

Maples Enter Huron Relays Sat.

Birmingham's track team, headed by a core of seasoned veterans, will enter the Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan College in Ypsilanti this Saturday.

The Maples have 11 lettermen, 10 of whom are seniors, placed in the key events Saturday.

THEY WILL be headed by Bill Alcorn, in the pole vault, the medley relay team of Bill Green, Doug Booth, Les Danielson and Jim Reilly, and the 880 relay team of Green, Danielson, Mark Hall and Dick Zaino, the only junior letterman.

In other events, Nigel Lock will

compete in the 65-yard high and low hurdle and Zaino will handle the 40-yard dash.

Steve Jacobson is entered in the broad jump and Dave Pew in the mile. Doug Booth, Kent Hathburn, Dan Reid and Phil Satterthwaite are assigned the mile relay.

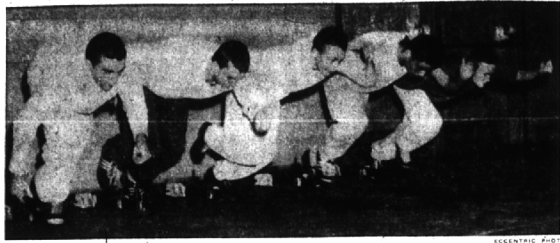
This will be a busy season for

the Maples.

FOLLOWING Saturday's meet, the track and field teams will participate in a total of 19 meets.

Birmingham has not lost an outdoor dual meet since 1951 and has 35 straight wins to its credit. The only mark to mar an otherwise perfect record is the indoor track meet that Detroit-Redford won last year.

Finishing fifth in the state meet last year, the Maples have won the league championship for the past five years; the regional title in 1955, '56 and '58 and were second in '52, '54 and '57.



Off to a Flying Start

These five Birmingham track speedsters get off to a flying start in practicing for upcoming meets this season. Setting the timing of good starts by practicing on those blocks is the key to many wins, according to track coach Kermit Ambrose. These track

veterans are, from left, Doug Booth, Les Danielson, Mark Hall, Dick Zaino and Bill Green. The Maples will open the season this Saturday at the Huron Relays to be held at Eastern Michigan College in Ypsilanti.

Babe Ruth Kickoff On April 8

Babe Ruth League officials, perhaps influenced by Monday's beautiful weather, planned their annual baseball kickoff for April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Derby junior high school.

Former baseball star Pete Fox is expected to appear and league officials are negotiating for the 1958 World Series films so they may be shown to the youngsters attending the kickoff.

ALL PLAYERS wishing to join the Babe Ruth program must fill out an application blank and bring it to the kickoff.

This includes any boy between 13 and 15 years of age even if they played in the Little League or Babe Ruth program last season.

Tryouts have been slated for April 18 and 25, and May 2, at St. James park. All 13-year-olds are scheduled for 9 a.m. and the 14-15-year-olds for 1 p.m.

IN THE event that rain cancels one of the tryouts, the date will be moved forward to May 9.

Applications for the Babe Ruth League will be distributed to local public and parochial schools on April 6.

Thomas Appointed Tourney Chairman

George Thomas, 645 Graefield court, Birmingham, has been appointed chairman of the Amateur Fencers League of America state fencing championships to be held at Derby junior high school April 25.

Thomas, former Big Ten fencing champion at Michigan State university, will participate in the tournament.

A style show will be presented as an intermission entertainment for spectators.

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Prep Teams Start Work Outdoors

Birmingham area high school baseball, track and tennis coaches held outdoor practice sessions for the first time Monday and Tuesday.

The warm weather brought sports hopefuls at the local schools out in droves.

MOST of the coaches held extra-long sessions to take advantage of the weather since the schools will close on Thursday for Easter vacation.

Cranbrook will close Wednesday afternoon to give students extra time to travel home.

Bloomfield Hills baseball coach Hal Trott has a problem he doesn't know how to solve as yet.

IMMEDIATELY following Easter vacation, Trott will leave with the senior class on its annual trip to Washington, D. C. He was selected as one of the chaperones.

As soon as he returns, his charges will face their first opponent, Oak Park, on April 15.

It will be a case of taking the field without knowing who will play where.

Hills League Seek LL Affiliation

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — The Bloomfield Baseball League is seeking an affiliation with the Little League of America, according to league treasurer Fred Janz.

The Hills league may also promote a Babe Ruth program this year because so many of last season's little league players have graduated, Janz said.

REGISTRATION blanks for the coming season were given to area schools and tryouts are expected to begin shortly.

Games will start in late April or the early part of May and the season will end in late July.

A meeting of the boys and league officials will be held at Bloomfield junior high school at 8 p.m., April 23, at Andover and Long Lake roads.

A survey of the Bloomfield Hills area showed nearly 900 boys were eligible for both Little League and Babe Ruth baseball programs.

N. Farmington BB Holds 1st Rally

The North Farmington Baseball for Boys received its charter from the Babe Ruth League and Little League this year.

The league will hold an opening rally March 30, at Dunkel Junior high school at 7:30 p.m. Boys and their fathers are invited to attend the meeting for more information.

OFFICIALS of the American Legion teams are expected to handle part of the joint fund-raising campaign by calling on local businessmen.

Birmingham is not the only city expected to send another entry into the 18th District which covers all of Oakland county.

Union Lake and Ferndale may enter teams while Pontiac and Clawson may increase their number of teams to two. This would enlarge the 18th District into a 12-team league.

REASON for the expansion, Voss said, was the number of graduates from the Babe Ruth League. More than 30 players from the Babe Ruth program reached the age limit for American Legion ball last year, Voss said.

Voss, who has been connected with the American Legion baseball program in Birmingham for 25 years, said that 50 boys will graduate from Babe Ruth this season.

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B'ham Named Host To LL Tournament

Little League baseball officials announced that Birmingham has been awarded the state tournament finals to begin August 12-14.

Birmingham was named as the site for the 1959 championships on the basis of its performance last year when the local players went all the way to the semi-finals before being eliminated.

Officials also announced that applications for membership in the Little League will be distributed to local schools in the next two weeks.

CANDIDATES attending Adams, Bloomfield Village, Harlan and Quanton schools will join the National League; candidates from Baldwin, Midvale, Pierce, Valley Woods and Beverly west of Evergreen school areas will join the American League and ball players from the Beverly east of Evergreen, Greenfield, Pembroke and Torry school areas will enter the Federal League.

Private, parochial and junior high school youths are assigned to the league that covers their school area also.

All boys interested in joining the Little League program must fill out an application.

TRYOUTS for the players who were not on a major league roster last season will be held April 11-18-25. T-Ball players will hold tryouts on April 18 only.

National League tryouts will be held at Poppleton field; American League at Pierce school field and Federal League at Elton park.

Nine to 11-year-olds will meet at 9 a.m.; 10-12-year-olds at 1 p.m. and T-Ball players at 10:30 a.m.

Little League officials will need of volunteer help for coaches, managers and umpires in the major, minor and T-Ball leagues, according to league president Dr. Frederick Adams.

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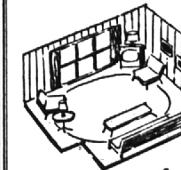
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