

# Thirty Men Raise \$3,000 for Junior Grid Team

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**THE ADAGE** that "the woman's place is in the home" has long gone out the window with members of the so-called "fair sex" moving into practically every field in life, especially in political and athletic ways.

In the scope of athletics, football is still considered by male pride as the man's game. Mrs. Earl Clark, who entered the gridiron picture a year ago has readily made this her field.

That woman is Mrs. Earl Clark. She didn't do a pair of shoulder pads and take to the field to prove that women can play the game. Mrs. Clark became a member of the sport in a different capacity. Before becoming Mrs. Earl Clark, she was Mrs. Jack Lowther, wife of the University of Detroit inter-district Lions football star. In 1952 Jack Lowther was killed in a plane crash.



**HORSE SHOW SPECTATORS CROWD THE RAILS**  
Watching the lightweight working hunters in class 35. (Eccentric photo)

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### Legion Juniors Play in All-Star Game Saturday

Six members of the league leading Birmingham Junior Legion Baseball team will play in the twelfth annual American Legion All-Star doubleheader at Briggs stadium Saturday.

In the first game at 12:30 p.m., the Detroit All-stars who include Birmingham, will meet the second district all-stars coached by Herb Kelly of the Charles Edwards post of Birmingham.

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Chosen for the game were Bonnie Wright, Arnie Islette, Larry Hower, Terry O'Connor, Dan Plemmon and Bob Lihell.

Also included on the team will be other members of the 18th district league and from Livonia which is in the 17th district.

The second game of the doubleheader will have the Detroit district All-Stars pitted against the 16th district All-Stars.

Pre-game and between game ceremonies have been scheduled with several of the state's leading dignitaries and athletes.

In event of rain, the games will be played Sunday, July 3.

**BOY SEATS** for the games can be obtained at all Legion posts in the district, and general admission tickets free of charge are available at all Wrigley supermarkets which is the co-sponsor of the event for the second straight year.

In league play, the Birmingham juniors were handed their second defeat of the season in a 3-1 decision to Waterloo.

**THE HITTING** and pitching of Waterloo hurler Jerry Krasko highlighted the game. Krasko allowed only five hits, struck out 12 batters and contributed two doubles and two singles himself.

Against Boys Club of Huron Valley, the juniors scored a 3-0 victory with Dan Plemmon securing his first straight shutout victory of the season in allowing five hits.

**BIRMINGHAM** still remained on top of the league with a 4-2 record.

### Leagues To Pick All Stars

Birmingham Little League will pick their all star teams for tournament play as soon as batting and fielding statistics for the first half of the 1955 season are available.

Competition in the Detroit area starts in mid-July.

**OFFICIALS** voted to withdraw from tournament play this season, then reconsidered and decided to enter for the fourth straight year.

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**JANI BUGAS OVER THE BUSH**  
13-year old equestrienne star. (Eccentric photo)

### Jani with "Lady" is Horse Show Starlet

Thirteen-year-old Jani Bugas, Vaughan road, Bloomfield Hills, and her palomino mare "Supreme Lady" was the "senior" among the juniors at the 28th annual Horse Show which ended Sunday at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club.

Miss Bugas won the acclaim of the judges on the opening day of the show when she scored the modified Olympic course twice without fault to win the grading Junior P.E.I. "Big Jumping Event".

Her horse, "Supreme Lady", the top competition for young riders.

**SHE WAS** among 46 junior riders, and among 19 who managed to clear the three-foot nine-inch jumps without fault the first time over the course.

On the second round, with the jumps raised to four feet three inches, she took the jumps without a fall, and it was one of the few times in horse show competition that judges discarded "junior" rules for a major event and used regulation senior competitive standards for the juniors.

Charles Denney of Lake Forest, Ill., atop Black Watch, was one of the major senior winners of the show. The 24 year old member of the U.S. Olympic Equestrian team won accumulative points in the Midwest USEF challenge trophy, the FEI "big jumping" trophy and the International Horseman's Trophy and the knock-down grand sweepstakes, to win the grand champion championship.

**THE SHOW** closed Sunday with a record crowd of 15,000 people to bring the four day total to 42,500 spectators.

Over 100 teams making up a total of 1,300 appearances in the show.

The giant Answorth Memorial trophy was won by "Thou Swell" owned by Mrs. and Mrs. Mutch of Geneva, N.Y., for their victory in the green hunter class.

**AMONG SOME** of the local winners in the different classes were: Michigan Hunt International Junior Champion, "Supreme Lady" owned by Jani Bugas.

### Team Will Outfit 70 Boy's 9-12

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Spearheaded by a group of area business executives, plans have been initiated to have Birmingham represented in the Jack Lowther Little Football League next fall.

The league which was organized last year for boys from 9 to 12, with four Detroit and six suburban teams, was fostered by the widow of Jack Lowther, former U of D and Detroit Lions football star who was killed in a plane crash in 1952.

The young sport-minded woman who is now married to Earl "Dutch" Clark, former Lion great and coach, and ex U of D coach lives at 4162 Auburn drive in Beverly Hills.

**BIRMINGHAM** will be the 11th team in the league, which according to Mrs. Clark, is growing so fast that possibly 20 teams may have franchises next fall.

George A. Cavanaugh, Sr., 1174 Kirkway drive, one of the leaders in the organization of the Birmingham entry, said that \$1000 has been passed through contributions and the efforts of 30 local residents.

"This gives us a good enough start to outfit 70 boys, 35 for a Little League varsity team and another 35 for a junior varsity," said Cavanaugh.

**THE BOYS** ages 9 to 12, will be furnished with all of the necessary equipment except the shoes, and will also be covered completely by insurance, he said.

According to the league rules, weight maximum on participating boys is 125 pounds, and only those boys who have not reached their 13th birthday by August 1st are eligible.

**THE LEAGUE** administration is made up of two representatives from Birmingham franchisees and one from each of the other 10 teams on the board plus Mrs. Clark, the league commissioner and a league attorney. The league has the honor of being the Jack Lowther Little Football League.

The Birmingham franchise must be approved by the league board, and according to Cavanaugh, no franchise will be obtained from the state or American Society of Tool Engineers at the Glen Oaks Country club August 13.

### Red Sox, Athletics Up Ahead

Except for the resurgent Red Sox, tailenders of 1954, who established themselves as first half champions with two shutout victories over the Yankees and Indians, the American league race is running neck and neck in the second half.

**THE LOSS** must have upset the Indians because since then they have won four of their last five straight, losing to the Tigers 6-2 and the Yankees on Monday 4-2.

Moving into the winner's circle have been the Yankees who were in the cellar when the season started but who now have started to climb with wins over the Tigers and Indians.

Finishing runner-up, Anzell clouted a homer against the Tigers and another against the Indians in the 10-4 and 8-2 decisions.

**IN THE FEDERAL** league, the spunky Athletics led by the home run of Bob Carroll who dished his home run total to five for the first time in four straight games to take over the league lead.

Carroll and the "Baby" wielded the big bat as the A's romped the Orioles 8-1 and the Senators 19-11 in their last two games. "Whitey" finished the fourth straight victory 6-1.

**THE WHITESOX** who started out with three straight wins have now lost four of their last five games.

### Ex-Cranes Dot College Nines

Former Cranbrook baseball stars are being recruited by a number of numerous college diamond teams around the country.

**AT WILLIAMS** college in Williamstown, Mass., John Hatch and Ned Newby, a pitcher, were lettered awards. Hatch, a shortstop is captain-elect of 1956 Williams team.

John Edson, Cranbrook second baseman from 1949 to 1952, lettered as a junior at Dartmouth this season.

John West, whose home is at Cranbrook, playing with the Princeton team.

A member of Ohio State's Big Ten baseball championship team in 1953 Bill Soter.

**MICHIGAN** hunkier Al Levy, former Cranbrook hurler and infielder, among its letter winners and Lou Mitchell, another Cranbrook pitcher, was a regular at Denison University.

Don Steakin and Larry Ashbury, 1954 grad at Cranbrook, are members of the Harvard and West Point frosh teams respectively.

### Junior Net Classes to Get Started

Classes in the junior development program of the Birmingham Tennis club under the tutelage of Miss Audrey Braun will start next Wednesday, July 6, and continue through August 29 at Kingswood courts in Cranbrook.

Children from 8 to 15 years of age are welcome to attend classes each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**PRIVATE** lessons each Tuesday and Thursday are given by Miss Braun by phone appointment at MI 4-5893.

Miss Braun, winner of the Michigan State Women's Doubles championship in 1954, and single runnerup last year, was ranked second in the United States in the State in 1953 and 27th in the nation that year.

She has finished her collection, more than 40 trophies and medals, having played in numerous tournaments across the country.

**THE BIRMINGHAM** Tennis club opened its 1955 season using the five new Kingswood tennis courts as the home playing site.

She finished one stroke ahead of Ralph Green of Redford Union, who had 39-33 rounds.

Jackson finished fourth among the five qualifiers with 39-37-76.

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### Two Maple Golfers JayCee Qualifiers

Two members of the Birmingham high school golf team, Tim Baldwin and Pete Jackson, qualified for the Michigan JayCee golf meet at Lansing, July 18.

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### Heads Golf Stag

Stanley C. Phillips, 10111 Annual road, will head the annual golf stag of the Detroit chapter of the American Society of Tool Engineers at the Glen Oaks Country club August 13.

### "Mr. B" Says Farewell To Maple Managing

A familiar figure, one who has been a part of Birmingham high school athletics since the opening of the school at its present location on Lincoln in 1951, will be missed when the 1955-56 school year opens.

That figure is "Mr. B" himself, George Stites, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stites, 539 Harsco, who was awarded his 12th managing year at BHS.

For four years George Stites has graduated and coached Law Park football, basketball and baseball teams.

**AT EACH** athletic banquet in the Maple room after the fall, winter and spring sports seasons, hearing the name of George Stites along with six more from junior high was a total of 18 since 1947 became a habit.

But now the 19-year-old youth has graduated and coaches Law Park, John Petrakis and Carl Lembe realize that their "assistant" will be hard to replace.

**GEORGE** started managing in junior high school six years ago. The 12 letter awards in high school along with six more from junior high give him a total of 18 since the seventh grade.

"He was a handy man and right arm for us," said baseball coach Lew Parry, "and I'll be missing an assistant coach."

**Okay Sports Budget**

An athletic budget of \$12,563.22 for the year 1954-55 was approved recently by the Birmingham Board of Education. The amount was slightly higher than last year's budget.

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