

League Ban No Barrier For Maples

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There'll be a surprise of idle hours for Sealhorn track athletes this fall and through the winter as coach Kermit Ambrose and his thinclads adjust to the Eastern Michigan league's dampening of pre-season practices. But that's all it will do, create idle time.

The league's athletic directors including Port Huron, Mt. Clemens, East Detroit, Hazel Park, Ferndale and Royal Oak Kimball decided in last spring's big powwow that Birmingham trackmen were too far ahead of other schools at the start of the season. Result? No more indoor track teams or workouts before the Mar. 15 starting date.

Evidently the fear of the old adage "practice makes perfect" has found a home in the minds of league athletic directors.

ALTHOUGH SEAHOLM, the only dissenter in the league's 6-1 vote to ban all track practice before the 15th, frowned upon the decision, Ambrose doesn't think it will have more of an effect in cooling off the Maples' winning streak.

The boys are devoted to the sport, said Ambrose, and the team is loaded with talent. Some of the boys practice on their own time even during vacations, without any supervision or formal training. That's just the way they are. They like the sport and are interested in improving their talents and keeping in shape.

If a team has the material, and it's no secret that Sealhorn is far from bankrupt in this department, only stronger and more talented, competition can change the final standings.

The legs, arms, breathing habits and know-how can't be washed away with a prohibition on practice. At the most, it merely delays their performance.

ONCE YOU'RE in shape, said Ambrose, "it's not hard to keep in shape." With winter practices abolished, it'll mean more concentrated season workouts.

"The thing that bothers me," said Ambrose, "is that the league has established a restriction on the boys' being good. When is the season in developing mediocrity? The whole idea of competition implies rivalry for an advantage of one over another.

The outlook for the coming year is good, said Ambrose, regardless of the league ruling. Unbeaten in Eastern Michigan's league dual meets, since 1955 while winning 38 straight, the Maples anticipate another sure-filled season in 1961-62. Ambrose may have to rely more heavily on using top contenders instead of casing up on weaker teams by holding back some of his starters as he did last season.

Wing Lake School Gets New Look

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — While all schools in the Bloomfield Hills district have been getting general refurbishing during the summer, a major renovation job has been going on at Wing Lake school.

This is the conversion of the original one-room schoolhouse into a high school library. The task of bringing the 100-year-old building up to date, at the same time keeping the architectural flavor of the era in which it was built, has been in the hands of architect Charles MacMahon.

RENOVATION includes leveling the building, remortaring the outside stone work, new floors, windows and ceiling, new wiring, plumbing, light fixtures and doors. All the features needed for a library have also been added.

Small paned windows, duplication of the original windows, have been installed. The new floor is pegged, in keeping with old type flooring. Door hardware and light fixtures are colonial in design.

The old belfry has been converted to modern usage. It houses a ventilating fan.

Library furniture is an inexpensive copy of captain chairs, scaled down in size.

The old and the new have been skillfully blended, with total cost of all the work held down to \$12,000.

Principal Gets Away And Fish Gets Hooked

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Joining in the traditional "back to school" grab sessions of vacation experiences will be Marsden Wilson's account of his fight with a pike. The Bloomfield Village Elementary principal got away from school only to run into another. But, this one was a school of fish.

What? A principal actually takes time out from correcting papers, signing report cards and reading books, to relax too? "Outside of dodging in and out of schools," he said, "we do get time off." Surprising as it may be and contrary to pupil polls, teachers and administrators also welcome vacations.

MARSDEN SPENDS his at his "cabin in the woods" on West Twin lake, a resort area in Lewiston where fishing, sunning and bathing provide his annual July paradise.

"I didn't know anything else existed during that month," said Wilson. "Just sat in a boat, got a tan and let the world go by."

The serenity of the outdoorsman's retreat was short lived, however, when he reeled in his quivering fishing line to find a 35½ inch northern pike.

Shortly after Wilson entered his catch, which merited first place in a local fishing contest continuing through December, another angler ambled in with a 37-inch pike.

"I DECIDED right then and there, I was going to beat that catch," said Wilson, "and every day of the remaining three weeks, with that one objective in mind."

Wilson explained his determination as being "like falling behind in a football game and driving to squeeze out a few more points." His obsession finally paid off the last week as he whirled his casting rod through a 15 minute struggle to land a 39-inch, 12-pound pike. "I would have been tempted to stay longer if I hadn't reclaimed first place," he said, "but I knew school duties called."

"IF ANYONE had seen me, they would have split their sides," he said. In his excitement, Wilson was unnecessarily tugging and straining to bring his prize catch aboard the boat. As he jerked the net over the side, he threw himself over the gas tank and went sprawling on his face.

He regained his feet and, to keep the fish from flopping out of the boat, made a mad dash to subdue his captive.

Wilson still holds first place in the contest, the trophy for which will be awarded in December. It looks like it'll take a pretty determined fisher and fighter to beat out Wilson on this one.

The conqueror is in high spirits, anxious to begin the new school year. But, he anticipates frequent weekend ice fishing jaunts during which "I may spear a bigger one," one.

Eight Catholic Schools Register Area Students

Eight Roman Catholic schools in the Birmingham area will start class sessions soon—one of them, Brother Rice high school for boys on Labser at Lincoln, Bloomfield township, will open for the first time.

Presently established schools include St. Columban on Melton, Birmingham; St. Hugo of the Hills on Opdyke, Bloomfield township; Marian high school for girls and St. Regis elementary on Labser at Lincoln, Bloomfield township; St. Bede on 12 Mile road, Lathrup; Our Lady Queen of Martyrs on Thoreau, Beverly Hills and Holy Name on Harmon, Birmingham.

ST. COLUMBAN will have approximately 340 students enrolled this year, including a fifth grade. Three classrooms and a library have been added to the school facilities. There will be five teaching sisters and three lay instructors. Mother Germaine, IHM, is principal. The Rev. Fr. Thomas Kenny is pastor; he is assisted by the Rev. Fr. Joseph Binstrub. Classes begin Sept. 2.

ST. HUGO SCHOOL, under the direction of Mother Rose Ethel, IHM, will have 12 teaching sisters and three lay instructors this year.

St. Hugo also has added three classrooms to the school building. Approximately 500 students are registered. Classes start Sept. 6.

The Rev. Fr. Francis Stack, is pastor with the Rev. Fr. Arthur W. Fauser, assistant pastor.

St. Bede school in Lathrup will have an eighth grade for the first time this year. Five teaching sisters and four lay instructors will teach some 400 students. Mother Marie Grace, IHM, is principal of the school. Classes begin Sept. 6.

The Rev. Fr. Cyril J. Keating is pastor; the Rev. Fr. Walter Schoenherr is assistant.

Noting a rapid growth, Holy Name school in Birmingham has registered approximately 1,000 students for the fall. Fourteen teaching sisters and ten lay instructors will teach the eight grades. Mother M. Malachi, IHM, is principal of the school. Classes will get underway Sept. 6.

Contracts for bus service with the Great Lakes system are still being negotiated. Definite routes and times should be determined within the next few weeks, according to the church secretary.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eugene Paddock is pastor of Holy Name. He is assisted by the Rev. Fr. William Davidson and the Rev. Fr. Stephen Mariani.

ST. REGIS elementary school, adjacent to Marian and Brother Rice high schools, is a mission of Holy Name. The five grades will be under the supervision of St. Mary Eugene, IHM. An estimated 200 children are enrolled with four teaching sisters assigned to the school. Classes start Sept. 6.

SOME 125 GIRLS will attend Marian high school this year. Mother Agnita, IHM, is principal. Assigning to school officials a new language laboratory will be completed for use this fall. Classes start Sept. 6.

Marian's teaching staff includes 16 teaching sisters. The Rev. Fr. Maurice Geary is chaplain.

BROTHER RICE high school for boys also located at the Labser-Lincoln site; will be under Brothers of Ireland.

Single Students At U-M Help Earn Money for Expenses

ANN ARBOR—One-third of all single students at The University of Michigan earn between 75 and 100 per cent of their college expenses. Another third of U-M single students earn between 50 and 75 per cent of their expenses, while the rest are supported primarily by their parents, report the present James A. Lewis and administrative dean Robert L. Williams.

Their findings are based on a survey of students enrolled at the start of this academic year.

This also showed more than half the university's married student couples earn between three-quarters and all their expenses. Another one-fourth earned between 10 and 75 per cent, while the rest were supported primarily by their parents.

Almost half the married students reported their spouse was employed and contributing to their support.

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