

Techawks Find Summertime is Working Time

Athletes Kept Busy At Home, in Camp

What have the Armour athletes been doing this summer: to keep themselves in condition? A recent survey of the sporting men of Armour reveal that most of the lads were working during most of the three month vacation.

Frank Leonard, baseball captain, spent most of the summer working for the Registrar's Office. When not engaged in that activity, "Micky" sold fruits to the neighbors and caught fish at his grandmother's farm near Cedar Lake. Although he was busy during the day, Leonard found time during the evening to play ball. Much to his surprise, Frank found himself acting as a catcher.

Scherer on Farm

Soon to make his appearance on the hard wood floor, Bill Scherer, the basketball's leader, gained weight and strength by working on a farm near Naperville. The natives out that way were quite abashed to see Bill hook a couple of heifers through the hay loft one evening.

Earl Anderson, captain of swimming team, put in a busy season in the shipping room of Montgomery Wards. By taking regular dips into Lake Michigan, Earl kept in good health.

Clark Helps Poulter

One of the helpers of Dr. Poulter in drawing plans for the Snow Cruiser this summer was Jack Clark. Many were the hours that Clark, co-captain of the track team, put in as he stooped over the drawing board in the Research Foundation. In the latter part of the summer Jack assumed the role of a hand-out man for Philip Morris cigarettes.

John Cerovski, the trackster's co-captain, clerked for a time in a local store. Then, in order to get his legs in shape, John took a camping trip into the Indiana Dunes. There he gave his legs the needed workout by climbing the famous Dunes.

Hanna at Camp . . .

Chopping down trees and cutting wood at Camp Armour, the civil's camp, proved to be very beneficial to George Hanna, Weissman's chief grappler. After the camp session was over George went west to Nebraska to wrestle with the longhorns during the summer round-up.

Ray Dodge, A.I.T.'s perennial swimming star reports that there is no nook or cave in Lake Geneva that he and his catboat haven't explored. It was at this summer resort that Dodge passed the vacation.

Nick Runs (Oh Yeah)

Running around on those very tender feet was Nick Natinechek. He did most of his trotting to and from factories, to whom he delivered evening school material for Al Schreiber of the Institute.

And so went the summer for many of the "A" men. Till, Huthings and other Co-op athletes found their turn at school and work occupied all but two weeks of the summer. It was only during those weeks that the boys had time to "vacation."

Tennis Tournament Starts Today; Thirty-four Enter

Ever since the Australian lads whipped Uncle Sam's Davis cup men the netmen here have been itching for a tournament for themselves. So Manager Balsewick got the boys together, and here are the pairings in the first bracket of the annual Fall Tennis Tourney.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Baum, G.—Behrens, C.
Bennett, D.—Berman, H.
Burke, H. D.—Dunworth, R.
Ehner, A.—Fisher, D.
Groh, A.—Harris, R.
Hawes, A.—Hawes, R.
Herrick, E.—Holtzman, I.
Kapranos, S. W.—Lanz, D.
Mahasek, R.—Matthews, G.
McAleer, C.—Murray, H.
Nonan, A.—Oberfeld, H.
Phillips, L.—Rose, J.
Schultz, M.—Schweitzer, R.
Sherman, E.—Silva, H.
Smith, H.—Strauss, E.
Sullivan, Bob—Umbright, W.
Voras, R.—Zolp, J.

The deadline for finishing this bracket will be Oct. 6. Matches are to be played on any court chosen by participants. The games are to consist of three sets. Participants will be dropped from tournament if not played off by deadline. Scores are to be recorded in "Sonny" Weissman's office.

Armour's Coaches



Bernard Weissman



Grant Stenger

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"Sonny" is a very descriptive name for Bernard Weissman, likeable Student Union Manager. You Freshmen may know him only as the personable proprietor of the Student Union, but the upperclassmen know him also as Armour's boxing and wrestling coach and as a good friend.

"Sonny" has been prominent in sports ever since his days at Lane Tech in Chicago. During his stay at Lane he won 8 letters, including 3 on the baseball team as a second baseman and 2 as a dash and low hurdle man in track. In 1921 he was on the National High School Championship team which defeated the New York representative.

In 1924 Armour's present Union Manager entered De Paul University and in 1928 emerged with an A.B. and an L.L.B. degree. While studying at De Paul, he also found time to box and patrol left field for the baseball teams. After his graduation in '28 he was called upon to take up the position of Armour's boxing coach, a position which he still fills.

In 1932 Armour revived their wrestling activities and put "Sonny" in as coach. From '32 to '35 he also served the United States government in the Internal Revenue Department.

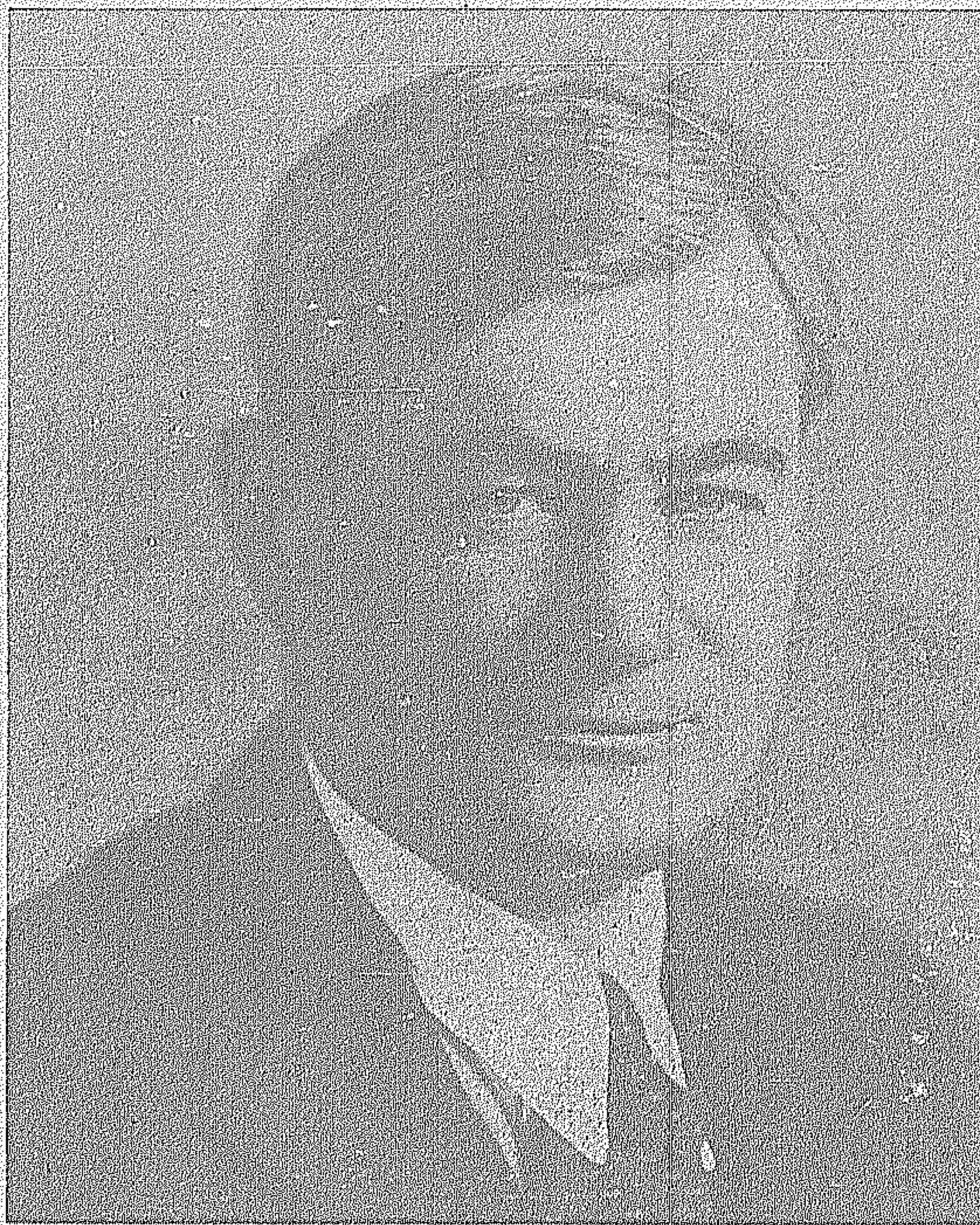
Under "Sonny's" tutelage Armour's wrestling teams have compiled an enviable record. Never for any season have they fallen below the .500 mark in wins and losses and generally won 8 or 9 bouts out of 12 every season. "Sonny" is well known as a referee having held a National A.A. license to referee since 1934. He has refereed bouts for the Chicago Golden Gloves tournaments in Springfield and Davenport. Last February Coach Weissman became affiliated with the Illinois State Boxing Commission and since then has been refereeing numerous professional fights.

Grant Stenger

Coach Stenger, who is seen around the school in capacity of baseball and basketball coach and as gym instructor, is starting his fifth year of service at Armour. He came to lead the Techawk teams after serving as coach at Naperville High School. Coach has been guiding the Engineers on the hardwood since 1936 and has been baseball mentor since 1938.

During his term as coach his teams have met with a fair degree of success, the diamond men having fared better than the Armour quintets. In his first season with the Armour ballmen he compiled a better than .500 mark, but last year the team dropped below the .500 mark, winning five while dropping seven.

Coach's best record as basketball head was his first year, '36-'37, when his team won eight while losing seven. In '38 a record of three wins against ten losses was Armour's record for the year while last year the squad won five while dropping nine.



John J. Schommer

It has been said repeatedly in the past that never again would this world see another Will Rogers and it seems that this statement becomes truer every day. But while the students of Armour agreed to the letter with this thought they also know that in their midst is the man who comes closer to resembling the Oklahoman sage than any other living being. That person is our own John J. Schommer.

John's resemblance to the lamented cowboy is not necessary to make him an outstanding figure as he can claim fame in his own right. Athletically he is one of the outstanding men in the Mid-West.

It was in the early part of the twentieth century when the name of Schommer first appeared in twenty-four point type across the columns of our daily journals for then he was riding to fame as one of the three men in history to win twelve letters at the then athletically important University of Chicago.

After completing his term at the Midway, the Maroon juggernaut came to Armour Tech where he served as athletic director as well as coach in several sports.

At present Professor Schommer is the leading football and basketball official in the Mid-West and his name can be found as the referee or umpire in the most important game of the week every Saturday. Look, and don't say we didn't tell you. John is also one of the most respected officials in his line as can be seen from the tribute paid him by Arch Ward in "The Wake of the News" of Friday, September 15. The Tribune's sports editor wrote, "There are at least two officials in sports whose decisions are accepted by the vast majority of fans as 100% fair and accurate. . . . One is Will Harridge, president of the American League, and the other John Schommer, Big Ten football and basketball official."

John Says

A foreign laborer is known to me who, with his meagre salary, maintained his four children in college from whence they were graduated with the highest scholastic honors. These children, by discipline, self-denial, and hard work accomplished the task. They were kept in college by father and mother by hard work and much self-denial.

Hard work on the part of some one, and perhaps much self-denial about which you know nothing, sent you freshmen here.

What are you going to do here? Remember "Armour Tech" is no country club. You cannot loaf your way to a degree here. To get your degree you are going to have to work. Work and Armour Engineers are synonymous. Armour alumni with the capacity to work and brains that were taught to think, gave the "Tech" its splendid reputation before you were born. If you learn to enjoy work you are going to be a good "Tech Hawk" and that is what your parents, the faculty and the alumni want—a good "Tech Hawk."

But it is not enough that you earn your degree even if it is with distinguished honors. You must "take on" traits of what it takes to make a pleasing personality: traits that are liked by your companions in work or play. And you must subdue those traits that make you fail to "wear well" with your fellow man. This cultivation will take thought and effort in which you will be prompted by faculty members, your "buddies" and by special lecturers at the numerous meetings and assemblies during your collegiate course.

Further, pay as much attention as you can to your extra-curricular activities. Seize all opportunities to participate in the activities you enjoy or have some special talent for and wish to cultivate for the winning of honors. Amongst the more important extra-curricular activities enjoyed at the "Tech" are the following: the musical clubs, the rifle club, the publications, the camera club, class activities, track, baseball, golf, tennis, boxing and wrestling, swimming, fencing and intramural athletics.

To sum up briefly: strive to attain excellency in your studies. Participate in all the activities you can without serious impairment to your classroom work. Be sure to take care of your health by exercising regularly and that goes too for regular hours of eating and sleeping.

To accomplish this you must budget your time and stick to your schedule. Make work your pleasure and your four years here will be a long picnic.

You are here for a serious purpose. In four years or more you are going to work. It may be teaching, engineering, salesmanship, research or anything else where the capacity to work and the use of brains are wanted. You are going to sell those abilities. What will you have to offer?

Before you are even interviewed, your prospective employer will first look at your record. This is what he is interested in:

Your scholastic record

Your health

Your extra-curricular activities

Your traits of character

Your experience in working part-time or summer time.

What are you going to do about it?



Norm Root



Sammy Bibb

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Returning for his fifth campaign will be Armour's track coach for both the indoor and outdoor season, Norm Root. Norm's first Techawk team ran in 1935 when he succeeded A. A. Stagg Jr. at the helm.

Root assumed the coaching position following his graduation from the University of Chicago, where he had won several Big Ten indoor sprint titles. At present he holds the position of freshman coach at the Midway school.

Since taking the reins, Norm has had shown remarkable ability in developing winning teams. His greatest success was in the 1938 Tech Relays when two of his runners captured firsts and the team as a whole came in third in the college division. Last year his outdoor track squad went into its final meet undefeated only to lost to the powerful Loyola outfit by eleven points. Several important members were out with injuries or the team might have finished with a perfect record.

At present, Mr. Root is engaged in the insurance business, which will draw his complete attention until the start of the indoor track season about the first of December.

Sammy Bibb

Golf seems to be a mathematicians' plaything but it is a very serious toy for Samuel Fletcher Bibb. This toy happens to be the position as golf coach for A.I.T.; a pleasure Coach Bibb accepted from another math professor, Leigh, back in 1934.

To Sammy, a tall, lean gen'ulman from the South, golf is the pinnacle of the sporting world. While Coach Bibb takes his golf seriously, there is a certain amount of kidding that accompanies his bold game.

Since S. F. came into power as a golf coach, there has been a steady rise in the putting stock. Although his teams have not been too spectacular, his intramural tournaments have been met with student enthusiasm and acclaim.

This fall will see another fall tournament started, and at the end of the tournament, driving nets will be placed in the gym by Bibb for those who want to hit the ball in a straight line.

Those who go out for the tournament and team enjoy not only the sport but also Sam Bibb, a great lover of the sport and students.

There will be a meeting for boxers and wrestlers this Friday in the gym at 5:00 P.M. All men interested are requested to report. No experience necessary.

Coaches Return For 39-40 Year; No Change Made

McGillivray, Weissman Head Mentors in Seniority

FIFTEENTH FOR "MAC"

Coincident with the opening of school last week came the announcement by Athletic Director John Schommer that the coaching staff has been maintained in its entirety. This put a halt to the rumors that the staff was due for a shakeup as well as the work of some groups of students to obtain new mentors.

Leading the parade back to the Institute is Coach McGillivray, who is dean of the coaches in addition to being swimming coach. "Mac" will be sending his fifteenth team into the water when he calls his squad out for the first time. Few of the students are acquainted with the jovial tankman since his job as supervisor of the University of Chicago pools keeps him away from the Techawk



COACH MCGILLIVRAY — Armour's dean of coaches who will be starting his fifteenth year this fall.

campus. Despite this handicap, Mr. McGillivray has built up a lasting friendship with the Armour men since his introduction to them in 1925.

Weissman Most Popular

Second in seniority but first in popularity is "Sonny" Weissman who has managed the wrestlers and boxers since 1928. In that interval Bernard has raised the art of "catch as catch can" to the rank of a major sport. In past years the turnout for wrestling has surpassed by far the enrollment for all other sports.

It was in 1931 that Dean Tibbals stepped down from the rank of tennis coach to assume greater responsibilities. In his stead stepped W. W. Colvert present tennis coach. However due to his activity in the field of physics Mr. Colvert has been forced to neglect the team and consequently while the team possesses a coach in name, it lacks one in reality.

Succeeding Professor Leigh in 1934, Samuel Fletcher Bibb took over the golf team and since then has handled the activity with growing success. Golf has had a hard time of late due to the heavy curriculum at Armour and the distance to a suitable golf course. However the pleasure of playing with Bibb has kept many a member on the team who otherwise might have dropped out.

Norman Root returns to Armour for another campaign in track. Like McGillivray, Norm is seldom seen on the Techawk campus due to work at the U. of C. but still he has become known by name at least to Armour men. Lack of outstanding material has prevented the track mentor from really showing his ability in the technique of coaching. However he has shown considerable ability with what he's had.

Stenger Newest Coach

In basketball and baseball Grant Stenger will be giving the pointers for his fourth year in the former and his third year in the latter. Grant succeeded Bill Kraft in both activities. For the first time since he came to Armour, Stenger will be coaching players he developed in basketball. No longer are there any cagers active who were trained by Kraft. Although the squad has undergone two poor seasons, Grant is optimistic about the coming year as he'll have several lettermen returning and a small but fast and alert group of sophomores reporting.