WOMEN PLAY TODAY FOR INDOOR TENNIS TITLE

TENNIS STARS VIE FOR HONORS

Play for Women's Indoor Singles and Doubles Titles Started

MISS BJURSTEDT ENTERED

New York, March 25.

It is a notable field of competitors that is striving for titular honors in the eleventh annual women's national indoor tennis championships in both singles and doubles, which began this morning at 10 o'clock in the Seventh Regiment Armory, Park avenue and Sixty-sixth street.

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the tennis player extraordinary, of Norway, national champion, a former holder of the indoor title and generally regarded as the best player among her sex who ever trod a court, is one of the many contestants.

Miss Bjurstedt won the singles and doubles titles in 1916 and the singles in 1915, her first year in this country, and would probably have held complete command last year on the armory courts had she not been absent in California when the indoor tourney was played. As it was, Miss Marie Wagner, who had previously held the championship for five years, regained the honors, and also took the singles, paired with Miss Margaret Taylor.

Miss Wagner to Defend Title

Miss Wagner will strive to retain the singles title against the great Norwegian's attempted "come-back," and among other noted feminine wielders of the racquet who will probably compete are Miss Eleanor Goss, runner-up last year; Mrs. Lawson L. Wood, former champion of Florida; Mrs. Spencer Fullerton Weaver, former national indoor doubles champion, with Mrs. Marshall McLean; Mrs. Johan Rogge, of Norway, winner of the recent Heights Casino doubles event, paired with Miss Bjurstedt, and Mrs. Theodore Cassebeer, a former holder of the indoor doubles crown.

It is known that Mrs. Rogge and Miss Bjurstedt will pair in the doubles at this tournament, and those who have watched their play believe that Norway will have more than an even chance of annexing the title in that event, although there are several formidable combinations that will make their path to the championship a difficult one.

Will Watch Younger Players

The work of several of the younger players will be watched with more than ordinary interest next week, for there are increasing indications that, sooner or later, there will arise from the ranks of the young stars some one who will give Miss Bjurstedt serious opposition.

Miss Goss appears to be the most formidable opponent for the Norse girl in time to come. Above the average height, Miss Goss' possessesses one of the most severe services used by any woman on the courts today. She also has the rare faculty of volleying sharply and with great daring, and these are two assets not often found among the women players.

Either from inexperience or a little overanxiety to score her points, Miss Goss has a tendency to lose control of her volleying shots when hard pressed, and her ground strokes are not up to the rest of her game, but she has so many natural advantages and is a player of such unusual promise that it seems these faults are bound to be corrected with another season of play.

SCHOOLBOY ATHLETES WILL BE LEADING ATTRACTION AT SPORTS CARNIVALS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Majority of the College and Club Champions Will Be Over There, Fighting for Uncle Sam in World's Championship

By PAUL PREP

WITH the already long list of well-known college and club athletes in the various units of the service receiving additions every day in the week the day of the schoolboy athlete is approaching at a rapid pace and the men who have in charge the destinies of the amateur track and field athletics should begin to see the signs that are written plainly in the conditions that exist in the world of amateur sport. Such is the belief of Walter St. Dennis, of New York.

That amateur track and field athletics have undergone a change was plainly evident in the indoor track meets which were held during the season just completed. With a few exceptions the majority of the entries were from the army cantonments and naval stations, instead of as in former years from the leading clubs and colleges.

Many Champs in Service

All but five of the winners of the championship medals at the national senior indoor championship meet of the Amateur Athletic Union in 1917 are in the service of Uncle Sam and several are "over there," and the fact that those who are on this side of the Atlantic may be sent over within a short time will make it a very difficult task for an athletic promoter a year from today to get together any reasonable number of seasoned performers for a track meet; that is, unless the war suddenly ceases, and even under this condition it is scarcely possible that any number of the boys who are in the service would be mustered out by that time.

It is due to the necessity of training the men and the lack of ships that the present conditions provide both army and navy athletes for the meets that were held this winter. The athletes who enlisted in the navy are in the various yards training as best they can for sea duty until the necessary ships are provided for them to man.

Those who joined the army are facing the same problem. They are training in the various cantonments and are eager to get across and help their American, British and French comrades, but are waiting for the transports. When these are ready all will go across to the great competition that will be fought to a finish to decide the championship of the entire world.

Military Events Popular

The present conditions were seen in the programs of the clubs that held athletic carnivals during the indoor season and of the annual Penn relay carnival, which is scheduled for next month. The Meadowbrook Club, of this city; the Millrose A. A., of New York; and the New York Athletic Club made a specialty of military athletics. In the Meadowbrook and national senior indoor championships of the A. A. U. the majority of the prizes, outside of a few college events for athletes under the military age, were won by men who wore the emblem of the United States navy or army.

A year from this time or possibly sooner all of these lads wearing the blue of the navy or the khaki of the army will have gone out to sea or to France, respectively, to do their bit for Uncle Sam, and it will be a very hard problem indeed for the promoters of athletic meets to get together a set of prominent athletes to make their carnivals successful from a competitive point of view.

But there is an answer to the problem and that is the schoolboy athlete. The featuring of schoolboy competitions will work a double benefit: in the conditioning of boys and their development as seasoned athletes. This latter phase is well illustrated by the experiences of Mercersburg Academy, Tome School, Hill School and the crack New England prep schools, Andover, Exeter and Worcester Academy.

Should Not Be Forced

At these institutions, where much attention is paid to athletics, the boys are not "forced," as is the case in several of the local high schools. Men who are well qualified to accept the position as trainers and coaches are in charge of the athletic team at the above schools, and only those capable of competing without fear of injuring themselves are permitted to take part.

That schoolboy meets can be made interesting enough to attract a large crowd was conclusively proved at the annual indoor "quads" of the local high schools, when the Second Regiment Armory was filled with more than 5000 spectators, and the John Wanamaker Commercial Institute games in New York last week, when one of the largest gatherings of the season filed into Madison Square Garden. It is true that the special race in which Joie Ray broke a world's indoor record helped swell the crowd.

The University of Pennsylvania relay games furnish another example of how successful schoolboy competitions can be made. Here annually hundreds of the best youngsters in the eastern schools battle for supremacy in a large number of relay events, which find their climax in the national, high school and preparatory school championships of the United States.

WOMEN TO BEGIN GOLF APRIL 30

Interclub Matches Will Begin a Week Earlier Than Usual

LONG LIST OF EVENTS

By PETER PUTTER

The women golfers of this city as the result of so many years of rain, when the opening events were spoiled by a series of showers, have wisely decided to open their series of interclub matches a week later than has been the custom. There have been years when bright spring days have made the interclub games delightful, but in the main the matches have been played on days where there was much rainfall or the weather was penetratingly cold. There has been so much of this disagreeable weather that the women golfers have taken rainy days as a matter of fact.

The change will be one that all of them will welcome nevertheless, as golf matches during a cold spring rain are anything but pleasant. The Philadelphia, Suburban and Wallingford cup matches will open the same day, Tuesday, April 30, witnessing the first of a long series of matches, which will not end until May 31.

Riverton to Make Debut

In the Philadelphia cup series the Riverton club takes the place of Old York Road. In the Suburban Moorestown has been displaced by the Philadelphia Country Club. Seven women will represent each Philadelphia cup team, while teams in the Suburban and Wallingford series will be of five women each.

The first medal play tournament will be at the Overbrook Golf Club for the Clarence H. Geist cup. This cup has been won every year by Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow.

The women's individual championship will be played at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club from June 3 to 7. The qualifying round will be staged on June 3, and on the succeeding days there will be one round of match play, all of which will be in the morning. In the afternoon there will be driving and approaching and putting contests.

On Wednesday, June 11, the second invitation tournament will be played at the Springhaven Country Club, the home club of the late president of the Women's Golf Association.

Fridolyn Cup June 15

The summer events will close with the third annual invitation tournament for the Fridolyn Cup at the Philmont Country Club, June 15. This is a mixed foursome event and always attracts a very large field of players.

The second contest for the Belle Steelman Bumm Memorial Cup will usher in the fall tournaments. It will be a four-day event and will be played at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club from September 16 to 20.

The eighth annual competition for the Berthellyn Cup will be played at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club from October 1 to 5. The season will end with the sixteenth annual contest for the Mary Thayer Farnum Memorial Cup at the Philadelphia Cricket Club on October 7 and 8. It is a thirty-six hole medal play event.

JESS SHOULD FIGHT OR QUIT, SAYS CORBETT

Former Champion Declares Willard Has Been Hippodroming Too Much

PUBLIC WANTS ACTION

"Jess Willard should defend his title in a decision bout within the next six months or forfeit the championship. He has been hippodroming long enough. The public demands ring action of a pugilistic kind; lariat throwing and the composing of high sounding statements for newspapers don't satisfy," said Jim Corbett today. The former champion is appearing in "Doing Our Bit," at the Chestnut Street Opera House.

"Willard's excuse that no formidable foes are in active harness today is no excuse at all. He insists that Fred Fulton isn't in his class. Maybe he is right. But why doesn't he prove it by giving Fulton a fight? That's what the old-time champions did and that is what Willard should do.

"Jess shouldn't be too careless about spoofing his rivals of the present day. It is true that most of them are jokes. But all of them can't be classed as false alarms. Fulton might give Willard a much tougher argument than Jess—or any one else—anticipates. The former plasterer slipped somewhat from the heights when he forgot Billy Miske. But don't forget that Miske is a really good man and able to furnish any one with a strong argument.

WAR COSTS CLEVELAND $29,000 FOR PLAYERS

Stars Dunn Paid Good Money for Drafted Into National Service

NEWS OF THE CAMPS

New Orleans, March 25.

James C. Dunn, president of the Cleveland American League club, evidently is finding running a big league club an expensive luxury these days. Players valued at $29,000 have been taken into the service of Uncle Sam.

Louis Guisto cost Dunn $10,000. For Elmer Smith he paid $4000 to Washington last year, only to lose him a few months later. Although Ed Klepfer came to Cleveland in the trade for Joe Jackson, it is not thought $5000 would have bought him; in fact, Dunn could not get as good a pitcher for that sum.

Joe Harris cost Dunn only $1500, but he would have brought $5000 or more if sold. Catcher Herman De Berry cost $2500. The navy got him. Jess Petty represents an outlay of $1000; Clark Dickerson would have cost the same amount had he not been called to the colors before final payments were made on him; as it was, Dunn paid only $100 down. And the war is not over.

Macon, Ga., March 25.

Miller Hugging begins today the big drive to put his 1918 Yankees in condition for the series with the Boston Braves, which starts next Monday at Dublin, Ga. There will be stiff morning practice each day at Central City Park, games in the regular-yanigan series each afternoon, except on Wednesday, when the big league outfit plays at Camp Wheeler, and the final game with the soldiers at Macon on Saturday. After that contest the team should be ready for Stallings's men.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 25.

The Boston Red Sox again defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers yesterday in an exhibition game, 7 to 1.

Al Mamaux, the former Pirate star boxman, worked a part of the game for the National Leaguers and made a poor showing. He walked Hoblitzel in the third inning with the bases full, forcing a score, and then permitted Rube Ruth to pound out a homer, bringing in his comrades.

Marlin, Tex., March 25.

John Ganzel, manager of the Kansas City Club, and Manager McGraw, of the Giants, have made an agreement whereby Ganzel will furnish positions in the minors for all of the Giant rookies to be "farmed" out, and return them to the New York club at the end of the season. The plan is the same that existed between the two managers when Ganzel was piloting the Rochester club of the International League.

Marlin, Tex., March 25.

The Giants play against the first real opposition today. The Aviator team from the concentration camp at Waco comes to Marlin to play for sweet charity. The aviators boast of two or three honest to goodness ball players on their team, and there may be a baseball rumpus kicked up on Rimes Field today. All the money taken in at the gate will be turned over to the local branch of the Red Cross. Even the rookies will have to pay for a peek at their big brothers in action.

Augusta, Ga., March 25.

After a day of rest the Griffmen took the field again for two stiff work-outs. The regulars and yanigans will battle again this afternoon. All the pitchers are going well with the exception of Jim Shaw, whose arm is in a bad way.

An interesting four-ball match was played on the championship course at Pinehurst, Herbert Lagenblade, of Youngstown, and Alex Ross, of Detroit, defeated Gil Nicholls, of Great Neck, and Cyril Walker, of the Shackamaxon Club, by 4 up and 2 to play, with a best ball of 65 to the credit of the winning pair.

WILLARD AND FULTON SIGN UP FOR BIG BOUT

Will Meet July 4 for Heavyweight Crown—Place Not Yet Selected

Chicago, March 25.—Jess Willard and Fred Fulton signed an agreement here today to meet July 4 for the heavyweight championship of the world. The place was not named. Fulton is to get $20,000 and Willard 75 per cent of the net receipts.

BASEBALL YARNS FROM DIXIE TRAINING CAMPS

SERIAL NO. 3

Izzy Kaplan, the demon staff photographer, who is being industriously entertained by the Yanks, got the shock of his life at Macon. Izzy came in from a picture show with Ping Bodie and declared himself for an early start to the hay. He went to his room, but about five minutes later rushed out of an elevator and tore through the lobby of the Dempsey, upsetting a couple of traveling men.

His eyes were popping out as he collared Harry Sparrow, and after a couple of noiseless gasps he burst out:

"Mr. Shapiro, who put in my room ducks?"

The amazed Sparrow, followed by a dozen grinning athletes, led the march to Izzy's room, and there floating serenely around in the bathtub and quacking placidly were two small black ducks and one big brown one. "Do you see them, too, Mr. Shapiro?" quavered Izzy. "Or am I doing it delirious trembles already?"

It seems that several of the Yankees visited a street fair and carnival, and the three ducks were won as prizes by Ray Caldwell and Slim Love as a result of a ball-tossing contest in a tent show.

After the big laugh died out around the Dempsey, Izzy appraised the ducks and sold them for a dollar apiece to a professor who operates a star-gazing telescope in the street in front of the hotel. With the three smackers in his pocket Izzy had the last laugh.

Scraps About Scrappers

By BILL BELL

WITH three successive knockouts tacked on to his very brilliant record, Lew Tendler, Quaker City newsboy, will attempt to make Eddie Wallace, of Brooklyn, his fourth straight victim when they clash in the main bout at

Two big colored boys will show in the semiwind-up. The unbeaten Jack Thompson has undertaken a big job, for he is billed to mix with the dangerous Kid Norfolk, of Panama. Norfolk has mingled with Sam Langford, Tom Cowler and other heavies. It looks like a bad night for Thompson. Three other bouts are down for decision.

Patsy Cline Wins

Jimmy Duffy, the New York West Side boy, helped to give Irish Patsy Cline a good workout at the National A. A. last Saturday night. Cline is booked to meet Lew Crendler in the main bout at a special show at the National the Olympia tonight. Tendler is fighting in the best form of his career. He had been known as an awkwardly clever boy, but now that he has developed a knockout punch he is sure to be a top-notcher.

oh April 3 and Duffy merely aided in putting Cline in condition.

Cline showed no ill effects from the injury he received in his session with Johnny Dundee in New Orleans. He had all his old-time speed and cleverness, but it was very apparent that he was taking no chances on injuring his damaged hand.

Welsh Beats Fleming

Joe Welsh and Buck Fleming staged an interesting act in the semiwind-up with Bobby Gunnis's champion, having a shade on the boy from Herman Hindin's stable. Welsh forced the fighting, proved to be the better jabber and had no trouble in blocking the punches tossed his way by the careless Fleming.

Len Rowlans had the better of the rugged Henry Hauber in the third engagement. This was a slugfest in which the westerner showed to advantage. In the other bouts Whitey Fiezgerald won over Young Robideau and Steve Morris stopped Battling Manton in the second round.

Battling Murray, the pride of Little Italy, has been matched to meet Jimmy Pappas, the clever Southern flyweight, at the National A. A. Saturday.

George Chaney, the Baltimore bearcat, is training for his bout with Johnny Ray, the fast Pittsburgh lightweight, in the main bout at the Olympia next week.

Willie Edwards has matched his two boys, Joe Mendell to meet Charles (Touchey) Murray and Phil Bloom to face K. O. Al Wagner, the fighting clown, at the Olympia next Monday.

There will be no show at the Cambria Club this week. On Good Friday the club will be closed. Manager Burns is arranging an all-star show for the following week.

Soldier Bartfield, Dan McKetrick's welterweight, and Jack McCarron, of Allentown, will be the principals in a six-round encounter at the National A. A. next week. Bill Tate, the Western heavyweight, will oppose Kid Cotton, of Pittsburgh, in the semiwind-up.

Steve Flessner, the Baltimore flyweight, is due for another appearance before a local club. Flessner will meet Young McGovern, of Port Richmond.

Young Lawrence, the Camden lightweight, under the management of Vito Colonna, would like to meet Johnny Nelson, Tommy Cagney, Joe Keane or Terry McGovern.

Johnny Dundee, the walloping Wop, and Willie Jackson, the New York lightweight, are ready for their fifteen-round contest at the Ebbets Field Club, tonight. This will mark their third meeting, Jackson winning the first with a knockout and Dundee outpointing Willie in the second encounter.

WEST PHILA. HIGH OBTAINS BALL FIELD

Speedboys Will Use Kingsessing Playground for Home Grounds

FRANKFORD BOYS DRILL

Coach Noll, of the West Philadelphia High School, has obtained permission from the officials of the athletic c[illegible] to play all of the Speedboys' home ball games at the Kingsessing [illegible] ground. The first home contest [illegible] Northeast High School, April 12.

This year only three non-league games have been arranged, with Atlantic City, Penn Charter and Haverford School. Outdoor practice was started last week. Coach Noll drilled the men in the fundamentals only, such as sliding to the bases, a lost art among the schoolboys; the proper way to lay down a bunt and the quickest manner in which to get a quick start for first.

Many Battery Candidates

Magee, Edwards and Hertzler, the football player, are fighting it out for the catching position, while "Lefty" Weiner and Fby, veterans from last season, and "Nick" Cartetr, not the former Northeast player, appear to be the best of the pitching talent.

It is expected that "Reds" Davis, the veteran first sacker, will be elected captain within the next few days to succeed Percy Merkle, who left school to enlist in the aviation corps. An entire new outfield must be developed.

New Outfield at Frankford

West Philadelphia is not the only school which must develop a new outfield. Coach Falkenhagan is confronted with the same problem at Frankford High. Many of last year's veterans are missing, including Captain Barfoot, Wagner, Sheldon, Schmidt, Button and Heilman.

Thus far Lefty Flitter is the only pitching candidate who has had any experience on the mound. Practices are held each day in preparation for the opening game with Episcopal Academy, April 2. Coach Falkenhagan instructs the infield and outfield candidates, while Captain Newhouse takes charge of the battery aspirants. After a short and snappy drill two teams are chosen and a five-inning contest played.

The schedule is as follows: April 2, Episcopal Academy, away; 8, Brown Preparatory, home; 9, Chestnut Hill, away; 12, Southern, away; 16, Central, home; 19, Trades, home; 23, Catholic High, away; 26, Germantown High, home; 30, Northeast, home; May 3, West Philadelphia, away; 4, Girard College, away; 7, Southern, home; 10, Central, away; 14, Trades, away; 16, Pedagogy, home; 17, Catholic High, home; 21, Germantown High, away; 24, Northeast, away; 27, West Philadelphia, home; 28, Millville, home; June 1, Millville, away.

OUIMET TO PLAY GOLF AGAINST SOLDIERS

Sergeant Francis Ouimet will make his first appearance since his reinstatement in a golf competition between Camp Devens and a citizen team led by his business partner, Jack Sullivan, at either Woodland or Belmont Springs next month. The proceeds are to go to the Camp Devens athletic fund, and the camp authorities already have given their sanction.

ARTISANS' ORDER HONORS VOORHEES

Keystone's Patriotic Investments—Pennsylvania's Celtic Ceremony

Oak Lane Assembly held one of the most unique events, perhaps, in the line of surprise receptions and honors to official guests ever given in the order. There were more than 200 representatives of nearly all the assemblies in the city, with those of Camden, Palmyra and Chester and the present staff and other eminent ex-official lights of the order. The assembly room was artistically decorated with plants and colors under the direction of Brother Victor Ridenour. A poster portrait, drawn by Artist (as well as editor) Edwin N. Mayor, of M. E. Superintendent William P. Voorhees was well placed.

Master Artisan Marmion's expeditious transaction of business permitted the setting of an effective dramatic scene with the timely entrance of the honored guest, who met with an enthusiastic welcome. Recorder Ammi Gunther, acting as historian, related the story of "The Three Musketeers," by Alexandre Dumas, giving an excellent recital of the early events that effected a union of the four great figures of the famous French romance, and in a brilliant resume associated the heroic character of d'Artagnan with that of Brother Voorhees. The character of Athos was defined by Past Master Charles W. McConnell; that of Porthos by Director C. Walter Higgins; of Aramis by William B. Pollock, and a review of the wonderful companionship of these intrepid cavaliers by Deputy James H. Maloney, who presented to retiring Master Artisan Voorhees, on behalf of the assembly, the complete set of twenty-three volumes of Dumas's works. The astonishment of the recipient was increased by the presentation by Brother Maloney of a fine leather arm chair, also from the assembly. St. John's Assembly, the mother of Oak Lane, was represented by a large delegation, which included Jordan Banks of Mayera, presenting to Brother Voorhees by M. E. Chaplain R. K. Johnson. Brother Voorhees, recovering, made gracious, though emotional, acknowledgment of the sound evidence of the good will of his brothers. Other speakers were Past Master Jordan, M. E. officers Chalmers, Charriere, Cox, Solicitor Taylor and Editor Ivins as well as artist Mayor. Directors Wiswell, Smith and Lipsey were also present. A fine musical program was furnished by Brother Janney's orchestra, the Assembly Quartet, Soloist Tirrell and choruses led by Brother Bickhart.

Three candidates, G. S. Apeldorn, L. M. Mooney and J. S. Gabel, were admitted, chair offered a Marmion, Rochersperger and Hergesheimer performing the initiatory work perfectly. Brother Jordan presented the buttons. Deputy Maloney received a hearty greeting on his beginning another year's service over the assembly.

Keystone Assembly authorized an investment of $1000 in Liberty Bonds and $500 in war savings stamps, and Brother Alleln Cox later displayed of many valuable gifts among the members. Brother Cox has charge of the movement of these patriotic investments among the fraternal societies in this city, and is an indefatigable solicitor in this line. Besides his faithful service in the position of M. E. recorder he finds time for active work for Keystone, continuing this year as chairman of the entertainment committee and his connection with all the interests of the assembly. He leads with his rich tenor voice the chorus singing of the popular sentimental songs and fills, when necessary, a vacancy in the quartet, as he does any official position. For all-round, efficient versatile ability and tireless service he can hardly be excelled in any organization. Speaking of the quartet the Keystone talent is of superexcellent quality, composed of Joseph Mainwaring, Joseph Smith, Horace E. Hood and Harry S. Wilson, whose harmony and effect of their concerted work could come only from true musical artists.

Recorder Doerle and Master Artisan Cortie, as a committee, were authorized to secure the location of available meeting halls and report for action on removal. An appeal by the master artisan brought the promise of four candidates for next month. Chairman Cox put on a good athletic entertainment by Prof. W. J. Hermann, of Progressive Assembly, consisting of acrobatic feats, bodies bouts, one by the "gold-dust twins," magic mysteries, etc.

Pennsylvania Assembly celebrated the natal day of the patron saint of the Emerald Isle with a fine entertainment in Keystone Celtic style. The color of the decorations and the special music were in entire harmony with the enchanting scene, while the conduct of the participants from the clan of Mac, overwhelmingly in the majority, was hardly in accord with propriety and decorum. The result of the evening was the betrothal of good Mrs. St. Patrick to Vinnie Wilson, who, to escape the selective service of Uncle Sam, was ordered at a previous meeting of the assembly to be married at the earliest possible moment, and having failed to declare his intentions, was exposed for the duration of the war to the wily buxom Mrs. Sheila. Brother Recorder Frank R. Stockley was inimitable as the officiating rabbi, while the happy bride, Brother Charles Conrad, was given away, literally, by her foster father, Brother Patsy McGlodey. The happy groom was attended by the best man, Deputy Fred Keelo, who so assisted in the ceremony that the ceremony be carried out, binding him or them to keep secret forever their happy plan and thus escape the draft. The joyful couple were the recipients of congratulations and many useful gifts, and later a wedding breakfast was served in the assembly room, piece de resistance—cider and ginger cake.

The war-savings society reported the sale of $50 worth of thrift stamps and enrolled more than two score of the members. The officers are President George Vaughan, secretary, W. Fiske Yeager; treasurer, James Taylor. A special drive is in preparation by these officers to make Pennsylvania war savings society the foremost in the order, both financially and numerically. The addition of two stars, inscribing Thomas W. Wilson and Clark D. Wilson, to the service flag, brought every man to his feet in salute, while the rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" emphasized the realization of the cementing bonds of fraternalism and patriotism between all men.

Brothers Thompson and Pollock, of St. John's Assembly, came to ask co-operation in a monster meeting at the Academy of the order to be arranged. The promise was very promptly accorded, a committee appointed to confer with the promoters and a large attendance of the members of the assembly offered for service at the class initiation, which will be a feature of the rally. Deputy Keene was given a warm greeting and congratulations among the members on his reappointment as deputy for another year. He explained the aims and plans outlined by the M. E. Recorder Cox, at a meeting of the master Artisans, recorders and deputies to be developed at further meetings. This appealed to Pennsylvania as the best scheme they had seen for a long time, and determination was expressed that No. 3 would lead for the prizes assigned at the meeting.

The committee on remembering the boys at the front reported having had correspondence with most of these away, sixteen in all, and distributed cigarettes ordered to each member present, giving a name and date on which to mail a follow-up letter. Past Master James Taylor donated to the assembly an oaken chest in which the books and property can be kept to better advantage. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Brother Taylor, who suffered momentary embarrassment when the recorder, inadvertently, read a bill for the chest, but, fortunately, the error was stopped in time to prevent serious consequences. Chorus singing of the old and new songs, the newest hit, "When the Boys Come Home," by Brother Walter Pentious, and an old-time card party, with appropriate prizes, completed one of the best meetings of the assembly.

Penn's club booked a visitation to Underdown Assembly on April 4.

Southwestern Assembly drew out more than 100 members, receiving Past Master Artisan David Singley, of Ideal Assembly, and Inspector Fred Marshall, of Haddon Assembly. Two candidates were admitted, the initiatory work being very well rendered, especially by Superintendent Scheid. The presentation of the buttons was ably done by Brother Singley. The North Philadelphia team is leading in the membership contest, due mainly to the untiring efforts of Past Master "Bob" McKee, who has so far put in two candidates. Deputy C. Walter Higgins, on presenting his commission, was warmly greeted and he made a very stirring address along patriotic lines. Recorder Johnston, in appropriate response, presented to Brother Higgins a basket of flowers on behalf of the assembly, which took him completely by surprise. An appeal was read from a brother in distress, as a result of which $95.75 was turned over to Master Artisan Dever to use to the best advantage in the matter. Chairman Carl Vost, of the entertainment committee, served refreshments and entertainment.

Union Assembly admitted one candidate and enrolled by card from Pennsylvania Assembly Doctor Smith, who was also elected to the staff of medical examiners. The initiatory work by chair officers Tisch, Walker and Gross was exceedingly well performed. In the absence of the deputy, Cashier Eisenbrey presented the button with effective remarks. Brother Charles Wolfe, president, and Sam Horn, secretary, were selected for the organization of a W. S. S. society of the assembly. Master Artisan Bartholomew, of St. John's Assembly, presented the proposition of a united Artisan rally, which was promised full support. M. E. Inspector Charriere gave a good, hearty talk and could hardly fail to make a highly favorable impression.

During the open session Chairman Shoemaker put on a good vaudeville show, with patriotic and popular songs by the fine quartet and chorus of about 150 members. The entertainment committee announced a ladies' night for the April meeting.

Fox Chase Assembly moved the meeting to the Rockledge High School Hall on the third Tuesday instead of Friday, and feels that the change will be highly advantageous. One candidate was initiated and Deputy Harry Kendig, who was warmly greeted on his return to this assembly for another year, presented the button in his genial and impressionable way. The retiring master artisan, Edward R. Pike, engaged in the U. S. A. service at Camp Hill, Newport News, was heartily welcomed and presented with the master's jewel by Brother W. Eddowes Berry. A fine musical program, with solos by A. Karl and E. R. Pike and numbers by the famous assembly sextet, was hugely enjoyed. Conductor Ovington felt sure that this array of vocal talent would add credit to the Metropolitan Opera forces, with no mean additional service of Master Artisan Knight, Superintendent Cromwell, Inspector Jacobs and Recorder Buckley.

William Patton Assembly had a better attendance than usual. A delegation of members of Palmyra Assembly was welcomed. These brothers are residents of Philadelphia and are making a tour of the various assemblies. They are a "live bunch" and their spokesman, Brother A. A. Powell, gave a talk full of spirit and good will. The expected candidate could not be present. Editor Mayor was warmly received. M. E. M. Ar Frank A. Chalmers, a member of this assembly, announced that he had planned for a big attendance in April, when he would take pleasure in presenting a service flag for the sixteen or more members in the Government service. No. 70 is proud of having contributed a large percentage of its members than any other assembly.

The entertainment committee did a big share toward making the meeting successful by securing several fencers of the Temple College A. A., who gave a worthwhile exhibition. Refreshments and cigars were furnished. The return of P. M. E. M. A. Scattergood as deputy was greatly appreciated, he has been of great aid in the assembly work. Superintendent Charles L. Gustin, who recently enlisted in the naval service (radio section), appeared in uniform and was warmly greeted.

St. Paul's Assembly was highly pleased by a visit from the most excellent officers. Inspiring addresses were made by M. E. Chalmers, outlining his plans for the year; M. E. Inspector Voorhees, along the same line, and by M. E. Recorder Cox, in his usually able and accurate manner on the financial condition of the order. His appeal for Government war investments was followed by the formation of St. Paul's War-Savings Society. Another pleasant surprise for most of the members present was the announcement of the appointment of Brother Cy Evans, of Northwestern Assembly, as deputy. Brother Evans's connection assures St. Paul of something doing all year. Plans were laid for an interesting meeting next month, not omitting the entertainment feature.

Girard Assembly's meeting in Grand Fraternity Hall, 1628 Arch street, promises to bring out a large attendance. M. H. Shaibani, of Persia, will deliver his lecture, "Back From the War Zone; or, Held Captive by the Turks," which has been delivered before the social societies of this city, and the reputation of being one of the most thrilling personal narratives in the war. Inspector Harry Jackson will bring some candidates and delegations are expected from St. John, Southwestern and Adelphi Assemblies. Others are welcome. Master Artisan Steinbach intends starting business at 7:45 P. M. and a social dance will be given at this hall on Thursday, April 11, 8 to 12 p. m. A charge of $1 for two persons is made.

The dual indoor athletic meet between the athletic association of the A. O. M. P. and the athletic association of the Grand Fraternity, at the Central Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night is attracting widespread attention in fraternal circles. M. E. M. A. Chalmers and staff will attend, along with hundreds of enthusiasts interested in the welfare of the order in this line. Everybody is invited. No charge for admission. Chairman Herman Meyer, of Northwestern Assembly, has charge of the following entries:

140-yard dash—Haslein, Keystone; Neill, Underdown; Irwin, Prospect Park; Miller, Palmyra; Trout, Schill and Hallman, Northwestern; Noll, Northwestern; John Weitz, Union; Olsen, Keystone; Mackin, Underdown.

500-yard run—Irwin, Prospect Park; Weitz, Union; Patterson, Northwestern; Reed, St. John; Hammer, Lehigh; Alperin, Adelphi; Howard, Underdown; Christ, Palmyra.

Shot-put—Zimmerman, Keystone; Rigling, Northwestern; Stegman, St. John; Jackson, Lehigh; Helmreich, St. Nicholas, Northwestern; Fluck, Germantown.

Potato race—Gordon, Union; Finney, Palmyra; Martin, Union; Simpson, Palmyra; Knapp, Lehigh; Weber, Evans and Rigling, Northwestern; Haslein, Keystone; Bowers, St. John; Haines, Harmony; Them, Camden; Gilbert, Union.

Standing broad jump—Trout, Rigling and Reinhart, Northwestern; Stegman and Noll, St. John; Neill, Underdown; Hammer, Lehigh; Martin, Union; Palmer, Improvright, Union; Carson, Passyunk; Rodgers, St. Paul; Roth, Girard.

The volley and basketball teams will be selected from the following named players: Lott and Holland, of Germantown; Bonfield, Progressive; Lipsey, Adelphi; Meyer Rehfuss Penny, Barwell and Reinhart, Northwestern; Sulzer, Union; Schaner, Lehigh; John Radon and Miller, Palmyra; Foreston, Girard.

The tug of war and medicine ball teams will be taken from these entries: Fluke and Brooks, Germantown; Doerle and Rigling, Thompson, St. John; Roberts, Girard; Patton, Southwestern; Martin, Lehigh; Walz, Palmyra; Harris, Ideal; Nicholas, Plumner; Webb, Walz, Free, Demmler, Munch, Evans, Weinman, all of Northwestern.

The offices of the M. E. Recorder and headquarters of the order have been moved to the eleventh floor of the Penn Square Building on south side of City Hall.

THE MACCABEES

Activities in Local Reviews of Woman's Benefit Association

The Philadelphia Guard held the regular drill in Knights of the Golden Eagle Hall, 814 North Broad street, with all officers present except the second sergeant, who was ill. Arrangements were made to form a dramatic club among the members of the guard.

Philadelphia Review, Parkway Building, Mrs. Anna Haney, commander, had the war-savings society explained by Supreme Chaplain Burgin, who organized the ladies in the good work. The review also decided to sell some candy for the benefit of the patriotic fund, with Past Commander Mrs. Ada Gorsuch as chairman.

Girard Review, Parkway Building, Mrs. Martha Arters, commander, reported a good meeting, with two applications received and present for many more, as several members are trying to win the trip to Fort Huron in July.

Hartram Review, 4012 Chestnut street, Mrs. Minnie Evans, commander, held a very short meeting in order to give an entertainment for the patriotic fund, with Mrs. Mary Smith as chairman of the evening. Refreshments were also served for the same good purpose.

Supreme Chaplain Minnie E. Burgin returned from a trip to Pittsburgh, where the supreme commander, Miss Bina M. West, and great commander, Miss Nellie Brown, conducted an instruction school for the district deputies of the State, which culminated in an open meeting at Carnegie Music Hall. Though in the strongholds of Maccabeism in Pennsylvania, there being between 4000 and 5000 members located in that city and thousands more in the outer territory. Miss Burgin is determined that Philadelphia shall run a race with Pittsburgh soon.

JERSEY BUCKWHEAT ACREAGE INCREASED

Quick-Growing Crop Substitute for Other Grains

Trenton, N. J., March 25.—Announcement was made here today that at a conference of New Jersey farmers and scientists of the State Agricultural College and Experiment Station at New Brunswick, it was recommended that the acreage of buckwheat be increased 15 per cent in the northern counties. It was stated today that there are several reasons why this kind of food is beneficial from a war standpoint.

It was claimed that it is a quick-growing crop in that it matures eight to ten weeks after planting and that it grows comparatively well on light and sandy soils too poor to grow good crops of other grains, such as wheat. It was said that buckwheat also furnishes excellent bee pasture and it would help to bring about the 25 per cent increase in the honey crop which the beekeepers are attempting to produce.

It is also contended that buckwheat is a wheat substitute, and that a very palatable bread can be made with buckwheat flour, replacing a part of the wheat flour, while the claim is also made for buckwheat that it has been found by experiments made at the New Brunswick station, buckwheat would be virtually valuable as a green manure crop.

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Mar. 25—Integrity, 1611 Columbia Ave.
Mar. 26—Philadelphia, Parkway Bldg.
Mar. 26—Ionic, 1626 Arch St.
Mar. 26—Manaraven, Phoenixville.
Mar. 27—Dupont, Parkway Bldg.
Mar. 27—Lenape, Doylestown.
Mar. 27—West Phila., 4116 Lancaster Ave.
Mar. 28—R. A. Dining Club, City Club, 813 So. Broad St.

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GRAND OFFICERS AT LOCAL COUNCIL, R. A.

Another Suit Against Royal Arcanum Dismissed—Present Financial Condition

Pennsylvania Council's headquarters, in the Parkway Building, was again bedecked in holiday attire and spirit on Friday evening for "Ladies Night," when the wives, daughters and sweethearts of the members turned out to enjoy all the good things that Supreme Representative Alexander F. Nicholas, chairman of the entertainment committee, had prepared. An early business session was held and the work dispatched in short order and the hall was opened to the public.

The program included a variety of good things—entertainment, refreshments, oratory, community singing, and that social touch that contributes so much toward a successful entertainment. The various vaudeville numbers furnished by Brother William Deering were of a highly pleasing nature for such an occasion. The hearty participation in the patriotic hymn of "America," which opened the evening's entertainment, marked the enthusiasm of the audience, which was continued until the close, when the entire assembly stood, saluting the colors and singing the national anthem. Nearly 200 attended, including Grand Regent James E. Norton, Supreme Representative and Mrs. Roedel, Supreme Trustee and Mrs. Lathy, Brother Culbert and lady, President D. L. Stewart, of the hospital association, and district deputies and past regents galore. The many pretty ladies present will assure the committee that any future attempt at a ladies' night will be an assured success. There is no