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## Nearly 5,000 Boys Begin Training for '33 Decathlon

Starting this week, between four and five thousand boys of the elementary and intermediate schools of Detroit, who have qualified as contestants in the 1933 Decathlon, will begin intensive training for this annual athletic test held under the auspices of the Health Education Department of the Detroit Public Schools. This is by far the greatest number of contestants ever entered, and exceeds by upwards of 1,500 the entry list for 1932.

This year's meet will be the nineteenth which has been held, and, as in past years, will be sponsored and financed by the Free Press. Vaughn S. Blanchard, director of health education in the Detroit Public Schools, will have charge of the event.

### Program Broadened

The broadening of the decathlon program for this year follows the postponement until 1934 of the huge Belle Isle Field Meet, also sponsored by the Free Press, which annually draws 30,000 contestants and 300,000 spectators to Detroit's island park. This year's Field Meet will not be held, due to the curtailment of the school year and the resulting need for both an economy of time as regards the school program and an expenditure of effort on the part of teachers and pupils alike.

In contrast to decathlons of past years, the 1933 test will be held on two different days, Wednesday, May 3, and Thursday, May 4, and at three different locations simultaneously on each day; at Codd Field, Blaine and Wilson Aves., Burroughs school field, 8950 Center Line, and at Munger school field, 5525 Martin.

The decentralizing of the event will enable thousands more to compete and at the same time solve one of the chief problems of other years, the matter of providing transportation for thousands of boys to Belle Isle.

Ten events comprise the decathlon, five of which will be held each of the two days. For boys of the intermediate and senior divisions, these 10 events are chinning; 100-yard dash; standing broad jump; standing hop, step and jump; sit up; shot put; high jump; dip; running hop, step and jump, and running broad jump. In the junior division, the 50-yard dash and the baseball throw are substituted for the 100-yard dash and shot put.

### Medals for Proficiency

Each boy, instead of contesting against others, competes only against a fixed rating, scoring a certain number of points in each event according to his proficiency. Out of a possible 10,000 points, a boy must score 6,500 points to earn a bronze medal, 7,300 for a silver and 8,600 for a gold. In addition to these regulation Board of Education medals, awarded by the Free Press, the five high point winners in each of the three divisions—intermediate, senior and junior—will be presented by the Free Press with a special gold medal significant of his accomplishment.

Certificates of award showing the individual boy's record will also be presented to all contestants. Schools are credited with a boy's accomplishments in determining the winners of the City championship trophies offered by the Free Press.

The pentathlon, a similar test for girls, consisting of five events, is scheduled for May 13. The decathlon is for boys only. Pupils have been training for both events for weeks. Those selected as contestants must score in trials at least the number of points needed for a bronze medal before being allowed to compete in the official test.

### Leslie Will Halt Business for Funeral of Templar

LESLIE, April 22—Business will be suspended here Monday afternoon during funeral services at the Congregational Church for Benjamin A. Davis, 75 years old, furniture dealer and undertaker here for 37 years. A lifelong resident, Mr. Davis died in a Mason hospital after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was a member of the Jackson Commandery of Knights Templar.

Two daughters, Mrs. Luna Blanck, of Leslie, and Mrs. Lucille Mercy, of Mason, survive.

### Junior Order to Entertain

Two dozen young women from the high school department of the Junior Order United American Mechanics' National Home at Tiffin, O., will be guests of Detroit members of the order next Saturday evening at a public entertainment at the Masonic Temple auditorium.

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