



#### TRACK TEAM

*Left to Right*—Charles Merck, John Lewis, Charles Ekonovich, Eugene Beatty, Love Snowden.

## Indoor Track

Although Northeastern boasted but a small squad of thinclads, they proved to be the cream of the indoor track athletes of the country. The Falcons ran up an enviable record during the 1927 season; they claimed a tie for top honors in the national interscholastic meet and a tie for second place honors in the Western invitational and a second place in the city championship meets.

Eugene Beatty, fleet Falcon ace, was the high point scorer of the city and state meets, and runner up in the national meet. He is the present holder of the city and state records for that distance.

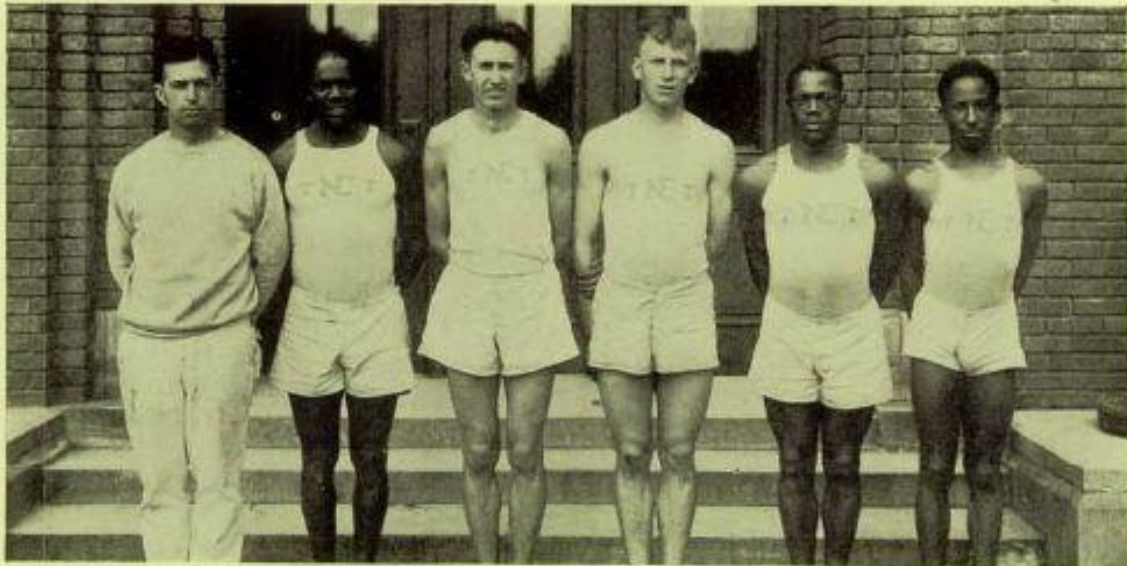
Northeastern tied for first place in the national interscholastic track and field meet although Beatty and Lewis were its only entries. Beatty sprinted to victory in the 880-yard dash and incidentally set a new national high school record taking four seconds off the former mark in that event. This was the first time that he had competed in the 880 in championship competition. Beatty finished at Tolan's shoulder in the 50-yard dash, the Cass Tech star nosing him out in the last ten yards. Lewis scored the Falcons other five markers by outstepping a fast field in the 440-yard dash.

In the Western invitational meet at Ann Arbor, Michigan, Northeastern earned 16 points. Beatty won both the low hurdles and the broad jump; Lewis captured the 440; and Snowden placed fourth in the 50-yard dash. Ekonovich did not place in the mile run and Merck was outclassed in the 880.

The Falcon thinclads gave all other entries in the city meet a tussle for honors. Beatty took both the low and high barriers and placed third in the shot put. Lewis captured the 440 and Ekonovich was second in the mile. Snowden finished second in the 50-yard dash, and Northeastern's relay was second to Northwestern.

The indoor track season is considered the most successful one in the sport annals of Northeastern.





## Outdoor Track

When The Crucible went to press, the Northeastern outdoor track team was considered one of the strongest combinations of track men in the city. Both the city, state, and national interscholastic outdoor meets were yet to be run off.

The Falcon thinclads placed second to Northwestern in the Ann Arbor invitational meet. Northeastern was far superior to the Colts in the dashes but lacked strength in the weight events. The Falcons had four firsts and two thirds in the meet. All of these places came in the field events except one.

The Green and Gold team possesses endurance and all-around strength which is centered around their two mainstays, Eugene Beatty and John Lewis. Beatty, who was instrumental in the splendid showing of the team during the indoor season, is one of the best all around athletes in the country. He was individual high point scorer at the Ann Arbor invitational with three firsts, the low and high hurdles, and the broad jump.

John Lewis, the best 440 man in the state, took first in that event. Charles Eckonovich placed third in the half mile. Love Snowden finished third in the 100-yard dash.

The other members of the team include Merck, a half-miler; Turkowski, in the javelin throw; Watkins and Brecht, discus men.

Northeastern won its first outdoor track victory when they trounced Hamtramck in a dual meet 77-10. The Falcons captured first in every event on the schedule.

The Green and Gold's next successive victory came in a triangular meet with Central and Southeastern. Northeastern amassed a total of 95 points to the Trailblazers' 18, and the Jungaleers' 17. The Grandy Avenue boys ran their string of successive victories up to three when they defeated Flint Central and Cass Tech by a 50-38-32 score.