

HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

HELMS HALL, 8760 VENICE BOULEVARD • LOS ANGELES 34, CALIFORNIA

HELMS HALL BOARD ELECTS SEVEN TO BADMINTON HALL OF FAME, IN ORIGINAL ELECTIONS Four Men, Three Women Cited

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1956

Seven famed Badminton champions were elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame, today, in the original selections. They included four men, and three women. Those honored were:

Joseph C. Alston
Dr. David G. Freeman
Walter Kramer
T. Wynn Rogers

Mrs. Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham
Ethel Marshall
Mrs. Thelma Kingsbury Welcome

The seven who have been cited will have their names engraved upon the Badminton Hall of Fame trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall, Los Angeles, and each will become the recipient of the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame award.

The selections were made by the Helms Hall Board, composed of George T. Davis, Rube Samuelson, Al Santoro, Sid Ziff, Paul Zimmerman, W. R. Bill Schroeder, and Paul H. Helms, Chairman, as the result of nominations made by the American Badminton Association, whose President is Charles B. Newhall, of Boston, Massachusetts

The original (1956) selections:

JOSEPH C. ALSTON -- National Singles champion 1951, 1955.
National Doubles champion 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955.
Member of U.S.A. Thomas Cup Team 1952, 1955.

DR. DAVID G. FREEMAN -- National Singles champion 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942,
1947, 1948, 1953.
National Doubles champion 1940, 1941, 1942, 1947,
1948,

WALTER KRAMER -- National Singles champion 1937, 1938.
(A top player prior to the establishment of the National
Tournament).

T. WYNN ROGERS -- National Doubles champion 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952,
1953, 1955.
Member of U.S.A. Thomas Cup Team 1949, 1952, 1955.

MRS. BERTHA BARKHUFF CUNNINGHAM -- National Singles champion 1937, 1938.
National Doubles champion 1937, 1939

ETHEL MARSHALL - National Singles champion 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953.
National Doubles champion 1952.

MRS. THELMA KINGSBURY WELCOME -- National Singles champion 1941.
National Doubles champion 1941, 1947, 1948,
1949, 1950
All-England Singles champion 1936, 1937.
All-England Doubles champion 1933, 1934,
1935, 1936.

Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame awards will be presented to Joseph Alston, Dr. David G. Freeman, T. Wynn Rogers and Mrs. Thelma Kingsbury Welcome at ceremonies which have been planned by Jack H. van Pragg, of the American Badminton Association, in Southern California, inasmuch as all of them reside in that district. (Alston - South Pasadena, Freeman - San Diego, Rogers - Arcadia, and Welcome - Glendale). Mrs. Cunningham resides in Portland, Oregon, Walter Kramer in Detroit, Michigan, and Ethel Marshall in Buffalo, New York. The latter three award presentations will be arranged by Charles B. Newhall, President of the American Badminton Association.

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HAMILTON B. LAW, RICHARD O. YEAGER ELECTED TO HELMS HALL BADMINTON HALL OF FAME

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1957

As the result of recommendations which were made by the American Badminton Association, the Helms Hall Board of Los Angeles, in connection with its 1957 elections, has chosen Hamilton B. Law, of Denver, Colorado, and Richard O. Yeager, of Shelton, Washington for Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame honors.

The election of Hamilton Law and Richard Yeager brings to nine the number who have been chosen for Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame recognition, to date, as follows:

M E N

Joseph C. Alston
Dr. David G. Freeman
Walter Kramer
Hamilton B. Law
T. Wynn Rogers
Richard O. Yeager

W O M E N

Mrs. Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham
Ethel Marshall
Mrs. Thelma Kingsbury Welcome

*The Badminton Hall of Fame was instituted in 1956.

Hamilton B. Law and Richard O. Yeager will become recipients of Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame awards, and both will have their names engraved upon the Badminton Hall of Fame trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall, Los Angeles, international sports shrine.

Hamilton Law was National Mixed-Doubles champion in 1937, teaming with Mrs. Del (Bertha) Barkhuff (now Mrs. O. Byerly). This victory came in the first U.S. National Badminton Tournament, held in Chicago. Law and Mrs. Barkhuff teamed up to win the title, again, in 1938.

Hamilton Law and Richard Yeager won the U.S. National Badminton Doubles title, at Philadelphia, in 1938, and duplicated the achievement at New York City in 1939.

Richard Yeager teamed with Zoe Smith to win the U.S. National Badminton Mixed-Doubles crown in 1939.

Besides attaining No. 1 ranking in both Doubles, and Mixed-Doubles play, Law and Yeager were both ranked high in Singles for a number of years, varying between 5 and 6.

Law and Yeager have won many American sectional titles in Badminton play, too numerous to list. However, Law was six times Seattle, Washington champion, and won many titles in Washington, Oregon, California and Colorado. . . Yeager, during the years 1946-1949, was a frequent winner of tournaments in Baltimore, Md., Marblehead, Mass., New Jersey, and Westport, Conn., as well as in the Metropolitan New York district.

Hamilton B. Law was born at Waterville, Washington on September 23, 1913. He was graduated from Medford, Oregon High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, being stationed in Alaska. Law is affiliated with Prudential Life Insurance Co., in Denver, Colorado.

Richard O. Yeager was born at Olympia, Washington on July 9, 1917. He was graduated from University of Washington in 1939. During World War II, Yeager served in the U.S. Navy, attaining rank of Lt. Commander. He was assigned, during 1940 through 1946, to the Asiatic, Pacific and Atlantic Fleets. He was on the "Marblehead" when it was attacked by the Japanese, and was also stationed on the "Iowa". Yeager is President of the Cascade-Olympic Corporation, and the Cascade-Olympic Construction Company, in Shelton, Washington.

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ZOE SMITH YEAGER, EVELYN BOLDRICK HOWARD ELECTED TO HELMS HALL BADMINTON HALL OF FAME IN 1958 ELECTIONS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1958 RELEASE DATE

Two former national Badminton champions, Mrs. Zoe Smith Yeager, and Mrs. Evelyn Boldrick Howard, were today elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame, in 1958 elections. The selections were made by the Helms Hall Board of Los Angeles; following recommendations by the American Badminton Association, with T. M. Royce, Charles B. Newhall and Roy W. Jordan serving on the recommendation committee.

The Helms Hall Board is composed of George T. Davis, Robert Myers, Rube Samuelson, Al Santoro, Ben Woolbert, Sid Ziff, Paul Zimmerman, W. R. Bill Schroeder, and Paul H. Helms, Jr., Chairman.

Mrs. Yeager, of Seattle, Washington, was national ladies doubles champion, at Chicago, in 1937, and she was national mixed-doubles winner at New York City in 1939.

Mrs. Howard, of Wellesly Hills, Massachusetts, was national ladies singles champion, at Seattle, in 1940, and she was both singles and doubles champ, at Durham, North Carolina, in 1942.

Both Mrs. Yeager and Mrs. Howard were many times sectional title holders. Mrs. Howard, as Evelyn Boldrick, began her Badminton career at San Diego, California; while Mrs. Yeager, as Zoe Smith, embarked upon her career at her home town of Seattle. Mrs. Yeager, however, resided in New Rochelle, New York for several years when she was at the height of her career.

The selection of Zoe Smith Yeager, and Evelyn Boldrick Howard for honors now brings to a total of eleven -- six men, and five women -- the number who have been elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame, to date, as follows:

MEN

WOMEN

Joseph C. Alston
Dr. David G. Freeman
Walter Kramer
Hamilton B. Law
T. Wynn Rogers
Richard O. Yeager

Mrs. Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham
Mrs. Evelyn Boldrick Howard
Ethel Marshall
Mrs. Thelma Kingsbury Welcome
Mrs. Zoe Smith Yeager

Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Yeager will become recipients of Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame awards, with presentations to be made in their home cities, and both will have their names engraved upon the Hall of Fame trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall, Los Angeles, international sports shrine.

The Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame was instituted in 1956, with seven famed Badminton champions being chosen for honors in the initial elections. Hamilton B. Law and Richard O. Yeager were elected to the Hall of Fame in 1957.

The American Badminton Association encouraged the Helms Hall Board to develop the Hall of Fame in 1956, and it is this organization which each year makes recommendations to the Helms Hall Board, for Hall of Fame action.

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HELEN L. GIBSON ELECTED TO HELMS HALL
BADMINTON HALL OF FAME -- 1959 ELECTIONS

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1959

H ELEN L. GIBSON, of East Norwalk, Connecticut, has been chosen for Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame honors in connection with the 1959 elections. The selection was made by the Helms Hall Board of Los Angeles, following recommendation which was made by the American Badminton Association, of which Edwin S. Jarrett is President.

Helen Gibson will become the recipient of the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame award, at a presentation which is planned in the near future, and her name will be engraved upon the Badminton Hall of Fame Trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall, international sports shrine.

With Mrs. Wanda Bergman, Miss Gibson was National Ladies Doubles Badminton champion in 1938, and she was a finalist, with Mrs. Bergman, in 1937, 1939, and 1942, and again, with Eleanor Ross in 1951.

Miss Gibson was National Singles finalist in 1939, Mixed Doubles finalist in 1951, and Senior Ladies Doubles finalist in 1958. The East Norwalk, Connecticut Badminton ace of long standing has been the winner of innumerable sectional, and inter-sectional crowns, including the National Capitol Open, Eastern States Open, Mason-Dixon Open, Stamford City, Fairfield County Closed, and Connecticut State Closed. Her feat in being a Connecticut State Ladies Closed Doubles champion for 21 years is one which will possibly never be equalled.

Miss Gibson has been an officer or a Director of the American Badminton Association since 1947, and she has contributed greatly to the organization and its activities. The new Hall of Famer has also devoted much of her time and effort to junior Badminton. However, she is probably best known as Chairman of the Uber Cup Committee, and it was under her guidance that the United States team became the first to win the Ladies International Badminton crown.

Helen Gibson becomes the twelfth to be elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame. The roster, to date, is as follows:

MEN:

Joseph C. Alston
Dr. David G. Freeman
Walter Kramer
Hamilton B. Law
T. Wynn Rogers
Richard O. Yeager

WOMEN:

Mrs. Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham
Helen Gibson
Mrs. Evelyn Boldrick Howard
Ethel Marshall
Mrs. Thelma Kingsbury Welcome
Mrs. Zoe Smith Yeager

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JANET WRIGHT ELECTED TO HELMS HALL BADMINTON HALL OF FAME - 1960 Elections

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1960

JANET WRIGHT of San Francisco, California was today elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame, recognition which she very much deserves. The selection was made by the Helms Hall Board of Los Angeles, composed of George T. Davis, Robert Myers, Rube Samuelsen, Al Santoro, Ben Woolbert, Sid Ziff, Paul Zimmerman, W. R. Bill Schroeder, and Paul H. Helms, Jr.

The selection of Janet Wright for honors came as the result of an official recommendation for her by the American Badminton Association, which serves as the Helms Hall Board's Recommendation Committee.

Janet Wright will become the recipient of the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame award at a ceremony which is now being arranged by John Poong of San Francisco, who is prominently identified with Badminton in the Bay City. Miss Wright will also have her name engraved upon the Badminton Hall of Fame trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall.

The selection of Janet Wright for honors brings to a total of thirteen the number who have been elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame to date (six men, and seven women) as follows:

Joseph C. Alston
Dr. David G. Freeman
Walter Kramer
Hamilton B. Law
T. Wynn Rogers
Richard O. Yeager

Mrs. Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham
Helen Gibson
Mrs. Evelyn Boldrick Howard
Ethel Marshall
Mrs. Thelma Kingsbury Welcome
Janet Wright
Mrs. Zoe Smith Yeager

Miss Wright, during the period 1941 through 1950, was six times a National Badminton Doubles champion. She was also an outstanding Singles player, winning many State and Sectional titles. She was runner-up to Evelyn Boldrick in 1942, and runner-up to Ethel Marshall in 1947 in National Singles competition.

Miss Wright has not only been one of the nation's top Badminton stars for years, but she has made many important contributions to the sport, serving on the ABA Committees. She is now longer active in championship play.

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T. M. ROYCE ELECTED TO HELMS HALL BADMINTON HALL OF FAME IN 1961 ELECTIONS

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1961

T. M. ROYCE, of Seattle, Washington, has been elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame, as the result of 1961 elections.

The selection was made by the Helms Hall Board of Los Angeles, composed of George T. Davis, Robert Myers, Rube Samuelson, Al Santoro, Ben Woolbert, Sid Ziff, Paul Zimmerman, W. R. Bill Schroeder, and Paul H. Helms, Jr., Chairman. Election of T. M. Royce came as the result of official recommendation by the American Badminton Association.

T. M. ROYCE gained Badminton Hall of Fame recognition both as a player and an official. Royce was a National Senior Men's Doubles champion in 1940, teaming with George McCook. He served as President of A.B.A. from 1948 through 1950.

Through the years, T. M. Royce has contributed to Badminton in noteworthy manner, and he has served the American Badminton Association generously, including membership on such committees as the Thomas Cup, Rules, Amateur Status, Reorganization, and Chairman of the Official Handbook. Although in his senior years, T. M. Royce is still a competitor in his favored sport of Badminton.

Presentation of the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame award to T. M. Royce will be made by Carl L. Andersen, President of the American Badminton Association, in Seattle, Washington, on a near future date.

The Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame roster, to date, is as follows:

MEN:

Joseph C. Alston
David G. Freeman
Walter Kramer
Hamilton B. Law
T. Wynn Rogers
Richard O. Yeager
T. M. Royce

WOMEN:

Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham
Helen Gibson
Evelyn Boldrick Howard
Ethel Marshall
Thelma Kingsbury Welcome
Janet Wright
Zoe Smith Yeager

The names of all of those who have been elected to the Badminton Hall of Fame have been engraved upon the Hall of Fame Trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall, Los Angeles, International sports shrine.

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DONALD RICHARDSON CITED IN 1962 HELMS
HALL BADMINTON HALL OF FAME ELECTIONS

FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1962

Following nomination by the American Badminton Association, DONALD RICHARDSON of Waban, Massachusetts, has been elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame as the result of 1962 balloting. The selection was made by the Helms Hall Board of Los Angeles, composed of George T. Davis, Alex Kahn, Robert Myers, Rube Samuelson, Al Santoro, Maxwell Stiles, Sid Ziff, Paul Zimmerman, W. R. Bill Schroeder and Paul H. Helms, Jr., Chairman.

Donald Richardson will soon become the recipient of the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame award, and his name will be developed upon the Hall of Fame trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall, international sports shrine.

Richardson, although a former player of note, has been cited as a noteworthy contributor to the sport of Badminton. His association with the game, both as player and official, dates back for 25 years. Twice, in 1937 and 1942, Richardson, pairing with his twin bother, gained National Doubles runner-up laurels.

In 1937, Donald Richardson served as one of the co-founders of the American Badminton Association. He was, in 1938, the founder and first President of the Massachusetts Badminton Association.

For a five-year period, 1944-1948, Richardson took on the responsibility of Editor of 'Bird Chatter', official publication of the American Badminton Association.

Since 1947, Richardson, at various periods, served as a member of the Thomas Cup Committee, as well as Chairman of the Committee from 1950 to 1955. He was Manager of the U.S. Thomas Cup Team in 1955. He was President of the American Badminton Association 1950-1952; Chairman of the Rules Committee 1957-1962; and Treasurer for the Sub-Committee of Management for the 1960 Uber Cup Ties.

The Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame roster to date:

Men:

Joseph C. Alston
David G. Freeman
Walter Kramer
Hamilton B. Law
T. Wynn Rogers
Donald Richardson*
T. M. Royce*
Richard O. Yeager

Women:

Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham
Helen Gibson
Evelyn Boldrick Howard
Ethel Marshall
Thelma Kingsbury Welcome
Janet Wright
Zoe Smith Yeager

*Contributors

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IT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER, 1964....

SEPTEMBER — 1964

- 1 — SWIMMING Sharon Stouder, City of Commerce, again breaks listed world mark for 100-meter butterfly, 1:05.7 at New York (pending 1:05.4)
- 1 — BASEBALL Stan Musial collapses of exhaustion at St. Louis ball game
- 2 — HARNESS RACING Ayres wins 39th Hambletonian at DuQuoin, Ill., with new one heat world mark of 1:56.8 for the mile
- 2 — TRACK Terje Pedersen, Norway, sets world javelin mark of 300' 11½"
- 2 — SWIMMING Roy Saari betters world 1,500 meter freestyle record with 16:58.7
- 2 — BASEBALL Allan Roth, famed Dodger statistician since 1947 resigns post
- 3 — SWIMMING Thompson Mann, Chesapeake, Va., breaks 100-meter backstroke world record with 1:00.0 clocking at New York trials
- 3 — SWIMMING Leonore Modell, 14-year-old Sacramento, Calif. school girl, becomes youngest to swim English Channel. France to Dover in 15½ hours
- 3 — SWIMMING Russians break two world marks: 100-m men's breaststroke (1:06.9 by Georgy Prokopenko) and 100-m women's breaststroke (1:17.2 by Svetlana Babanina)
- 4 — GOLF Lee Raymond, Carmel, Calif. pro, wins California Open at Bakersfield
- 5 — SWIMMING Murray Rose sets new 880-yd. freestyle world mark at 8:55.5
- 6 — AUTO RACING John Surtees, British race driver, wins Italian Grand Prix (Monza)
- 8 — SOFTBALL Downey wins world softball title at Rock Island, Ill. Beat Etiwanda, Calif. team, 3-2
- 8 — BOWLING Dick Weber, St. Louis, wins Dallas Pro Bowling Assn. Open and \$3,000
- 11 — BOXING Dick Tiger decisions Don Fullmer on last TV fight after 20 years of continuous home exposure
- 12 — TRACK Ralph Boston (27' 4¼") and Mike Larabee (44.9...tie) set world marks at Olympic Trials at Los Angeles Coliseum
- 12 — GOLF U.S. woemn clinch Curtis Cup matches 10½ to 7½ over Great Britain for 9th success in last 13 tries
- 13 — TRACK Rex Cawley (49.1) sets world 400-m hurdler record at Olympic Trials
- 13 — GOLF Tony Lema wins World Series of Golf by five strokes over Palmer, Nicholas and Venturi...\$50,000 first prize at Akron, Ohio
- 13 — AUTO RACING Jack Brabham, Australia, wins French Grand Prix at Albi (22nd)
- 13 — GOLF Mary Mills, Miss. golfer, wins Eugene Open by 3 strokes & \$1,350
- 13 — TENNIS Roy Emerson beats Fred Stolle, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 for U.S. title; Maria Bueno wins women's crown, 6-1, 6-0 over Carole Caldwell Graebner of Ohio
- 14 — BOWLING Glenn Allison, Los Angeles, wins PBA's Tucson Open & \$3,000
- 15 — YACHTING Constellation beats Great Britain's Sovereign by 5:29 in first America's Cup race at Newport, R.I.
- 17 — YACHTING Constellation beats Great Britain's Sovereign by 20:32 in second America's Cup race, delayed day by no wind
- 17 — SWIMMING Sharon Stouder, Olympic swimming hopeful from Glendora, named top Southern California athlete for month of August
- 19 — YACHTING Constellation beats Sovereign for third straight time...by 6:33
- 19 — BASEBALL Harry Craft, Houston Colt manager fired...coach Luman Harris hired
- 19 — GOLF Billy Campbell, Huntington, West Va., wins 1st Nat. Amateur title after 21 years of trying at Cleveland
- 20 — GOLF Jack Nicklaus wins Portland Open with 275, 13 under par & \$5,800
- 21 — YACHTING Constellation wins 4th race for America's Cup by 15:40
- 21 — BASEBALL San Diego beats Arkansas 11-5 to win PCL playoff series 4 games to 3
- 22 — BOXING Emil Griffith, world welterweight champ, beats Brian Curuis of Great Britain in 15-round decision at London
- 24 — HARNESS RACING Vicar Hanover wins 19th annual "Little Brown Jug" for three year old pacers at Delaware Fair Grounds
- 25 — TENNIS Roy Emerson beats Dennis Ralston 6-3, 6-1, 6-2, while Chuck McKinley beat Fred Stolle 6-1, 9-7, 4-6, 6-2 to leave Davis Cup tied 1-1 at Cleveland
- 25 — BASEBALL Dean Chance becomes first L.A. Angel pitcher to hurl 20 wins
- 25 — GOLF Carol Sorenson, 21-year-old from Janesville, Wis., wins Women's British Amateur title at Sandwich, England
- 26 — TENNIS U.S. wins David Cup doubles, 6-4, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 to take 2-1 lead
- 26 — SOFTBALL Detroit beats Levittown, N.Y. 1-0 for world's softball title at
- 26 — BOXING Vicente Saldivar whips Sugar Ramos (TKO 12) & world featherweight title
- 27 — GOLF Mickey Wright wins Visalia Open (Calif.) 284 total and \$1,350
- 27 — TENNIS Fred Stolle beats Dennis Ralston 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 9-11, 6-4 to put Australia even with U.S., 2-2, in Davis Cup play
- 27 — GOLF Billy Casper wins Greater Seattle Open at 265 (lowest of year) & \$5800
- 28 — TENNIS Roy Emerson beats Chuck McKinley 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, as Australia wins Davis Cup 3 matches to 2.....12 titles in last 15 years
- 30 — BASEBALL Danny Murtaugh, Pitt Pirates manager, announces retirement effective at season's close.

-- O B I T S --

- 1 -- Lester Balaski, famed jockey, of injuries in spill Aug. 22 @ Caliente @ 49
- 1 -- Richard Ellzey, Univ. of Miss grid soph, collapses @ practice of heart att @ 19
- 6 -- Clay Sanders, producer of Dodger radio network shows, of heart attack @ 42
- 7 -- Walter A. Brown, co-owner of Boston Celtics & Boston Bruins, of heart att @ 59
- 10 -- John J. McGraw, Harness racing pioneer, following 7-month illness @ 88
- 11 -- Tom Meany, famed baseball writer and promotion man @ 60
- 11 -- Bob Skibsted, Riverside motorcycle racer at Ascot (Calif.) Park of injuries @ 27
- 13 -- Jim Connor, Phoenix race driver, of injuries at Vacaville, Calif. @ 29
- 16 -- Bobby Bauer, former National Hockey League star with Boston, of heart att @ 49
- 17 -- Robert Parnell, Univ. of Tampa gridder, of brain injury sustained in scrimmage Aug. 29, @ 21
- 22 -- Jim Pardue, North Carolina stock car veteran, of injuries in test @ 32
- 23 -- Eros "Cy" Barger, N.Y. & Brooklyn pitcher in early days, of lingering ill @ 79
- 29 -- Fred Tootell, 1924 gold medal winner in hammer throw at Paris and former Rhode Island track coach @ 62