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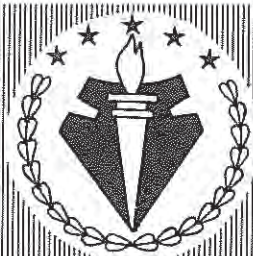


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It all began seven years ago when the Board of Directors of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame introduced its first "class" . . . Lynn Chandnois, Don Coleman, Jennie Weiss, Lloyd Brazil, Tom Smith and the late Steve Bysco. As well as, Guy V. Houston, C.S. Mott and Frank Manley, Sr. A noble tradition was set that night by people who were committed to make the annual induction of the Sports Hall of Fame always a special night for Flint sports fans.

That first, and then the second banquet, were held at the Sons of Italy Hall on Corunna Road. Since then, Flint's Hyatt Regency has helped to make tradition become reality. And again tonight, the Board of Directors welcomes you to join them as seven more names are added to the golden list of Flint's honored athletes . . . that list of men and women who have given us a standard of achievable excellence.

It is a standard that says to the youth of Flint . . . "these are your heroes. These are not just names and faces on distant sport pages or figures on a tv set. These are real people. People who have walked the same hallways of a high school, just as you, and who have given their all on the same playing fields just as you have. These are people who never said can't or won't. They are the doers of this world who set a goal and lived by it, gallantly . . . just as you can do. It is achievable."

Join us tonight as we congratulate the family and friends of tonight's honorees . . . Ollie Craven, Sophie Kurys, Bill Barclay, Jeanette Robinson, Ellis Duckett, Norb Badar and Bill Minardo.

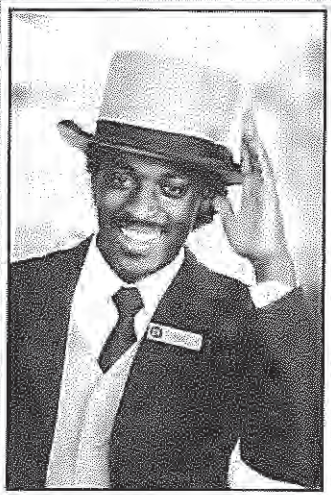
Flint's Sports Hall of Fame is located in the main lobby of the IMA Sports Arena where the plaques unveiled tonight will be hung. We hope you can visit there soon, in the meantime help us to make this a "Night for Flint."

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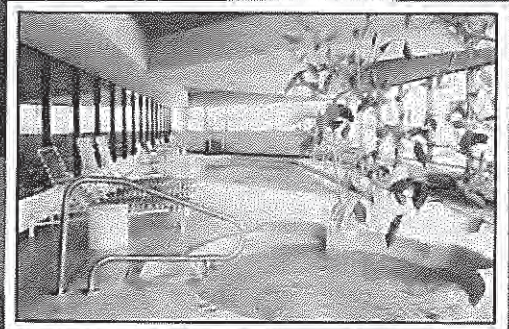
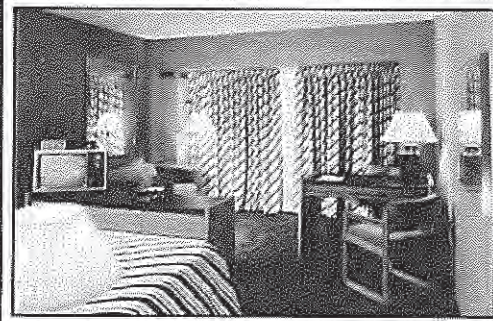
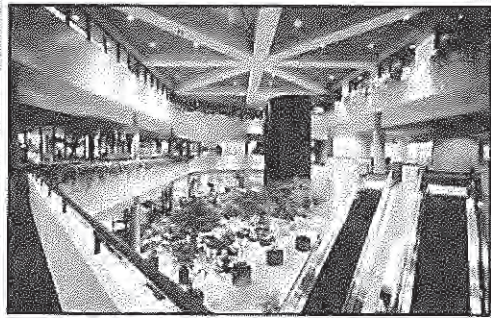
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- ★ *Ollie Craven*
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- ★ *Bill Barclay*
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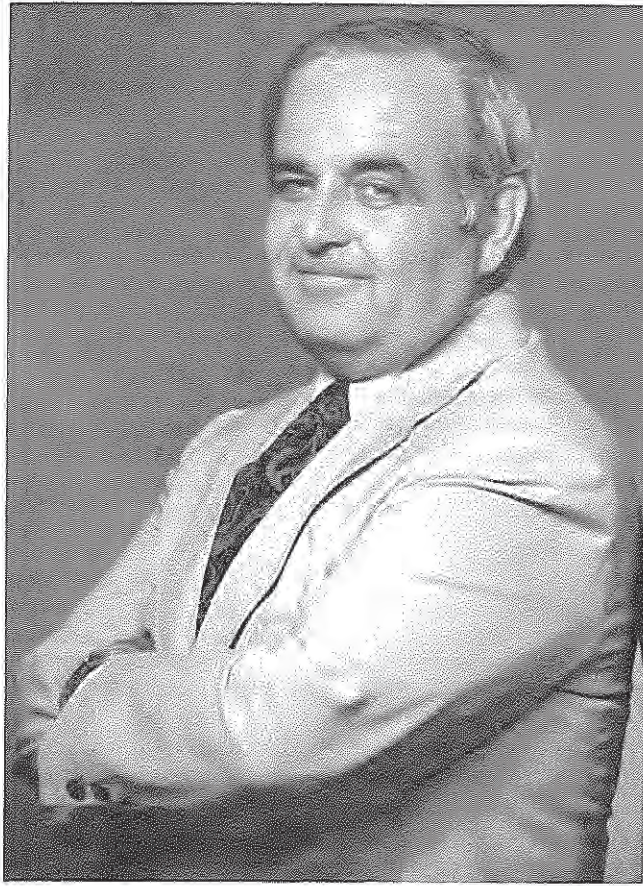
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Pete Sark — Tonight's Emcee

The Board of Directors is proud to welcome back Flint's premier sports authority, Pete Sark, as tonight's Emcee.

It is Pete's third stint as leader of the induction banquet.

A charter member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame board, Pete has always been a "cheerleader" for Flint's athletes and its athletic traditions. A graduate of Flint Central High School, where he earned a letter in tennis, Sark claims Michigan State University as his Alma Mater, as well as the United States Air Force where he served as a bomber pilot in the South Pacific.

Formerly with WFDF Radio for 23 years, Pete this year switched and is presently Sports Director at WTAC.

He recently returned from covering the World Series, his 19th year in a row at that American Classic. He is also a member of the Tiger Media Group, covering the baseball scene. But now it is football season and he can be found in the Press Box at the Silverdome on Sunday's at the Lion's game or in Ann Arbor or Lansing on Saturday, where he is an "insider" to the Big Ten coaches.

Be it bowling, golf, hockey, basketball or tennis, even the local Slow Pitch scene . . . Pete Sark and Sports are synonymous.

Earl Anthony — Tonight's guest speaker

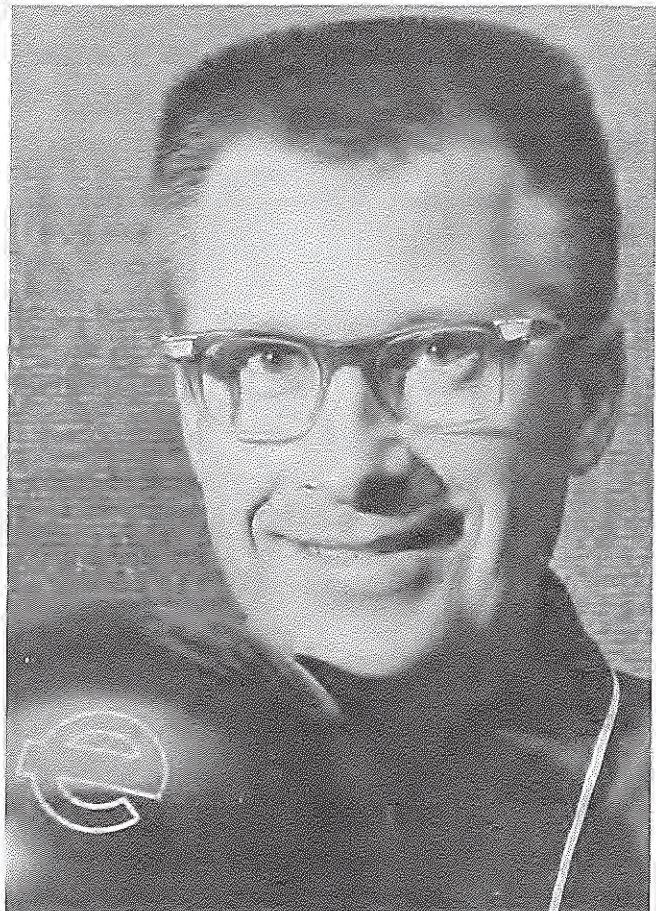
Hall of Famers . . . they're a tradition at Flint's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

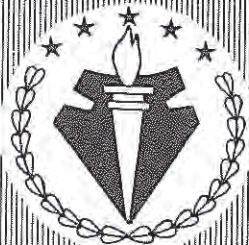
It began in 1980 with Hall of Famer Al Kaline as the first guest speaker. The following year, Hall of Famer Ernie Harwell delighted our audience. Others have been George Kell, another Tiger Hall of Famer last year Nick Kerbawy, the director of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame graced our podium with his comments.

Tonight, the Board of Directors of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame are proud to bring another Hall of Famer, Earl Anthony.

Anthony, who retired from the Professional Bowler's Association Tour in 1983, was inducted last March into the American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

An all time leader in tournament victories (43) and earnings, (over a million dollars), Anthony led the PBA for six seasons. In 1975, he became the first bowler to surpass \$100,000 earnings in one season and a million dollars in his career.





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BILL MINARDO is proud to join two other "M's" (Charles Stewart Mott and Frank Manley) as recipient of the Service to Sports Award.

Bill Minardo ...

"Father" of Community School Directors

When he was a teacher at Lowell Junior High in the late 1930s, Bill Minardo would let the kids into the gym to play basketball before the school bell rang.

When he was a trainer and equipment manager at Northern High in the 1940s, Minardo would stay after school — as late as 10 p.m. — to supervise intramural activities.

Those actions typified the attitude and lifestyle of Minardo. They are also reasons why Minardo has been selected as this year's recipient of the Special Service Award from the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"To be in the same category with Charles Mott and Frank Manley and the others who have received this award is something special," said the 78-year-old Minardo. "It is one of the outstanding honors ever bestowed on me."

"The Special Service honoree is

selected by the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors.

Minardo was born in Grand Rapids but came to Flint at age seven.

He was a football and baseball player at Central High in the mid-1920s and served as the school's basketball manager. After graduating from Notre Dame University in 1932, Minardo returned to Flint to eventually become Flint's and the nation's first community school director.

In 1941, Minardo became a member of a nine-member Executive Council that organized the Mott Adult Education and Recreation Program in the Flint schools.

In 1951, Minardo became Flint's first full-time community school director, organizing several programs at other schools in Flint.

Throughout his career, Minardo was a teacher, coach and counselor to thousands of students and many

fellow community school directors. He has been called the "father" of community school directors in Flint.

Minardo stayed active in community affairs after his retirement in 1973. He is an original member of the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors.

Minardo has received numerous honors. In 1940, he was named Jaycees "Man of the Year." In 1969, he received a distinguished service award from the National Education Association. In 1982, he was honored by the Flint Olympian Games for service to that program.

Two years ago, the gymnasium at Flint's Freeman Elementary School was renamed William Minardo Gymnasium.

Minardo feels the latest honor ranks near the top.

"I'd call it a lifetime honor," he said. "I'm proud because I'm proud to be from Flint."

Congratulations to Sports Hall of Fame inductee:

BILL BARCLAY

- Led Northern H.S. to a State Championship in basketball.
- U of M star in football, basketball and gold.
- Basketball coach at Harvard University.
- Golf Pro for 12 years.

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Ollie Craven ...

Bowling his way to Sports fame

Ollie Craven was a perfectionist. He was also a competitor with a temper.

Put it all together and it's easy to understand how he could throw his cigar at the Flint Recreation bowling pins.

Don Ponsetto remembers vividly the first time he saw it happen although it was more than 40 years ago.

Ponsetto and his young teammates were doing a number on Craven's team in a league match. The youngsters lacked Craven's accuracy but it didn't matter. They kept getting strikes while Craven's luck was sour.

Even his best deliveries knocked down only nine of the ten pins.

Craven's irritation increased with each frame. Finally he'd had enough.

"You darn kids are hitting them all over and getting strikes and I'm laying them in the pocket and leaving the 10-pin and four-pin," Craven bellowed.

With that, Ponsetto said, Craven yanked the cigar from his mouth and hurled it down the lane.

In his prime during the 1920s, '30s and '40s, Craven was the class of Flint area bowlers. He is still regarded as one of the best bowlers the area has ever produced.

"Boy was he accurate," said Ponsetto, who joined the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame in 1970. "He was really tough at Flint Rec. As accurate as he was, if he were bowling today he'd still shoot the scores he did then if he got the carry."

Craven's immense talents earned him induction into two halls of fame before he died at age 94 Sept. 6, 1981.

Craven was one of the first eight inductees into the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame in 1969. In 1974 he was the area's first bowling selection for the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

Now, the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Accepting the award for the family will be one of Craven's nephews, Ed Vermilya, who is also a member of the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame.

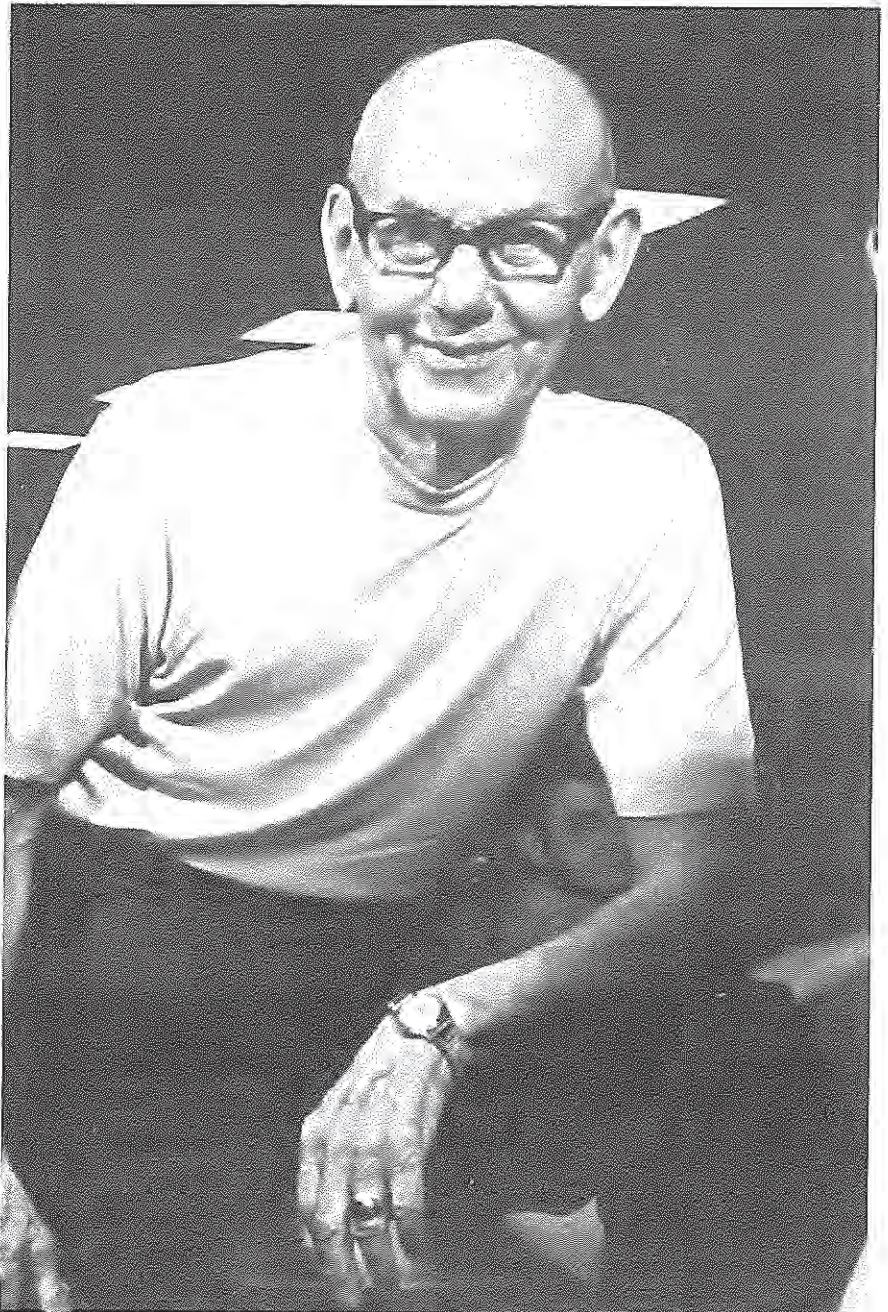
Many of Craven's most outstanding accomplishments are unofficial because they came under circumstances not approved by the American Bowling Congress. The absence of an ABC sanction does not lessen their significance, however.

One of Craven's best performances resulted in a world record score for five games. On March 3, 1933 Craven

averaged 264.8 for five games to bury national star Jimmy Smith in an exhibition match at Flint Recreation.

Craven did not call that his best, however. In his later years Craven preferred to remember an 843 series rolled in The Journal Classic tournament.

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OLLIE CRAVEN in 1972 — one of Flint's Bowling elite.

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Sophie Kurys ...

The "Ty Cobb" of the ladies Pro League

The vacant lot on Maines Street isn't there anymore.

That was where, in 1935, Sophie Mary Kurys first picked up a baseball and threw it and hit it farther than any boy on the block.

She borrowed a glove from her good friend Eugene "Squirt" Sitko and played catch with older brothers John and Morris.

Sophie Kurys was only 10 years old at the time.

"My sisters (Ann and Mary) would complain to my mother about me playing baseball with the boys. They wanted to know why they had to do the dishes and I didn't," said Kurys.

"But mom would let me play because she saw I had some talent. She always believed in me. She supported me more than anyone."

It was from those humble beginnings on Maines Street that Kurys's talent initially shone. Later, she would blossom into one of Flint's greatest women athletes, if not its greatest of all time.

As a student at All Saints Catholic School, Kurys was a standout in track, basketball and softball. At age 14, she broke the record in the Mott summer track program's pentathlon.

That winter, she led Ferris Brothers amateur basketball team to the State Class C women's championships.

At 5-foot-5, 120 pounds, Sophie often had to compete against bigger foes. She had a flare for the spectacular coupled with an intense desire to win.

Seven years after she first picked up a baseball on Main Street, Kurys left Flint for Chicago to sign a contract with the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. The year was 1943. Sophie was a sophomore at Northern High.

"My father (Anthony) didn't even know I had tried out for the league and he wasn't very happy when he found out," said Sophie. "I had never been away from Flint except to play in a state girls' basketball tournament.



SOPHIE MARY KURYS, age 16, was already showing top form.

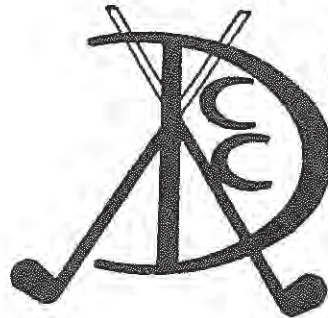
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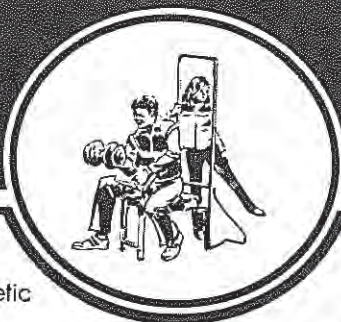
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Bill Barclay ...

Flint's Royal Family makes it three of a kind

Flint's "Royal Family" will be together again after 47 years.

The selection of Bill Barclay to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame completes the enshrinement of a trio who put together a never-equalled championship feat in 1939.

Perhaps it's fitting that Bill, 70, is the final member of the trio to be honored. He not only was the youngest but also the last to achieve his title.

From his residence in Topsfield, Mass., he said, "I'm honored, especially because I've been away from Flint for such a long time. I'm happy that someone remembers the old-timers and I'm pleased to join Jennie and Jim in the Hall of Fame."

Jennie Barclay Weiss, his sister, was one of the seven original inductees in 1981 and the late Jim Barclay was inducted in 1983.

Jim was honored as the long-time basketball coach at Northern High who produced its first state championship in 1933, won three others and compiled a record of 36 straight victories.

Jennie was honored as a five-time State Amateur golf champion. She qualified 26 times for the championship flight.

No other area family has three members in the Hall of Fame.

Bill Barclay was captain of the 1933 Vikings who erased a six-point deficit to earn a six-point victory. A 12-point swing seems incidental until the final score is mentioned: 22-16.

Within a span of four months in 1939 Jim's Vikings won the state basketball title and Jennie and Bill won the State Amateur in golf. They were tagged "The Royal Family of Flint and Michigan." The golf championships came 10 days apart.

Bill went on to earn eight letters at the University of Michigan, three each in football and golf and two in basketball.

He coached at Davison High and Cadillac High before becoming an assistant in football and basketball



BILL BARCLAY, former Viking Star, was named New England's Golf Pro in 1978.

and head golf coach at Michigan. He led the Wolverines to a Big Ten golf championship.

He was head basketball coach at Harvard University for three seasons, retiring after the 1949-50 season with a combined 17-55 record. He also was golf coach.

"Basketball was strictly an athletic stepchild at Harvard," he said. "Hockey was the major winter sport and getting recruiting help was virtually impossible. Harvard never has won at Ivy League basketball title."

A distaste for the recruiting whirl prompted his retirement from coaching.

"I loved coaching but hated recruiting. It wasn't my cup of tea," he said.

He already had another iron in the fire, having been golf pro at the Salem Country Club for two years during the summer. "Coaches had to find summer jobs in those days," he said.

He remained at Salem for 32 years, retiring in 1980. He was named New England Pro of the Year in 1978. Now

he and his wife of 30 years, Frances, spend six months in Massachusetts and six in Florida.

"We play a lot of golf," he said.

Four Barclay children are spread across the country. Twins Pat and Jean live in Lake Tahoe, Nev., and suburban San Francisco, respectively. Bob is an Air Force lieutenant colonel based at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, and Kent lives in Andover, Mass.

Barclay reached his championship peak in July 1939, winning six straight matches in the 33rd annual State Amateur at Gull Lake near Kalamazoo.

His first match went 23 holes, the second 19 holes. He then won, in order, by 4 and 3, 2 and 1, 5 and 4, and 3 and 2. He defeated John Bailey of Battle Creek to become the first Flint golfer to win the State Amateur crown. He was five under par for 104 holes.

Dale Stafford, who reported the championship for The Associated

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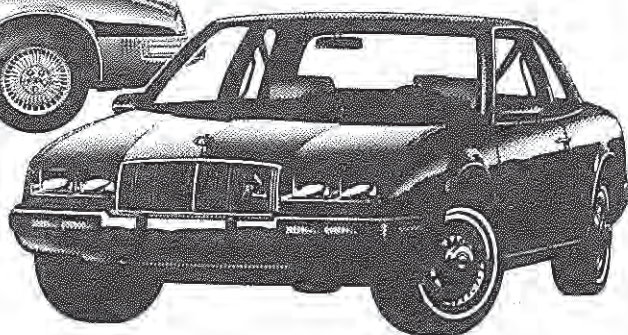
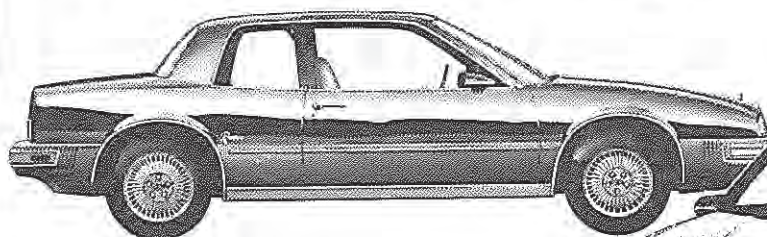


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Jeanette Robinson ...

Flint's all time top female bowler



A 1960 PHOTO of Jeanette Robinson shows the style that took her to the top.

They haven't let Jeanette Robinson say good-bye.

"I'm living here but I still will always be from Flint, Michigan," Robinson said from her home in Las Vegas.

The Flint area's all-time top female bowler, Robinson has been living in Las Vegas since 1978. She is the resident professional and bowling promotions director at the Showboat Hotel and Casino.

For the third time since accepting that position Robinson has been called back to her home state to accept a major honor for her vast bowling accomplishments.

Robinson has become the first woman bowler inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Robinson attended a reception for the hall of fame at IMA Sports Arena where plaques for each member are on display in the lobby.

"When I saw those pictures, it just gave me goose bumps to think my picture is going to be right up there, too," Robinson said.

In 1978 Robinson was inducted into the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame and in 1985 she was enshrined into the Michigan Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame. She also was inducted into the Las Vegas Women's Bowling Hall of Fame on its inaugural program in 1983.

Robinson, Flint's first touring professional, was easily the area's top woman bowler for most of her 20-year career here.

She rolled 15 series of 700 or higher while calling Flint home. Robinson has produced another 25 700 totals in league or tournament competition during the last eight years.

Her professional tournament schedule has been reduced in recent years because of a myriad of other activities.

"I don't have time to practice, I just can't seem to fit it in," Robinson said.

She rolls in two leagues at Showboat, including a trio league in which she owned a solid 219 average after 21 games. Robinson qualified for the 1986 WIBC Queens tournament and narrowly missed reaching the finals of the U.S. Open.

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Ellis Duckett ...

Still feeling that blocked punt

The blocked punt.

Thirty-two years after the play, Ellis Duckett still rubs his right hand, the same right hand that blocked a punt in the 1954 Rose Bowl Game. Duckett scooped up the loose football and carried it into the end zone for a Spartan touchdown.

That was the play everyone remembers most about Duckett.

"I was playing defensive end on the left side. Their kicker (UCLA All-American Paul Cameron) must have thought I was out too far to get in but I had a clean shot at the ball," said Duckett. "I felt good when I hit it. Then I just picked it up and went into the end zone."

Michigan State trailed, 14-0, before the most famous blocked kick in Spar-

tan gridiron lore. MSU eventually rebounded to claim a 28-20 victory, its first in the Rose Bowl.

After the game, Duckett's right hand was swollen like a heavyweight boxer's hand is puffed up after a championship bout. Several blood vessels were broken but Duckett felt no pain.

"It's a good hurt," he said then in the Spartan locker room at Pasadena, Calif. "It was a big thrill, the first time I ever blocked a kick in my career and it came at the right time."

Ironically, Duckett wasn't even supposed to be in the game at defensive end at the moment of the blocked kick. Ironically, Duckett didn't want to play end at all when he came to Michigan State after two All-State seasons at halfback for Northern High.

"We had an abundance of good backs, Leroy Bolden (Duckett's teammate at Northern) Billy Wells and Don McAuliffe," recalled Duffy Daugherty, former MSU coach who was an assistant coach that year.

"We needed a good athlete at the end position and Duckett fit that fine. He didn't like playing defensive end but he liked offensive end because he could catch a lot of passes and then run like a halfback."

Those were the days of one-platoon football. Coaches could substitute, but only on a limited basis. Daugherty remembers the blocked kick by Duckett like it was yesterday.

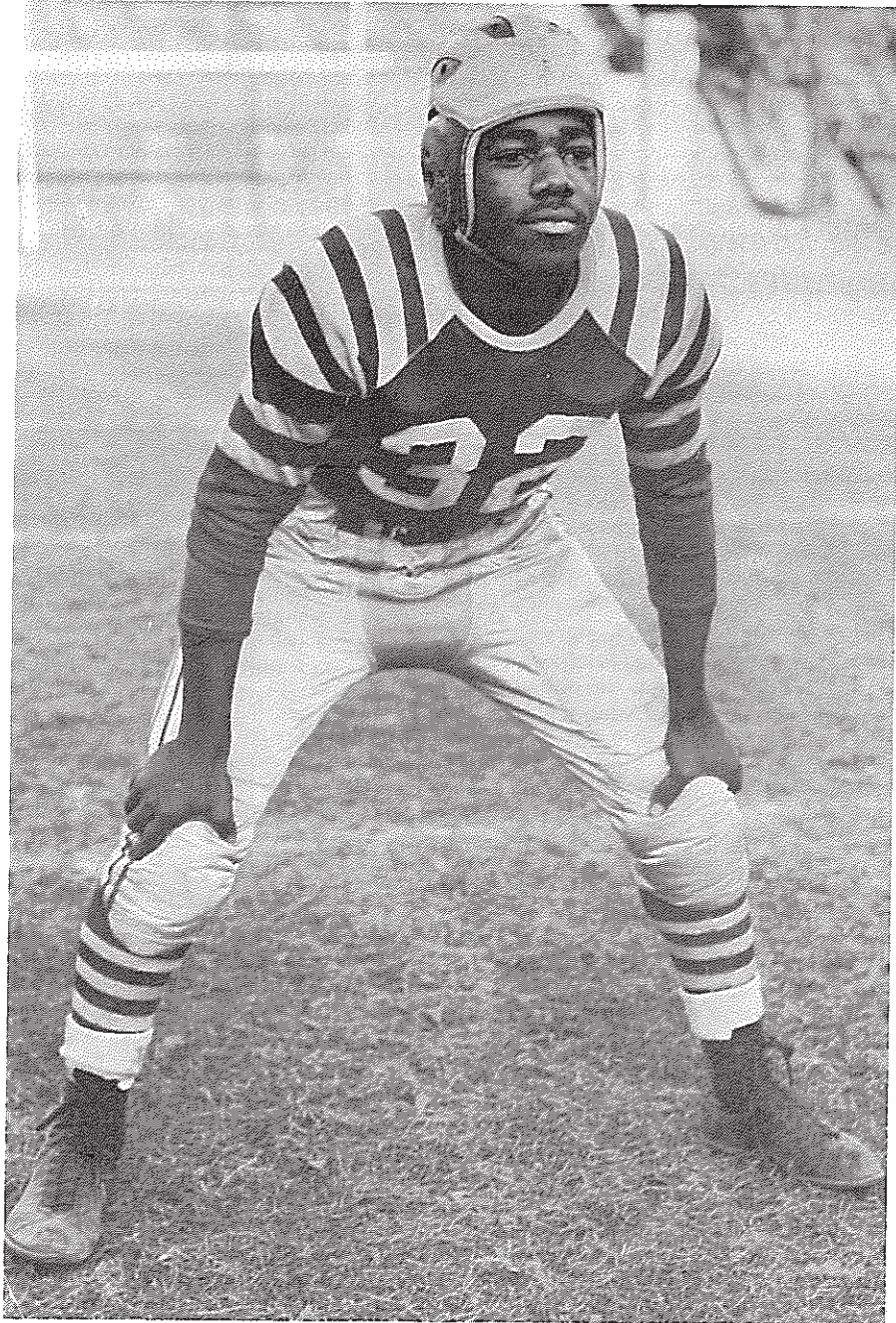
"We really didn't want Ellis in there on that play," said Duffy.

Daugherty said the blocked punt gave MSU all the momentum it needed to rally and win its final game under Coach Biggie Munn. In the next season, Daugherty took over as head coach.

Duckett had natural ability to play any position but there were new techniques to learn at offensive and defensive end. Duckett said former teammate Don Coleman, a 178-pound All-American guard from Flint, taught him all he needed to know about blocking techniques.

While the blocked punt stands out in Duckett's distinguished career, it was by no means the only bright moment.

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ELLIS DUCKETT starred at halfback at Flint Northern in 1949.



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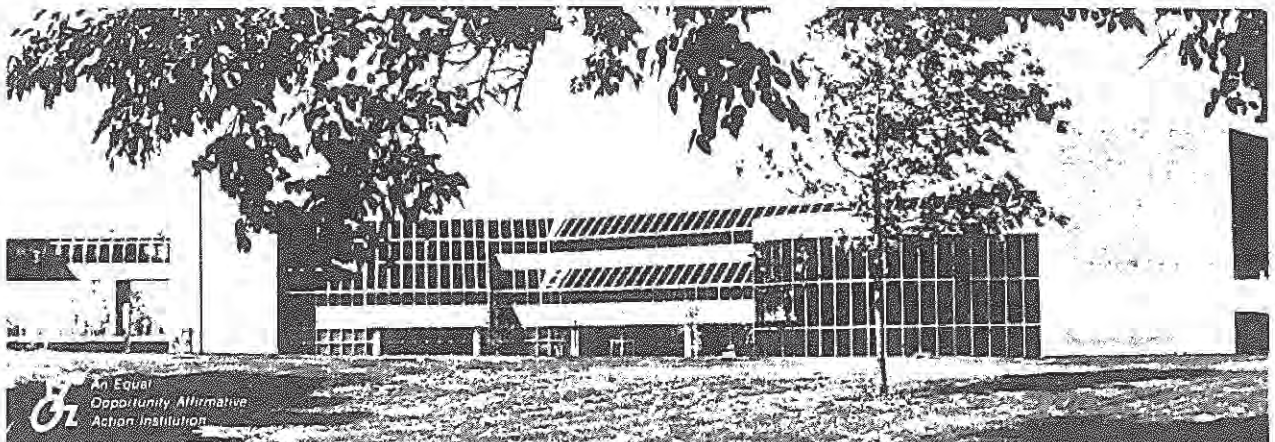
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Six Class A State Championships

Norbert Badar came to Flint for a cup of coffee, but stayed for a seven-course meal.

Like the central figure in the prize-winning stage play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," the native Clevelander figured his stay would be brief. He never left.

He recently retired after 35 years with the Flint school system.

For 33 years he coached track and cross country at Northern High, compiling a record which brought recognition as No. 1 in his sport among Michigan coaches. He gave up coaching after the 1983 season.

His teams won six Class A state championships, four in track and two in cross country. His track teams were runners-up seven times and twice were third. The Vikings had 19 top-10

finishes.

Badar's track teams won 17 city titles, 14 Saginaw Valley Conference titles and 18 regionals.

His cross country teams won 13 city championships, six Valley titles and two regionals.

He was named coach-of-the-year nine times by the Michigan High School Track Coaches Association and the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association. He was one of the founders of the latter group.

Area coaches renamed the Greater Flint Track and Field Invitational as the Norb Badar Classic in 1984.

Flint's summer track coordinator from 1957-73, except for one year, he was instrumental in establishing the Flint Olympian Games and developing

the CANUSA Games into an event of international goodwill.

Yet, he modestly claimed, "I was blessed with great assistant coaches and talented kids."

Peers know better.

When he retired from coaching, friends came from every corner of Michigan to help honor him.

He said, "To be recognized by the press is great, but to be recognized by peers is more important."

Approaching his 62nd birthday on Dec. 28, Badar never sought personal recognition.

"I prided myself as a coach but I wanted to be a good teacher," he said. "Sports are voluntary. When kids are more concerned about the prize at the end, their priorities are mixed up. Rewards and recognition are bonuses. Prizes are frosting, but don't look for them. Keep things in perspective."

He almost turned down the job at Northern.

"I had misgivings about coming here," he said. "I was working for Wanamaker's in New York City and running for the New York Athletic Club. I was doing well and wasn't ready to settle down."

Since coming here he met his wife, Mary Ann. Their children are Michael and Margaret, both students at Michigan State, and Anne Badar Aiello who lives in San Diego, Calif.

"Mary Ann and the family sacrificed a great deal for me," he said. "Now that I'm older, I realize it."

Badar was a 1950 graduate of Michigan Normal, now Eastern Michigan University, where he was a star hurdler. He was a member of an outstanding shuttle hurdles relay team which was good enough to win the university division in the Drake Relays.

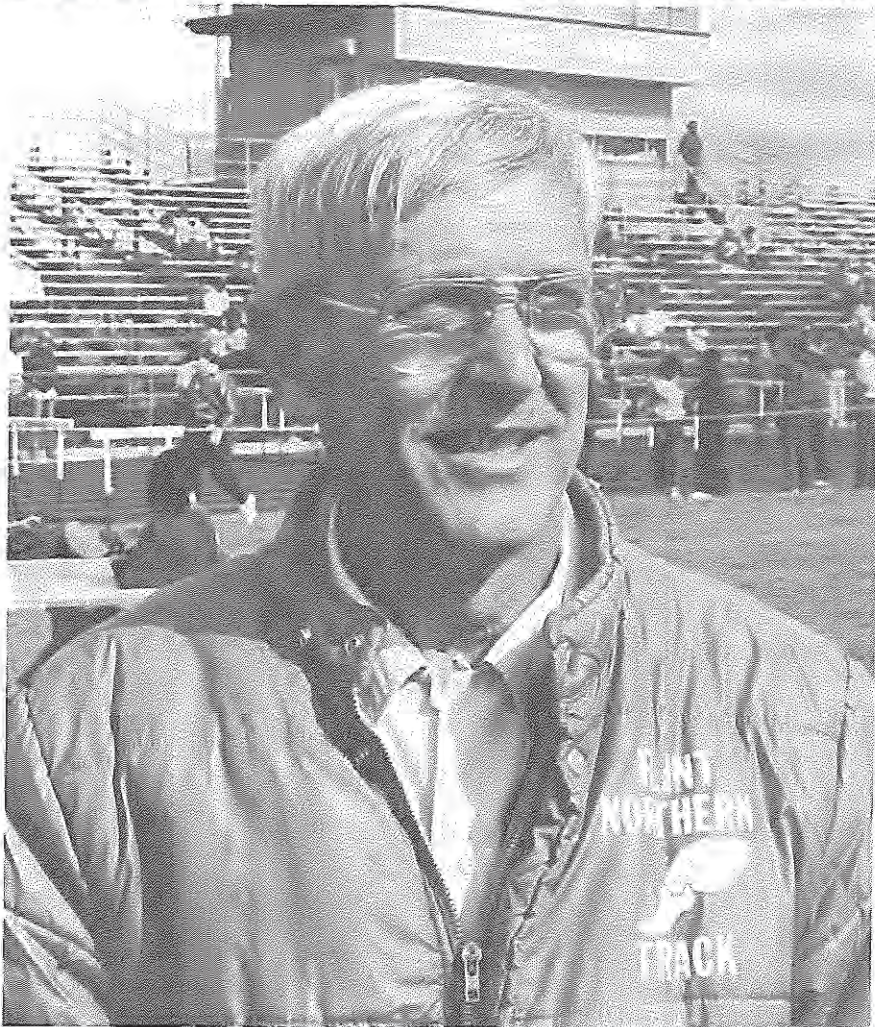
He previously spent 11½ years at Baldwin-Wallace in Ohio where he was a teammate of Olympic great Harrison Dillard.

A gym teacher at Cleveland Cathedral Latin spotted him.

Badar said, "He told me, 'You can run. Why not try it?' so I did."

He was the 1943 Ohio state champion in the low hurdles and was third or fourth ("I don't remember now," he

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AFTER 33 YEARS as the most outstanding Track Coach in Flint history, Norb Badar retired in 1983.

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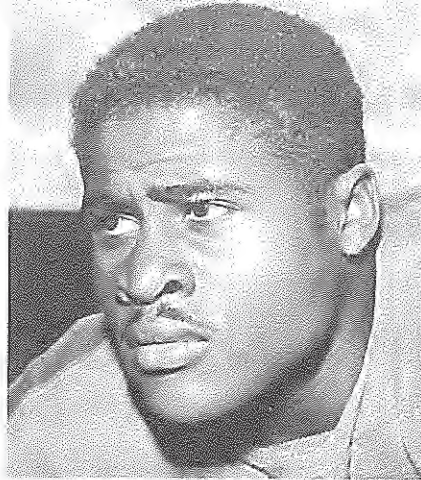
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1980

LYNN CHANDNOIS

All City, All Saginaw Valley Conference, All State, All American, All Pro. Chandnois established Michigan State University football records, offense and defense, which showed the test of time. He was named the NFL Player of the Year in 1952. For 24 years he held the NCAA record for yards returned with pass interceptions. Twice he led the NFL in kickoff returns. Chad was elected to serve on this year's Board of Directors.



1980

DON COLEMAN

Considered by many to be the greatest player in Michigan State University history, tackle Coleman was a unanimous All American. He also was elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1975. All City, All Saginaw Valley, All State, Coleman was especially honored when his Michigan State University football jersey No. 78 was retired in 1951, the first in Spartan history. Now Dr. Coleman, Don serves on the faculty at M.S.U.



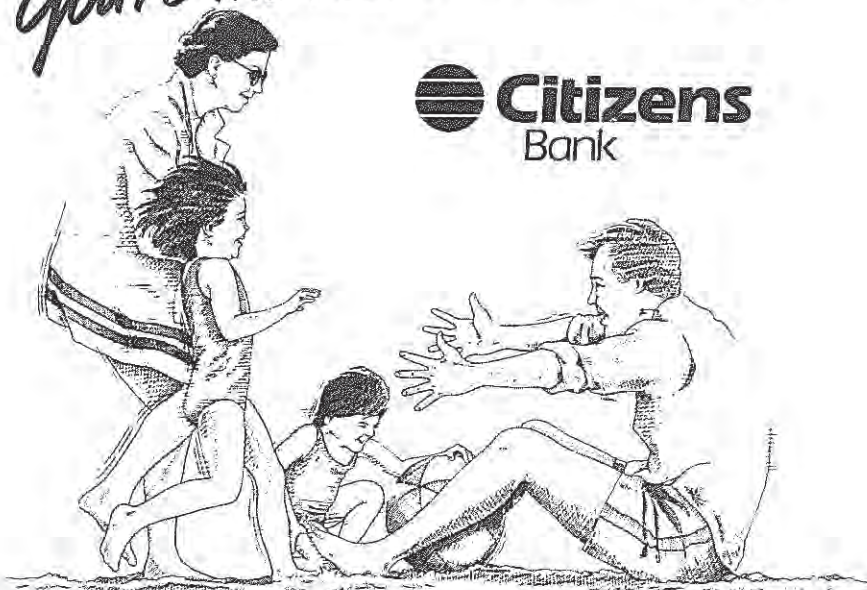
1980

JENNIE WEISS

One of the outstanding golfers in Michigan history Janet (Jennie) Barclay Weiss won the Women's State Amateur Championship a record five times; 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1957. She recorded a record 40 match-play victories along the way. Mrs. Weiss won several other titles on the way to induction to the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, October 21, 1980, prior to becoming a charter member of the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame, December 6, 1980.

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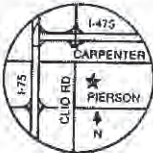
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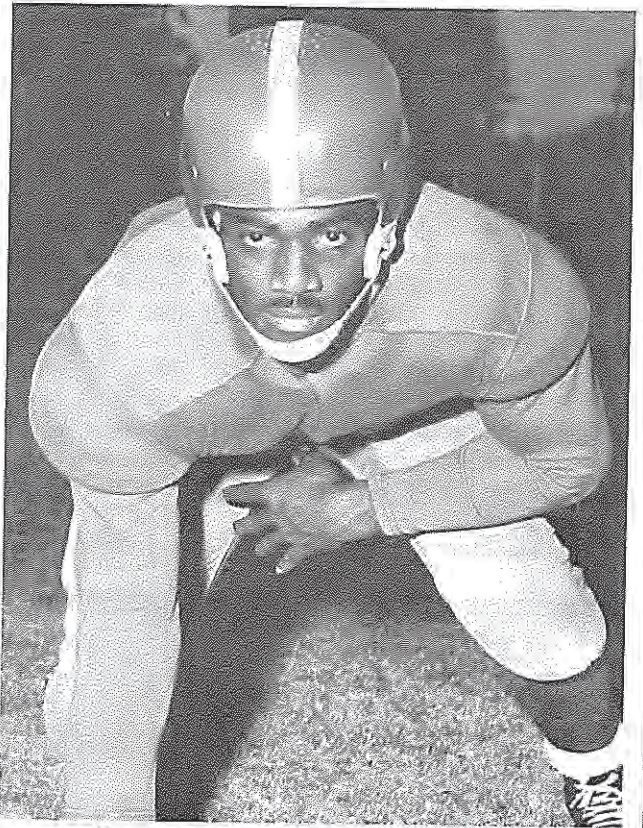


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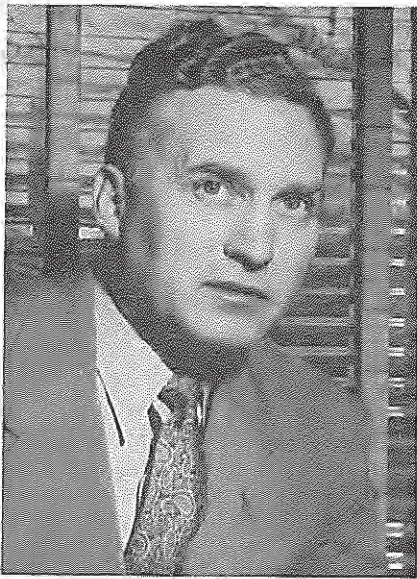


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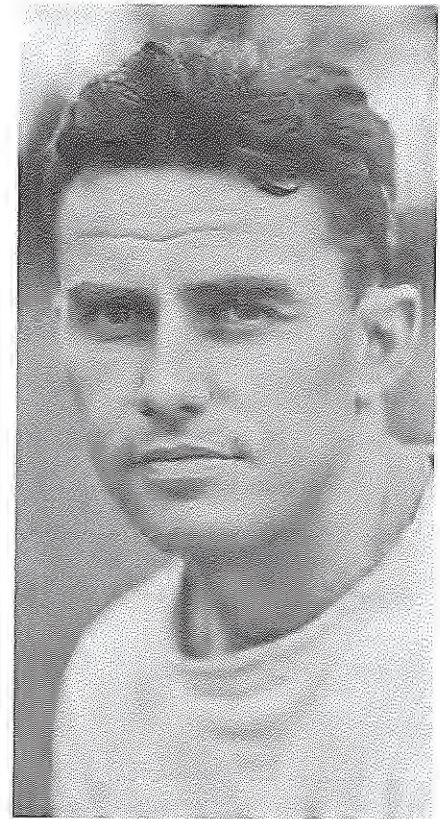
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1980
LLOYD BRAZIL

A Flint High School star, leading the way to two state football titles, Brazil later was considered with George Gipp and Jim Thorpe as one of the best college players in the country. Flint's first All-American while at the University of Detroit, Brazil ran and passed for 5,861 yards, a national record. He played all sports and coached many with highly successful results.



1980
TOM SMITH

Considered the area's Mr. Nice Guy, Smith influenced the lives of thousands with the philosophy of discipline, understanding and leadership by example. His St. Michael High teams won 112 football games, 245 in baseball and 161 in basketball. A star high school and college athlete before coming to Flint in 1929, Smith also competed in area semi-pro leagues.



1980
STEVE BYSCO

Considered a natural athlete, Bysco excelled in basketball, baseball, and bowling. He was a semi-pro center in basketball, a minor league baseball pitcher, a manager and coach. His 300 game in the City Bowling Tournament was the first in history. His 787 actual, also in the City Tournament at a different time, paced a 1,378 doubles. Bysco also wrestled and boxed.

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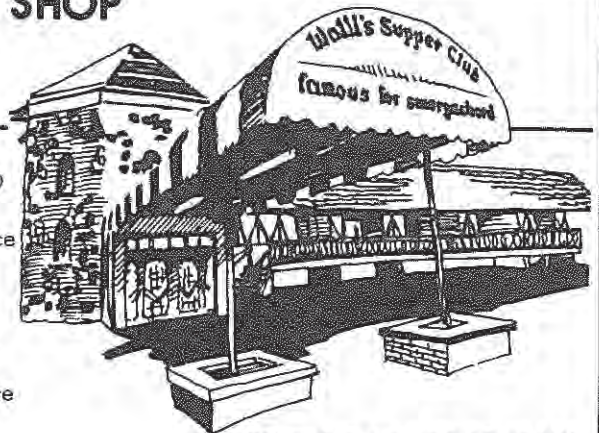
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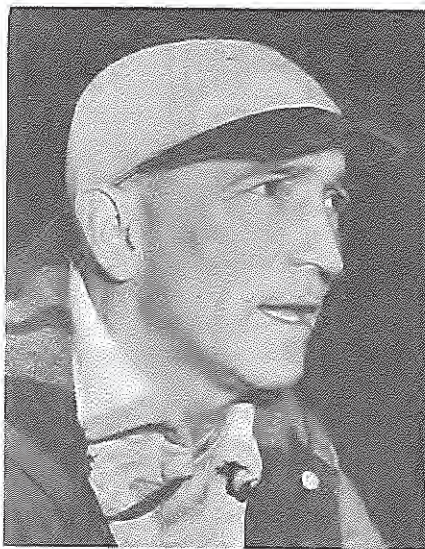
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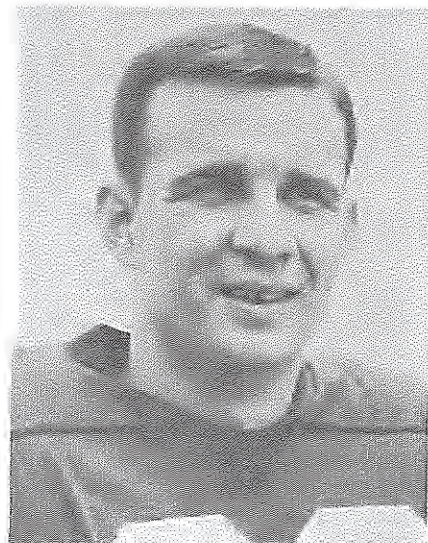
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1980
GUY HOUSTON

Noted for his work in race relations while coach and principal at Northern High, Houston was the first high school coach to be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. His 148-41-13 record as football coach included 12 Saginaw Valley Conference championships in 24 years. His teams also won state titles and under his direction Northern became known as the "School of Champions."



1980
PAUL KRAUSE

A 14-letter winner at Bendle High, Krause went on to Big Ten Conference fame in football and baseball at Iowa. He then competed 16 years in the National Football League, being Rookie of the Year with the Washington Redskins and then playing in four Super Bowls with the Minnesota Vikings. He set the NFL record for interceptions with 81, before retiring in 1980.

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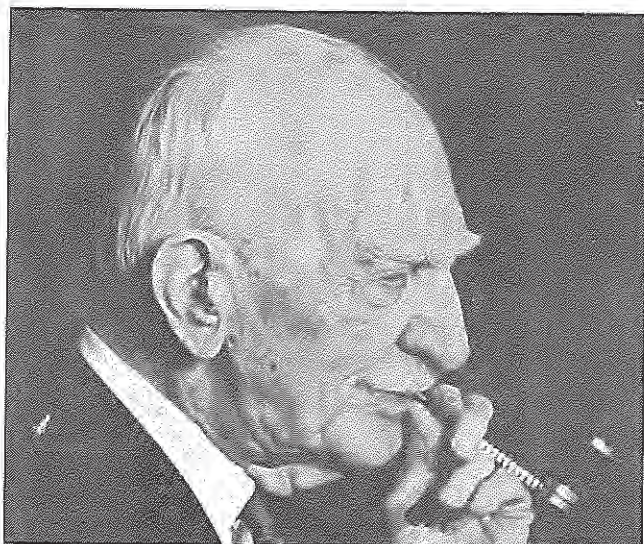
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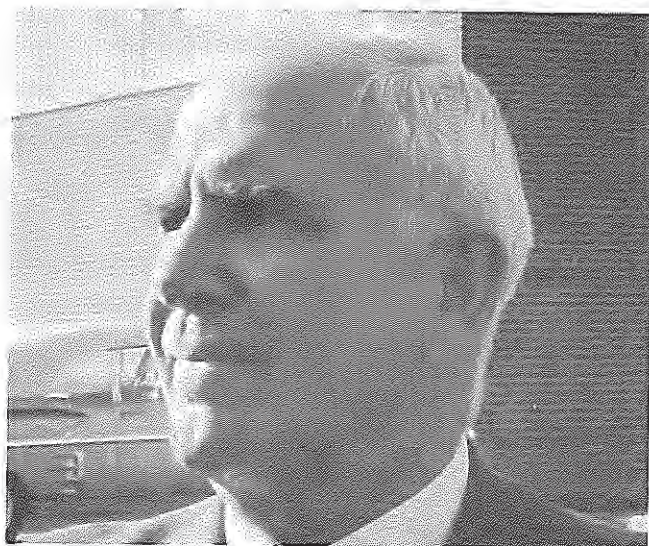
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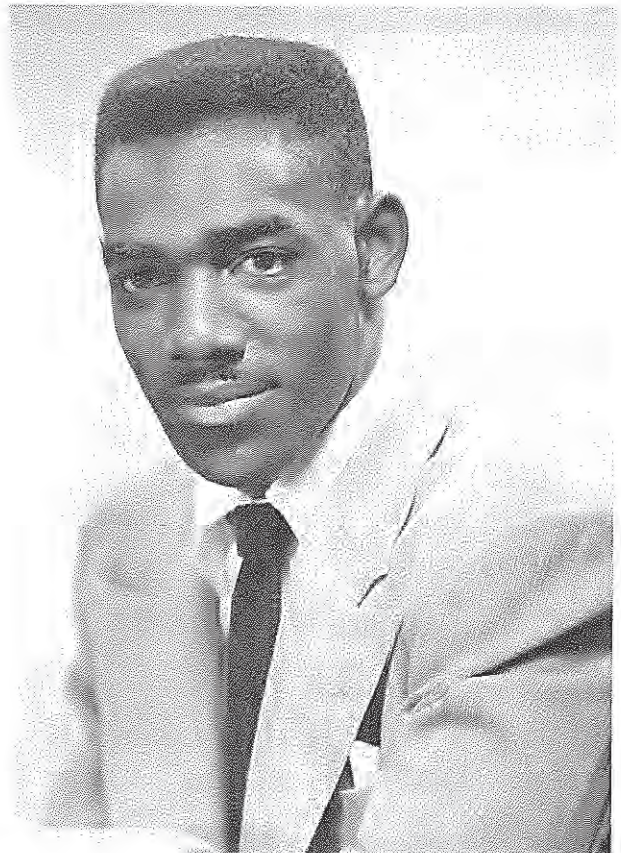
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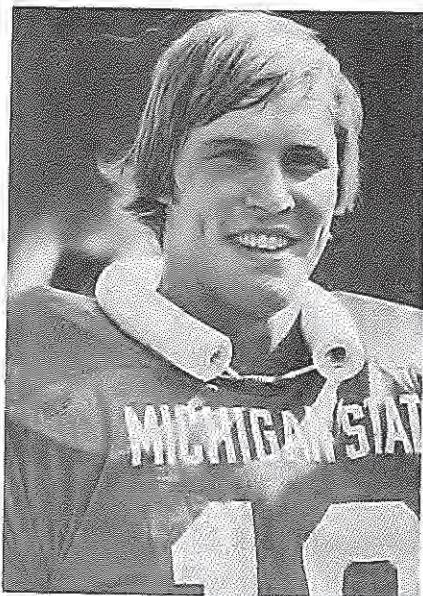
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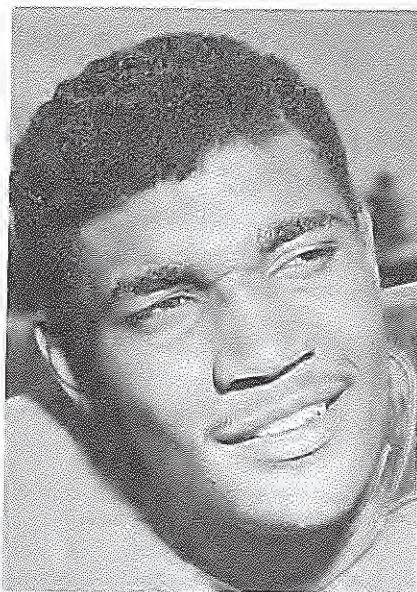




1981

BRAD VAN PELT

A three-sport star at Owosso High and Michigan State University, Van Pelt was a two-time All American safety for the Spartans, winning the coveted Maxwell Trophy in his senior year. He later excelled as an All Pro linebacker with the New York Giants in the National Football League.



1981

CLARENCE PEAKS

A standout quarterback at Central High, Peaks went on to become an All American halfback at Michigan State in the 1950's, and later, a star fullback with the Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers in the National Football League.



1981

ROGER BERNARD

Called "The Uncrowned Champion of the Featherweights," Bernard was a standout professional boxer from 1923 to 1937, compiling a record of 307 victories, only 25 defeats. He was one of only two men to defeat Welterweight Champion, Barney Ross.

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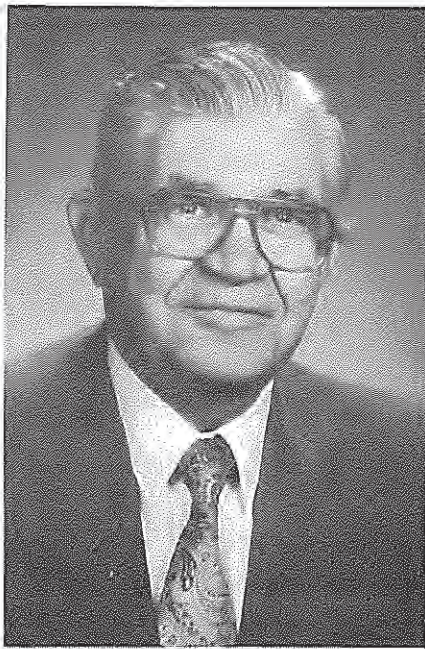
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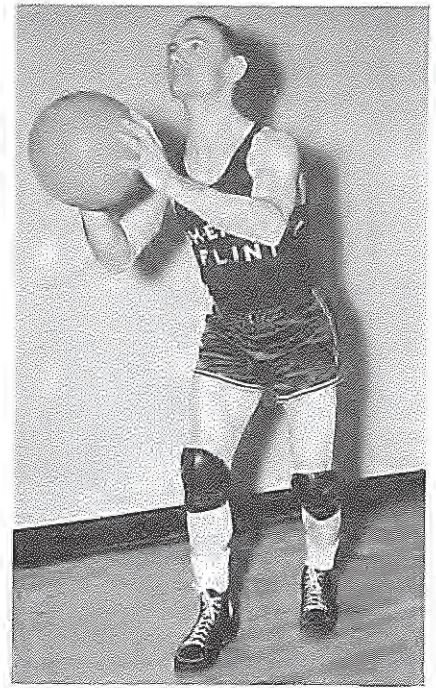


1981

Special Service Award
FRANK SCZEPANSKI

Only 5 feet 7, 145 pounds, Lipski was called by some the greatest all-around athlete in Flint history. He excelled in basketball, bowling and played semi-pro baseball in the early 1930's.

His interest in Flint was mainly covered in Flint area sports when his bowling promotion raised a half million dollars for the benefit of the March of Dimes and Prenatal Care. His influence transcended personal gain for the benefit of others.



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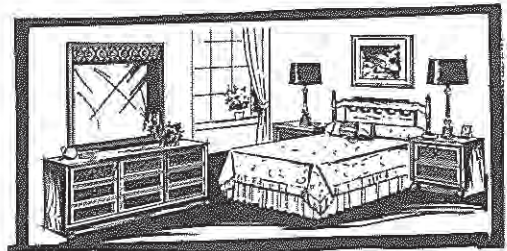


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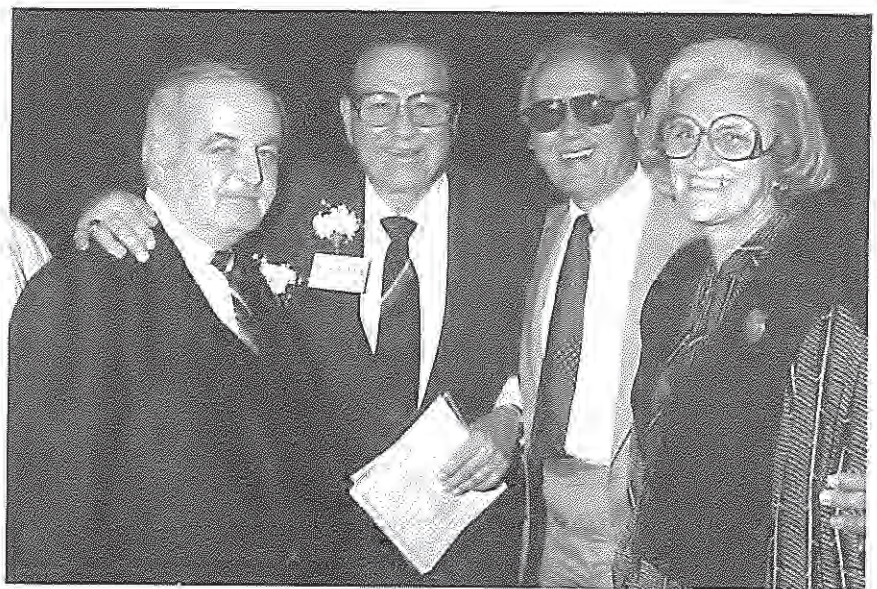
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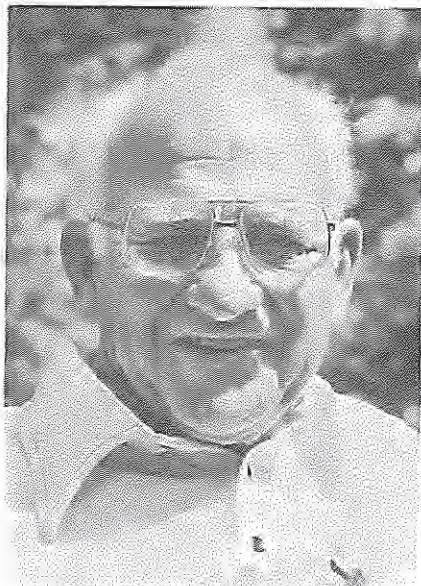
MERV RETTENMUND

A three-sport star at Southwestern High, Rettenmund excelled in football and baseball at Ball State University. He played 13 years in the major league of baseball with the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and competed in four World Series.



At last year's Induction Banquet

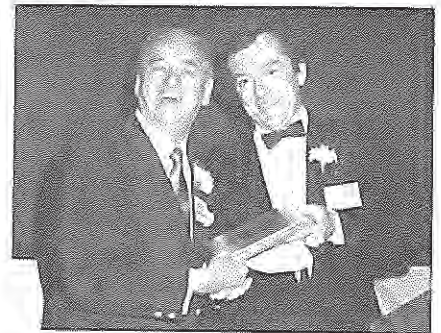
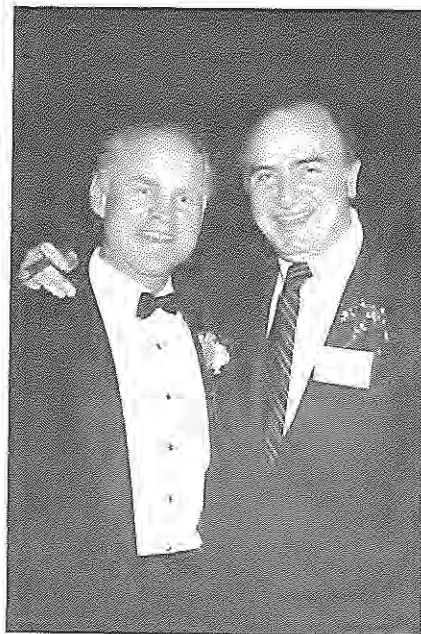
Enjoying last year's Hall of Fame banquet were, left to right, Pete Sark, guest speaker Nick Kerbaway, Michigan Hall of Fame and Hall of Fame regulars, Tim and Vera Bograkus.



1981

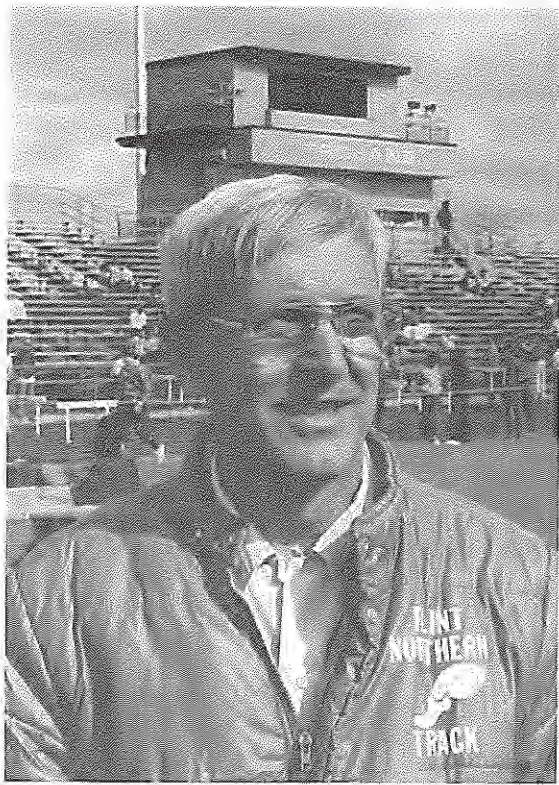
DOUG BLOM

The greatest amateur golfer in Flint area history, Blom won 19 City Amateur Championships and more than 50 titles over a 25 year span. He also played in the National Amateur and U.S. Open Tournaments.



— photos by Joe Kalush —

Above, Frank Marzonie accepts a plaque on behalf of his uncle Mike Menosky, Flint's first Major leaguer, from Emcee Ed Phelps. Left above, Judge Thomas Yeotis (right) exchanges greetings with new Hall of Famer, Steve Boros. And left, that's track star Herb Washington smiling as he accepts his award.



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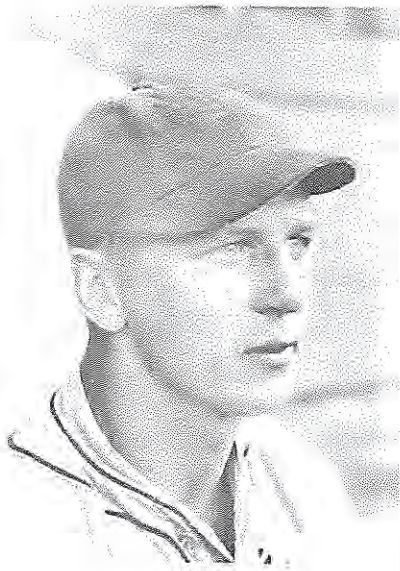
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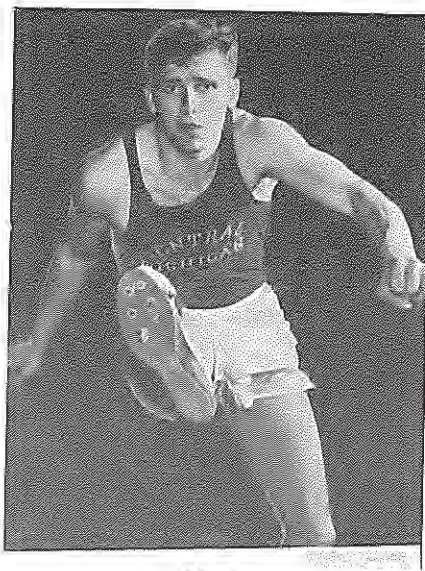
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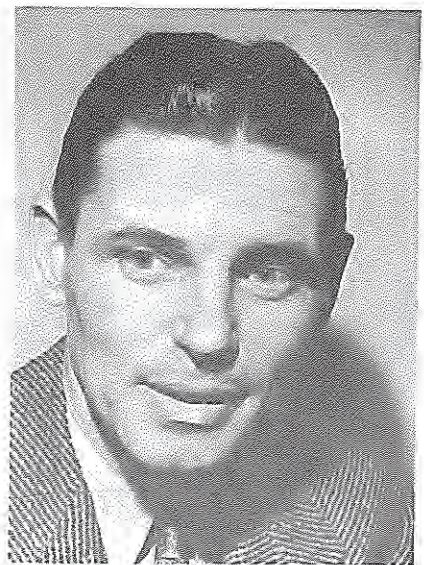
1982
FRED TROSKO

A nine-letter winner at Northern High, this stringy 135-pound halfback went on to an outstanding career at the University of Michigan where he played in the same backfield with UM's Heisman Trophy winner Tom Harmon. Later, Trosko became a successful football coach at Owosso High and Eastern Michigan University (then Michigan Normal College).



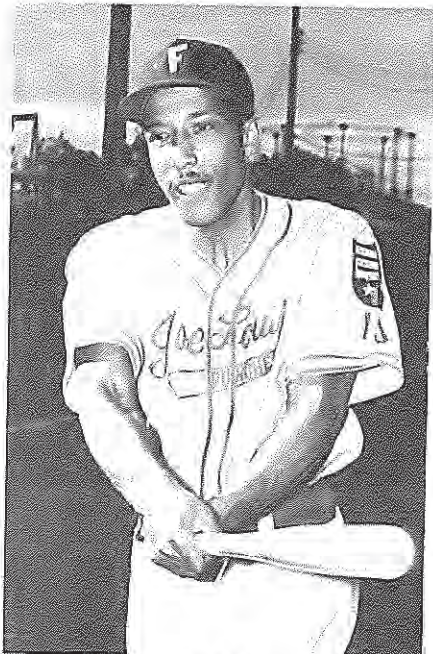
1982
JIM PODOLEY

Considered one of the greatest all-around athletes in Flint area history, this Mt. Morris native excelled as a football and track star at Central Michigan University. He scored a school record 51 touchdowns and gained 4,481 in total yardage and was a national track champion. Podoley later became a star in the National Football League with the Washington Redskins and New York Giants.



1982
JIM BARCLAY

As Northern High's first basketball coach, Barclay's teams went on to win a record four State Class A championships. His teams also won nine city championships and six Saginaw Valley Conference titles. His 1939-40 state championship team was nicknamed "The Wonder Boys" and is considered one of the finest teams in Flint history.



1982
FLOYD BATES

A three-sport star — football, basketball and track — at Central High, Bates is also a member of the Michigan Softball Hall of Fame. He once held the state record in the high jump. He played with Flint's famed Joe Louis Puncher's softball team and the Harlem Globetrotters' basketball team.

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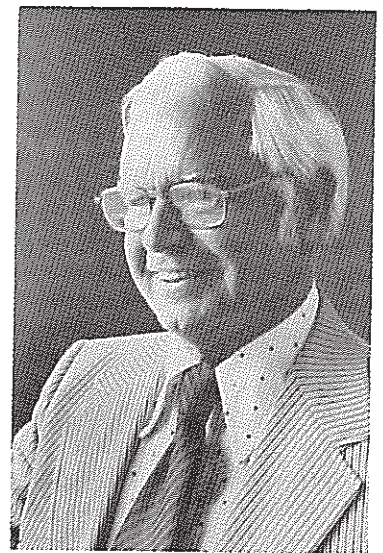
**1982
SUE NOVARA-REBER**

This former Northwestern High student twice captured the world sprint cycling championships and was once the American record holder in the 200 meters. She won seven United States cycling titles. She has been an outstanding speed skater, winning state and Midwest Outdoor crowns.



**1982
LEO SUGAR**

A three-sport star at Northern High in the late 1940s, Sugar went on to become an all-Big Ten Conference defensive lineman at Purdue. He was a standout in the National Football League with the St. Louis Cardinals, ending his career with the Detroit Lions. He once played in 99 consecutive NFL games.



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1982
EVERETT A. CUMMINGS**

He spent a lifetime of service to the community and was a most effective leader in the sports and recreation fields. The former vice-president of Citizens Bank, Cummings was one person responsible for the installation of AstroTurf at Atwood Stadium, the building of Houston Stadium and the construction of Broome and Whaley Parks.

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Robinson ...

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She does not compete on the Ladies Professional Bowlers Tour for physical reasons.

"My body is in shape, but my fingers get tired," Robinson said. "The only remedy to that is to get out and bowl 10 to 12 games a day, but at the Showboat I'm a bit of a workaholic.

"After the Queens (in May) I didn't touch a ball until August. It wasn't a lack of desire, I just didn't have the time.

"I don't want to go out on the tour if my game isn't in shape. I can't go to a tournament and be on the right hand side of the standings board."

At the Showboat Robinson is responsible for promoting and coordinating activities on 106 lanes. The Showboat annually hosts three professional tournaments as well as two major national amateur events.

Robinson helps to run numerous smaller tournaments, schedules 250 leagues during the winter, gives

lessons and offers weekly bowling tips on a local television station.

Her efforts are appreciated by Joe Kelley, president and chairman of the board of the Showboat.

"She's a lovely lady and does an excellent job," Kelley said. "Everybody just loves her. I can't say anything but give her the highest praise."

Kelley was delighted to learn of Robinson's latest honor.

"I think people should be rewarded for what they do," Kelley said. "Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is something very few people, including myself, will ever have a chance to do."

While in Flint Robinson served 10 years as president of the Professional Women Bowlers Association, forerunner of the LPBT.

During her tenure Flint gained a regular stop on the PWBA schedule, hosting its National Championship tournament at Southland Lanes from 1968-74.

Robinson won a PWBA tournament in 1974 in Dayton, Ohio, and twice was active in major international competition.

She was coach of the U.S. team in 1967 that competed in Malmo, Sweden in the Federation Internationale des Quilleurs (FIQ) tournament.

In 1970 Robinson was among the PWBA members selected to compete in the Pearl Cup tournament in Tokyo, Japan.

As a league bowler in Flint, Robinson remains the only woman to own two of the 10 highest all-time series. She is fourth with 718 and 10th with 707.

Robinson has been a member of two teams that have produced league series ranking among the all-time best (fifth and ninth) and participated in two team games (second and third) that are on the all-time honor roll.

In her last season in Flint, Robinson rolled in the Detroit All-Star Bowlerettes, the state's best women's league. She helped her team, Firebird Lanes of Pontiac, to a record actual series, 3,147, in the state women's tournament.

Robinson also set a record in the Nevada state women's tournament with a 1,967 nine-game all events total in 1980.

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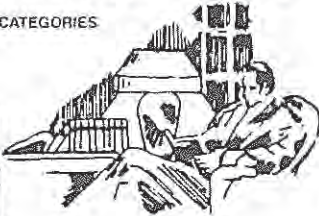
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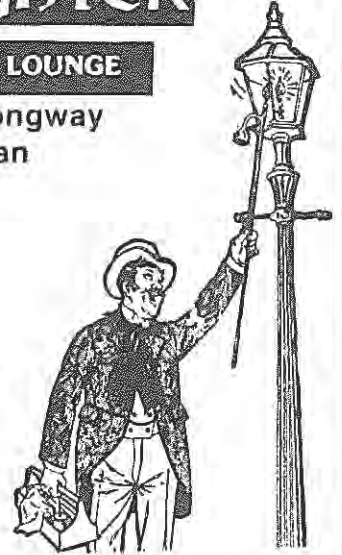
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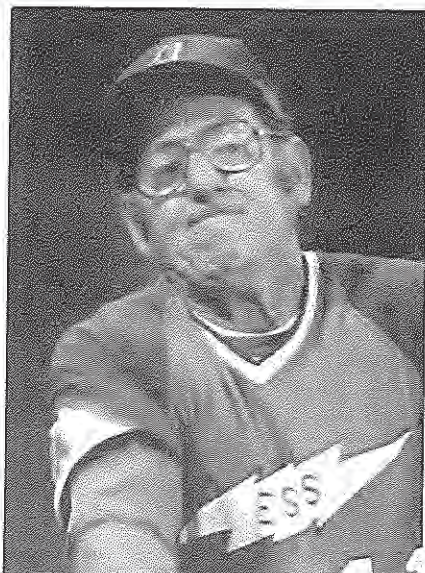
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1983
**PAM STOCKTON
BRADY**

The teen whiz of the badminton court, she claimed 24 national junior championships before winning or sharing in 16 national titles as an adult. The highlight of her career was winning the South African national championship at age 18.



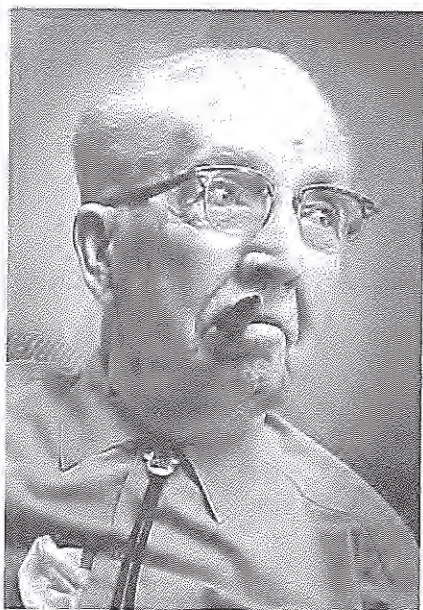
1983
JIM DOYLE

Regarded as Flint's greatest softball pitcher for more than 25 years, Doyle hurled his American United Life team to the 1977 American Softball Association championship. At age 49, he threw a no-hitter in the ASA tournament in 1983. He also pitched in the 1980 Pan-American Games.



1983
BILL HAMILTON

An outstanding athlete in football and track at Northern High in the 1940's, Hamilton later became a standout baseball and softball player. A member of the Michigan Softball Hall of Fame and the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, Hamilton was selected to the All-World Softball team in 1945.



1983
**Special Service Award
T. J. HALLIGAN**

An area bowling proprietor for 40 years, Halligan was also president of three minor leagues of professional baseball and remained active in community bowling and baseball endeavors until his death in 1968.

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Barclay ...

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Press, wrote: "In the afternoon round, he outdrove Bailey, reputedly a long hitter, was inside on almost every second shot and putted so well there was no comparison.

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His most spectacular shot was a 30-foot birdie on the first hole to earn a half after Bailey's 35-foot birdie. He lost the second hole, got even on No. 4, then took the lead for keeps by winning Nos. 7 and 8. He closed out the match with a 10-foot birdie putt on No. 16.

As a UM golfer, he reached the national intercollegiate quarterfinals as a sophomore and senior and the semifinals as a junior. In 1937 he defeated Willie Turnesa, a member of the noted golfing family, who won the U.S. Amateur a year later.

He also played in such top rated events as the Western Amateur and Trans-Mississippi. He qualified for the 1937 U.S. Open at Oakland Hills.

He was a two-way football player at Michigan, quarterback on offense and halfback on defense.

"Everyone played both ways then but I played because of defensive ability, not because of running," he said.

Nevertheless, at least two other Big Ten teams "stole" a Michigan play which was called the Barclay Special.

His basketball career was curtailed by a broken leg in early January 1938, and he missed the rest of the season until the final game.

Undaunted, he came back to play golf.

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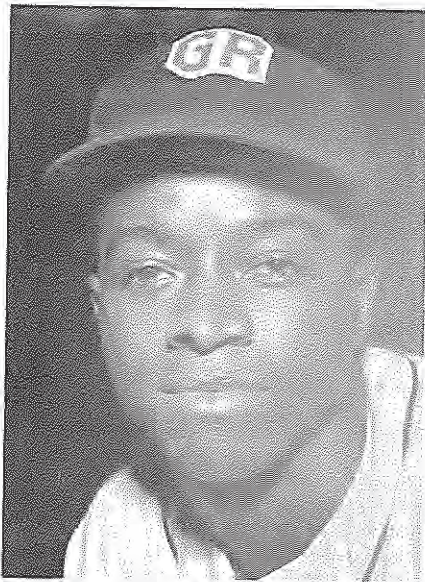
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1983

DAVE HOSKINS

The first black athlete to compete in the Central and Texas Leagues of professional baseball, Hoskins went on to pitch for the Cleveland Indians in the American League. He was one of the greatest players ever in Flint's amateur city league, as a pitcher, hitter and outfielder in the 1940's.



1983

HAROLD "TUBBY" RAYMOND

The former Northern High athlete became one of college football's greatest coaches at the University of Delaware for 18 years. In that span, his teams won three NCAA Division II championships and more than 150 games.



1983

BOB ROWE

Flushing's Rowe distinguished himself as the Mid-American Conference lineman of the year at Western Michigan University, leading the Broncos to the 1966 MAC title. He later became an All-Pro defensive tackle with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National Football League.

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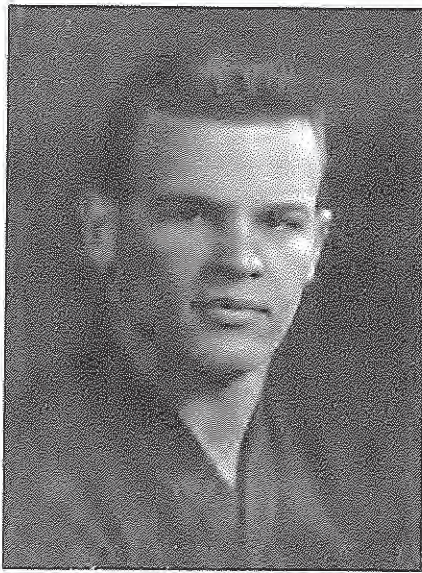
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DOMINIC TOMASI
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Tomasi, an offensive lineman, was the captain and most valuable player of the 1948 University of Michigan football team which went undefeated and won the national championship. He was a second baseman for four years on the Wolverines' baseball team. Tomasi was a standout athlete at Northern High.



JAMES R.
"JIMMY" JOHNSON

Johnson earned 11 letters in football, basketball, baseball and track at Central High in the early 1930's. He was an outstanding lineman at South Carolina State College where he earned All-American honors in 1937.



HOWARD "GUS" HUGHES
1984

An outstanding athlete at St. Michael and Central High Schools, Hughes gained great fame as a high school coach. He coached the 1928 St. Michael basketball team to the Class C state championship. In 12 seasons as a football coach at three schools, his teams never had a losing record.



FRED LAWSON
1984
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

While golf pro from 1925 to 1953 at Mott Park and Swartz Creek golf courses, Lawson helped develop state and local champions. He was also a director of the Flint Junior Golf Association.



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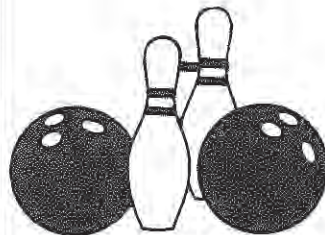
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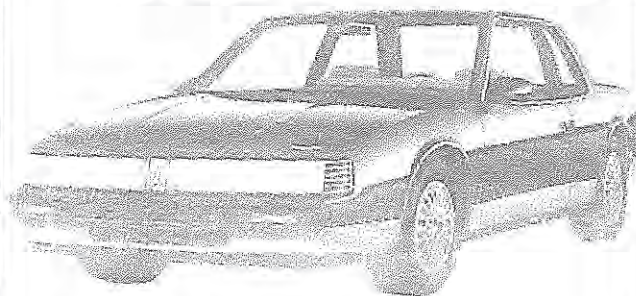
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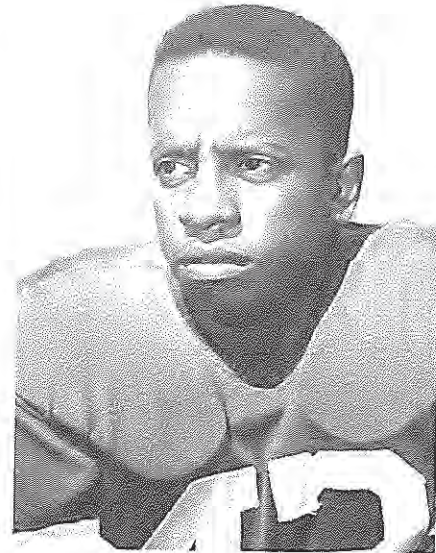
HOWARD GILROY
1984

At the time of his induction, Gilroy was considered the greatest bowler in Flint area history. He had four 300 games and more than 90 700 series. His 803 series in 1974 was the highest rolled in Flint in 37 years.



PEG HAMMOND
1984

Hammond won the city singles tennis title eight times, the last time in 1950. She also won several doubles championships in tennis and badminton. Hammond taught several sports through Mott Foundation programs in the 1930's and 1940's.



JESSE THOMAS
1984

Thomas played defensive halfback for the Baltimore Colts from 1955-57. He received honorable mention All-American honors while a halfback at Michigan State. In 1951, he was first in four events at the Big Ten track meet. Thoms was an all-around athlete at Central High.

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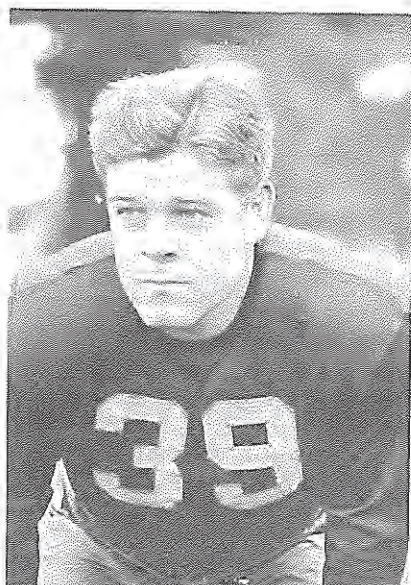
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**RUSS REYNOLDS
1985**

Reynolds coached football for 23 years and baseball for 17 years at Beecher High, where he also served as athletic director. He was captain and quarterback of Michigan State's football team in 1934. He was an outstanding all-around athlete at Northern High.

Duckett ...

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From an early age, he proved himself one of Flint's best all-around athletes. He was a two-time All-Stater on, perhaps, Northern's greatest two football teams, the 1949 and 1950 squads. He was a track star, too, and started for the basketball team.

One of Duckett's proudest high school moments came on the basketball court where he sank a last-second, two-hand set shot to beat Saginaw Arthur Hill, 58-54, in 1951, his senior season.

Another of Duckett's accomplishments was returning to Michigan State in the late 1960s to finally attain the college degree he had never earned while playing football for the Spartans.

On the day he was drafted by the National Football League in 1955, Duckett was also inducted into the Army. Forty-five days later he was

given a medical discharge because of a football-related injury. Instead of returning to school, Duckett went to work for General Motors in Flint.

His health forced Duckett to enter a rehabilitation program, and he decided to return to MSU to earn his degree and teacher's certificate.

"I've been a teacher in the Flint schools (now at Neithercut Elementary) for 17 years. I fell in love with teaching and I'm still in love with it. I'm proud to be a teacher," he said.

Almost as proud as when he blocked that punt in the 1954 Rose Bowl game.

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**HERB WASHINGTON
1985**

Washington set world records in the 50 and 60-yard dashes in 1970, while at Michigan State. He was a state champion sprinter at Central High. Washington stole 29 bases as a pinch-runner for the World Champion Oakland A's in 1974.

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Kurys ...

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Going to Chicago was a somewhat frightening experience. It was all so new to me."

The All-American Professional Girls' Baseball League was a brainchild of baseball owners Branch Rickey and Philip K. Wrigley. They thought Major League parks might be empty during World War II, and they wanted to maintain interest in the sport.

The original franchises were in South Bend and Fort Wayne, Ind.; Peoria and Rockford, Ill.; Muskegon and Grand Rapids, Mich., and Kenosha and Racine, Wis.

Kurys was drafted by the Racine Belles and instantly became a star although she was one of the youngest players.

"I was a good fielder and hitter but I guess you could say my forte was stealing bases," said Sophie. "I just loved to get on base and get something going."

Sophie Kurys was the Ty Cobb of her gender. In eight seasons, she stole more than 1,000 bases. In 1946, she established a season record of 201. Fans nicknamed her "Tina Cobb."

Granted, the distance between bases was shorter than the Major Leagues (72 feet compared to 90), but it was also a shorter throw from catcher to second base. And, the women in the league wore no protection on their legs.

"We had skirts, that's all," said Sophie. "I'd get a lot of bruises on my thighs, and ankle sprains and other injuries. I didn't miss many games, though."

In fact, from 1943-45 she played in a league-record 248 straight games before being sidelined with a knee injury.

The league was stocked with good coaches, many of them former major leaguers. Men like Bill Wambsganns, Buzz Doyle, Johnny Rawlings, Marty McManus, Dave Bancroft and Leo Murphy. Ex-Pittsburgh Pirate star Max Carey was the league's president.

Sophie didn't hurt for money, either. She started out earning \$85 per week at Racine but that pay eventually rose to \$375 per week. She also got a \$1,000 bonus for signing.

In 1946, Kurys was named the league's most valuable player for her 201 base thefts, a .286 batting average and 117 runs scored.

After the war, attendance declined in the league and it eventually folded in the early 1950s. Sophie quit playing baseball in 1952 and settled in Racine where she joined Apex Machine Producing Co. She later became a part owner of the company.

Last month, the league held a reunion in Fort Wayne. Many of the former players — Sophie included — showed up to reminisce.

"It was fun seeing my former teammates and friends after all the years," she said. "We were a major professional league back then, even though a lot of people have forgotten us."

"We were a good league and played good baseball. We'd go to the Army camps in the states to play and the soldiers would give us standing ovations. They might have called us tomboys but they knew good baseball when they saw it, too."

Retiring at age 61 Kurys moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., where she plays golf every day. She also has received her high school diploma and attended college.

Craven ...

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His score in The Journal Classic was also unsanctioned, but it is believed to be the highest three-game total ever produced by an area bowler.

The 300 games were among nine Craven rolled in 66 years of bowling, although none were sanctioned. His highest approved score was 299 and he totaled above 700 for three games more than 100 times.

"He had a knack for being able to get the pins to bounce off the sideboards and carry the 10 pin," said Gale Rich, a former teammate who entered the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame in 1979.

Craven averaged above 200 for more than 10 years and was a men's city tournament champion four times including once in all events. He participated in numerous ABC national tournaments, once bowling a 699 series.

Rich also remembers Craven for his fiery temper, but said the outbursts were always directed at himself, not teammates or the opposition.

"Ollie was a good team bowler," Rich said. "He'd always cheer you along if you going good even when he wasn't. He wouldn't offer tips or suggestions if you didn't ask, but he would always congratulate someone for a good score."

In team competition Craven always bowled fifth in the lineup because of an ability to deliver in the clutch.

"You could always depend on him to get a strike," Rich said. "He had the desire to be the best."

And he was.

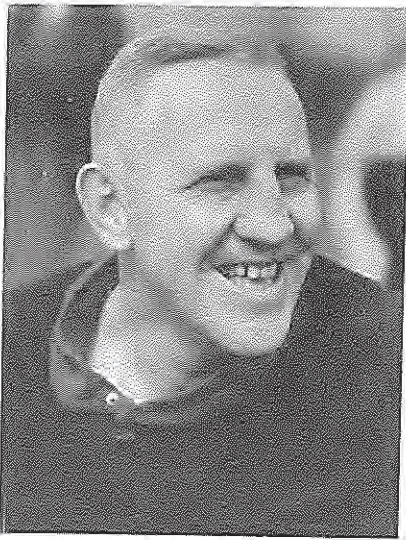
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Broome, known as "Mr. Flint Central," worked at the school from 1925-61. He coached baseball, cross country, track, swimming and gymnastics and served as trainer in all sports. He also served as dean of boys and dean of attendance.



NAP LA VOIE
Special Service Award
1985

LaVoie spent 38 years at Flint Central High as a coach and athletic director. He was head football coach and athletic director from 1934-39, before becoming full-time athletic director in 1939. He retired in 1968.



KEN FAILING
1985

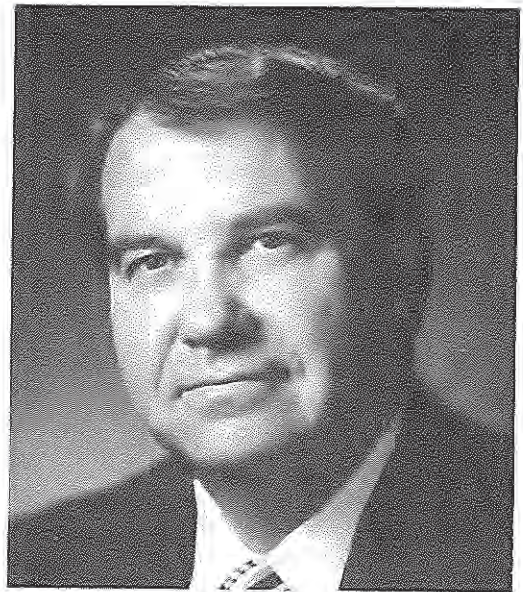
Failing was head basketball coach for 15 years at Flint St. Mary. His 1939 team won the state Class C championship. He was an outstanding all-around athlete who played pro football and basketball on Flint teams.

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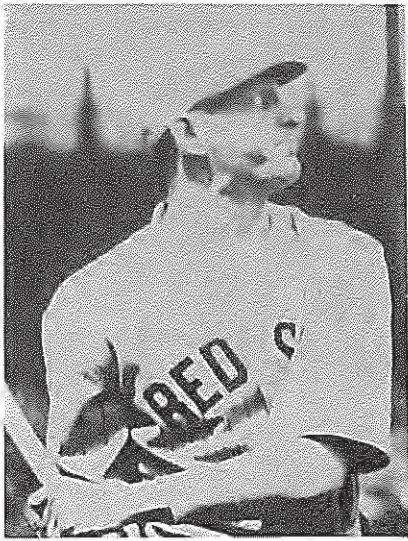
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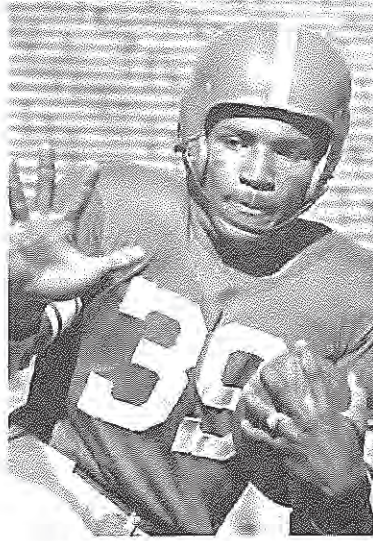


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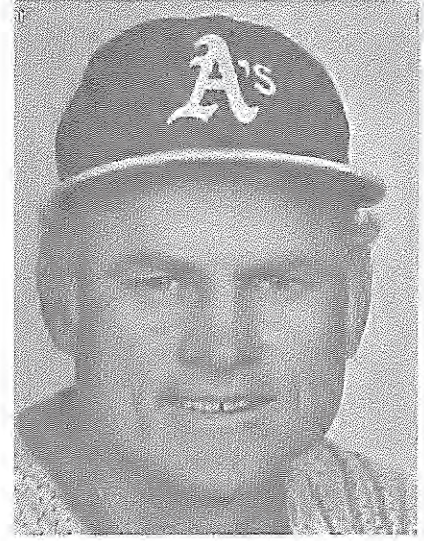
MIKE MENOSKY
1985

Menosky, an outfielder, was Flint's first Major League baseball player, joining the Washington Senators in 1916. In the early 1920s he led the Boston Red Sox in stolen bases, games played, bases on balls and triples. He batted .300 in 1921.



LEROY BOLDEN
1985

Bolden was a two-time All-American halfback at Michigan State and was most valuable player in the 1954 Rose Bowl. He played pro football with the Cleveland Browns. Bolden scored 13 touchdowns for Northern High's 1950 state Class A championship team.



STEVE BOROS
1985

Boros became Flint's first Major League baseball manager with the Oakland A's in 1982-83. He played third base for the Detroit Tigers, Cincinnati Reds and Chicago Cubs from 1961-65 after standout careers at the University of Michigan and Northern High.

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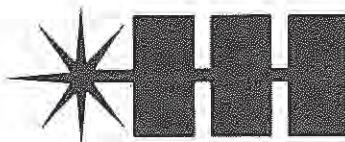
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said) - in the highs.

Even after coming to Flint, Badar viewed a short stay. He said, "I figured a year or two would be enough. Then I would move on. My goal was to coach on the college level.

"But I came to like Michigan because there's space. I like to drive and go places and I love the water. This is a good place to live."

The often-outspoken Badar almost turned down Flint long distance.

"The personnel office called me and suggested I come for an inter-

view," Badar said. "I told them they already had my credentials. If they weren't good enough, there was no sense my driving 750 miles for an interview."

The job was his.

He arrived in February 1951 to become head coach in track and cross country, replacing Bill Cave who had been called into the service during the Korean War.

He worked for the late Guy V. Houston, who was Northern's athletic director and an outspoken person himself.

Badar said, "There was a little friction at the start but we became good friends. Both would say what we thought, but neither of us carried a grudge. It even got to the point where Guy would ask for my opinions."

He gave up head coaching duties

when Cave returned for two seasons, then resumed the post after the 1955 season.

Badar said, "Sometimes it was difficult to take orders as an assistant coach but it was beneficial to me. I learned a lot."

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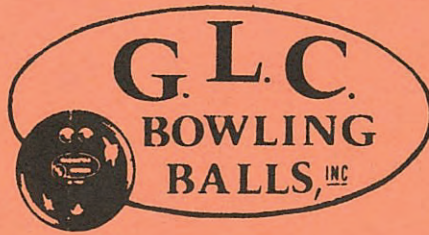
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