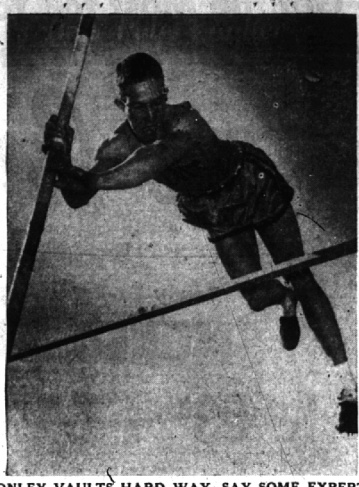


Student Disregards Experts' Advice, Becomes College's Best Pole Vaulter

BELOIT, Wis.—From a kid ranked as a third rate pole vaulter, barely clearing ten and all feet in high school, to one of the Midwest's best small college pole-vaulters in three short years is the unusual story of Jerry Neale of Beloit college.

A junior, Donley has developed to the greatest vaulter in the country's history and one of the best vaulter's ever to compete in Midwest Conference. Since vauling at Beloit in Sept. 1947, he has raised the college's record from 12 feet, one inch to 13 feet, 4 1/2 inches.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Donley, 672 Greenfield. But the most unusual thing about Donley is that he does everything the hard way when it comes vauling. Known as a cross-pole vaulter, one who takes off on the wrong foot, Jerry is roughly comparable to a baseball player who bats at the plate with his wrists tied.



DONLEY VAULTS HARD WAY, SAY SOME EXPERTS
But earns place among the best

SOME AUTHORITIES claim a cross-step serves as a disadvantage, holding a vaulter away from six inches to a foot less than his maximum height. But, in Jerry's case, the authorities seem to be wrong. In three years, the 21-year-old Birmingham, Mich. junior has added nearly 2 feet, 2 1/2 inches to his high school performance of 10 feet, 10 inches.

Jerry began to vault when he was in the sixth grade. An empty served as the runway and a tree pole as the medium for vauling.

By the time he enrolled at Wausau (Wis.) high school in 1942, he was all set to compete in it. But a broken left wrist, sustained while jumping, almost ended his short vaulting career. Injury plagued him again when he was sidelined with a pair of strained ankles during most of senior year.

Jerry did just that and during his first year at Beloit, he tied for second at 11 feet, six inches in the Midwest Conference freshman telegraphic meet. A week later, he negotiated around the 14-foot mark.

Padway took the unconventional vaulter to keep on jumping the way that seemed most natural and not to worry about his cross-step.

Jerry claims a good deal of his success in college vaulting comes from his daily rope climbing. Working against time on a 20-foot rope suspended from the field house ceiling, the Buccaneer ace begins training in October and continues through June.

He practices vaults once or twice a week and never tries for

in the 1947 Beloit Relays, Donley showed the form that was to later time him over the 33 feet. In that meet he cleared 12 feet, five inches to surpass the college record by four inches and raise his own record a foot and a half.

Entering varsity competition during the 1949 indoor season, Jerry cleared 13 feet for the first time and since then has gone over that height six times.

height except in a meet. According to Coach Herb Hodges, Donley is one of the hardest working men he has coached in 26 years.

ONE OF JERRY'S best critics and most ardent fans is his brother, Dick Donley, who has been vaulting with Jerry since the started jumping in the empty lot next door. Dick is the number two vaulter on the Beloit team and has cleared 12 feet, eight inches.

Right now, Jerry's big ambition is to surpass the Midwest Conference record of 12 feet 11 1/2 inches set by Martin of Coe in 1936.

Southfield Board Awards Bond Sale To Detroit Firms

Bonds for financing the construction of the \$47,000 water supply system for the new Southfield high school on Lakeside road were sold to the H. V. Satey company and McDonald Moore company, both of Detroit, by the Southfield township board Tuesday evening.

The bid of the Detroit firms offered a lower interest rate than that received from the other bidder, the Tohl company of Cincinnati.

The board also received 12 bids for the sewer construction at the Birchwood subdivision near Fourteen Mile road and Greenfield. They were referred to the township engineer for study and recommendation.

A suit has been filed in circuit court to restrain the board from paying \$500 to Franklin village for use of that community's volunteer fire department, by a township engineer, Warren Neal.

THE PAYMENT was authorized at the annual township meeting April 24 by a unanimous vote. Neal said he objected, as a taxpayer, to the township paying Franklin for fire protection when Southfield has a department of its own.

Representatives of the township board have been ordered to appear in court next Wednesday to show cause why the injunction shouldn't be made permanent to restrain them from spending money for that purpose.

Holiday Will Change Kiwanis Club Date

The Birmingham Kiwanis Club heard the Rev. Robert Richards of East Detroit at their meeting Tuesday evening.

The pastor, now serving in East Detroit, is a graduate of Albion college and has made many appearances in this area reviewing his experiences since coming from White Haven several years ago.

The meeting next week will be held Wednesday evening, due to the regular date falling on the holiday. No program is planned for the evening, and a board meeting will be held following the dinner.

Air Force to Show Third Dimensional Color Films June 1

European and American cities photographed from the air on giant size kodachrome film will be shown by Col. George W. Goddard of the Wright-Patterson airbase, Dayton, Ohio, at Cranbrook, Thursday evening, June 1.

These films produce the illusion of three dimensional motion pictures.

Among the scenes which Col. Goddard is expected to show will be flights over London, Paris, Frankfurt, Germany, New York City, Detroit, the Thousand Islands in autumn and Pacific Island coral reef.

Tickets, limited to the number of sets of polaroid viewers available, may be obtained by personal application to the Cranbrook Institute of Science, sponsors of the lecture.

Obituary Notices

JOHN J. GETTLESON, 59, 1548 Northlawn, died suddenly last Saturday. Rental agent for the Colonial Court apartments, Mr. Gettleson was stricken while at work.

He was born in Prescott, Mich., on Aug. 2, 1890, and has been in the real estate business in Detroit and vicinity for the past 30 years.

Mr. Gettleson is survived by his widow, Patricia; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Thal of Toledo and Mrs. Millie Hirschberg of Bad Axe and one brother, Samuel J. Gettleson of Detroit.

Services were held Tuesday morning from the Hamilton funeral home in Detroit with burial in Woodmere cemetery.

MRS. ALMA C. LEWIS, 64, died at her home at 1123 Emmons last Saturday. Services were held Monday morning from the Clawson chapel of the Spiller funeral home with burial in Evergreen cemetery.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Cadillac on Sept. 4, 1885.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Marie Nolan and Mrs. Irene Benzinger of Detroit; two sons, Charles E. and Nelson F. of Royal Oak; two brothers, Albert Greene, Birmingham and Edward Greene, Crossville; a sister, Mrs. Sophie Hawthorne of Cadillac and four grandchildren.

Exchange to Cancel Next Week's Meeting

James Friel, manager of the Michigan state fair association, told Birmingham Exchanges at their meeting that one of the trade fairs being held in European countries.

Friel said that nothing of this kind had ever been held in this country and that he said personally thought they would be a wonderful feature here.

He said he hoped to bring an industrial trade fair to Detroit in 1951 and by doing so make that city the center of similar affairs in the future.

The local club will hold no meeting next week due to the holiday, May 30.

\$105,044.21 Budget For Bloomfield Hills Approved at Hearing

The Bloomfield Hills municipal budget of \$105,044.21 for the next fiscal year was approved and adopted at a public hearing Tuesday evening.

The budget, which was \$11,644.21 more than last year's total of \$93,400, was passed without objection. There will be no increase in the tax rate which is now \$12.50 per \$1,000 valuation.

At another hearing, the special assessment district for regravelling ditches and improving drainage structures on Ambrook and Country club drives was approved after no objections were heard.

Building Department Denials Are Upheld by Board of Appeals

The zoning board of appeals Tuesday night upheld the decision of the city building department in denying two construction permits.

One denial was made on the construction of a house in Alledale gardens subdivision, in that the finished building would not coincide with rules regarding distance from side street frontage.

The second was made on the grounds that proposed alterations on a private garage would put the finished building too close to the lot line.

Speaks to Rotary

Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart, (retired) will speak to a Rotary district meeting at Algonac next Monday evening.

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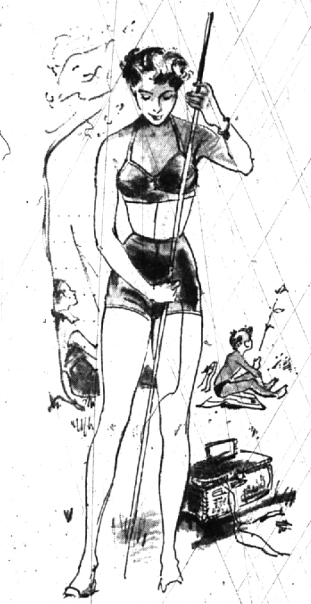


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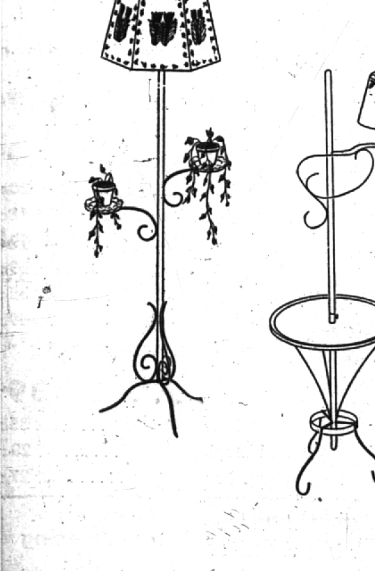
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