

# Hills Favored In Regional

By JOE HART

Arthur Hill field will be swarming with trackmen Friday night when 10 Class A high school teams compete in the regional championships.

A struggle for the team title will overshadow the primary purpose of the meet, which is to qualify individual performers for state meet competition next week at Michigan State University.

HOST ARTHUR HILL will be favored to capture regional honors in a three-team scrap with Arrowhead Con-

ference rival Midland and North Central Conference king Mt. Pleasant.

Defending champion Saginaw High does not appear to pack the team balance to repeat last year's triumph when the Trojans piled up 57 points to second-place Arthur Hill's 33.

Rounding out the field will be Traverse City, Bay City Central, Bay City Handy, Alpena, Owosso and Lapeer. Traverse City and Bay City Handy, two other Arrowhead entries, will rate as dark-

horse entries in the scramble for points.

WITH THE THREE top Saginaw Valley League teams competing in regionals at Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, the Arthur Hill Field records, which have been battered in successive weeks in the Arthur Hill relays and the Valley meet, will be comparatively safe.

Arthur Hill's mighty mite Bob Hill, will be flirting with the mile mark of 4:31.9. Hill was clocked in 4:33.5 while winning in last week's Valley meet. Other Arthur Hill fav-

orites will include Bart Mauro in the broad jump, Joe Mason in the 180-yard hurdles and Jim Bublitz in the 440-yard dash.

R. A. Stephens of Saginaw High will renew his season-long feud with Mason in the 100-yard dash and with sophomore Fred Burbach of Arthur Hill in the 220. The Trojans' Al Robinson will be a favorite in the pole vault provided he has recovered from a back sprain.

MIDLAND WILL enter a one-man gang — Jim Shafer,

who captured three first places and share another in last week's Arrowhead meet. Shafer is a specialist in the hurdles and high jump. The Chemics muscle tandem of Ned Sweebe and Bob Hayes have an excellent chance to finish 1-2 in the shot put. Both have tossed the iron ball better than 50 feet consistently this season.

Hurdler Bill Rhodes and printer Mike Buchanan will be Mt. Pleasant's chief threats.

Traverse City's hopes of be-

ing a contender for team honors will depend upon whether its ace hurdler, Bill Mann, the able to compete. Mann, the state's No. 2 hurdler behind Farmington's fabulous Warren Cawley, missed the Arrowhead meet because of a pulled leg muscle.

FIELD EVENTS and running event preliminaries will start at 5 p.m. All of the running event finals will be staged under the lights, starting at 8 p.m. An admission fee of 35 cents will be charged to watch the meet.