

INFLUENZA, the top topic in town these days, has George Gruse, the Ross swimming coach, plenty worried . . . His tankers compete in the state meet this week, and have an outside chance to win the championship . . . So George, who always can find something to worry about, had plenty on his mind as first one student, then another, came down with the 'flu' . . . He sought the advice of Dr. E. C. Swint and then gave strict orders to his squad to take the recommended precautions . . . And when George gives strict orders, sir, the law is really laid down!

# One Ross Swimming Star Ill On Eve Of Finals At Columbus

George Gruse, the Ross high school swimming coach, literally has his hands full this week as the Giants prepare for the state meet at Columbus. The squad departs at noon today.

With an outbreak of influenza just at liable to hit his boys as it already has more than 200 others in the school, Gruse has his fingers crossed on one hand and is carrying a thermometer in the other.

Numerically, the squad hasn't been hard hit. But that's only numerically. Actually, the influenza bug has threatened to all but wreck the Giants' championship chances because the lone ailing member of the contingent of 14 who will trek southward today is Lonny Price.

Price swims the back-stroke, and does it well. He is one of the three members of the medley relay team. The medley has one backstroker (Price), one breast-stroker (Bill Faunce) and one free-styler (Neal Bork).

Of course, there is always the chance that Canton McKinley, regarded as the team to beat, will have trouble of some sort, but Gruse is neither counting on it or hoping for it. He'd like to see both teams at full strength.

## We Have A Chance

"The way I look at it," Gruse said yesterday as he wiped the tears from his eyes, "we have an outside chance to win because Cincinnati Walnut Hills has a boy who may take a first away from Ledger (the Canton star). "If everything goes right, the championship will be determined in the big relay."

The "big relay" is the 200-yard race involving four boys who swim 50 yards each. The Ross team is composed of Louis Lorenzen, Jack Rose Bob Lucas and George Hirschberger.

Hirschberger will be seeking a repeat as state champion in the 50-yard free-style. Since he's only a junior, he has a chance to be a three-time winner.

Gruse drew up his squad list today. He will use either Gary Schwartz or Price in the back stroke division of the medley relay, and Schwartz will be one of three competitors in the 100-yard back stroke race. George isn't sure who he will use if Price is still ailing.

## The entry list:

50-Yd. free style—Hirschberger and Bob Lucas; breast stroke, Bork, Faunce and Bruce Sherer; 200-Yd. free style, Ned Frantz and Tom Kirsch; 100-yard back stroke, Price, Schwartz and Merlin Eversole; 100-Yd. free style—Jack Rose, Louis Lorenzen and Ned Frantz.

Diving—Dick DeMars, Larry Hunt; individual medley, DeMars and Sherer; medley relay—Price or Schwartz and Faunce, Bork; free style relay, Lorenzen, Rose, Lucas, Hirschberger.

Preliminaries in the state meet begin in the Ohio State pool on Friday. The championships will be run off Saturday.

Canton McKinley is state champ. Ross was fifth last year.

## Penn State, Syracuse Boost Tournament Hopes

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—P—Penn State and Syracuse, two independents hopeful of landing an "at large" invitation to the NCAA basketball tourney, bowled over a couple of major conference leaders last night to brighten their chances.

Penn State, ending a 3-game losing streak that followed a 15-game winning streak, walloped West Virginia, Southern Confer-

## Streaks, Redmen Win In Tourney

SANDUSKY, Feb. 28 — Sandusky and Bellevue won Class A sectional basketball tournament games in the junior high gym here last night. The Blue Streaks spurred in the third quarter for a '68-59 victory over Tiffin Calvert.

Bellevue downed Port Clinton 52-46, although outscored from the floor. The winners were without the services of their ace, Paul Drewes, who is ill.

Chuck Acierto scored 20 points to pace Sandusky. Bill Reamer made 18 for Calvert. Emery Floro made 14 for Port Clinton.

Sandusky (68)		Tif. Calvert (59)	
G. F.		G. F.	
Schwanger	5 6	Kramer	5 2
Elgart	1 3	Reamer	8 2
Mallory	2 1	Rohrback	4 3
Theibert	4 6	Granata	3 4
Acierto	9 2	Altweis	0 1
Stradtman	1 0	Sullivan	2 1
Leavell	2 2	Breidinger	1 0
Totals	24 20	Totals	23 13
Score by quarters:			
Sandusky	14	32	55 68
Calvert	20	30	37 59

Bellevue (52)		Pt. Clinton (46)	
G. F.		G. F.	
Ramsey	4 4	Shafer	2 0
Lepley	2 0	Coyle	0 1
Windsor	5 3	Selgo	5 0
Siesel	0 1	Floro	7 0
Beamer	4 1	Jacobs	4 2
Eisenhauer	2 2	Fick	1 2
Schuler	2 3	Woodman	1 1
Totals	19 14	Totals	20 6
Score by quarters:			
Bellevue	16	27	42 52
Pt. Clinton	9	16	29 46

ence leader, 84-65. Syracuse humbled Cornell, leader in the eastern "Ivy" league, 57-50.

Underdog Colorado A&M surprised Denver, 79-62, in a Skyline Conference tilt while Maryland stayed in the running for a Southern Conference tourney berth by whipping Richmond, 54-50.

# Hirschberger First In State Swim Prelim

George Hirschberger, 50-yard sprint star for the Ross high school swimming team and defending state champion for that distance in the free style, came in first in yesterday's trial runs in the state meet at Columbus.

Lonny Price, back stroke star, finished third to move into the finals today.

The Ross medley relay team received second, as did the free style quartet.

Coach George Gruse said that the prelims indicated that Ross will do no better than second when the firing is over today in the Ohio State University pool. Canton McKinley is favored to repeat as champ. Ross finished fifth last season and second in 1950.

## Strikes to Spare

Ray Clark topped Fremont keg-  
lers Friday, tossing a 608 series  
on games of 192, 210 and 203 in  
the Bendix League at Maple  
Lanes. Ray bowls with Inspec-  
tion.

Ken McGowin topped the Elks  
League with a 587, boosted by a  
242 game. Tops in the Fremont  
Rubber loop was John Horan,  
563.

Jack Freeh made news with  
the Elks by rolling 124 in each  
of his three games.

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### HONOR ROLL Men 600 Series

Ray Clark, Inspection ..... 608

Office Force	886	851	922—2659
High: J. Horan	198	165	200— 563
Women			
Boxers	593	616	594—1803
Clickers	561	616	631—1808
High: B. Beeker	136	135	147— 418
Inspectors	557	534	506—
Office Force	549	521	502—
High: Hutch's'n	141	124	108— 373

### BENDIX LEAGUE (Maple Lanes)

Dryer	720	735	725—2180
Receiving	869	724	826—2414
High: R. Hawk	221	171	194— 586
Stores	665	793	776—2234
Welding	829	855	755—2339
High: L. Kline	151	178	187— 516
Ironer	650	702	637—1989
Inspection	850	822	731—2403
High: R. Clark	195	210	203— 608
H Line	650	731	703—2140

# Ross Hi Swimmers Second In State Meet; Canton Champ; Hirschberger Repeat Winner

Ross high school emerged from a tough state swimming meet at Columbus Saturday with runner-up honors, a mark of distinction because the winner—Canton McKinley—has two of the greatest natators in its history.

Canton scored 46 points. Ross was second with 29. Bexley had 21 for third and Sandusky and Grandview tied for fourth with 19. There were 17 other teams in the point totals.

George Hirschberger added to his laurels when the Fremont 50-yard free-style sprinter repeated as state champion for the distance. Since George is only a junior, there's a possibility he will be a three-time winner.

Hirschberger gave Ross its only first, worth seven points. He swam the 50 yards in 24.9 seconds.

## Price Second

Lonny Price, a senior, finished second in the backstroke and Larry Hunt was fifth in diving. The medley relay team was fourth and the free-style relay quartet was second.

Ross high coaches George Gruse and John Titsworth tagged the 1952 meet as one of the toughest ever. Twenty-one schools competed, bringing 189 boys together in Ohio State University's pool. Titsworth added that the competition is getting stronger every year.

Two records were broken, one by the 200-yard free-style relay team of Canton. The time for that event was one minute and 40 seconds.

John Phair of Cincinnati Walnut Hills set a new mark in the 150-yard individual medley, an event in which a boy swims 50 yards back stroke, 50 yards breast stroke and 50 yards free-style. Phair negotiated the distance in 1:40.8. Phair also gave Canton's Ben Ledger a run in the 200-yard free-style, finishing six feet behind the Bulldog star.

Ledger and George Harvey were Canton's big guns.

Hirschberger was easily the class of the field in the 50-yard free-style. He showed it twice, being first in Friday's preliminaries.

Points were scored as follows: Individual events, 7 for first, 5 for second, 4 for third, 3 for fourth, 2 for fifth and 1 for sixth; in the medley relay, 12 for first, 9 for second, 7 for third, 5 for fourth, 3 for fifth and 1 for sixth; 200-yard free-style relay, 14 for first, 10 for second, 8 for third, 6 for fourth, 4 for fifth and 2 for sixth.

**Hirschberger's victory was worth seven points. Price gave Ross five points with his second place and the free-style relay team, composed of Louis Lorenzen, Bob Lucas, Jack Rose and Hirschberger, added 10. Hunt's fifth place in diving was worth 10. Ross was fourth in the medley relay for five points.**

Ross was fifth in the state meet a year ago.

## Complete scoring:

Canton McKinley 46, Fremont Ross 29, Bexley 21, Sandusky 19, Grandview 19, Cincinnati Walnut Hills 14, Akron Buchtel 12, Shaker Heights 11, East Cleveland Shaw 9, Columbus West 7, Arlington 6, Cleveland East Tech 5, Cincinnati



George Hirschberger

Hughes 5, Toledo Scott 4, Cleveland Heights 4, Linden McKinley 3, Columbus North 3, Toledo Waite 3, Cincinnati Purcell 2, Middletown 2, Cincinnati St. Xavier 1 and Columbus Rosary 1.

## Summary:

50-yard free style: 1—Hirschberger, Fremont Ross; 2—Wallace, Bexley; 3—Jack Birchall, Toledo Scott. Time—24.9 seconds.

100-yard breast stroke: 1—Richter, Shaker Heights; 2—McBane, Sandusky; 3—Fleming, Arlington. Time—1:08.8.

200-yard free style: 1—Ledger, Canton McKinley; 2—Phair, Cincinnati Walnut Hills; 3—Vanderveer, Lakewood. Time—2:01.4.

100-yard back stroke: 1—Harvey, Canton McKinley; 2—Price, Fremont; 3—Rudy, Grandview. Time—1:03.4.

100-yard free style: 1—Hall, Grandview; 2—Greiser, Cincinnati Hughes; 3—McKusich, Akron Buchtel. Time—56.2 seconds.

150-yard individual medley: 1—Phair, Cincinnati Walnut Hills; 2—Vanderveer, Lakewood; 3—Morris, E. Cleveland Shaw. Time—1:40.8.

150-yard medley relay: 1—Canton McKinley (George Harvey, Bob Psenka, Jim Kimmel); 2—Bexley; 3—Sandusky. Time—1:24.4.

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200-yard free style relay: 1—Canton McKinley (Ray Jacobs, Jim Kimmel, Ben Ledger); 2—Fremont Ross; 3—Akron Buchtel. Time—1:40.4. (New record, breaks old mark of 1:40.5).

Diving: 1—Current (Col. West), 236.5 points; 2—Fraunfelder (Canton), 211.15; 3—Freischman (Cleve. Heights), 196.2; 4—Erickson (Sandusky), 189.55; 5—Hunt (Fremont), 185.2; 6—Anderson (Canton), 179.7.