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## Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame



**December 1, 1990 – Hyatt Regency**

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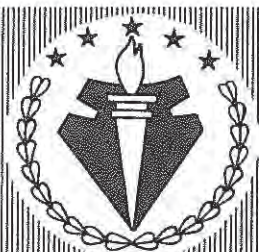
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*The board of directors of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame is proud to welcome you to the Eleventh Annual Induction Banquet.*

*This year the names of Michael Gorman, Al Johnson, Jock Leslie, Bob Harvey, Bart Markel, Ken Morrow and Reggie Williams will forever be etched into the athletic history of Flint.*

*The idea for a sports hall of fame was born out of the Bruin Club at Mott Community College and expanded twelve years ago as a board of directors took up the challenge.*

*The board saw the hall as a means of not only recognizing the glory of Flint's athletic past, but of giving the youth of today a role model. It is a way of showing that heroes are not always names and faces of strangers on a sports page, but that they belong to real people who lived and grew up and walked down the same hallways and played on the same fields of battle as any of today's youth.*

*Flint's Sports Hall of Fame is located in the main lobby of the IMA Sports Arena. The plaques unveiled tonight will be hung there along with the others. We hope you can visit there soon.*

*As we offer our congratulations to the family and friends of tonight's inductees, we ask you to keep in mind the eternal words of the inimitable Vince Lombardi . . .*

*"I firmly believe that any man's first hour - his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle . . . victorious."*

## THE 11TH ANNUAL GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET

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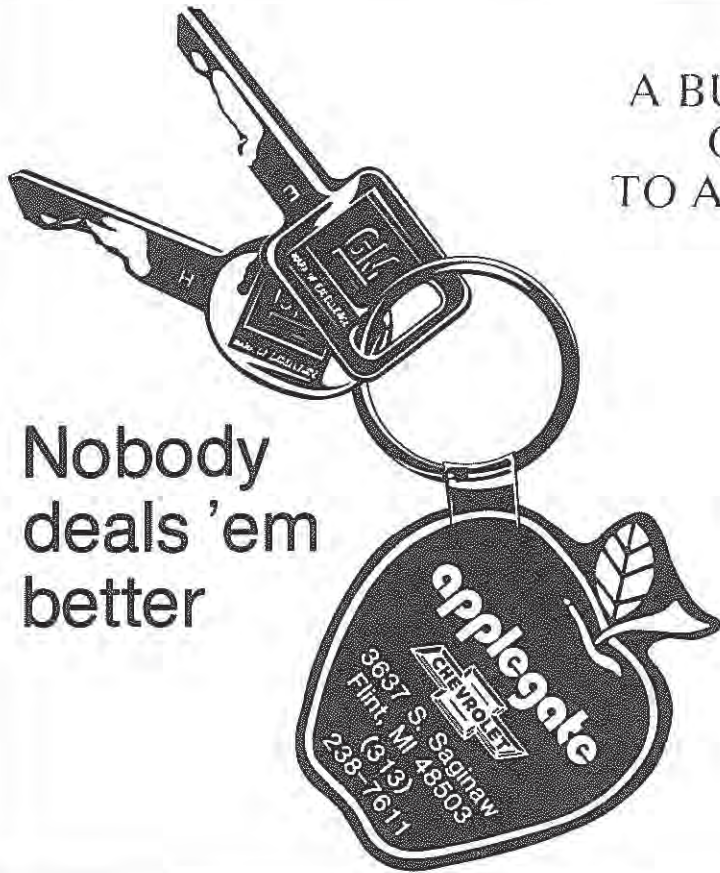
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## Presentation of the 1990 Inductees

- ★ *Michael Gorman*  
*Special Service To Sports Award*
- ★ *Al Johnson*
- ★ *Jock Leslie*
- ★ *Bob Harvey*
- ★ *Bart Markel*
- ★ *Ken Morrow*
- ★ *Reggie Williams*

Benediction ..... Rev. Smith

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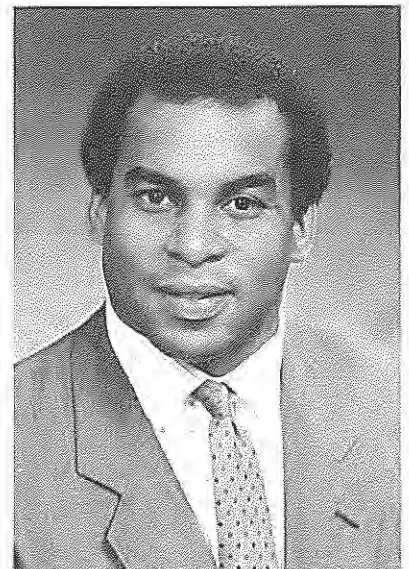
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## **Reggie Williams Dartmouth Class of 1976**

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- § community leader
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Congratulations to Reggie  
on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame

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# Flint's Spark Plug Is Honored

The late Michael A. Gorman, editor of The Flint Journal for 30 years and known as "Flint's Spark Plug," is this year's recipient of the Special Service Award from the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

"He was always a strong supporter of sports programs in addition to being a supporter of the college and cultural area and many other projects," said James Massar, vice president of the Hall of Fame. "He served as a consultant to presidents. President Dwight Eisenhower consulted with him."

Gorman was devoted to Flint, its people, its institutions and its projects. He led the drive to raise \$30 million for the construction of the College and Cultural Development area and worked for the establishment of the Flint branch of the University of Michigan. He gave support to Mott Foundation programs, construction of new buildings at Mott Community College and various athletic endeavors.

Gorman often said he believed people could make a good community into a better community by their own efforts.

"He was an outstanding leader in education, politics, anything you needed him for," said Bill Minardo, a Hall of Fame trustee.

Gorman was editor of The Journal from 1928 until his death in 1958 at age 66. He was a member of numerous local, state and national organizations, including the National Council of Boy Scouts of America.



Mike Gorman was devoted to Flint, its people and its projects, including its sports programs.

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Bob Harvey

# An 8-Letter Winner At Flint Central Joins The Hall

By Len Hoyes  
*Journal sports writer*

Sports taught Bob Harvey never to give up.

He always seemed able to come up with the big play.

Such as the freethrow in 1939 which gave Central High its first basketball victory over Northern in seven years.

Such as the time he threw out the Eastern League's leading base stealer three times in one game.

Such as the day in 1942 when he socked two doubles and threw out three would-be stealers to help Eastern Michigan defeat Michigan in baseball.

Such as leading Central high's cagers in scoring and being named to the all-Saginaw Valley second team in 1939 despite standing only 5-7. He and Dr. Morrie Bikoff were called the best pair of guards in the Valley.

But nothing on the playing field compared to winning a battle for survival in 1947 when he was virtually given up for dead because of tuberculosis.

"Sports was the great equalizer when I was in high school and college," said the 69-year-old insurance executive. "It gave me something special I was never able to find elsewhere."

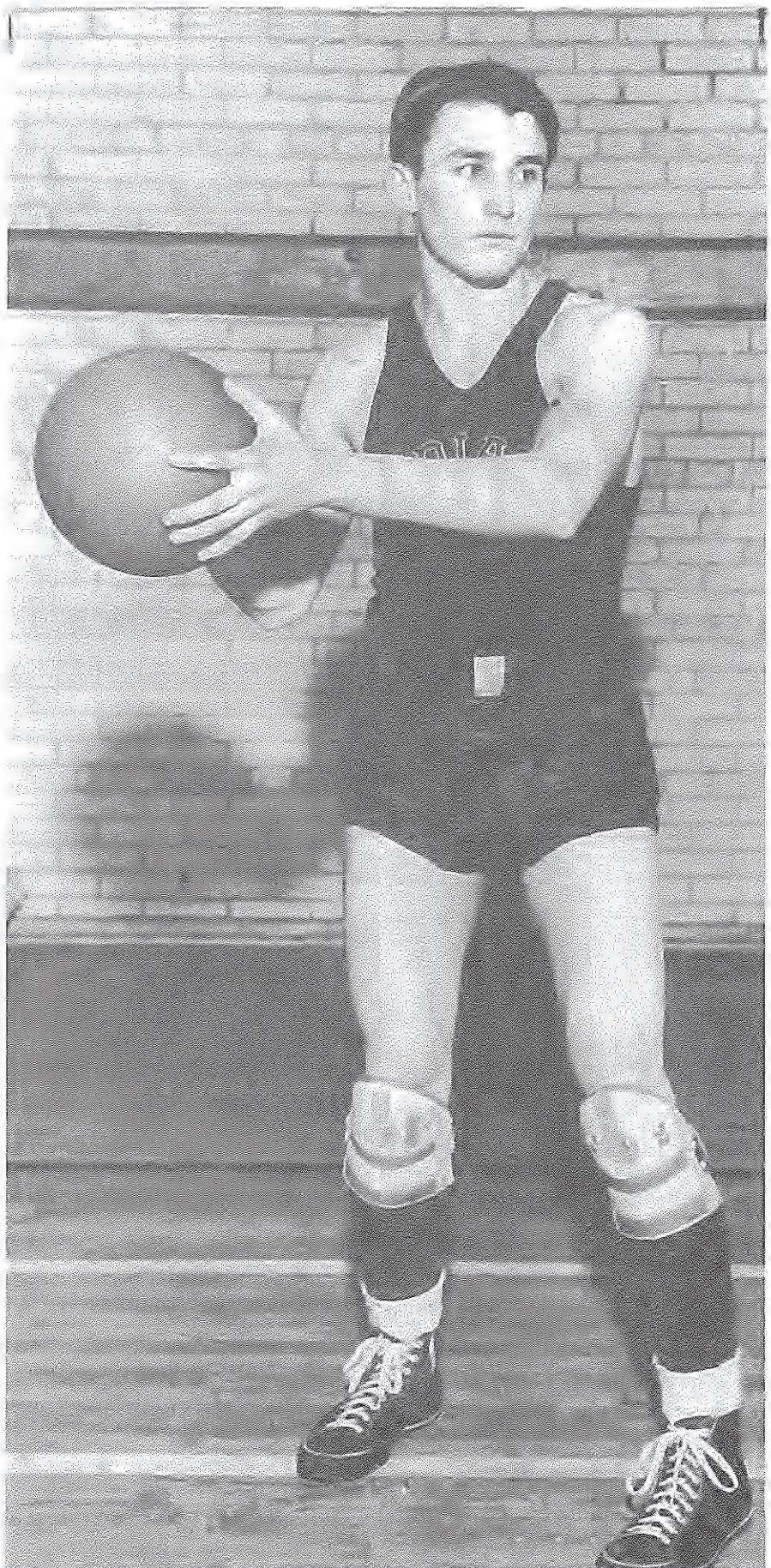
Whatever he received from athletics, he has tried to return.

For these accomplishments, and others, he has been named to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

He earned eight letters at Central, missing a triple only in football because he didn't play enough to earn a letter in 1937. He was captain in baseball and basketball.

"Playing for Central was a tremendous thrill because it was major

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Sports was the great equalizer for Bob Harvey, another of Flint's fine athletes who never said quits.

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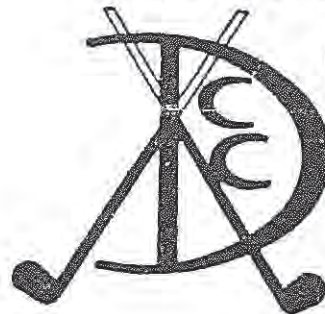
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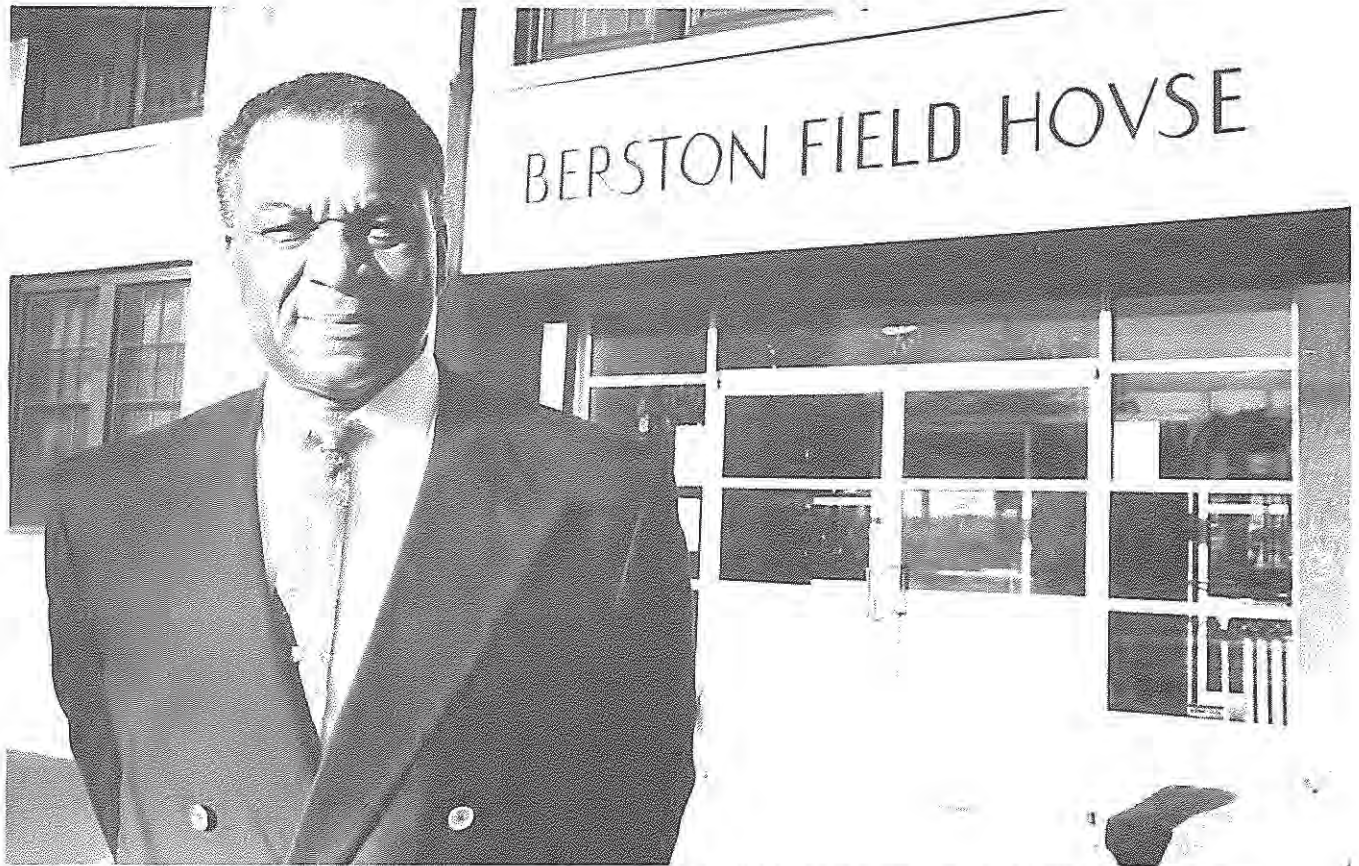
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Al Johnson

# A Cure-All For Flint Area Sports



A dominant figure in Flint sports, Al Johnson adds the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame honors to his list.

By **Phil Pierson**  
*Journal Sports Writer*

Life didn't deal Al Johnson the best of hands.

As a youngster he lost the oldest of three older brothers, Roger.

At Central High Johnson's football career was still in its infancy when as a sophomore he was blind-sided on the practice field by a crackback block.

His knee was never the same. It had to be tightly wrapped in tape before every practice and game for the remainder of his three prep years.

"It was painful," Johnson said. "Stan Broome used to wrap my leg every day before practice and games. I always had to show up a lot earlier than everybody else just so I could get taped.

"The tape became pretty much a part of your body. You felt better with it on than with it off."

There is no evidence the tape limited Johnson's movements.

A two-way starter for three years, Johnson became a premier player, earning All-State honors as a senior (1945) after twice being selected to the All-Saginaw Valley Conference team. Johnson also lettered in basketball and track at Central.

Football was always his favorite sport. Johnson played tackle as a sophomore before being moved to center and linebacker.

Being chosen Central co-captain as a senior remains a special thrill. Johnson was the first black player to receive the Central honor.

"It wouldn't be significant today, but in those days it was kind of a rarity," Johnson said.

"I knew Coach (Howard) Auer held me in high regard, but when the players showed they did, too, I felt real warm. You didn't really expect it and if it hadn't happened I would not have been surprised."

Johnson's skill and determination caught the eyes of the coaching staffs at Purdue and Michigan State.

Then the cards changed again while Johnson was preparing to attend MSU.

Johnson, who planned to enroll in the winter of 1947, was conditioning himself playing for the semipro Flint Falcons when he ruptured a disc in his back.

The doctor said no more football. Johnson's life changed direction.

His job at Buick wasn't enough, so Johnson supplemented it with the Flint Department of Parks and Recreation.

Johnson was an aide and then supervisor of the softball program, became the first black basketball supervisor in 1960 and later added flag football.

In 1985 Johnson was chosen district and state softball commissioner of the year by the Michigan Amateur Softball Association.

All three Flint programs flourished under the leadership of Johnson who retired from his multiple positions June 1. *(Continued on Page 52)*

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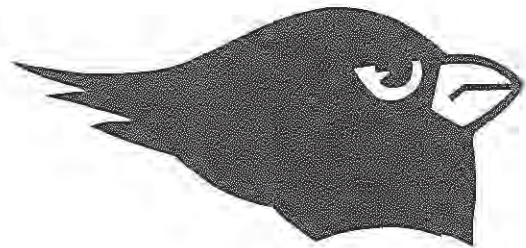
# KEN MORROW

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THE CARDINALS ARE SINGING

*Ken Morrow*

# Flint Gold Medalist Joins The Hall

By Bill Khan  
*Journal Sports Writer*

Ken Morrow still isn't certain how it all began.

His memory drifts back to those all-day neighborhood games on the family's modest backyard rink on Kellar Avenue in Flint.

"It wasn't big," he remembers, "but for kids it was great."

He recalls the makeshift league he joined at Memorial Park. Back then, there were only four youth hockey teams in Flint, so age groups were out of the question. Instead, players ranging in age from 8 to 18 were teammates.

"Each team had a line with a certain age group, because there weren't enough kids for a team," Morrow said. "We changed together, so 18-year-olds were against 18-year-olds and 14-year-olds against 14-year-olds. That was a unique way to do it."

Morrow recalls the hockey games of his youth. But he still wonders what prompted the son of a well-known local baseball star to lace the skates for the first time and take up a sport which was foreign to most Americans.

His late father, Don, played minor-league ball in the Detroit Tigers' system and later shined in the city recreational baseball and basketball leagues. As far as Ken knows, his father never played hockey.

"Hockey was not a big sport at that time," Morrow said. "I imagine it happened through some friends my father worked with, people who may have been involved with hockey."

"I tried Little League baseball a few years, but it's something that didn't interest me. I wasn't real good at it. I didn't want to pursue it after a year or so and he never really pushed us that way."

The genesis of Morrow's hockey career may be uncertain, but even



Flint's Ken Morrow played ten years for the New York Islanders, appearing in five Stanley Cup finals.

casual hockey fans know the rest of the story.

After an All-American career at Bowling Green, Morrow became the only player to win an Olympic gold medal and a Stanley Cup ring in the same year. His steady defensive play helped the miracle 1980 U.S. Olympic

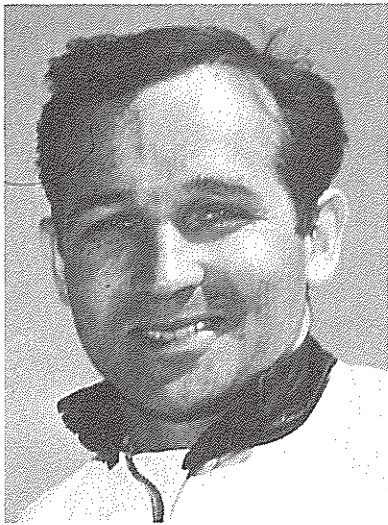
team capture the gold, then three months later he won the first of four consecutive Cups with the New York Islanders.

The 1974 Davison High graduate

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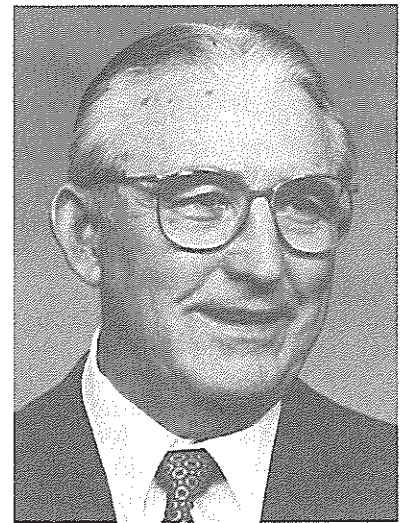
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## 1990 INDUCTEES

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# FLINT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Bart Markel

# Gave Flint Kick-Start To Glory

By Bruce Johns  
Journal sports writer

The one they called "Black Bart" is responsible for the Flint area's rich tradition in motorcycle racing.

Today's superstar, Swartz Creek's Scott Parker, and his predecessor, Lapeer's Jay Springsteen, have done nothing more than follow in the successful footsteps of Bart Markel.

"Black Bart," he with the daringness of a riverboat gambler and a hell-bent for leather, fear of nothing racing style.

"I was kind of crazy as a racer," admits Markel, 55. "I always knew what I was doing, but I would go over my head to win."

And win he did.

In 15 years of competition, Markel captured national championships in 1962, '65 and '66 and chalked up 28 victories, an American Motorcyclist Association record that stood for 10 years before Springsteen topped it in '82.

While Markel dominated the '60s, Springsteen followed suit the following decade with three national championships, 1976-78.

Now it's Parker, who has sported the No. 1 plate as the AMA's best with national crowns in 1988-89-90 to entrench the Flint area as the hotbed for outstanding motorcyclists.

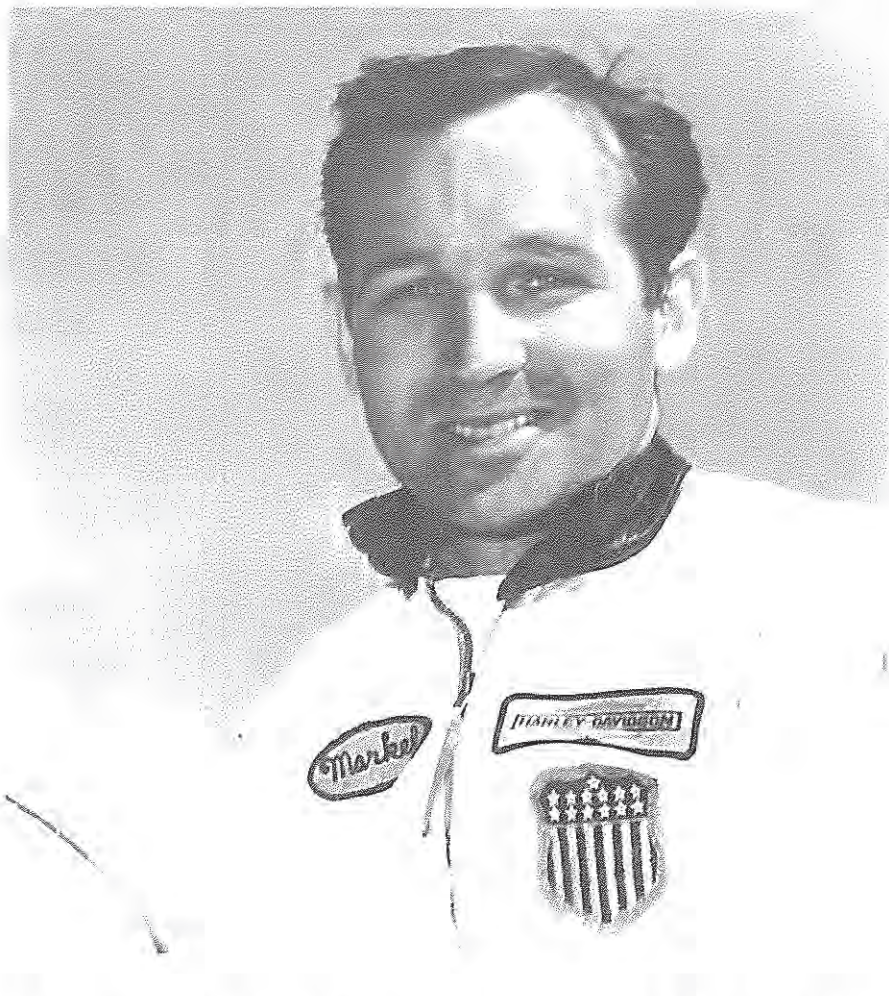
"People always ask me why Flint has such good riders," said Parker. "I tell guys all over the country that it's the water we drink up there.

"But I think it all started with Bart Markel. He started the ball rolling. I know he had a big influence on me."

"I guess you could say I was the one who got it started around here," said Markel, a Central High graduate who was inducted into the Michigan Motor Sports Hall of Fame in 1987.

But he insists there is another reason for Flint's assembly line of top-notch motorcycle racers.

"We used to have a lot of motorcycle races and ice races around here



Markel dominated the '60s, capturing championships in 1962, '65 and '66, chalking up 28 victories.

which would keep you on your toes," he said. "But I always thought it was because General Motors was here and we had access to some of the mechanics in the shops."

Although Markel insists his penchant for the sport never developed until after a stint in the U.S. Marine Corps following high school, racing just may have always been in his blood.

From his sophomore through senior years at Central, Markel delivered telegrams for Western Union.

"I used to deliver them riding a little motor scooter, and I don't think you were supposed to do that," said Markel, who has been a tool & die maker for GM the past 30 years. "Before that I had a little Columbian bicycle. I used to say I was the fastest bicycle rider in the state of Michigan. Nobody could beat me on a bike, not even those 10-speeders."

But the danger and high speed lifestyle in motorcycle competition finally caught Markel's fancy after his stint in the Marines.

So did amateur boxing. Markel, who fought mostly as a bantamweight, was a four-time City of Flint champion and three times punched his way to state titles.

Nonetheless, his athletic niche came on motorcycles.

"Racing really got into my blood after I got out of the service in 1956," he said. "I got to running around with guys who rode motorcycles and we used to have a lot of scrambles around here."

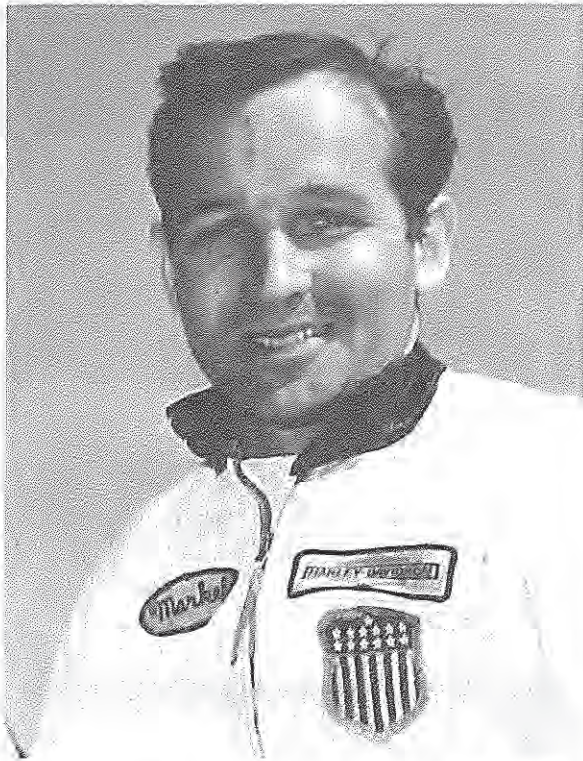
His skill carries over to the AMA's national circuit where Markel became a well-known figure. His best financial year was "probably \$35,000-\$40,000."

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# BART MARKEL



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Jock Leslie

# The Only Fighter To Bring A Championship Fight To Flint

By Len Hoyes  
Journal sports writer

Leslie Jock's mother didn't want her son to become a fighter.

So, he reversed his name, compiled an outstanding record in the ring and became a good-will ambassador for Flint.

As Jock Leslie, he compiled an official record of 58 victories against 14 defeats and four draws. He scored 32 knockouts.

Five defeats came in his last eight bouts, convincing him to retire at age 24 following seven years as a pro.

He is fondly remembered as a participant in Flint's only world championship bout on Aug. 22, 1947, at Atwood Stadium. He was knocked out by Willie Pep, one of the greatest featherweights, in the 12th round.

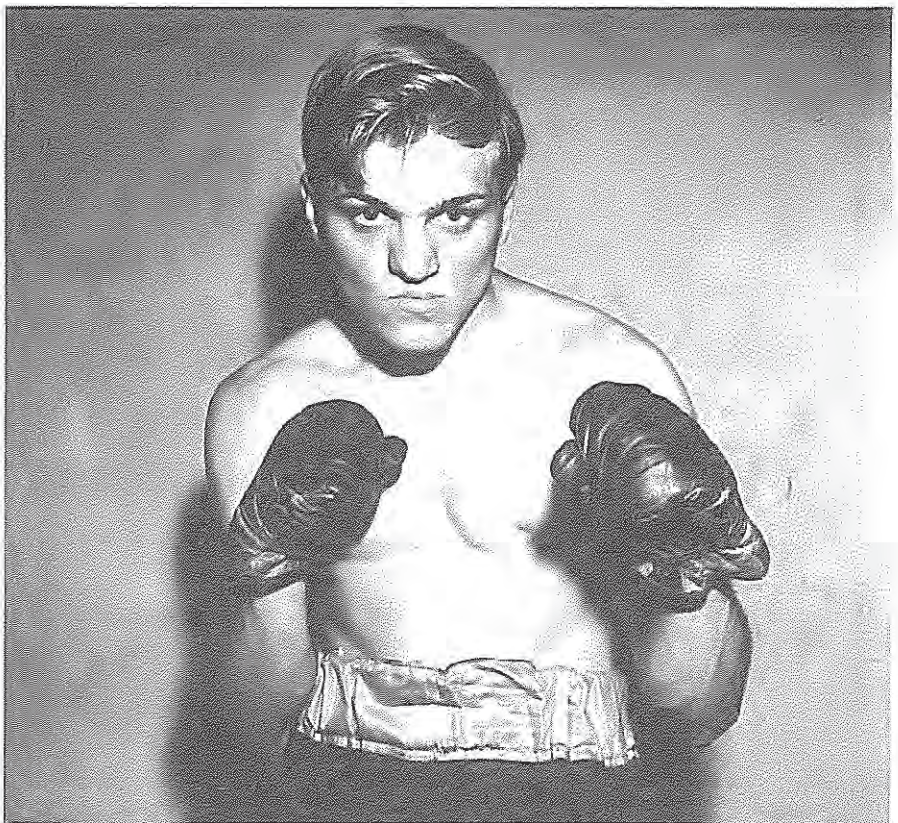
He died almost exactly 36 years later on Aug. 25, 1983, at age 59 after a long illness which forced him to spend declining years in a convalescent home.

"He was a crowd pleaser. He was a boxer as well as a puncher," said Tom Cussans, former Flint promoter who lives in Beulah, Mich.

Cussans added, "Jock wasn't merely a club fighter. He was a guy who would have made a lot of money if he had been born ten years later. He would have become filthy rich in the television era."

Leslie fought in such outposts as Holyoke, Mass., Hazelton, Pa., Savannah, Ga., Elizabeth, N.J., and New Haven, Conn. He also fought four times in Madison Square Garden. He won three of four bouts in MSG, the Garden of Eden for all boxers of that era.

Wherever he traveled, Leslie's byword was "Did I do OK for Flint?" He was proud of his hometown. Even



"I was certain they had given up and sent him home to die," said a mother of her tiny new-born son who grew up as Flint's toughest little fighter.

after falling short of the title against Pep, his crestfallen comments included: "I guess I let Flint down."

His career was guided by Les Krell who became his manager on Oct. 1, 1943 after seven fights. Krell convinced him to reverse his name.

As Krell explained in a Journal article: "It was a matter of simple phonetics. Just say the names both ways and see for yourself which is the snappiest and most appealing."

With Krell as manager, Leslie made New Orleans his base. He fought there 22 times, losing only twice. He reversed one of the losses by beating Jose (Baby) Gonzales in a rematch in Flint.

"That was the bout which convinced us he was ready to make a bid for the championship," Cussans said. "Gonzales was a boxer but Jock beat him. Until then, he was considered mostly a puncher but after that victory we began thinking championship."

The title bid was delayed by a broken back suffered by Pep in an accident. Leslie kept in shape by winning eight straight bouts in 1947, leading up to the title scrap.

According to newspaper accounts, Pep clearly was superior although Leslie gave the champion a stern test.

The New York Sun said: "Pep

knocking Leslie out doesn't mean Willie didn't have a fight on his hands. Leslie made a gallant try and there were a couple shots when it seemed the hometown youngster might have a chance."

The Minneapolis Morning Tribune said: "Willie kayoed a corking good fighter. The Flint boy is a stiff puncher, game and tough."

The Associated Press said: "Pep admitted Leslie took more punishment than he had distributed to any other challenger. Pep said, 'He kept his hands up and I couldn't get in. I only had to hit the other fellows a few times and they went down but he kept right on coming. He was a darned good boy and a good fighter.'"

Being a darned good fighter came naturally.

Leslie fought to live.

He was born in Standish. Although the family lived in Flint, Mrs. Jock went home to Standish for the birth of her fourth child.

Leslie was unable to tolerate prescribed formulas and was taken home 11 weeks later weighing less than his birth weight.

Mrs. Jock recalled, "I was certain they had given up and sent him home to die."

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# Congratulations to Sports Hall of Fame inductee:

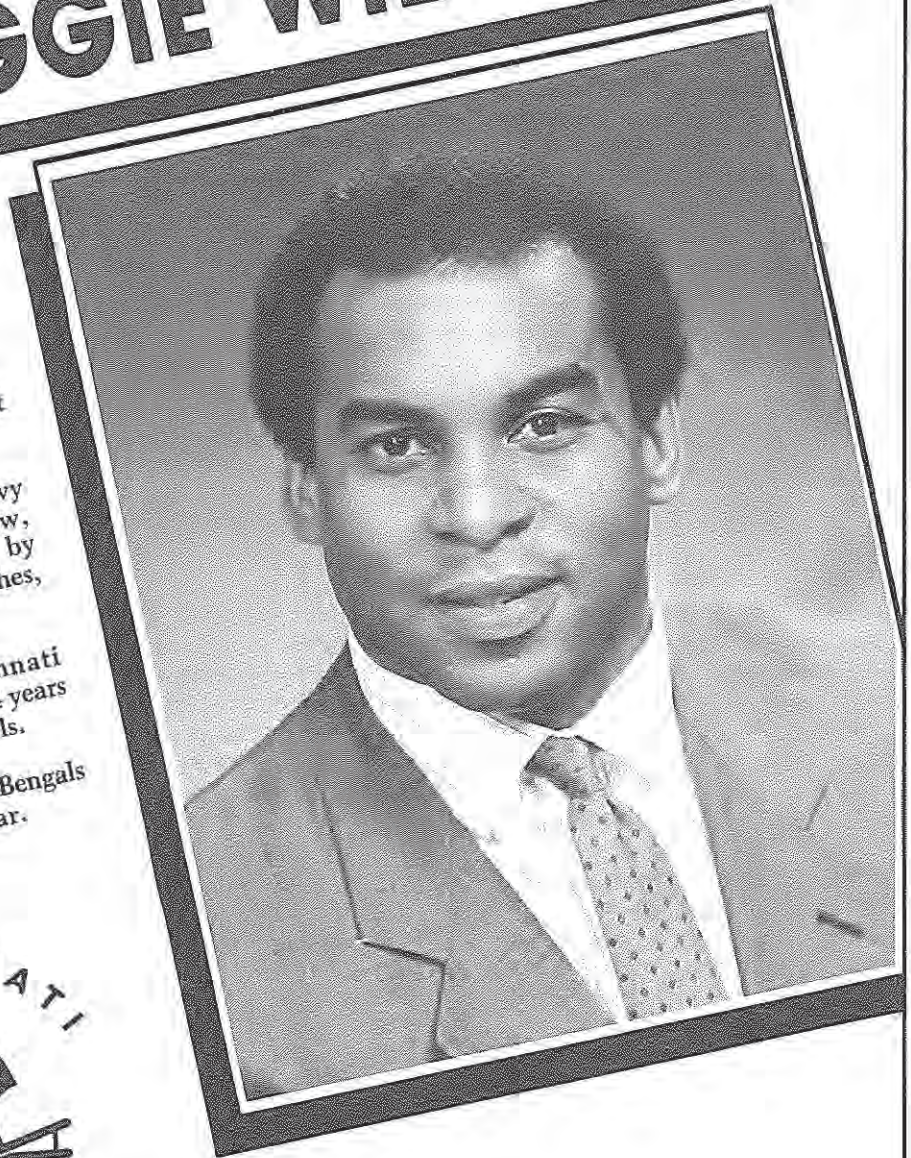
## REGGIE WILLIAMS

- Outstanding player at Southwestern H.S.

- Dartmouth College, All Ivy League, 3 years in a row, Selected All American by America's Football Coaches, Sr. year.

- Drafted by Cincinnati Bengals 1976. Played 14 years in NFL. 3 Super Bowls.

- Voted the Cincinnati Bengals 1982 Man of the Year.



*Reggie Williams*

# An Athlete And A Scholar — That's Reggie

By Bruce Johns  
Journal Sports Writer

Flash back in time.

It is Jan. 22, 1989. The scene is Super Bowl XXIII at Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium.

Shortly before 5 p.m. that late, humid Sunday afternoon in balmy Florida, the public address announcer is introducing the defense for the Cincinnati Bengals.

"At right outside linebacker and member of Cincinnati's City Council, No. 57, Reggie Williams."

It is, without question or debate, the highlight for another native son who will be inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Dec. 1 at the Hyatt Regency.

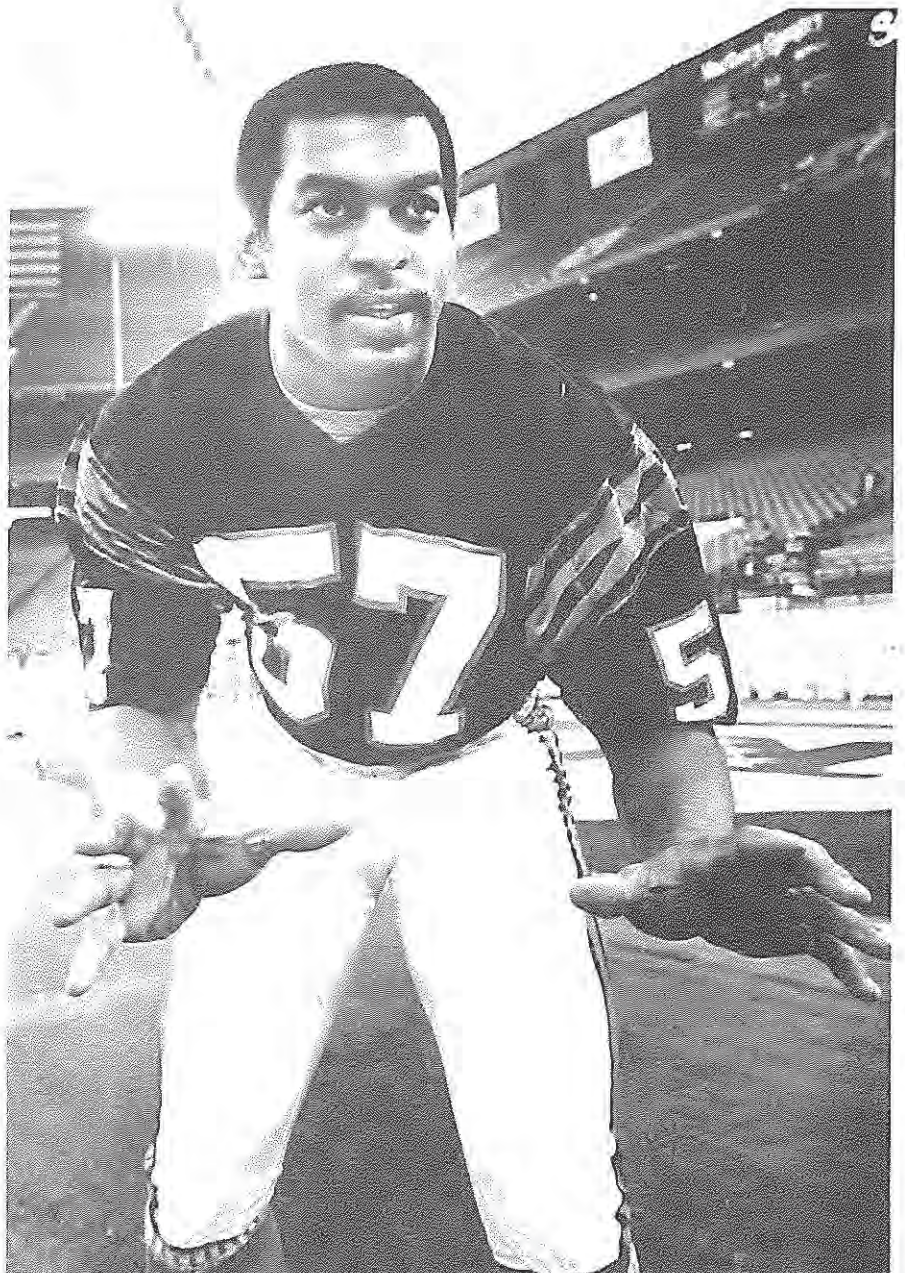
"It was special in that scholastics and athletics can go hand-in-hand," said Williams.

It is the perfect description of Reggie Williams. He has been academically and athletically solid throughout his adult life.

After graduating in 1976 from prestigious Dartmouth, an Ivy League school which does not tender athletic scholarships, Williams entered the National Football League and played 14 years with the Bengals until retiring after the 1989 season.

His on-field achievements were abundant: starting every season, numerous team records and two Super Bowl appearances, to name a few.

In 1986, he was voted the NFL's Man of the Year for community service which best exemplifies Reggie Williams. He established a scholarship fund in his name, remained constantly active with the Cincinnati Speech and Hearing Center, served as the club's United Way spokesman and took a seat on the Cincinnati City Council, which he holds today in his second term of office.



**Reggie Williams, a man who kept his focus on his opportunities and not his limitations.**

Yet, it was through the experience of one of the saddest moments in his life, the lowlight he says of his professional football career, that taught Williams to give of himself off the field of battle.

"It was my second year (1977) in the game," he recalled. "Back when Pittsburgh was awesome, when they were winning all those Super Bowls.

"In the next to last game we had to beat Pittsburgh by seven points, which we did. Then all we had to do was beat Houston at Houston to be the AFC Central champs, and we lost.

"I came home and was really depressed. My parents called and said

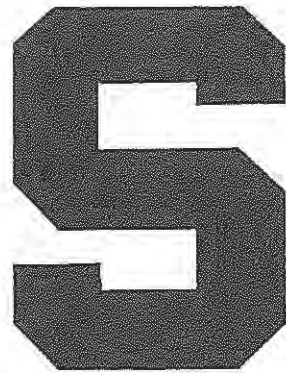
my grandmother was in the hospital and very ill. I drove up to Flint and saw her for a few seconds before she passed away."

Lucille Delgado's unfortunate passing left an everlasting message to her grandson.

"It helped me put things in perspective," Williams said. "I was really down and feeling sorry for myself.

"My grandmother's death taught me that you don't play the game for the tinsel, but for what you can do for others. That's why I got so involved in community services."

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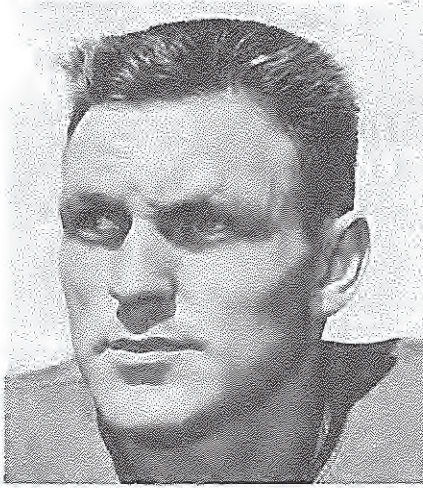
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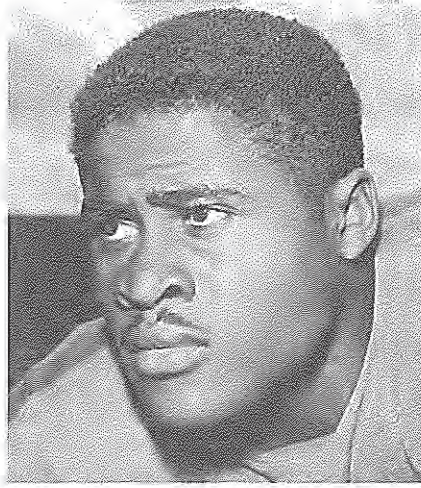
# RECIPIENTS TO FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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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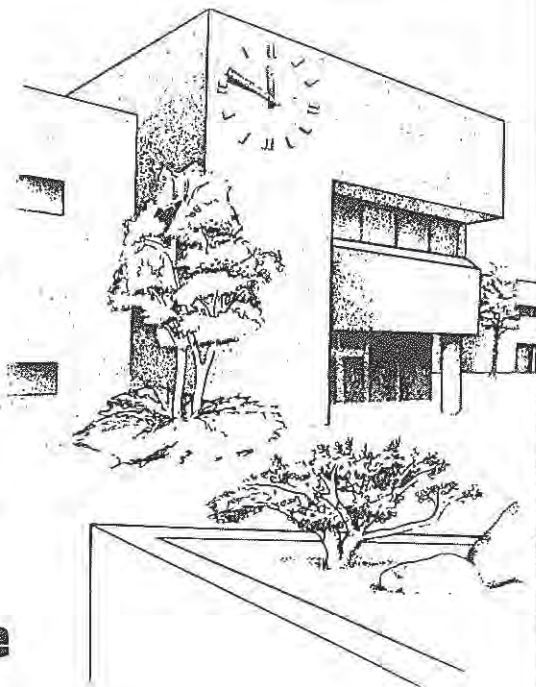
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- 1985 - Named Michigan Softball Commissioner by Michigan Amateur Softball Association
- 1986 - Received Afro-American Hall of Fame Special Service Award
- 1990 - Selected as Afro-American Hall of Fame inductee
- And a graduate of Mott Community College with an Associates degree in community education!

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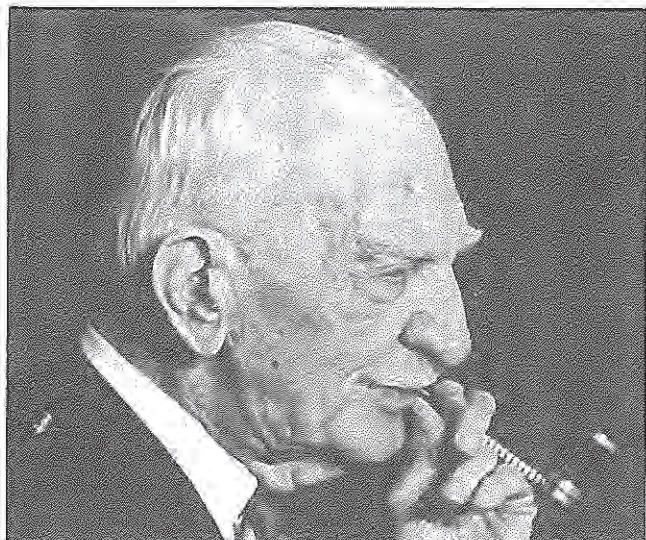
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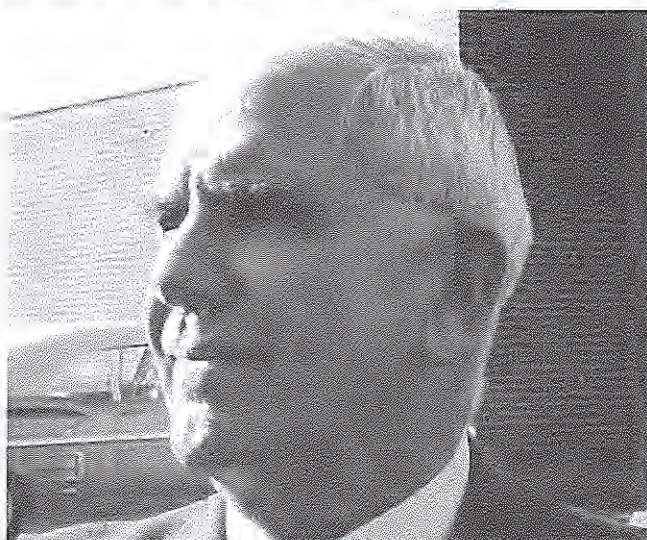
# SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS



1980

## CHARLES STEWART MOTT

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1980

## FRANK MANLEY, SR.

A result of his intense interest in Flint area youth, Manley inspired C.S. Mott to finance a pilot program in sports and recreation. As a result, the Mott Foundation was created and the community school philosophy adopted. The combination of Manley's enthusiasm and Mott's support provided a base of opportunity for all children and adults, a format copied nationwide.

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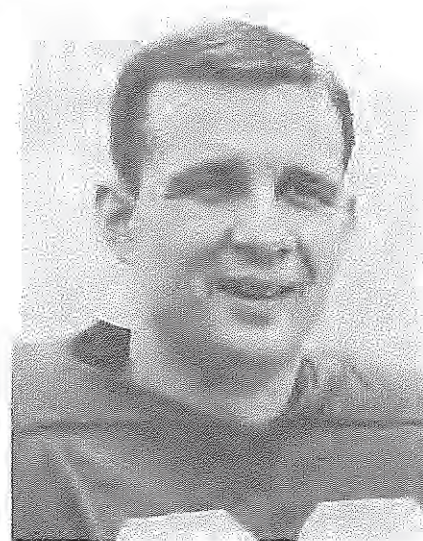
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**1980  
GUY HOUSTON**

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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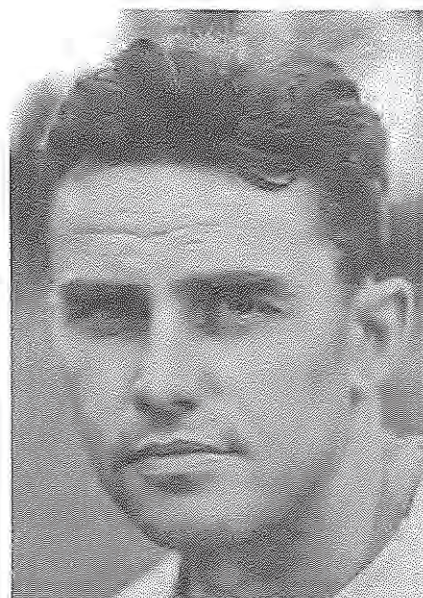
**1980  
LLOYD BRAZIL**

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  
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.



**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.

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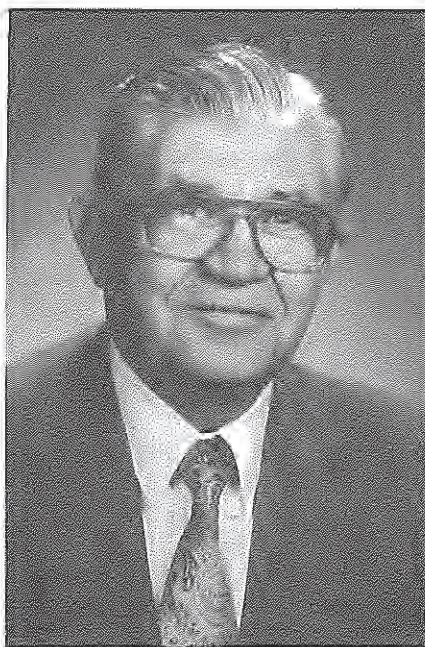


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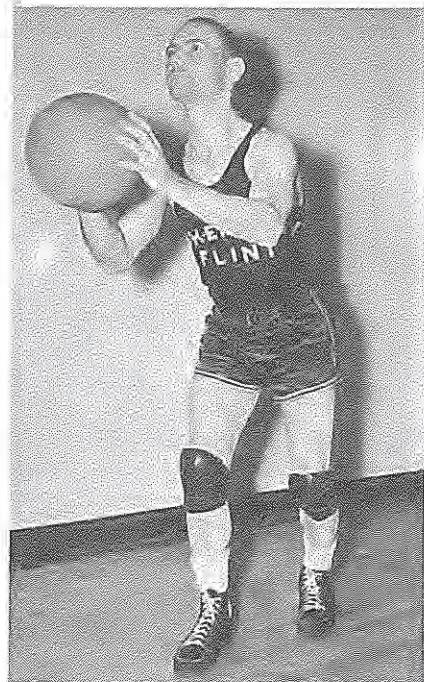
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**1981  
Special Service Award  
FRANK SCZEPANSKI**

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.



**1981  
CHET LIPSKI**

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.

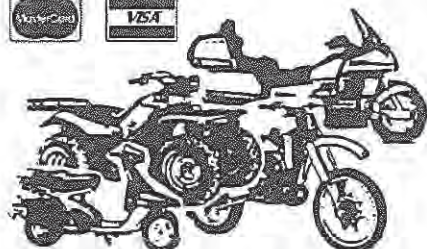
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### MERV RETTENMUND

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.



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.

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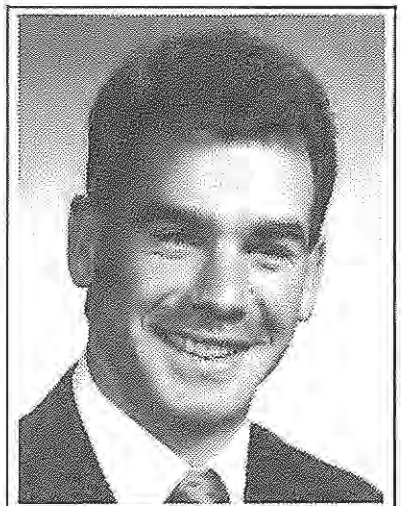
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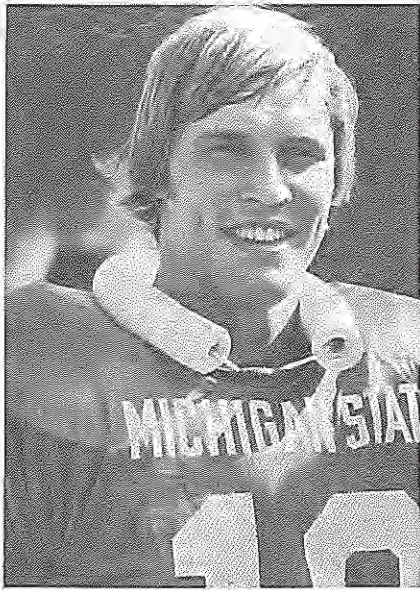


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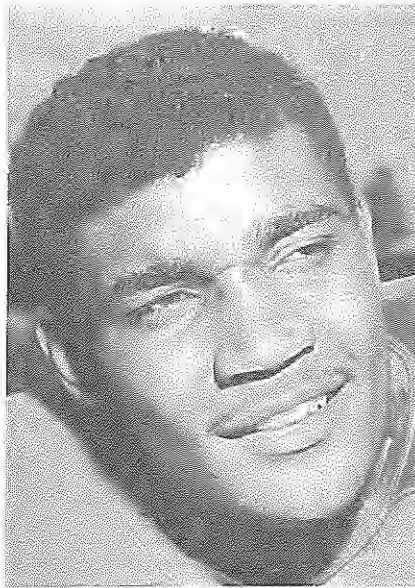
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1981

**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.



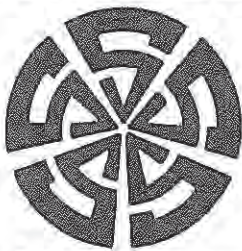
1981

**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.

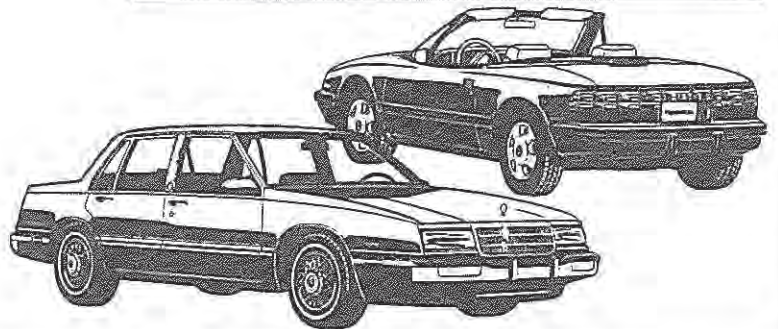
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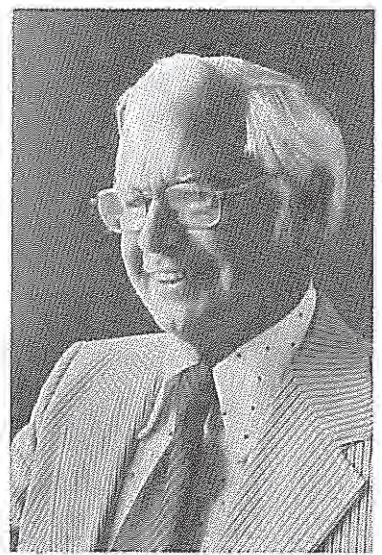
**1982  
SUE NOVARA-REBER**

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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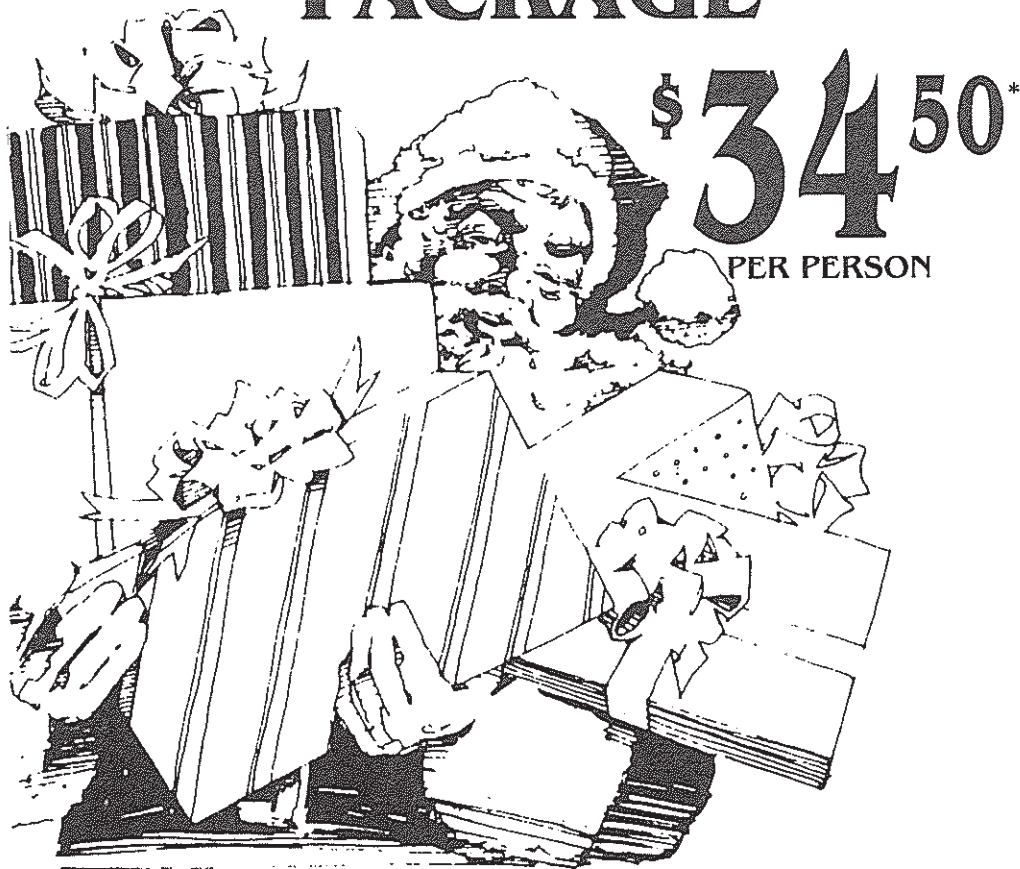
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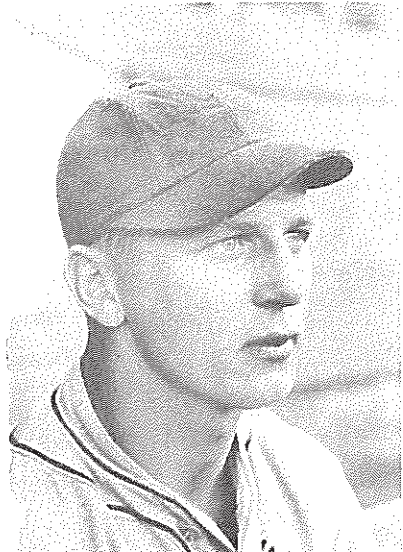
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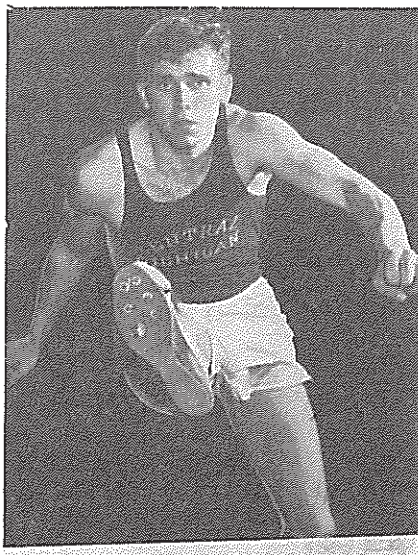
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**1982  
FRED TROSKO**

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).



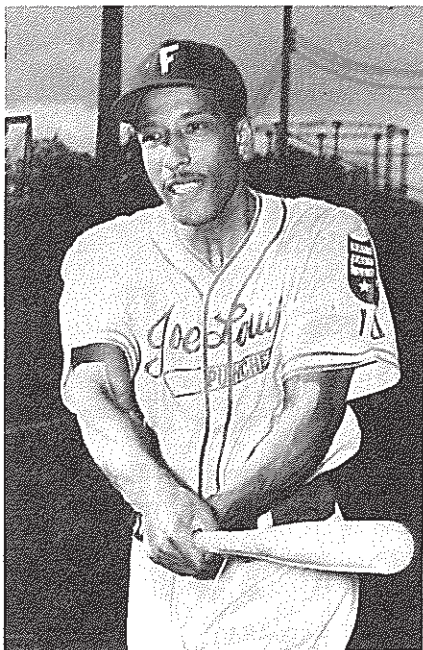
**1982  
JIM PODOLEY**

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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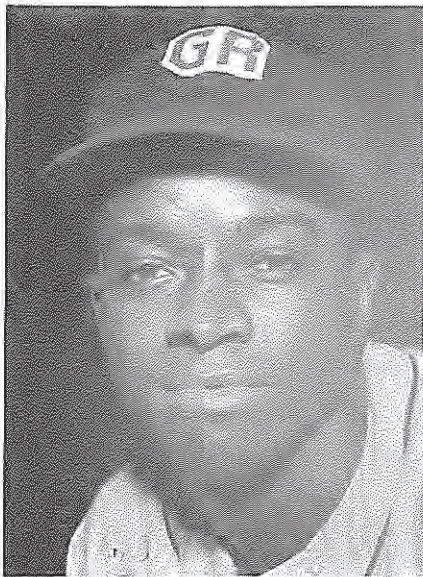
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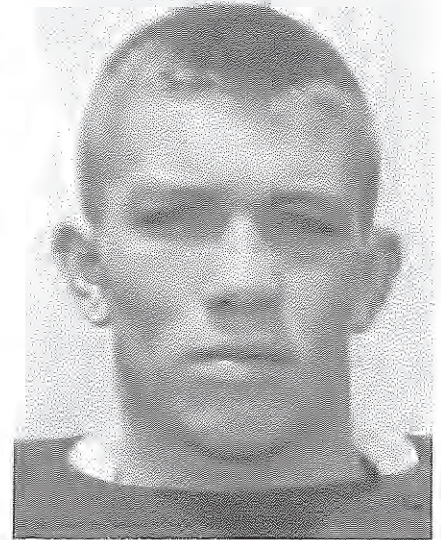
1983  
**DAVE HOSKINS**

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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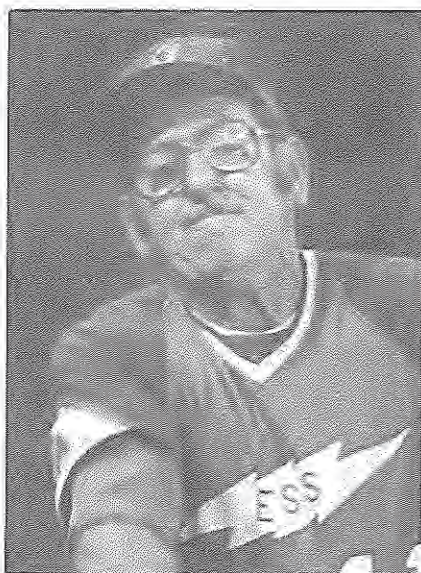
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**1983  
PAM STOCKTON  
BRADY**

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.



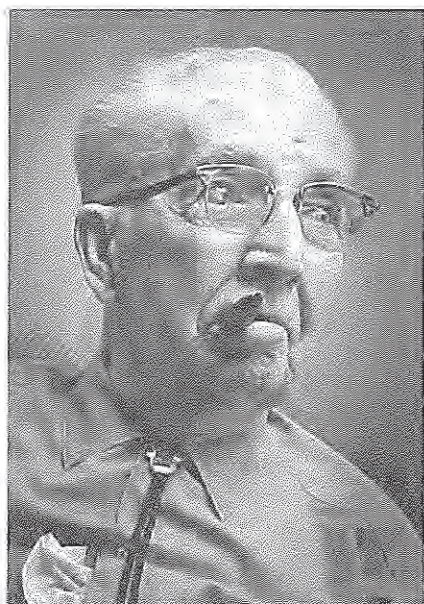
**1983  
JIM DOYLE**

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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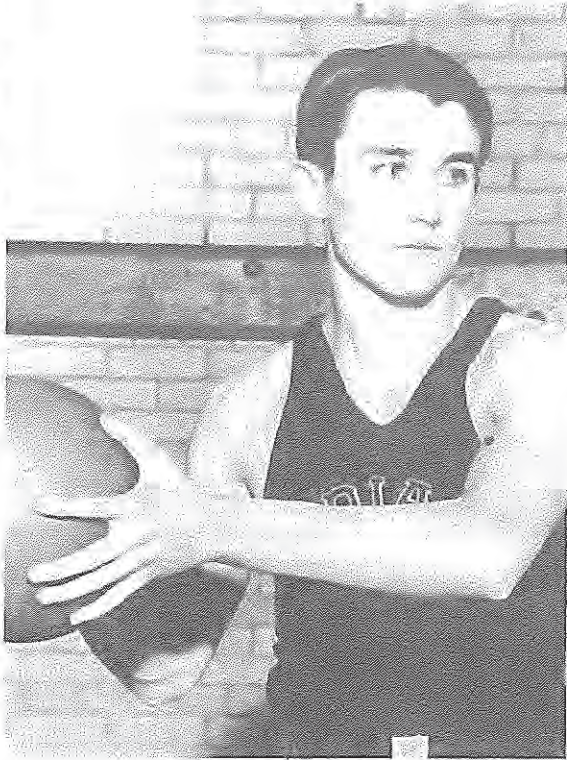
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**DOMINIC TOMASI**  
1984

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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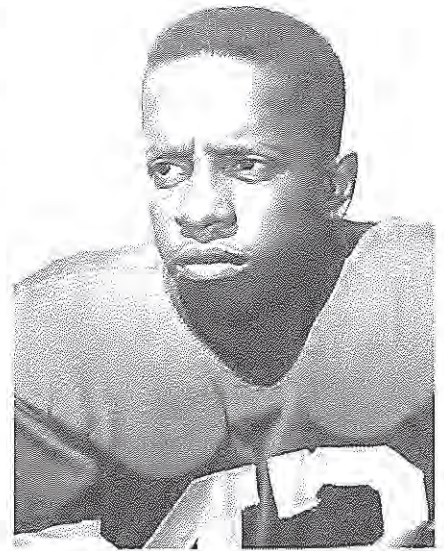
**HOWARD GILROY**  
1984

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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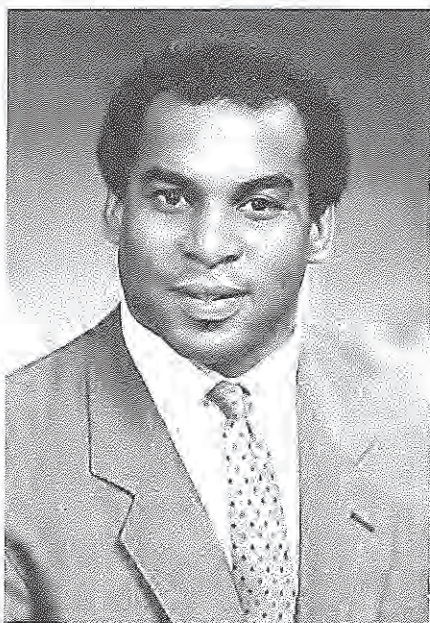


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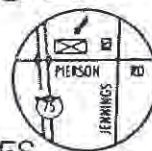
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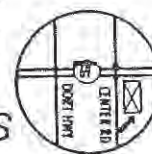
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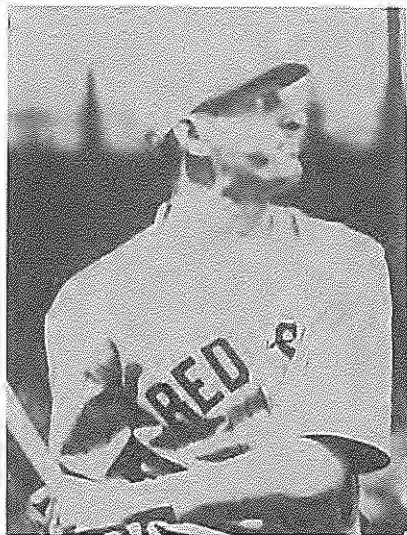
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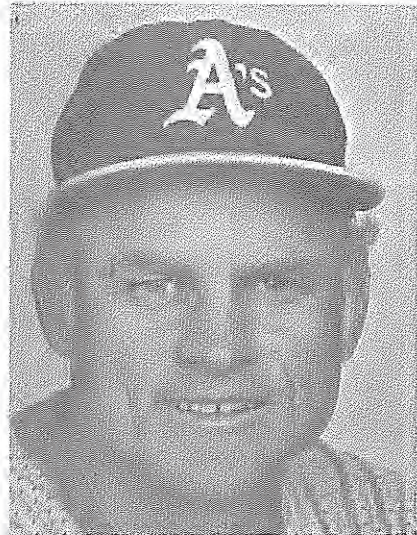
**MIKE MENOSKY**  
1985

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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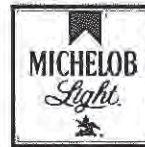


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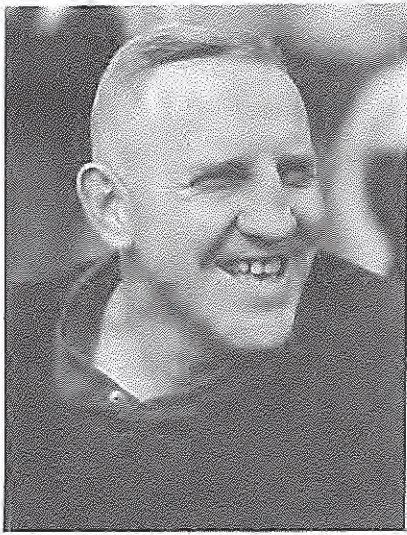


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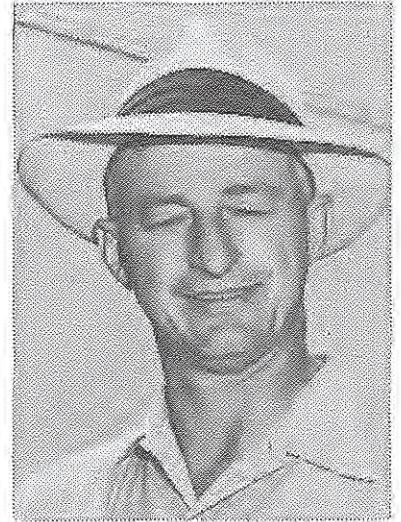
**STAN BROOME**  
Special Service Award  
1985

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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# Williams

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Reggie Williams' rise to NFL stardom and public acclaim is a story Hollywood script writers drool over.

As a youngster he thought he had a learning disability. A test at Michigan School for the Deaf revealed Williams had a speech and hearing impediment and he underwent therapy sessions every morning at Scott Elementary from grades three through six.

He never went out for organized football until his sophomore year at Southwestern High School. Even then, No. 54 sat on the bench as a member of the Colts' junior varsity.

The following summer, Williams and close friend Rickey Taylor, who went on to college football stardom at Miami of Ohio, worked at the school in a handyman capacity.

"We worked with Lyle Spalding, who was a coach, and he got us in the best of shape," Williams said.

No. 54 became No. 56 his junior year and a starting linebacker with the varsity. The following year, Dar Christiansen came to Southwestern, gave Williams No. 32 and made him a fullback.

Midway through his senior year, Williams and his unbeaten Colts were playing a good Bay City Central club. Williams, the fullback, lugged the ball four times for 100 yards in that victory.

Later that evening came an illtimed incident, one which Dartmouth will forever be grateful for.

"After the game some of us went out celebrating, hitting the fast food restaurants," Williams said. "I caught pneumonia. It was the sickest I've ever been in my life."

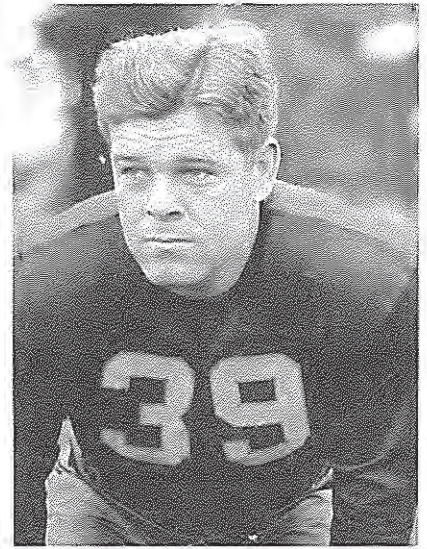
In the final four games, a physically sub-par Williams played only on defense, right outside linebacker at that.

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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.



**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.

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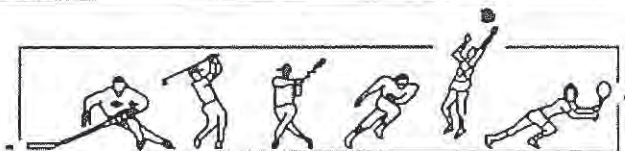
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# Morrow

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on Dec. 1 will become the first hockey player to join the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Morrow played 10 years in the National Hockey League, appearing in five Stanley Cup finals. But even if he had never played a game in the pros, his place in hockey history would be forever assured because of what a group of amateurs achieved one February in Lake Placid, N.Y.

"It gave us recognition nationwide," Morrow said. "That was something even the Stanley Cups couldn't do. As a Stanley Cup champion, you're considered world champions, but we were just known basically around Long Island and the New York area. Outside that, just real hockey fans knew who you were.

"With the Olympic team, I can go anywhere in the country, out in Los Angeles or wherever, and somebody will come up to me and want to talk about it or remembers it or tells you where they were. It still amazes me to this day."

Before 1980, the U.S. had not been

a factor in world hockey since winning the gold in 1960. Morrow admits the team's goal was to make an appearance in the medal round, reserved for the top four teams.

But on Feb. 22, the Americans stunned the world by defeating the once-invincible Soviet Union, 4-3, setting the stage for a 4-2 gold-medal triumph over Finland two days later.

In the jubilant U.S. locker room, Morrow never imagined the impact all this would have on the country.

Chants of "U.S.A., U.S.A., U.S.A." reverberated in living rooms from coast to coast. Suddenly, everyone was a hockey fan. The nation was swept up in a wave of patriotism which hadn't been seen since World War II.

"I don't know if you want to say I'm naive or I just didn't catch the full force of it until afterward," Morrow said. "I figured people were excited, but I thought it was just the people up there at Lake Placid.

"Then the next morning, after the gold medal game, we flew to the White House. That's when it really hit me. We flew into Washington and the streets were lined with people. Every sign along the street was for the

hockey team. It really hit me as something special at that point." It seemed life couldn't get any better for Morrow, but it did.

He made his NHL debut with the Islanders six days later, getting in on the ground floor of a dynasty. The Islanders won Stanley Cups from 1980-83 and fell short in their bid for a record-tying fifth Cup when they lost in the 1984 finals to the Edmonton Oilers, who began a dynasty of their own.

By the time the toll of four knee surgeries ended his career in 1989, Morrow enjoyed enough hockey highlights to fill a library full of scrapbooks.

Just don't ask him to single out one particular accomplishment.

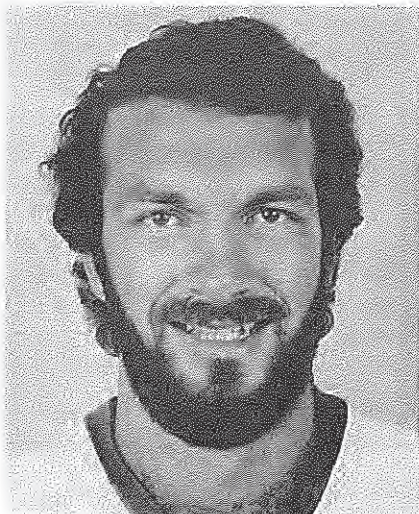
"They were all exciting," the 34-year-old said. "I was excited to make the Final Four in college. I thought nothing could top that . . .

"The message I try to get across to kids is no one thing is more important than the other, like winning a championship at the IMA or in Little League baseball. You go ask a kid who won a championship over at Civic Park or wherever and they'll tell you nothing's

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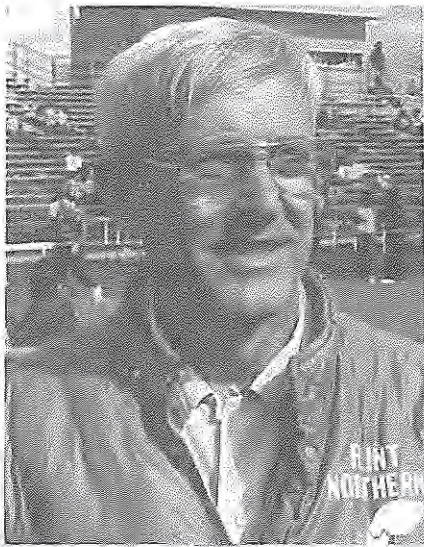
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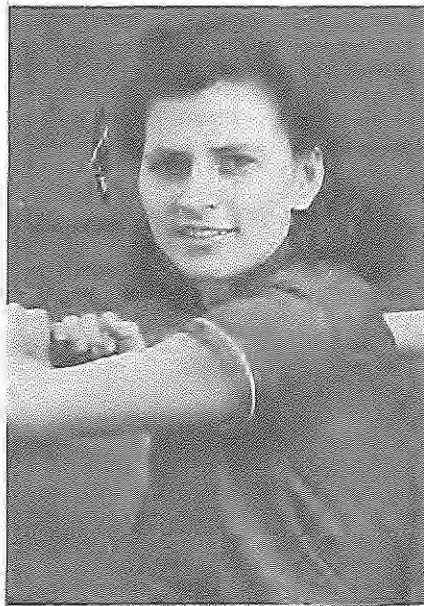


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**1986  
NORBERT BADAR**

Badar was Northern High's track and cross country coach for 33 years. He was state track coach of the year nine times. His track teams won four State Class A titles, were runners-up seven times, took 14 Saginaw Valley Conference and 18 regional championships.



**1986  
SOPHIE KURYS**

Kurys was a pioneer in women's baseball and softball. In 1943, she began playing in the American Girls Baseball League and during her nine years set several records, including 200 stolen bases and 117 runs scored in one season.



**1986  
ELLIS DUCKETT**

Duckett was an All-State halfback at Northern High in 1949 and 1950. He went on to football glory at Michigan State. In the 1954 Rose Bowl he blocked a punt by UCLA and recovered it for a touchdown in MSU's 28-20 victory.

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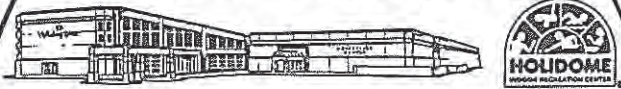
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**1986  
BILL BARCLAY**

Barclay led the Northern High basketball team to the state Class A title in 1933. At the University of Michigan, he earned three letters in golf, three in football and two in basketball. In 1939, he won the State Amateur golf championship. Later, he was basketball coach at Harvard.



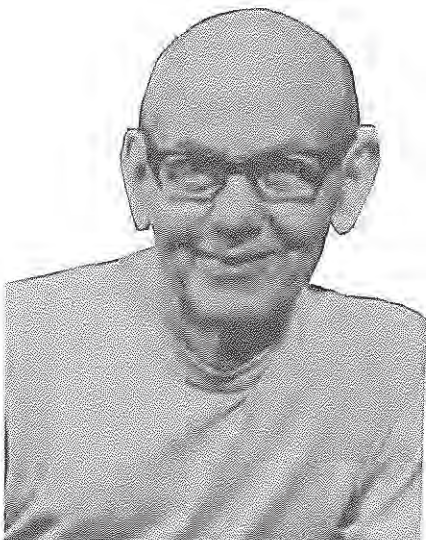
**1986  
JEANETTE ROBINSON**

Robinson was a regular member of the Women's Professional Bowling Tour, winning a national title in 1974. She rolled 15 sanctioned 700 series. She coached a United States amateur team that toured Sweden in 1967.



**1986  
Special Service Award  
BILL MINARDO**

Minardo was Flint's first community school director at Freeman Elementary in 1951. He gave his own time unselfishly to youngsters for 40 years. He joined the Flint schools as a physical education teacher at Lowell Junior High in 1934 and retired as director of community services in 1973.



**1986  
OLLIE CRAVEN**

Craven bowled numerous 300 games and more than one-hundred 700 series. In an exhibition match in 1933, he rolled two 300 games in a five-game series with a total pinfall of 1,324, a world record at that time. He once bowled 29 consecutive strikes in a 843 series.

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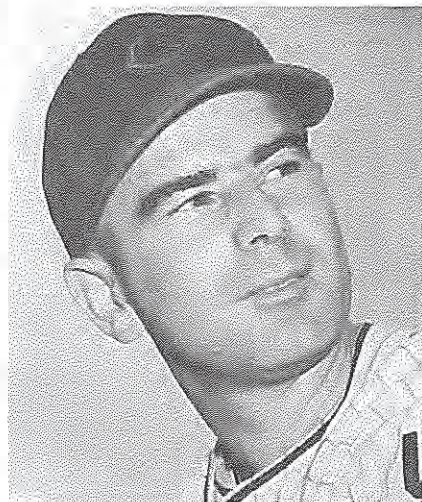
**1987**  
**JO LAKE**

Lake coached eight state high school championship teams, at Holy Rosary and Kearsley high schools. In the 1975-76 school year her Holy Rosary teams won state Class D titles in basketball, volleyball and softball. She had two state titles in each of those sports at Holy Rosary and two state Class A volleyball titles at Kearsley. In 1979 Lake was national high school volleyball coach of the year.



**1987**  
**LEON BURTON**

Burton was a football standout at Arizona State University from 1955-58. He led the nation in rushing with 1,151 yards and in touchdowns with 16 in 1957. He had 42 touchdowns in his career. At Northern High he starred in football and track. He ran the 120-yard hurdles in 19.1 seconds, a state record. Burton later played for the New York Titans in the American Football League.



**1987**  
**ANDY SVENKO**

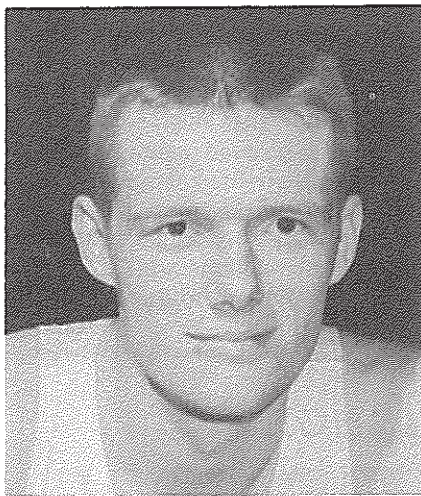
Sventko was a long-time manager in the City Baseball League. At the time of his induction, his teams had won either the regular season or all-season championship 22 times in 25 years. In 1975 his Bishop Construction team won the National Amateur Baseball Congress national championship in the Stan Musial Division. He was an outstanding player in the CBL.

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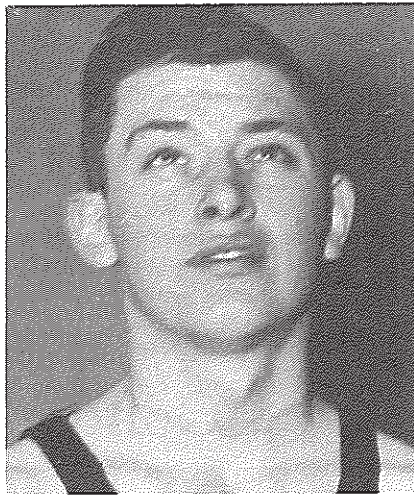
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**1987  
M. JOE ROBERSON**

Roberson was an all-state basketball and baseball player at Northern High. He led Flint Junior College's basketball team to a 23-1 record in 1955. He was a pitcher in the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system. Roberson was a two-time national seniors doubles champions in paddleball.



**1987  
MEL WINER**

Winer considered himself the ultimate team player. He starred in city recreation leagues as basketball player, golfer, bowler and softball pitcher. He once pitched 16 straight victories. Winer won the City Open golf tournament in 1943 and was a doubles champion in tennis in 1934 at Central High.



**1987  
TED PRICHARD**

Prichard played minor league baseball from 1925-31. In 1929 he had a 21-6 pitching record for Elmira, N.Y. He pitched a no-hitter in 1926. Prichard later starred in the Flint City Baseball League and was city recreation director from 1937-42.



**1987  
JERRY RIDEOUT  
Special Service Award**

Rideout was known as "Mr. Buick Open" during the early years of the professional golf tournament. He was director of public relations at Buick and brought the biggest names in golf to Flint. Rideout served for many years on the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission.



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# CHEVROLET

# Williams

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"That's one reason I didn't get any scholarship offers, although I could have gone to Adrian," he said. "Bo Schembechler even said I wasn't good enough to play for the University of Michigan. I didn't argue with him because I didn't think I was good enough, either."

When Williams reported to his first practice at Dartmouth, he insisted on playing at running back.

"But the coach there insisted I be a linebacker. To this day I believe the coaches deserve the benefit of the doubt," said a laughing Williams.

Reggie Williams did not go out for ninth-grade football at Whittier because, of all things, he fell out of a tree. No, physical injury was not a factor. Punishment was.

Elijah and Julia Williams had warned the middle of their three sons not to climb trees.

A young, obedient son did not question. An older, much-wiser son, himself the father of two young boys, looks back with respect to the guiding hands which structured a path to prominence in society.

There was always an emphasis on academics in the household of Elijah and Julia Williams. Both worked extremely hard to provide for their three sons and they knew sports would only be a brief portion of a lifetime.

Gregory Williams, the oldest of the three sons, and Kenneth, the youngest, themselves were outstanding athletes. Gregory, a graduate of Western Michigan University, manages an automobile dealership in Atlanta. Kenneth received his doctorate from the University of Texas and teaches political science at Michigan State.

"My best leisure time activity was going to the library," said Reggie. "My afternoons and weekends were spent with a good book."

Academics were so important in the Williams household that Reggie, also an outstanding high school

wrestler, was forced to quit the team one year.

"My father made me quit because my grades weren't good enough," he said. "Instead of A's, I got a B or two. Academics were the high authority at home."

But Elijah Williams was no couch potato whose athletic fantasies were achieved by watching television.

"The reason I got drafted into the

NFL was because of my speed," said Reggie. "But I couldn't beat my father in a race until the 10th grade. I can still remember the day I beat him."

Not only are Elijah and Julia Williams his beloved parents, they are also Reggie's heroes. It was through them that he learned to "keep focused on your opportunities and not what your limitations are."

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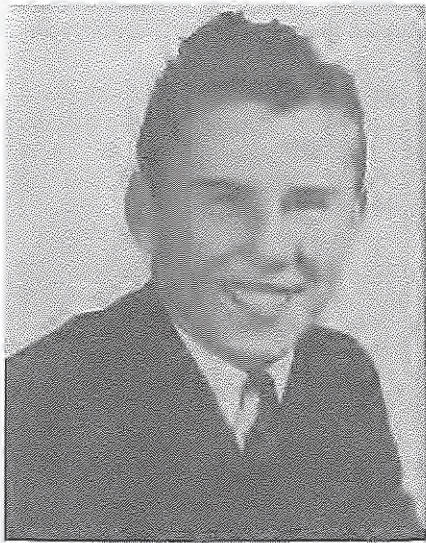
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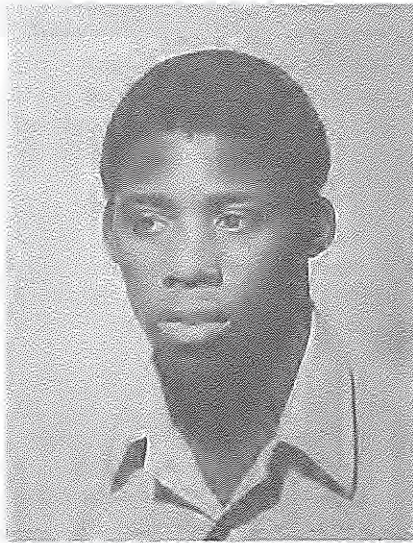
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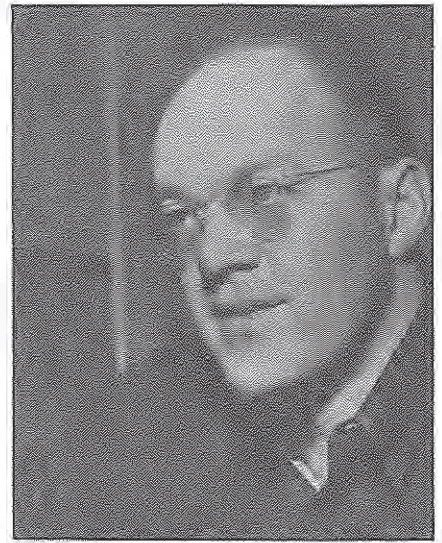
**1988**  
**ED KRUPA**

Krupa was All-State in football and basketball at Northern High in 1939-40 during the Wonder Boys era, when the Vikings had a 25-0-2 record in football and won 35 straight basketball games and two Class A state titles. He won four letters in basketball, three in football and two in baseball. Krupa played halfback at Notre Dame in 1942-43.



**1988**  
**JOHN MATTHEWS**

Matthews was a Greco-Roman wrestler who competed in the Olympic Games in 1976 and was a member of the 1980 Olympic team that boycotted the Games. He won the gold medal in the 163-pound division at the 1979 Pan-American Games. An eight-time national champion, he was considered the best wrestler in the history of Central Michigan University.



**1988**  
**HOWARD AUER**

Auer had an 83-39-5 record as football coach at Central High from 1939-53. His unbeaten 1947 team was voted state Class A champion. Auer played tackle at the University of Michigan from 1929-31.

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## And it Shows.

# Leslie

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Instead, they went from doctor to doctor before getting the proper formula.

Safely past that hurdle, Leslie was sent to Ann Arbor for the first of 14 operations on a palate defect. Then he contracted scarlet fever which rendered him deaf in one ear.

In a Journal article, Mrs. Jock said, "I guess he was never really out of danger until he was almost four. He was in the hospital more than he was out during that period."

He donned his first boxing gloves at five, a timely occasion.

Because of a speech defect, he frequently was taunted and responded by using his fists. He attended five elementary schools and Hoover High before settling down at Beecher High.

Although only 100 pounds, he played football.

His switch to boxing came at the suggestion of a friend.

Despite family objections, he entered the Journal Golden Gloves Tournament of 1940, lying about his age to reach the minimum 16.

Mrs. Minnie Jock, still spry at 91, said, "We were all upset but his father said, 'Let him go and get hit a few times and he'll give it up.' But he never did."

Leslie lost his first bout but was

much sharper in 1941, winning the novice flyweight title at 110 pounds. He was among the finalists for the most popular fighter award. In 1942, he not only won the most popular award but also defeated his conqueror in his 1941 debut.

Three months later he turned pro. He earned \$30 for his first fight, a fourth-round knockout of Bobby Quajardo in Detroit. At the time, Leslie said, "I thought I was really in the dough."

Thereafter came jobs at AC Spark Plug and Buick and service in World War II. Because of deafness, he was turned down everywhere until joining the Merchant Marines. He served seven months in the Caribbean.

Enroute home, he stopped in Detroit and sought a spot on a boxing card at Olympia. Still a featherweight and badly out of shape, he nevertheless accepted a bout against a lightweight for \$75. Although knocked out in the second round, he caught Krell's eye and found a manager.

He made his debut under Krell on Nov. 19, 1943.

Although best known as the loser against Pep, Leslie had outstanding victories.

Sandy Saddler, who later defeated Pep in three of four bloody battles, suffered the only knockout in a 162-bout career against Leslie on March 21, 1944.

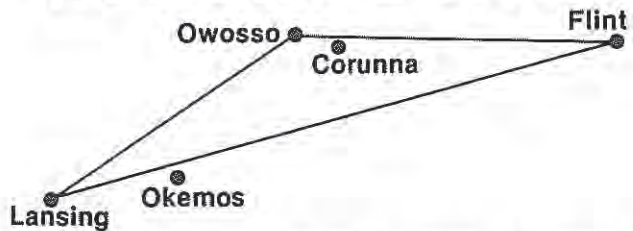
Leslie also knocked out Willie Anderson in a duel for the Michigan featherweight championship on Aug. 16, 1964. The 5,376 who jammed IMA Auditorium contributed a gate of \$12,293.90, a record which never was broken.

He moved to California after retirement but a broken marriage and financial problems left him penniless. A son, Jeff, was adopted and lives in Las Vegas under another name, according to his only surviving sibling, Mrs. Virginia Taber.

Doug Mintline, former sports editor of the Journal, wrote after Leslie's death: "Jock saw little of the money he earned. A new suit, a new car, the adulation, that's all he wanted, a chance to represent Flint.

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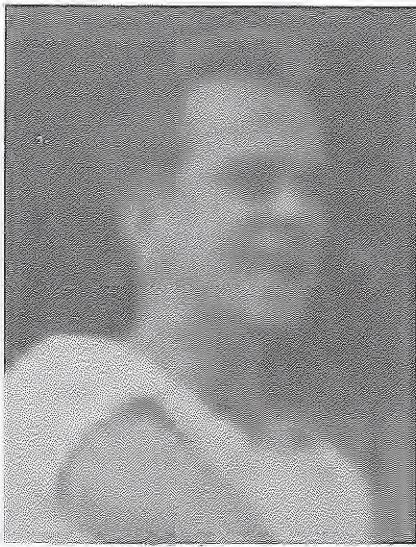
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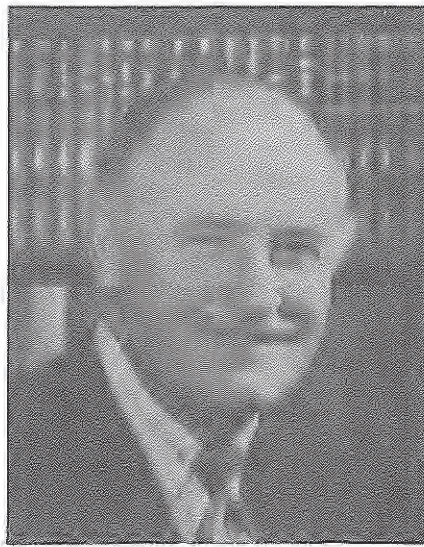




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**BOB FLEISCHMANN**

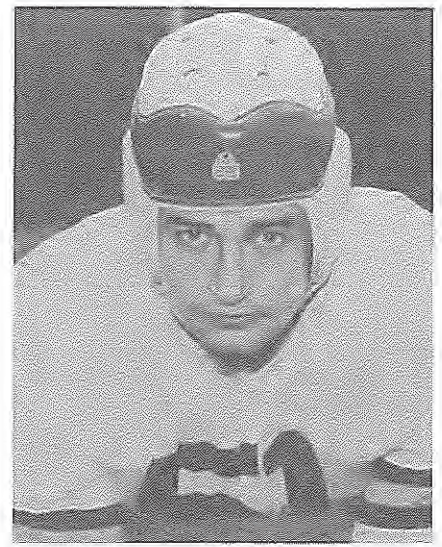
Fleischmann won nine straight City Singles Tennis Championships from 1947-55. He was undefeated for two years while playing for Northern High, and he also played tennis at Flint Junior College and Michigan State University.



1988

**J. VINCENT MURPHY  
Special Service Award**

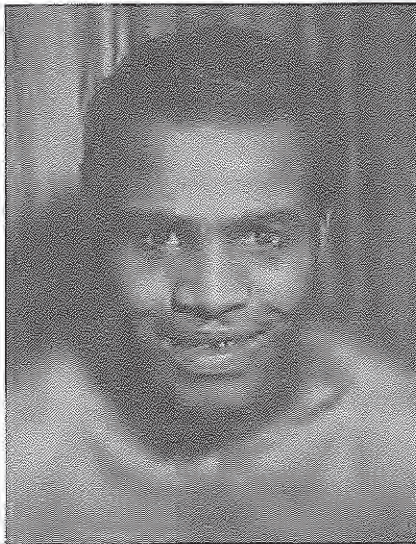
Murphy, who died in 1984, donated countless hours to the Flint Golden Gloves program, examining boxers before their bouts. He was one of the founders of the Flint Boxing Commission. Murphy also gave his time to the Grand Blanc High and Flint St. Mary High athletic programs. He was known as a man who was never too busy to help.



1988

**PETE FUSI**

Fusi was a center on the Michigan State University football team from 1946-49. At Northern High, he was All-Saginaw Valley in football in 1942-43 and All-State in 1943. He later was an outstanding high school football coach.




1988

**BENNIE McCOMBS**

McCombs was a Flint Golden Gloves boxing champion who won the Chicago Tournament of Champions in the middleweight division in 1942. He had a 90-6 professional record and a 100-5 record as an amateur. He was state light-heavyweight champion as a professional.

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1989

**MIKE GOGGINS**

Goggins, a fullback, was captain of the University of Detroit football team in 1951. He was a three-year starter and selected to the Catholic All-American team. At St. Michael High, he lettered four years each in football, basketball and baseball.

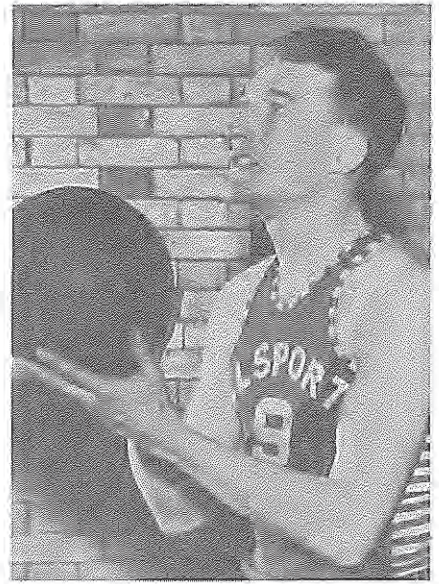


1989

**BARRY EDMONDS**

**Special Service Award**

Edmonds was an award-winning photographer at The Flint Journal whose outstanding photographs documented sports events, big and small, in the Flint area from 1955 until his death in 1982. He also judged photo contests and conducted photo workshops at area schools.



1989

**JACK MORSE**

Morse, an all-time great in the City Basketball League, played from 1937 to 1950 and led the league in scoring twice and was second twice. He was a member of teams that won the State YMCA, Michigan Open and Michigan AAU titles.

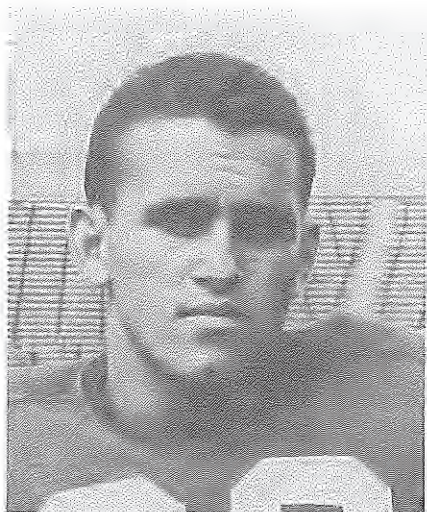
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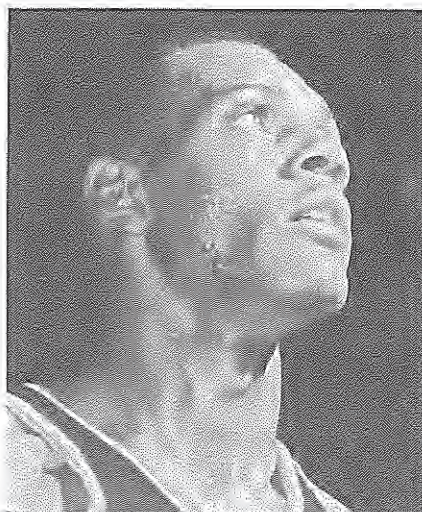


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**1989  
BOB SUCI**

Suci, a defensive back, played pro football for the Houston Oilers and Boston Patriots. He played offensive and defensive halfback at Michigan State from 1959-61. At Grand Blanc High, he totaled 15 letters in football, baseball, basketball and track.



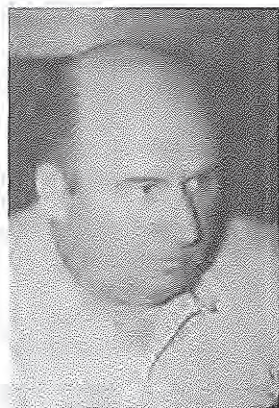
**1989  
GENE SUMMERS**

Summers was most valuable basketball player at Mott Community College in 1963 and 1964 and the next two years at Northern Michigan University. At MCC, he set six career and one single-season record. At NMU, he set five records, while averaging 30 points and 14 rebounds per game.



**1989  
RAY SEIDEL**

Seidel played basketball and baseball for three years at St. Michael High. As a baseball pitcher, he played in the minor leagues from 1946-50. Seidel had a 27-7 record at Waycross, Ga., in 1947 and a 14-7 record at Burlington, N.C.



**1989  
VINNIE FRECHETTE**

Frechette won the City Amateur golf championship twice, the City Publinx six times and the City Seniors twice. As a bowler, he rolled 20 series of 700 or more and was inducted into the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame in 1972. He bowled a 300 game, had a hole-in-one, and pitched a no-hit softball game.

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# Johnson

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Johnson flourished, too.

"It has really been a great part of my life. I've just got a wealth of friends all over the place. I've had the luxury of seeing some of the greatest athletes who have ever come through Flint."

"I'm overwhelmed," Johnson said of his Hall of Fame induction. "I'm really honored to be included among all of the greats from the Flint area."

"It's really a great honor. I don't think there's a guy living in this area who wouldn't like to be inducted into the Hall of Fame."

"I'm particularly elated to be in there with my brother, Jim, and my good friend Jesse Thomas. "Jimmy" Johnson and Thomas were inducted in 1984."

Earlier this year Al Johnson was inducted into the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame.

"It makes me feel like somebody special," Johnson said.

"My biggest concern is about giving my acceptance speech. I have so many people who have helped me, I'd like to tell the whole world about it. I've just got a wealth of friends all over the place."

One of them is Tom Cole, head of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Several years ago Cole, an athletic administrator for the Flint Community Schools, talked Johnson out of leaving Flint.

"Don't leave us now," Cole said. "This community needs you. Stick around."

"That made me feel good," Johnson said.

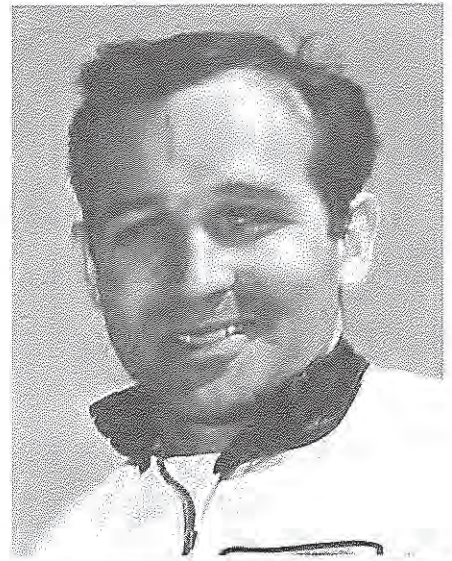
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## Markel

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"Purses are that much today," he said. "Scotty (Parker) probably made close to a half-million dollars this year counting what he got from his sponsor and everything else. I didn't have much (financial) backing back then."

Markel also believes his achievements would have been much greater had he been able to devote 100 percent to the profession.

"I think I could have won more than three national championships, but I was holding down a job at GM and couldn't make all the races. I could have made more money racing, but it was more sensible to stay here and make a living.

"I also did all my mechanical work where today everybody has a mechanic. I was a good mechanic, but I wasn't a real good tuner and I was too stubborn to ask for help."

Markel's final season of competition personally ranked as his most rewarding. With it came his 28th victory.

"We were racing in Columbus, Ohio, and I was 35, over the hill," he recalled. "You're usually finished when your around 31.

"I hadn't won in over a year and I beat everybody that day who was top-notch in the U.S."

The highlight of his career?

"Getting voted into the Flint Hall of Fame," said the native son. "That's pretty important to me now."

Markel seldom rides today, except for back-and-forth to work during the summer.

"Ah, every once in a while I'll be drinking beer with some guys and they'll try to talk me back into racing," he admitted. "I'll get on the bike, but..."

Age catches up to the best.

"When I was young I always thought there wasn't anything I couldn't do," Markel said. "I thought I could walk on water."

During his heyday, none was better than fearless "Black Bart." His championship nerve set the trend which has the Flint area sitting atop the motorcycle profession today.

## Morrow

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going to top it. To them, that's right and that's what it should be."

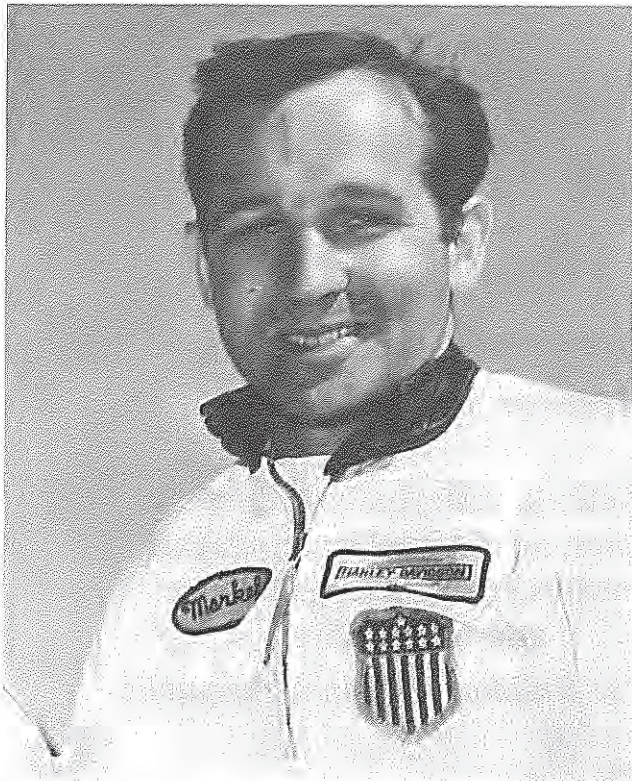
Morrow's knee problems forced him to miss 46 games during his final NHL season in 1988-89, but he gave it one more shot when he was invited to the New York Rangers' camp last year.

After failing a physical, Morrow accepted a position as an assistant coach with the Rangers' new farm team — the Flint Spirits.

"It was nice," Morrow said. "It was tough being away from my family all those years."

Morrow and Coach Paul Theriault were not rehired by the Rangers, but Morrow has caught on as an assistant with the fledgling Kansas City Blades of the International Hockey League.

"I've been lucky enough to receive some awards through my hockey career, but when you're recognized by your hometown and the people you've grown up with it means quite a bit more."



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# Harvey

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league all the way in terms of equipment, coaching, etc.," Harvey said. He played on the last football team coached by Nap LaVoie and the first basketball team coached by Dick Evans who succeeded Stan Plummer. He revered Stan Broome, the baseball coach, whom he will join, along with LaVoie, in the Hall of Fame.

He played in Central's last football game at Dort Field before the Indians moved their schedule to Atwood.

Harvey was a contemporary of many Hall of Famers. He particularly remembers the late Floyd Bates, whom he called "a good friend who had more ability than anyone. He had a great career but somehow I felt he never achieved his potential."

He played baseball for another Hall of Famer, Steve Bysco, whom he called "the most knowledgeable baseball man in Flint."

He lettered in three sports at Eastern Michigan, then Michigan Normal. He never missed a game at Central or Eastern.

He's best known for baseball, most notably the Hazen (Kiki) Cuyler Award as the most outstanding American Legion player in 1938. Among the also-rans for the award was Hal Newhouser, later to become a 29-game winner and outstanding pitcher for the Detroit Tigers.

As a catcher, he handled Dizzy Dean and played against Jackie Robinson and Satchel Paige, all Hall of Famers in Cooperstown, N.Y., in exhibition games. He called the late Dave Hoskins, a Greater Flint Hall of Famer "the best bad ball hitter I ever saw."

He got hooked on baseball early, being the batboy for the Buick Majors who came within an eyelash of winning a national championship in 1937.

He played four seasons in the City Baseball League for Marquand, McKinnon & Mooney, Cozy Corner and Samoa. The undefeated record (21-0) of Samoa in 1942 never has been duplicated.

Harvey interrupted college for a try at pro baseball, signing with the Philadelphia Phillies and playing in 1944 for Utica, N.Y., in the Eastern League. The salary: \$300 per month.

He batted .243 and was an outstanding catcher.

He went 24 games in one stretch

without allowing a stolen base.

Manager Ed Sawyer, later to lead the Phillies into the 1950 World Series, said after a playoff series victory, "I have Bob Harvey to thank for getting us this far. His timely hitting and excellent handling of pitchers have been real assets."

Dreams of the major leagues ended after one season.

Harvey said, "I think I was good enough to become a third-string catcher in the majors but the money wasn't that good in those days. I made a hard decision about the future and came home."

He completed his degree and became assistant to the late Don Bachelor at Grand Blanc in football with the promise of becoming baseball coach.

He never made it, collapsing during the winter while playing amateur basketball in Durand.

The diagnosis was TB, then an often-fatal malady. By summer, 1947, he was down to 92 pounds in the Oakland County Sanitarium. Ten ribs were removed.

Harvey recalled, "We used to make bets about who would be the next to die."

He was one of three "guinea pigs" for treatment with a new drug, streptomycin.

Although confined to bed for more than a year, he recovered but was sidelined for most of three years. During that time he earned a master's degree at Michigan, got married to Kay and decided on a career in insurance.

Bob Harvey Day in 1947 at Atwood Stadium raised \$1,800. In addition, Utica contributed \$500.

He remembered.

He contributed \$10,000 to the Flint Baseball Commission in 1983 and repaid Utica with no fanfare.

He gave up active athletics for golf but sponsored teams in the Boys' Baseball Program and City Baseball League. Bob Harvey Insurance won the Class AA championship in 1956.

A hole-in-one and chipped-in eagle are among his golf thrills.

He sold the agency in 1986 but remains active with Piper-McCredie.

At the time of Bob Harvey Day, a Journal article stated: Bob Harvey was a hustler as a bat boy when he wasn't any bigger than the sticks he carried. That same zest, plus an unflagging competitive desire, marked his high school athletic career."

To which Harvey replies: "Sports meant so much in my life. It taught me how to fight and understand the reason for never giving up.

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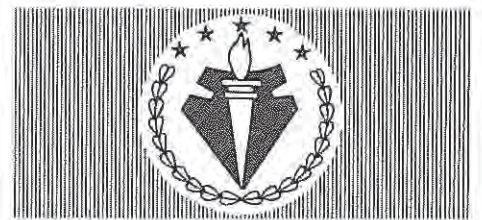
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