

NBA Expands To 14 Teams For '69 Play

The National Basketball Association will expand to 14 teams next season.

Newest members will be Milwaukee and Arizona as the NBA strives to become an 18-team or 20-team circuit by 1970.

Milwaukee will join Detroit, Cincinnati, Boston, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia in the Eastern Division. Phoenix enters the West with Chicago, Los Angeles, St. Louis, San Diego, San Francisco and Seattle.

The indications also are the NBA schedule next season will swell by at least two games from 82 to 84.

Meantime, a move by the NBA to strip the Pistons of their first draft choice next season appears to have run into a snag.

A SPECIAL committee voted the Pistons would have to give up their initial choice to Los Angeles to finalize a missed-trade last year in which the Lakers swapped Rudy LaRusso to Detroit, but LaRusso refused to join the Pistons.

Subsequently the league voted the Pistons were entitled to the Lakers' first draft choice and it turned out to be Sonny Dove.

Last summer, the Pistons sold the rights to LaRusso to San Francisco, precipitating a new scream by Los Angeles. The committee voted 3-2 to force the Pistons to surrender their first '68 pick, but owner Fred Zollner of Detroit protested.

He is in the process of filing an appeal. To do so, it is necessary to get the support of three members of the Board of Governors. He has the names of eight, prompting one league official to say:

"ZOLLNER has the matter of getting his first draft choice back in the bag."

The Pistons, meantime, this week recalled Dove from the Pontiac Tomahawks of the North American League in hopes that one of their two first picks of 1967 now is ready to make himself a valuable addition to the team.

A Saturday night game with Los Angeles at Cobo Arena

Schoolcraft Puts End To Slump

There's a difference between the college basketball played on the two sides of the Detroit river.

Schoolcraft College, which had dropped nine in a row after winning its first game, found itself pitted against St. Clair of Windsor, a winner of nine straight in its own conference on the Canadian side of the river.

But Schoolcraft had no problems rolling up a 113-81 triumph after leading, 53-38, at halftime.

It was the biggest score ever run up against the Canadian team and hopefully for Schoolcraft, the team now will get going in the second half of the season.

Schoolcraft blitzed the baskets all evening, hitting on 45 of 80 shots for a 56 percent mark. In contrast, the losers made only 31 out of 92 for 33 percent.

Steve Moore tossed in 21 points for the winners, hitting on eight baskets and free throwers.

The winners box score: McCauley 2-2-6; Cubison 4-1-9; Luthrand 4-0-8; Moore 8-5-21; Jose 6-4-18; Hengon 7-3-17; Evans 4-1-9; Storm 4-4-12; Freels 1-13; Neil 5-2-12. Totals 42-23-113.

Farmington To Battle LoopLeader

Farmington high's basketball team gets a chance to cool off from running Pontiac Northern in the Interlakes League next Friday night when the Falcons return to action.

Farmington stood 3-1 this week as the Falcons paused for mid-winter examinations, Pontiac Northern had a 4-0 mark going into a Friday night battle with Strensness, which had won only one of its first three loop starts.

Overall in play this season, Farmington has a 4-7 record.

TURNOVER

The Tigers added four pitchers to their staff during the 1967 season.

Bentley Walks Away From Franklin

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When Bentley High battles cross town Franklin High in basketball, the results always are the same.

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Bentley emerges a winner. The two schools have been going at it on the hardwoods now for six years.

Their most recent meeting took place at Franklin Tuesday and once again it was strictly a Bentley show. The gang from Five Mile Road dominated from the opening tipoff and literally walked away to a 62-48 victory.

The game never was close.

BENTLEY OUTSCORED Franklin, 17-5, in the first period, 33-15, at halftime and went into the final quarter with a 41-21 edge. By that time most Bentley reserves had seen plenty of playing time.

Big Ken Bollin exploded in a hurry for Bentley against Franklin.

Last year's All-Observer area star staged 10 points in

the first eight minutes as Bentley rolled up 17 to five for Franklin, which was limited to single baskets by Charles Wiggins and Doug Sutton and a free throw by Brad Lyons.

In the second period Bollin and Dan Doyle forged six points each to help Bentley expand its lead.

Bollin, operating less than three quarters, topped all scorers with 22 points. He was the only Bentley player to

register in double figures.

JIM POWERS and Mark Chaisson had eight points each for the winners, while Walt Huriburt scored seven, Doyle

More than 11,000 permits for the use of city athletic facilities are issued yearly to teams and leagues by the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation.

six, Walt Blacha five, Dave Sterling four and Tim Malone three.

Most of the Franklin scoring was wrapped up in the efforts of three players.

Wiggins clicked for 12 points, Denny Hopkins 11, and Sutton 10. Chris Long had three, while Dick McAdam and Randy Lee netted two each.

Bentley remains one of the area's powers and the leader in the Suburban Six League.

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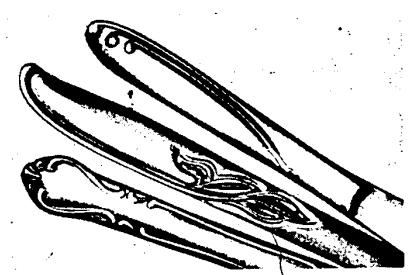
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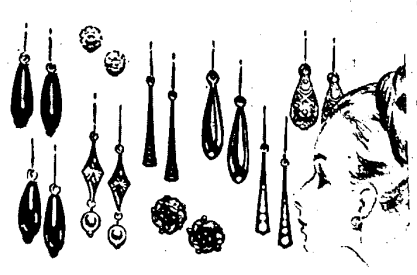
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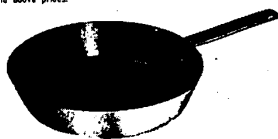
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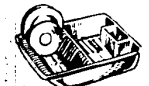
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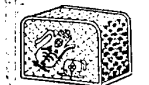
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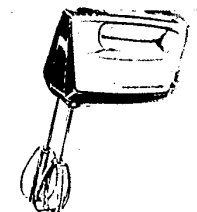
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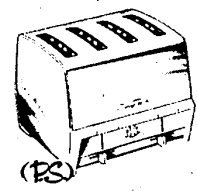
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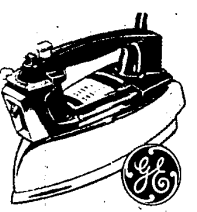
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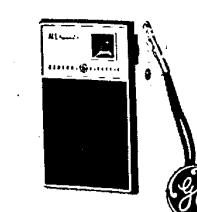
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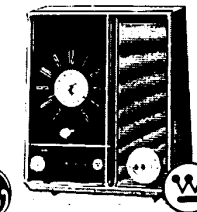
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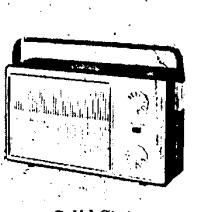
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