

Everybody Ought to Play Golf, Says "Burr" Roper, Advocating More Public Links

ALL ROPER FAVORS NEW PUBLIC LINKS

Councilman Believes City Needs at Least Two More Courses. May Vote Tomorrow

"FINANCES DO NOT FIGURE"

By SANDY McNICLECK

THOUSANDS of linksmen who have to submit to being pushed and trampled upon at Cobbs Creek if they want to play golf are back of the movement to get another public golf course for Philadelphia.

The Golf Association of Philadelphia passed a resolution at its last meeting in favor of new municipal links. A Park Commission has already marked out at least two possible sites for the new courses and its maps and is pushing the matter.

What is holding up the project? Well, hardy Council: that is, not if Councilman William W. Roper has anything to say about it. Shared in his office yesterday, he said as much.

To the law and Council he's William W. Roper. He's an outdoor, ruddy, checked man. An interview with him is like facing the ocean temptations of the links. When he draws a breath the windows sag in, and when he lets it fly out, a jutting jaw on the slant and a heavy hand-smack on the table top are the result. The little of the land and Title Building fairly rocked with the enthusiasm of his oration.

Needs Two More
"Philadelphia," began "Bill" Roper, "needs at least two more public golf courses. It needs one in the northeast and one in the south. Golf is a game for everybody, and everybody ought to play it. It takes 'em in the country and the green grass and the trees and the hills and the water, and the exercise is good, for the body and the soul."

After which interruptions Councilman Roper was returned to the subject of new public links for Philadelphia.

"As you know, the Park Commission has plotted two sites for new links, one at Twenty and the other at Foxglove Creek. You can't build a golf course at Fifteenth and Chestnut—have to go in the country, and those locations are good. Alan Conroy, of the commission, told me the other day that an ordinance would be introduced in Council through McKinley for new public courses there."

"When?" "This was a jolt. Some say it took ten years to put Cobbs Creek over."

Club Golf Expensive
"That is," continued Roper, "if Councilman McKinley sees fit to introduce the ordinance. The proposal seems fair enough. There are only four Councilmen who play golf, but everybody recognizes the need of recreation parks and a golf course appeals to the public courses, because golf in the clubs is so damned expensive. Look at that."

He showed over a bill from one of our prominent clubs, Exhibit A, as it might call it, which was neatly gotten up and said a lot.

School Court Standings and Yesterday's Results

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AMERICANS MEET TO RATIFY DATES

Senator Pepper May Address Johnson Magnates on Draft at Washington Today

POSSIBILITY OF TRADES

Washington, Feb. 8.—This city extended the hand of welcome to baseball magnates of the American League today for their first meeting outside of New York or Chicago in the history of the organization.

Clark Griffith, president of the Washington club, had arranged for the club owners and officials to pay their respects to President Harding at the White House before beginning their sessions later in the day.

The meeting was called for the specific purpose of ratifying the 1922 playing schedule, but it was believed it would not adjourn without some discussion of plans affecting ratification of the draft, now opposed by several of the minor leagues.

Many rumors of impending trades of players for which the gathering would afford opportunity for direct negotiation also came to town with the magnates. The only one of which they appeared to be aware, however, concerned the New York and Detroit clubs, and even this was wholly conjectured as to the probable players involved.

Talk of Trades

There is considerable talk of trades being engineered at the gathering and the air is charged with all kinds of reports. The Yankees are being offered an outfielder and the Detroit Tigers, for instance, are badly in need of a shortstop and are likely to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to plug up this gap. The White Sox lack pitchers, as do the Red Sox.

Some One Will Finish Second

"Somebody is going to come out second best in this contest—and it isn't going to be the majors or organized baseball."

Prep's Pert Patter

"Pud" McHenry, star forward on West Catholic's basketball team, is one of the hardest-working athletes ever to enter the Forty-ninth and Chestnut streets institution. McHenry has tried for almost every team in the school and has won places on the varsity basketball, basketball and football aggregations.

LOUGHRAN EASILY TROUNCES KAYSER

Kid Heavyweight Shows All Sorts of Class—Mealy Is Victor Over Hanlon

ALL DOWNTOWNERS WIN

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

SOUTH PHILLY had a big night at the Ice Palace. Fistsmen from the southern section of our Quaker City were credited with victories in five matches decided at the West Philadelphia arena last night—that's all, there were, there weren't any more, so that the downtowners punched away at a 1,000 clip.

Chief interest of the perfect average made by the South Philadelphia scrappers was the fistful festivities put on by Tommy Loughran, light heavyweight youngster, and Johnny Mealy, who is on a comeback.

Both Loughran and Mealy put on pretty exhibitions, each doing his work niftily and neatly. Loughran administered a terrific trouncing to one Fay Kayser, who several months ago was rendered a referee's decision over Bob Martin, and Mealy upset the dope by knocking from the Denver tough guy, Jimmy Hanlon.

Mealy Uses Left

Mealy's plan of battle served him in good stead against the rushing slambang style of Hanlon. By continually keeping his left hand in the Westerner's face Johnny was able to make Hanlon miss many of his punches and pile up points at the same time.

After boxing evenly for the first five rounds, Mealy went out in front in the sixth, and he continued to show to advantage in the remaining two sessions.

Hanlon Weighs In

Hanlon weighed in at 140, having an advantage of three pounds on the Philadelphia fighter.

Wagner Is Victor

Kid Wagner, 129½; Jimmy Mendoza, 124; and Ty Cobb, 133, were the other downtown boxers who scored victories. Although Wagner was dropped by Roelie Rodgers, 120, who formerly boxed under the name of Sammy Britton, the Kid's terrific smashes to head and body entitled him to the decision.

Catholic Ends League Season With Clean Slate

Defeats Salesianum High, 38-16. St. Joseph Prep Also Wins

Boots and Saddle

Mercury, which has been showing improved form, may attach the purse race at New Orleans today. Serapis and Lutetia are the victors in the contest. The purse is for \$1500, over a six-furlong route.

STATE COLLEGE HEAD BOOSTS HUGO BEZDEK

Dr. John M. Thomas Says Football Coach Possesses All the Qualities That Make for Success as Grid-iron Mentor

MUST PAY FOR BRAINS

"MY ATTITUDE on the coaching question," said Dr. Thomas, "is: 'Hang on to Bezdek.'"

Which, being amplified and translated to a more general level, expresses the belief of Dr. John M. Thomas, president of State College, that the labors—and catches do labor—is worthy of his hire.

The logical sequence by which this conclusion is reached is based on the fact that Hugo Bezdek is a high-priced football coach, and, inasmuch as State College is willing each year to separate itself from this talented, large sum of money, it must follow that it feels that full value is received in return.

Shoulders Blame

"And not only is the occupation seasonal but it is subject to the merest vagaries of fate or popular whim. If for any reason a season is not a success—even though Kayser was a sufficient cumsumance from an injury to a star player to a long rainy spell—the coach receives the blame, and in the majority of cases will find himself sooner or later out of a job."

"Another consideration, which is particularly strong with us, is the character of the man and the effect which he will have upon the boys with whom he is associated. Bezdek is in complete charge of all our athletics and holds a regular position in the faculty."

"Under these circumstances it is very important that the man in this position be of the highest mental and moral type, and that a man cannot be secured without expense. Money so invested is a guarantee for the future generation."

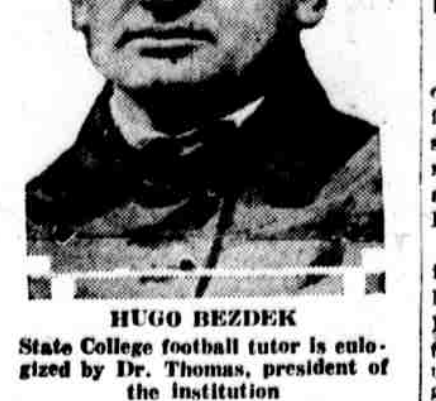
"As an example of the kind of thing that Bez does, let me tell you a little story. Understand, he is absolutely sincere and free of cant, but at the same time he is a finished talker with the words: 'Remember, boys, that when things are at the turning point, and it takes a little something in addition to win, it's those who whisper prayers up in the stands that do the trick.'"

The matter of intercollegiate athletics is another on which Dr. Thomas has decided ideas.

"While agreeing with others that it is essential that every student be trained in athletics, I also maintain that intercollegiate athletics, in which the college is represented by a picked team, is of the highest value. Intercollegiate competition in sports is the one thing above all others which will weld a heterogeneous collection of individual students into a unified and co-operative whole."

COUNTY FAIR ASS'N IN ANNUAL MEETING

Banquet Will Follow Tonight in Hotel Lorraines—J. R. K. Scott to Speak



HUGO BEZDEK
State College football tutor is engaged by Dr. Thomas, president of the institution

TITLE FOR PHILA. GUNNER

E. B. Melrath Captures Interstate Amateur Cup at Kansas City

E. B. Melrath, Philadelphia, wrestled the Interstate Individual Amateur Flyer Cup from Fred Eichen, Coffeyville, Kan. His score was 24 out of a possible 25. There were seventeen challengers.

The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs held its annual meeting today at Hotel Lorraine, Broad street and Fairmount avenue, the forenoon session starting at 10 o'clock. An address by President Harry White, of Indiana, Pa., opened the meeting.

The main business of the short morning session was the passing of a resolution calling for an increase of the Executive Committee from ten to fourteen members. This must be acted upon further, though it passed the delegates unanimously.

A resolution of condolence was also passed in the minutes concerning the death of Sidney S. Toman, former editor of Trotter and Paer, Elizabeth, N. J., a fairs authority, who died recently.

The afternoon session began at 1:30, at which address by widely known horsemen in the East were made. At 7 o'clock tonight there will be a banquet. Lieutenant Governor Heideman, John R. K. Scott and A. E. Daix, Jr., will speak.

At the beginning of the afternoon session Secretary J. F. Seldombridge, of Lancaster, gave his report. The address of welcome was made by Richard Wezlein, president of Council, John C. Simpson, of Springfield, Mass., told what he knew about county fairs. "Betterment of the Trotting Sport"

Shareholders of Reds Get Dividend of 20 P. C.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 8.—The Cincinnati National League baseball club declared a dividend of 20 per cent last year, the same as in 1920, according to the report of President August Herrmann, presented at the annual meeting of the stockholders.

Prospects for the coming season are bright, not only from a financial standpoint, but also for a fine team, which, with several new players, is expected to make a better showing than last year.

was the subject of a talk by Marvin M. Smith, of Buffalo. A general discussion on how to benefit our county fairs followed. The address of A. H. Cosden, president of the Union Trotting Association, on the "Trotting Horse" closed the afternoon session.

The banquet will start at 7 o'clock. Mr. Scott will be the first speaker, will tell what he knows about a horse. Mr. Daix will speak on legislation for county fairs. A. E. Letterman is chairman of the Banquet Committee.

The following prominent horsemen attended the sessions today: W. M. Burgett, Pittsburgh; David G. McDonnell, Pittsburgh; Marvin Smith, secretary of the Road and Drivers' Association, Buffalo, N. Y.; C. J. Gallagher, Syracuse; Romey Biggs, Baltimore; Al Saunders, Philadelphia; Fred Beachy, Boston; Morris Unger, Pittsburgh; H. T. Truitt, Beaver Falls; Larry Boyd, Rich, Pa.; Joseph Benson, Johnstown, Pa.; T. A. Wolfe, Rochester; E. F. Carruthers, Chicago; H. D. Smyater, York, Pa.; H. C. Heckert, Buffalo; W. K. Shimer and Charles G. Reese, Nazareth, Pa.; William J. Hahn and Joseph Bescy, Lehighton, Pa.

Delco to Play Greenway

The Delco Club, of Darby, well known in the Delco district, is now in basketball club of West Philadelphia, at the Bijou Theatre, last week. Greenway defeated West Philadelphia 15, 11, A. 23 to 14.

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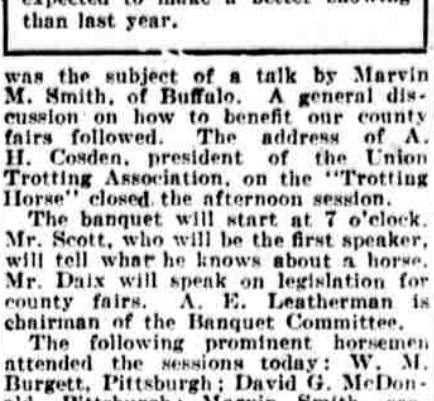
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