



## Backstroke Champion Ernest Click, '48

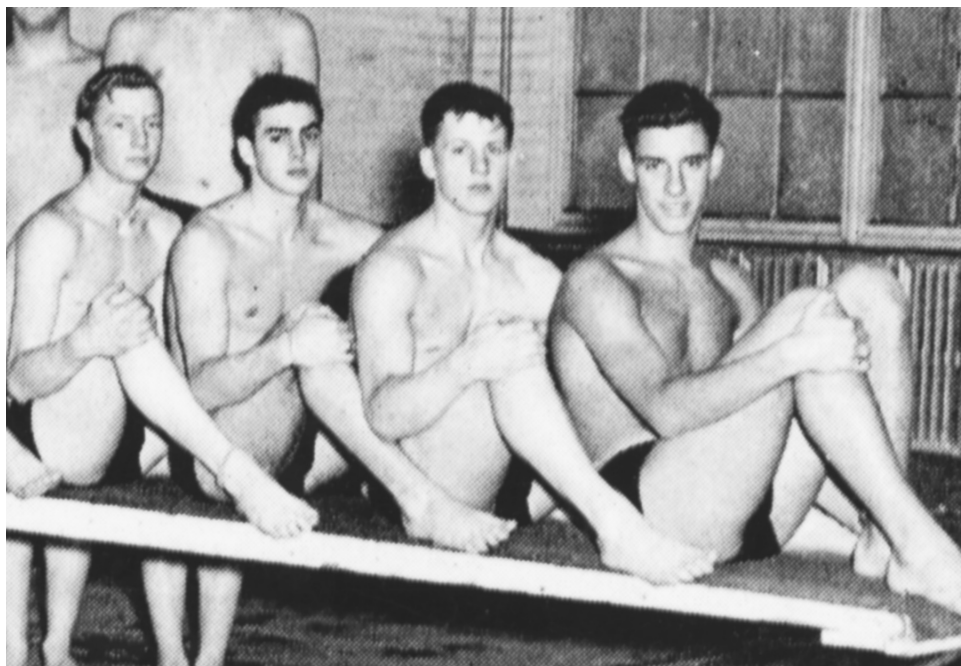
Ernie Click from the Class of 1948 started swimming at the Staunton YMCA in the early 1940's.

When he came to AMA... the team needed a backstroke.



Ernie had never swam the difficult stroke but took it on as a challenge.

In his senior year... Click took second place in the backstroke at the National Prep meet which was held in Trenton, New Jersey.



At AMA... he roomed with **John Seibold**, the State Champion backstroke, **Bill Sellers**, the State's best freestyler, and the team manager **Lewis Steele**.

Seibold, Sellers and Click formed the Virginia State Champion Medley Relay team.

Ernie swam the backstroke portion of the 150 yard medley and powered his way to victory.

Ernie Click, left, with Seibold, far right, and Sellers, second from right, the State Champion Medley Relay Team.  
The other swimmer is George Mentzer

Ernie was offered a swimming scholarship to Temple University... but instead went into the Marine Corps where he served during the Korean War.

The other members of the AMA Swim Team remember Ernie as a strong swimmer and a tough competitor.

