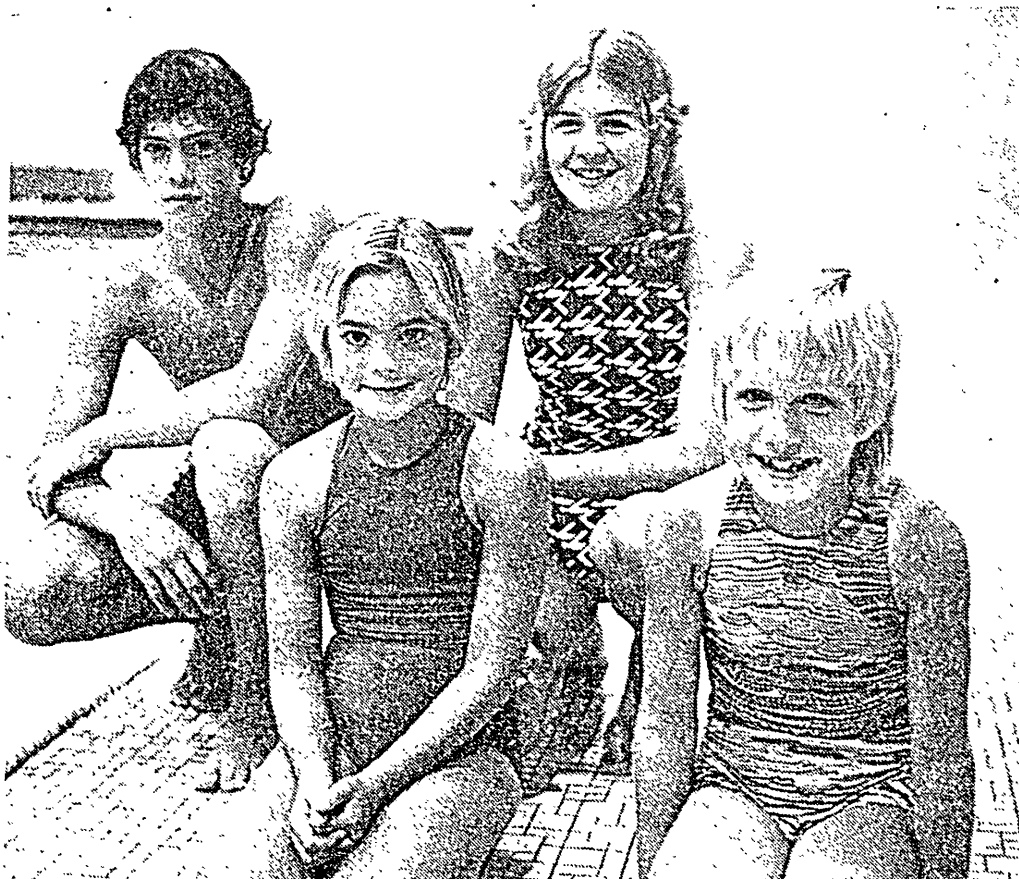




**THEY'RE OFF**—Mile contestants in the 14-15 years division bear down as they take off in the Flint Olympian Games finals Thursday at Houston Stadium. Matt Grinenk (third from right) of Swartz Creek was the winner, his second victory of the day. Steve Cousins (right) was second and Dave Podsadecki (in visored hat) was third. (Journal Photos by Michael Hayman.)

## Olympian track stars proclaimed



Runners Keith Young of Northern and Renee Turner of Whittier joined field event specialists Vicki Smith of Grand Blanc and Dave Duchene of Davison as the outstanding track performers in the Flint Olympian Games.

Young, Class A state 880 champion, was honored as the top male in-city contestant and Miss Turner as the top female in-city contestant.

Duchene was the top non-city male contestant and Miss Smith the outstanding female from the non-city area.

The foursome broke nine Olympian records and equaled another.

Young ran the mile in 4:25.6 and the 880 in 1:58.9 for records in the 16-17 years division. Turner's records were 11.7 for the 100-yard dash and 27.1 for the 220 in the 12-13 division and she equaled the record of 13.7 for the 90-yard low hurdles in the preliminaries.

Duchene and Miss Smith sparkled in the field event finals last Tuesday. Duchene tossed the discus 108-2 and the shot 47-1¼ for records in the 12-13 division and placed third in the javelin.

Miss Smith hurled the discus 106-3, the javelin 105-10 and the shot put 33-11½ for records in the 12-13 division.

Meet Director Don Marsh said, "There was no doubt about those four deserving the honors. I think it's especially significant that three of the four performed in the youngest division. That makes for a great future in track for the Flint area. And everyone knows that Keith Young is one of the best already."