

1940 District meet...

## ROSS DEFENDS DISTRICT TITLE

TOLEDO, Feb. 21.—The northwestern Ohio district high school swimming meet will be held at the Y. M. C. A. pool Saturday afternoon. Eight teams are expected to enter. Fremont won the district title last year and tied for the state crown.

The Ross mermen will be back to defend their title this year. Fremont's star breaststroker, Benny Hayes, is expected to set another record in that event. Scott is going to press very hard for first honors as it already tied Fremont in a dual meet earlier this season.

Other teams from Toledo will be DeVilbiss, Waite and Libbey, which is entering for the first time. Sandusky, Lima Central and Bellevue also will be represented. Earl Riskey, director of intramurals at the University of Michigan, is going to referee the meet. John H. Carhart of the Y. M. C. A. staff, has been in charge of the arrangements.



## PRESS PASSES

Over the Desk From

*Jerry Liska*

News-Messenger Sports Editor

### *Building For '40-41 . . .*

The Ross high mermen may fail to cut their customary capers in the district meet at Toledo Saturday and in the state meet at Columbus a week hence, but Purple aquatic fans may be of good cheer.

This, as they say in war circles, is a year of re-trenchment for the splashers of Coach Bim Stults. Only four members of what may be termed Fremont's varsity squad swim out of the Purple picture with diploma clutched in hand this June.

Loss of Jack Pavelle and Bill Berrill, free stylers, and Earl Christy and Greg Schultz, divers, will cut a sizeable hole in Stults' 1940-41 team, but the large flock of underclassmen the Ross mentor has been bringing along so successfully this season should be high-voltaged next season.

Return of Benny Hayes, alone, would be enough to brighten any coach, but Stults also has Denver Franks, Jim Nickloy, Dick Spayd, Al Baumann and Ken Reed coming back as free stylers; Lue Wernig and Jim Simpson to aid Hayes in the breast stroke; Reed, Clarence Kuntz and Bob Walden as back-strokers; and Jim Martin and Phil Hodes as divers.

Add to this the sleight-of-hand tricks Stults does with untried material coming up to the varsity squad and you should be able to picture a pretty fair Purple water aggregation next winter.

While Stults has been grooming his current crop of youngsters for what he hopes to be a banner campaign next year, he hasn't exactly neglected the business on hand. His team won seven of its nine duals during the regular season, tieing Scott and losing to Canton McKinley. The latter affair, incidentally, was anybody's meet every inch of the way.

