besides looking for three flycatchers, is also seeking a man to fill the pivot slot.

LAST YEAR, the Jay baseballers completed the season with a 7-3 state which was good enough for a third-place finish behind Berkley and Farmington.

Same Old Story—'Y' Loop Jammed

Kirk-in-the-Hills' reign over the YMCA church league last week was short-lived.

First Baptist threw the league into a three-way tie again by downing the leaders in a close one, 26-25, as Bob Gertz hit for 15.

FRANKLIN Community church bounced back among the leaders by trouncing Congregational, 30-18. Dave Scott (18) and Bill Premo (16) paced the winners.

First Methodist also found the reason in crushing Presbyterian No. 2, 50-16, as Ken Maurer riddled in 20 and Presbyterian No. 1 downed St. James, 31-19.

It will take an upset by Congregational to prevent the league from holding a playoff game when the season ends next Monday.

FRANKLIN Community and Kirk-in-the-Hills will battle for one of the top spots and Congregational meets First Baptist.

Presbyterian No. 1, representing the local league in the Metropolitan Church Tournament playoffs in Detroit registered its second straight Class B division win to enter the semi-finals.

STANDINGS

Kirk-in-the-Hills	W	1
First Baptist	10	3
Franklin Community	10	3
Congregational	9	4
First Methodist	6	7
St. James	6	12
Presbyterian No. 2	0	13

IT WILL be hard to duplicate last year's 7-1 record that saw the Cranes win a district championship and finish seventh in the state. They are also league champions.

The Cranes lost their first dual meet in three seasons last year—and this was to a tough Birmingham squad.

This season's list of returnees are headed by captain Rick Williams, an 880 specialist who finished third in the state meet.

BEN AURAND, Gary Cameron,



Time for a Break

While their teachers attended the Michigan Education Association's Institute day Friday, Dave Bee, 15, of 17095 Dunblaine, Beverly Hills, (left), and Ted Egner, 16, of 1694 Melton, Birmingham, took advantage of the bright, sunny day to get in a workout on the Eton park tennis courts. Although it was a bit chilly (36 degrees), these Birmingham high school students found it was perfect for a fast set of tennis.

Baseball Plans Already Started

Since the Detroit Tigers already have several exhibition games under their belts, local baseball officials are champing at the bit and scanning the skies in hopes of clear, warm weather.

In just three short weeks, Little League officials will begin holding tryouts and Babe Ruth leaders will be doing the same thing.

AMERICAN Legion team officers are also starting plans for tryouts.

"Expansion" is the key word among Birmingham's baseball leagues this year.

The Satellite division of the Babe Ruth League will expand from four teams to six this year and American Legion officials might try to field two teams this

Old Foe Kimball Does It Again With Upset

After all the shouting was over and he had a chance to look the situation over, Birmingham swimming coach Jay Myers didn't have much to say.

"What can you say when there were four national and seven state records broken?" Myers queried.

His Maple tankers had finished third in the state competition for the second straight year, this time to Ann Arbor and Battle Creek.

Ann Arbor had 41 points; Battle Creek 40, and Birmingham 38.

THERE WERE 43 Class A schools with over 370 swimmers at the meet that was held at East Lansing Saturday.

These are just a few examples as to the competition faced by the local prep swimmers:

Bill Driver beat the national record in the 100-yard breaststroke, but still finished third; Dave Smith bettered the old state record in the individual medley, but finished second.

The final blow came when the medley relay team beat the old national record—but came in fifth!

IT WAS Royal Oak Kimball's free style relay team that did the trick, however.

Going into this final event, Birmingham needed a win to grab its first state championship, but Kimball, a team the Maples had beaten four times this year, won the event even though Kimball finished fifth in the meet.

Jim Elliott and Pete Palmer placed fifth and sixth in the 50-yard free style and Dennis Collins took a second in the 200-yard free style with a 2:00.1 timing.

DAVE SMITH grabbed fourth in the 100-yard back stroke and Bill Driver third in the 100-yard breaststroke. He bettered the old national record of 1:07.5 with a 1:07.2 timing, but the new national record is now 1:06.4 set by Battle Creek's John Baker.

In the 150-yard individual medley, Dave Smith smashed the old state mark, but finished third with a 1:30.9. Ann Arbor's Steve Thrasher holds the new mark of 1:29.4.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Jim Wallis, Bill Driver, Fred Anderson and Les Harber beat the old mark of 1:49.6 with a 1:48.5, but Battle Creek holds the new mark with 1:48.5.

Pete Palmer, Jim Elliott, Bob Sintz and Bill Buick did the 200 yard free style relay in 1:35.8, but could not top Kimball.

YOUNGSTERS Young trout are called "try" or "fingerlings." They are "try" until they become an inch long.

Recreation Round-Up

SENIOR MEN

Enthusiasm of members of this group continues unabated. Attendance at Friday, March 13, was 52. The planned entertainment for this occasion was by Richard Wintrobe, publicity agent for the department of Internal Revenue.

Their new film, entitled "Since the beginning of time" was shown for the first time. This meeting was unique in that in all probability was the first tax meeting rewarded by applause of approval.

The movie was very interesting and was followed by a question and answer period. The discussion group, having agriculture for their topic, disclosed that many members were old enough to remember farming as it was done way back when. The contrast with today's

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Crane Track Coach Has 90 Candidates

One of the biggest reasons for Cranbrook's success in track is the turnout of boys each spring. Exactly 90 hopefuls came out for the track team this week and Coach Ben Snyder not only has one-third of the school's population running around, he also has a fairly strong complement of veterans.

Jim Canfield and Henry Hoffman have all seen action in the 440 event.

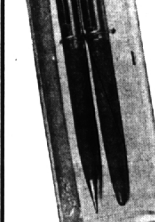
Larry DeWitt and Tod Williams are the most versatile of the lettermen.

DeWitt can handle both sprints and the broad jump while Williams competes in the hurdles, high jump and shot-put.

JOHN BUTZEL is another hurdler and John Odehn has handled the mile. Jack Schaefer will see action in the high jump and Charles Hubbard works the pole vault event.

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