

# He's Gone, And Not Missed

By LOU CHIESI

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## Track Is Popular

In the Birmingham-Bloomfield area track is one of the "big" sports. The athletic area at Cranbrook is one of the finest in the State. Events are run one after the other, with field events going on all the while. While some athletes prepare for their event, others are performing before crowds of enthusiasts.

## Sam Snead's Objective: Win National Open for First Time

Sam Snead is returning to the site of his first painful brush with the National Open golf championship. It was at Oakland Hills, host to the 1961 Open. June 15-17, that Snead, his fraternal guest of the USA title in 1937. He has won it in 20 Opens, and he never has won it.

he has won the Vardon Trophy as the man with the lowest average for the year. But he hasn't won the Open. The West Virginia Slammer's Open attempts can be traced to one thing in particular; his fourth round play. Perhaps Snead is a Saturday Ty Cobb. The Georgia Peach, one of baseball's all-time greats, couldn't do a thing in World Series play.

IT IS IRONIC that for all the great rounds Snead has shot in 27 years as a professional, just six final round 69's would have given him three National Open championships and ties for first in three others. Snead has never shot a sub-70 round in fourth round play of the National Open.

### SAM HAS WON

the PGA three times. He has won the British Open. Four times when the money box became empty. Griffith probably would peddle a few stars—that was the unhappy conclusion.

### TEE TALK

With J. O. C. d. a. i. u. Al Watrous is as hard to get a hold of as a penguin in Peru. Al was going to guest this column but due to the hub-bub caused by the U.S. Open, which will be held at his club June 16-17, he became involved and was unable to meet The Eccentric's early deadline for this issue.

### Tom Bergum Rides In Bicycle Race At DePaw U.

Tom Bergum, a DePaw University freshman, rode in the school's Little "500" bicycle race Saturday as a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity team. Vying for top spot in the 15-team race, Tom was a member of a four-man team which competed in the 140 lap, 35-mile race in Blackstock Stadium at 2 p.m.

# Cranbrook Thinclads Edge Stubborn Ferndale, 67 1/2-61 1/2

By JOE CADARIU Sports Editor

Six-foot, six-inch, 215-pound Tod Williams anchored the Cranbrook track squad with three individual first places Friday when the Cranes edged Ferndale, 67 1/2 to 61 1/2.

lasted Reid to take the first, but finished second to his rival in the broad jump. MOST EXCITING race in an afternoon filled with exciting races had to be the mile relay. After Cranbrook's Ken Clik, Larry Harl and Mark Graham ran leg-to-leg with Ferndale's Bob Ramsey, Chuck Few and Tom Laster, it was up to the Cranes' George Biabe and the Eagles' Ed Pettigrew.

Another close race was the 880 relay where Tod Williams kicked-off for the Cranes and Ferndale's second-leg man Tom Threikeld was unable to close the gap. But when Cuff handed the baton to Graham, Ferndale's Threikeld Reid turned on an amazing burst of speed. He not only closed the gap, but gave Ferndale about a 15-stride lead going into the final area.

220 leg of the relay. The last two men were Larry Tregoning, All-State basketball player, and Crouse for Cranbrook. CROUSE PUSHED with all he had in an attempt to overtake the leg of Tregoning. At the finish line it was hard to tell who had won. Officials said Crouse touched the tape first and Cranbrook added another five points to its total, to win by a margin of six.

## Track Offers Many Topics for Talk

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In California track is one of the major sports. Thousands of spectators throng to indoor and outdoor meets to see the thinclads perform. An excellent high school training program supplies the Pacific Coast colleges and universities with an abundance of well-trained young athletes.

FRIDAY CRANBROOK showed its wares to anyone who drove through the hills and entered the conservative confines of the school area. With the smell of spring in the air and the sun shining brightly youngsters and parents gathered in small groups expectantly awaiting the opening gun for the track meet between Cranbrook and Ferndale.

Well-dressed boys in the latest English styles were conversing with equally handsome girls. Parents were talking with their sons encouraging and given them confidence. THE GUN SOUNDS for the first event and for two hours not many observers were standing still. Some were sitting in the "Coliseum" type bleachers of cold cement. Others sat on the grass yet damp from early morning rains.

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## Groves Downs Kimball For First Track Win

Groves athletic picture is being brightened by a team that's running other teams into the ground. The Falcon track squad, after losing a close opener, has won its first dual meet.

Royal Oak Kimball, 59 1/2-48 1/2. This season is Groves first with a full schedule and team for track competition. AS IN THE first match, the Falcon sprinters made the big news, Fast-coming Doug Peters tied fleet Art Schuler with a 10.8 in the 100-yard dash and then 11th graders knocked off Class A

CRANBROOK'S Coach Ben Snyder, who's main function at the school is as its assistant headmaster, huddled with his athletes giving them last minute instructions. During one of the running events See TRACK, 7-E)



'Ooooh'

Trying to guide the tennis ball over the net is Tom Brown of Cranbrook School. The senior natter is one of the Cranes' outstanding athletes.

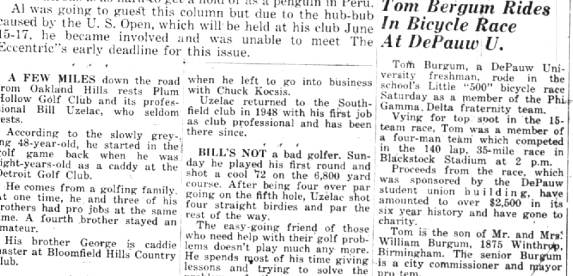
# WELCOME to the neighborhood, DEMERY'S

it's a pleasure to greet an old friend—How long has it been now? Well, actually we've been doing business together for more than 25 years. We congratulate you on your progress during those years, now culminating in your beautiful new Birmingham store. Naturally, we'll be pleased to help you and your employees with all your banking and trust needs. We know you'll like the neighborhood. We do. And we like it even more... now that an old friend has moved in across the street.

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## To The Victors... Trophies



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Showing off championship smiles and trophies are the winners of the Birmingham Junior House League who bowl at the Birmingham Bowl. Left to right: Al Schumm, Jim Hengemeier, Joe Anderson, Nick Mitchell (owner of Liberty Cleaners, 825 Haynes, Birmingham, sponsor of the team), Neil Carlen, Mel Groves and Ray York.

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