



UP IN THE MORNING... The Lions rise and shine at 7:30 a.m., usually shower and have before going down to breakfast. Fullback Tom Tracy scrapes shaving lotion from his face as easy as he scraped tacklers from in front of him in the last game. Lion guard Jim Martin in background.



OUT ON THE JOB... One of the first chores, if there is no meeting to attend, is reporting to the training room to have injuries cared for. Yale Lary sprained his ankle in last play of Bears game, but he treated with ultrasonic rays by assistant trainer Ed Abramofski.



WORK LIKE THE DEVIL... Who said anything about 'paz'? In this racket, if you're good, you get it. If you're bad, things could always be worse. Having proved their worth, Bobby Lane, right, top NFL center last year, hands off in practice to Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy, "Athlete of Year" in '55.



THAT'S MY BOY!! In between practices, meetings, dinners, and mydowns there is time for relaxation and diversion. At such time, the dorm becomes a veritable "Hi-Fi Haven". Before 11 p.m. curfew for the Lions, John Henry Johnson and others play cards, read, or go out on the town.

Lions Enjoy Cranbrook, Bring Life to Sober Surroundings

By BOB WEBB
Life is good to the Detroit Lions. Not just good.
At 7:30 a.m. a breeze sweeps across the freshly cut courtyard grass into the rooms of Marquis Hall where athletes sit yawning on the edge of their beds stretching in front of open windows.

Suddenly a saxophone's moan from an album by Charlie Ventura can be heard down the hall, giving evidence that John Henry Johnson is up and alive.
Bobby Lane leans on his window.

AFTER FILLING UP with fruit juice, bacon and eggs, the men go about different jobs. If there is no meeting to attend, they can work out in the training room. It is sometimes referred to as the "fitter department" as injuries are treated there.
Lion end Dorne Dibble has been checking in recently for treatment of a sore neck.

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MANY TAKE THIS time to play golf at North Hills or to go swimming at the Foundation Pool on Cranbrook grounds.
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Recreation Round-Up

SWIMMING:
Summer swimming is over for another year. The records indicate that 19,328 people enjoyed a refreshing dip in the pools.
Swimming will be continued at all three pools this fall with Barnum being opened for Saturday swimming instruction from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. starting the first Saturday in October.

Adult swimming will also take place this fall and winter at the high school pool Monday from 7 to 10 p.m. and at Leroy Junior high pool Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Notices will be sent thru the schools and through this column as to the exact registration period for youngsters in instructional periods.
No registration necessary for adult swimming.

Red Cross certificates were awarded to 83 people for successfully completing beginning and intermediate requirements.
"Polly wog" certificates were awarded to people for successfully passing into the second beginning group in the department of recreational swimming instruction classes. There were 126 new "polly wogs."

SENIOR MEN:
Then Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, an organization of Birmingham men 65 years of age or over which is sponsored jointly by the recreation department and the Community House, continued its activities without interruptions throughout the summer.
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In addition to the usual activities, there was shuffleboard and croquet. Mrs. Gould was assisted at lunch by Mrs. Lavonne Turb and Mrs. Bixner. The meeting proved to be one of the high spots of the season.
ATG. 16, Senior Men's Club held a picnic at Springdale park. Earl Roy acted as chairman of the committee for this event. The men brought their own lunch. The menu was augmented by hot coffee made on the spot.

In addition to the usual activities, a hot golf match was played by the members. The match was directed by the recreation director. Speak took top honors with 39. Henshaw scored 44. Cusick 45 and Girardin finished eighth with 48.

Music was furnished by Fenton Watkins and Merritt Olson. Both men play the dulcimer and violin. The dulcimer is an antique stringed instrument which is struck with hammers. It is well adapted to dance music and is being used to some extent now in Tennessee for dance music.
SENIOR CITIZENS:
Sept. 5 is senior citizens' day at Michigan State Fair, announces Donald L. Swanson, fair manager. Leo Niemi, president of the Senior Men's Club, made the announcement at the picnic.
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Bill Muncey Wins '57 Gold Cup, Sets Mark

Powers Muncey Wins '56 Victory To Repeat '56 Victory

Bill Muncey romped to a record-breaking victory in Miss Thriftway Sunday in Seattle Cup race for the second year in succession.
The Seattle public relations man set a new 90-mile record, 1:01:27.8, to win the Gold Cup, the richest and most fascinating, dangerous world of speedboat racing.
HE IS THE SON OF Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Muncey of 3287 Broadway, Bloomfield township. Muncey, 28, established a new mark last year when he won the event at 99 miles an hour.
His win, witnessed in person by his parents and viewed locally by thousands of TV watchers, gives him a competition mark that should stand for some time. In three successive Gold Cups Muncey has won two and three seconds. Not even Lou Pappal can touch that one, for consistency.

Tom Bechtel Third In National AAU Swim

Tom Bechtel, 17, Birmingham high school All-American swimmer, was a member of the winning team in the senior national A.A.U. long distance individual and team swimming championship held in Huntington, Ind., last weekend.
Bechtel placed third in the gruelling four mile national swimming in the National A.A.U. 200 meter First was George Breen who raced across the four mile course in one hour, 32 minutes and five seconds.
SECOND was Bill Cass, III, of Indianapolis, who beat Breen in the National A.A.U. 200 meter race in Philadelphia earlier this year.
The race, held Sunday afternoon at Lake Clare, Ind., was extremely close at the finish. Only six seconds of time separates second place and sixth place positions.

YMCA Softball Playoffs Now in Three Way Tie

As a result of games played this past week in the Birmingham YMCA softball league playoffs, Roth and Sons' Builders, Gay 90s and Birmingham All Stars are all tied with two wins and one loss apiece. Eliminated were Miner's of Bloomfield Hills and Kimball and Russell.
Gay 90s presented Birmingham All Stars with their first defeat in a 10 to 3 contest in which the visitors scored 5 runs in a big first inning. Doubles by Eastwood and Mudge played heavily in the scoring.
GUY HAYES of the Gay 90s limited the opposition to four scattered hits in the third inning when they scored all of their runs.
ROTH AND SONS' Builders could not cope with Hayes in the second game of the week, managed to rack up only four singles. They were scattered throughout the game and did not figure in a score. Gay 90s won 3 to 0 scoring all of their runs through the unearned method. Roth and Sons' had seven errors in the ball game.
IN A BATTLE of home runs, Birmingham All Stars beat Gay 90s, 10 to 5. Great clouts were carried by Earl Mudge and Tom Sheehan of the losers. Cal Atwood had two and Dick Cornelia a solo four-bagger for the victors.

Tuesday Women's Golf League

Marian Geggie won the special event two weeks ago when she displayed a score card with five sixes on it for the best poker hand. Low net that yielded 31 after the handicap. Low gross was taken by Kay Peterson with a 41.
August 13, Ruth Zimmerman low net with 27 and Isora Hoenk walked off with the honors with a 42 low gross. The special event, the lowest number of putts on even holes, went to Norma Fredricks and Cathy Douglas.
Team standings as of August 13 are:
Hoek and Shaw 71
Heikinen and Evans 54
Hill and Fredricks 54
Case and MacKenzie 54
Hollingshead and Dixon 54
Coggie and Stewart 44
Peterson and Tibbits 40
Garrill and Douglas 40
get under way at 1 p.m. Cars will be furnished and every driver will be covered by track insurance.
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BECHTEL WAS THE winner of the 1956 Junior National A.A.U. swimming championship. He is automatically disqualified him for any further competitions in that class.
He has been working this year as swimming coach at Camp Chikopi, the Ontario camp situated during the summer by the famous Matt Mann, highly successful university of Oklahoma coach.

THE CHIKOPI team won first in the team competition at the A.A.U. meet.
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BILL DECKER opposes Larry Kelley and Carl Cole takes on Tom Kelley in the first fight. Silver water-pitchers are to be awarded to the winners. The three times winner rule will prevail for permanent possession.

FINAL STANDINGS
Name W L Pct Help
Mub 7 2 77.1 6
Wilkinson, Ray 7 2 77.1 6
Danbar, Jerry 6 3 68.8 3
Hart, Dale 6 3 68.8 3
Favoy, Jess 4 3 57.1 3
Sheehan, Virgil 4 3 57.1 3
Mudge, Harry 4 3 57.1 3
Cass, Bill 4 3 57.1 3
Harabedian, George 5 5 50.0 4
Cole, Carl 5 5 50.0 4
Swab, Harold 5 5 50.0 7
Baker, Ed 5 5 50.0 7
Decker, Bill 3 5 37.5 8
Earl, Wally 3 5 37.5 8
Welf, Larry 0 10 0 10

MUNCY WON the 90-mile race with points to spare, accumulating 1500 points, 800 for winning two heats, 500 for finishing second in the final heat and 400 for first.

Second was Shanty with 925; third, Brantley, 860; fourth, Brantley, 852; fifth, Short Circuit, 838, and sixth, Gale V. 629. No other boats finished the full 90 miles.

Following the race, the sports editor and TV announcer left by the event. Bill Muncey if her son was afraid or nervous for her son's safety during the gruelling speed class.
"Absolutely not," was her reply. "I put him in the hands of God years ago."
It was the thrill of their lives for Mr. and Mrs. Muncey of Bloomfield township. Their son, the first they sat in the judges' stand and after the race they were royally welcomed in Seattle, including a large salmon lake given by the Seattle Yacht club.

He has retained cool, calm and unaffected by his meteoric fame as he is of the Gold Cup victory. In Seattle, the ex-Royal Oak football player has become a kind of legendary hero.

GOLFER SHOTS Hole-In-One
Dick Greenwood of Royal Oak made a hole-in-one using a seven iron on the 140-yard ninth hole at Stonger Golf Club last Thursday.

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Besides Muncey's Gold Cup claim

to review films of the last game, others to review films of the coming opponents last game. If the pro circuit has reduced the sport to as much of a science as it can ever become.
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