

Teen-Tennis Groups Are Found Busy On Most Every Court In Birmingham, Cranbrook and Other Spots About Region

By CAROL CRANE

It took the Birmingham teen-age crowd exactly one week to recover from its house-parties before it was headlong into something else! This time it's tennis. Every court around town has sprung into action!

Bernie Levinson's little black coupe has become just part of the landscape at the back of R.H. School. He and Charlie Crandall have been having some sharp battles over the nets of the new courts there. This is the first summer the local team have had courts to practice on. And are they using them! Dick Adams and Bud Gregory are putting in several hours daily. Dick was Barnum's cham-

panion this spring, you know. By next spring he'll be in Baldwin, and that will be pretty nice for their team! He surely can't hit some nice drives. Tom Cookerly and Jim Ritter are these boys, sharpening up their games. This all bodes very well for Birmingham's tennis record, some next year. Good work, boys!

Coach Is Busy

On the first rung of the tennis ladder, and starting upward, are the seven-to-fourteen-year-olds, who are learning to hit a ball over the net under the tutelage of Jane McKee. Miss McKee was the winner of the American Legion Tennis Tournament here in Birmingham a few years ago, and now she is helping with the Summer Tennis Program. You'll find her Monday mornings at the Adams court; Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Hill School courts.

profit next spring by all the practice she and Mary Rogers are putting in now. Claudia Reid is planning to add tennis laurels to her sailing laurels, I guess. She is playing about every Tuesday and Thursday, working like mad. And swinging her racket in the name of the Junior-High is Mary Ann Wilkinson, who will be something for Barnum girls to reckon with next spring. Carol Crane will work for Baldwin. That's the line-up on the local courts. They're off to a start!

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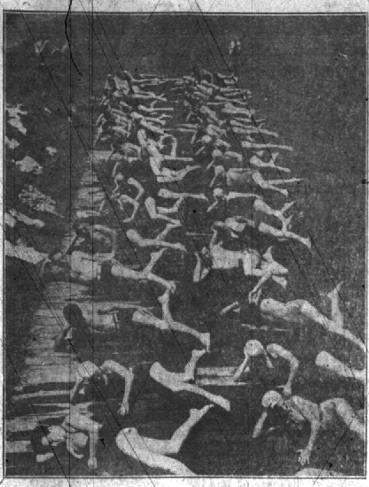
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Estes Urges All Get Out and Vote

Howard Estes, Birmingham businessman and Republican candidate for the nomination as representative in the 3rd Oakland county district, today urged that every voter in the state get out and vote on July 11, summer primary election day. Estes declared that voters would not like to lose the right of the ballot, but says he finds the effect the same, when people fail to take advantage of their present rights.

"If some person would approach any one of us and declare that he would not vote, about two thirds of us would be taken away, or if some district were promulgated, there is just one reader of this paper who would not set out on a lone to show the announcement was a lot of baloney," he said.

"And yet, by the failure to use that right to vote, about two thirds of us are creating the same effect. I sincerely hope that this apparent lack of interest in such an important part of our American way of living will, in this and subsequent elections, be changed for the better, and that each and every individual who has the right to vote will do so."

"Let us show our appreciation to the ten million service men and women who are fighting to keep this country a true democracy, by going to the polls and casting our votes."

Housewives who think they have labor problems should try publishing a newspaper.

Birmingham Is Still Interested In The Probable Fate of Amelia Earhart

Residents of Birmingham have had their interest in the possible fate of Amelia Earhart rekindled by the recent news flash from aboard an American ship approaching Saipan. Earhart's last trip through Birmingham was when she was returning from Potosky where she gave her last educational lecture at a regional meeting of the Michigan Educational Association. She left at once on her ill-fated flight over the Pacific and disappeared. She was here on her way by automobile to Potosky and here again upon her return.

The United Press news item, written by Richard W. Johnston, war correspondent, says: "ABOARD 'EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FLEAGSHIP APPROACHING SAIPAN' (IP)—Lieut. Com. Richard B. Black, who received the last message heard from aviatrix Amelia Earhart before her disappearance in the Pacific just seven years ago, is alert to the possibility that Saipan may provide a clue to the mystery of her fate.

"Though it lies hundreds of miles to the west of Howland Island, in whose vicinity Miss Earhart was flying when she last was heard from, Saipan nevertheless has the largest static population of Japanese colonists of the islands attacked by American forces. If her fate was anything but death in the vast Pacific, the Japanese may know the story."

The seventh anniversary of her last flight—east from Lae, New Guinea, toward Howland Island—is July 2. On that day, 1937, at 8:30 a. m. she sent this message: "We are on line of position 157-337; I will repeat this on 6210 kilocycles." Wait," she called, "I have heard from the man who received that last

message is aboard this ship. He is convinced that Miss Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, landed in the ocean near Howland Island and that their plane sank without a trace. But he doesn't know.

Black crunched by the radio on Howland all through the long night of July 1 and 2. Every half hour Miss Earhart reported to him. When dawn streaked the sky in the east, his crew began watching for her plane. It never appeared.

Units of the United States fleet participated in a search which approached but did not invade waters surrounding the mandated islands. No trace ever was found.

The mystery of Amelia Earhart faded, but it was not forgotten.

Last winter, Dick Black accompanied the fleet to Kwajalein and once again he was alert for rumors of the missing aviatrix. But the only rumor published reported that a white woman had been rescued between Jaluit and Majuro in the late 30's—could not be verified.

Dick Black is not hopeful, but he is receptive as our ship nears Saipan.

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Dondero In Line For Chairmanship

Congressman George A. Dondero, with 12 eventful years of experience on the important Committee on Rivers and Harbors and the highest ranking Republican position on the Committee on Education, again seeks reelection, on the Republican ticket, as Representative in Congress for the 17th Michigan district. In the event of a Republican majority in the next House, Congressman Dondero, because of his continuous service, would be in line for a committee chairmanship.

Because of his intimate knowledge of rivers and harbors affairs, Congressman Dondero has been able, despite Democratic majorities throughout his service, to block a number of "pork barrel" projects involving the proposed expenditures of millions of dollars. His activity on the floor of the House resulted in consistent defeats of efforts to put across the dubious Flushing canal project. Just recently he successfully led the fight to strike the multi-million-dollar Tombigbee River project from the Southern Bell Harbors bill. He gave his support to increasing lock facilities at the mouth of the Southeast Bend improvement in the St. Clair River, both projects of vital importance to the war program. He advocated the cutting of a channel through Harsen Island, which would have saved the construction of millions of dollars worth of property.

An ranking Republican member of the Committee on Education, Congressman Dondero has consistently fought encroachment of Federal bureaucracy in the field of education. He is responsible for the State's right provision in the Lanham Bill, under which local school districts required to provide school facilities for greatly increased numbers of war workers' children are given Federal aid. He was active also in the formulation of educational provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, popularly termed "The G. I. Bill of Rights."

Congressman Dondero, in addition to his committee work, has won recognition for his participation in debates on the floor of the House. His skill called for evidence of his close attention to legislative duty. Cooperation with various executive agencies with a view to aiding constituents in problems involving deceptive dispositions also has marked his service in Washington.

Back of Congressman Dondero's representation of the 17th Michigan district in the U. S. House of Representatives is a record of public service in various county, city and village offices, including 18 years as a member of the Royal Oak Board of Education. Prior to his election to Congress, he engaged in the practice of law in Royal Oak.

Congressman Dondero was born in Greenwood Township, Wayne County, within the district which he now represents. He is one of the war fathers in Congress, both of his sons being on active duty as aviators in the U. S. Navy.

Hosiery 'Riot'



Five thousand pairs of nylon hose, collected in a bulky market, were put on sale at Greensboro, N. C. At \$1.65 the pair, the sale drew a queue four blocks long. Here you see Nancy Southern, smiling surprise at being snapped while trying on hers. Part of the queue can be seen in the background.

Dan Thorn Seeks Seat In Senate

Daniel Thorn, of Kalamazoo, candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator in the 13th district, today said he was seeking the nomination purely as a citizen deeply interested in the affairs of state in Michigan and to the work of state senators. His campaign slogan is "Vote for a Michigan Man to the U. S. Senate."

Mr. Thorn belongs to the Sixth Command of the U. S. Army and is a stationer at Victoria Park Mall road. He came to Michigan in 1916 and has a number of years with a Kalamazoo representative of Armstrong & Co.

Mr. Thorn and Mrs. Thorn and their two daughters reside at 224 West Webster St. Kalamazoo.

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