SPORTS--BUSY WEEK IN BASKETBALL STARTS TONIGHT WITH TECH-ALUMNI CONTEST

BUSY WEEK FOR LOCAL TOSSERS

Two Hard Games For Independents; Win Over the Rosewood Five

Local basketball fans are promised a busy week, starting with the Tech High alumni game to-night. To-morrow night the Harrisburg Independents will have as their opponents the crack professional team from York. Hassett five is scheduled for two games, and Saturday night the Independents meet the Vincome five of Philadelphia.

Unusual interest is manifested in the appearance of the York five in Harrisburg. This all-college aggregation is after the independent championship title this season. York has been putting up a good game.

Manager Ford has ordered a special practice for the Independent team in preparation for this game. The battle starts at 8.15 o'clock and will be followed with a big New Year dance.

Vincome Popular Here

Harrisburg cage enthusiasts have long been great admirers of the Vincome five of Philadelphia, and indications are that the final holiday game Saturday night will attract a big crowd.

For to-morrow night's game York will send many rooters. The York crowd will arrive here late in the afternoon.

Rosewood Loses Game

The Independents won out Saturday night in the game with Rosewood, score 49 to 38. It was a rough game at times, but each team offered an interesting exhibition that kept the big crowd of spectators on edge until the finish. Rosewood played a fast game during the second period.

G. Killinger was a star in the game, shooting field goals from difficult angles. His work was clean cut. The veteran Ike McCord was there with bells and scored 29 points for his team. The Ford boys with Wallower ran neck and neck for honors. Devine showed his old-time form in foul shooting and played a great game at guard. Good work was shown by Lingle, E. Killinger and Tittle.

The lineup and summary:

INDEPENDENTS

Players—	F.G.	Fls.	Pts.
N. Ford, f.	3	0	6
Wallower, f.	3	0	6
McCord, c.	5	19	29
McConnell, g.	1	0	2
G. Ford, g.	3	0	6
Totals	15	19	49

ROSEWOOD

Players—	F.G.	Fls.	Pts.
E. Killinger, f.	6	0	12
Lingle, f.	1	0	2
Tittle, c.	2	0	4
Devine, g.	0	16	16
G. Killeinger, g.	2	0	4
Totals	11	16	38

Referee—C. White.

Christy Mathewson Is Anxious to Keep Magee

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 31.—Back from an extensive eastern trip, Christy Mathewson blew into Cincinnati yesterday and promptly declared himself as strongly in favor of keeping Sherwood Magee on the Reds.

"As near as I can figure out," said Matty, "Magee hit .324 during the time he was with the Cincinnati club.

"Any man who can rap them that way is too valuable to be dismissed. We can't be slowing up to any great extent, when he can drive the ball for that sort of a percentage.

"I was surprised to hear that Magee was to be let out, and will confer with Mr. Herrmann on the subject. Of course, I realize that we must trim our sails and exercise economy next season, but I don't think we ought to let go of Sherwood Magee."

The Red leader only smiled when asked if he would go back to the spring line next season, but didn't deny that he might do so if it became absolutely necessary to help out a short-handed team. He thinks well of the new material acquired by the club and is rather optimistic about the 1918 prospects despite the war clouds

May Sell "Fitz" Home to Pay Some Old Debts

New York, Dec. 31.—One of the most noted homesteads in this vicinity became the center of a court action yesterday when the Prudential Savings Bank of Brooklyn filed a summons and complaint against the heirs of the late Robert Fitzsimmons, former-time champion pugilist, to foreclose a mortgage held on his old home.

The mortgage is for $3,000 and was drawn October 26, 1915, expiring next [illegible] the interest for the last quarter, a matter of $82.50, is overdue, however, the bank officials declare in their complaint, and they therefore ask that the property be turned over to the institution that they may realize on it.

Those named in the complaint are Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Martin Carroll Fitzsimmons and Rosalie Julienne Fitzsimmons. In addition there are several John Does represented in the action.

Complete Schedule For Cincinnati-Detroit Games

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—The schedule of games to be played between the Detroit Tigers and the Cincinnati Reds during the spring training season has been completed according to President Navin, of the Detroit Club, who gave out the list of games. The schedule follows:

April 5, Fort Worth, Texas; April 7, Oklahoma City, Okla.; April 8, Tulsa, Okla.; April 9, Muskogee, Okla.; April 10, Fort Smith, Ark.; April 11, Little Rock, Ark.; April 12, Memphis, Tenn.; April 13-14, Cincinnati.

It is expected that the Tigers will report at Waxahachie Texas, about March 20.

Pitcher Naylor Lost to Mack's Athletic Crew

Philadelphia, Dec. 31—Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, announced yesterday that he had received a letter from Bud Naylor stating that he had enlisted in the United States Navy. This is another hard blow to Connie, as there was every reason to believe that Naylor would soon form into one of the finest pitching twirlers of the 1918 year. The Athletics' leader had counted upon Naylor supplanting Noyes, the capable portside flinger who, after showing such promise, left the team last August to enlist.

WILLARD WANTS TITLE CONTEST

Negotiations Now on Not For Publicity; Ready For Fulton

Chicago, Dec. 31—The latest statement from Jess Willard is to the effect that he really wants to stake his title against any heavyweight in the country.

"There is one thing I wish to make plain," said Jess, "and that is the heavyweight title will be at stake in the bout. There was a story in some of the papers to the effect that I said my title would not be risked, but it is untrue. If the man I box knocks me out he will be heavyweight champion of the world. He will have won the title and I will be the first to congratulate him.

"There was something in the papers about the Red Cross rejecting my offer because they cared nothing about handling the proceeds of a boxing bout. I don't believe it. All year the Red Cross has accepted money from me, and as I earned everything I have through boxing, I can't see where there should be any discrimination. If the Red Cross turns me down, any war charity like the tobacco fund, athletic fund or anything else which will benefit the soldiers and sailors can get all or part of it, as it sees fit.

No Publicity Scheme

"This is not a press agent dream. It will not help me in business, because I will not go out on the road next year. The circus will stay in the South this season because it would be foolish to try to transport equipment while the railroads are all tied up. That means I have all of the time in the world to get in shape for the battle, and the sooner the better.

"Now about Fred Fulton. He seems to be the best of the heavyweight contenders, and it is up to him to accept or reject my offer to meet him. If he backs out of the match, then it must be someone else. Fulton has been making some rash statements for the last year, and now he is called. If he really means all he has said, everything can be arranged satisfactorily, for there will be no question of weight, size of the purse or anything else. The next move must come from Fulton.

"I favor Philadelphia for the bout, because I know I will get a fair deal there. With honest men at the ringside there will be no chance to put anything over, and there are some people who are looking for a chance to get back at me."

Patrolmen Are Scheduled For Volleyball Contest; For Volleyball Contest

Patrolmen and businessmen will meet in a volleyball match to-morrow afternoon. It will be a battle royal. This contest is scheduled to take place at 3.15 in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. It is part of the big program arranged for New Year's Day by C. W. Miller, physical director.

A handball match will open the activities. Other features will be:

At 2.30, freehand calisthenic drill by combined boys' gymnastic classes; 2.40, apparatus work by combined boys' gymnasium class, showing parallel bars, horse, buck and jumping standard; 2.55, mat exercise; 3, games; 3.15, volleyball match between policemen and businessmen; 3.30, wrestling match, 125 pound class, Leslie Minnich and Samuel Kamsky, opponents 4;, Ernest Lehmer and Merle Lehmerin, a 145-pound wrestling match; 4.29, boxing exhibition; 4.30, basketball, Y. M. C. A. vs. Collegians.

An interesting feature will be the volleyball match between the policemen and businessmen. Dr. M. V. Hazen will captain the businessmen, and William L. Romig the policemen.

No Boxing at Mt. Carmel; War Puts Crimp in Sport

Mount Carmel, Pa., Dec. 31.—For the first time in twenty years the boxing game in the anthracite coal region is dead. The boxers who furnished the region with fistic battles have gone either to the military service or the munition plants and as a consequence there hasn't been a bout in Mount Carmel or Shamokin this winter. Among the boxers who have gone to the Army are: John (Hunky) Williams, John Gdanic (Shifty Doughnuts), George (Pawnee) Hinkle, Stanley (Kid) Baylor, Walter (Lefty) Thomas and a half-dozen others. Kid Sheeler is at present located in Maryland and Harold Jones has retired from the game. Efforts on the part of managers from other places to stage bouts in this region have failed, due to the lack of intercity boxing rivalry, brought about through the departure of the favorites.

Amateur Teams Will Aid Soldier Athletes

Cleveland, Dec. 31.—Sand-lot baseball may be called on to do its share for the war.

Clayton Townes, president of the National Federation of Baseball, made up of amateur ball teams in Toledo, Chicago, Dallas, Birmingham and numerous other cities, announced to-day that he would confer with Joseph Raycroft, secretary of the United States Training Camp Athletic Commission, in New York, with a view of staging games next summer between soldiers and teams in the federation.

Townes, with Frank P. Coles, of Toledo, vice-president of the federation, left for New York to-day. They propose to raise half a million dollars from the proceeds of the games to buy baseball equipment for the soldiers.

Former Tri-State Ump to Quit Baseball Game

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 31.—John J. Kelly, once famous in the Tri-State, New York State and American Association Leagues as "Mope Up" Kelley, umpire, is out of baseball for all time. Kelly has accepted a position as a cotton inspector at Savannah, Ga., and has written friends here that he is through with the national pastime. In his day Kelly was one of the most celebrated umpires in the state, having received his early training in the art of umpiring from no less a personage than the lamented Tim Hurst, who was a native of Ashland, and received his training for the big leagues in the old Anthracite League.

BASEBALL

By John K. Tener
President of the National League
(From Philadelphia Inquirer, Sunday, December 30.)

There is no good reason why our national game of baseball should not prove to be as popular as ever during the season of 1918, notwithstanding the universal anxiety centered in the terrible conflict now being waged on the European battlefields for world-wide democracy. I am confident that the American people will loyally support their national pastime and that baseball will be even more popular when this awful emergency shall have passed into history.

It is generally admitted that the best means of obtaining physical recreation is to seek and cultivate some outdoor sport. The inclination for some form of sport in the open by youth and adult is as old as the world. This was true in Greece and later in Rome when the great empire was in outward form a republic. In our modern day the greatest sport loving people in the universe are those of the English-speaking race, on which the sun never ceases to shine, and in whom the spirit of liberty is more strongly implanted than any other people since the dawn of creation.

The American game of baseball never has had an aqual as an outdoor sport, and it is hardly conceivable that it ever will. It seems that this game of our own invention includes and embraces every essential that stimulates the mind, creates the exhausted faculty, amuses the jaded sense, revives the sluggish blood, makes strong the weak muscles and impels a vigor and health to the body that no other form of exercise combining the element of sport can accomplish. Thousands of young Americans engage in the game of baseball either as a means of pleasureable exercise and recreation or as a means of honorable livelihood, while millions witness the playing of games, both professional and amateur.

When the benefits to be derived from the game of baseball are taken into consideration there is added incentive for its continuation during the coming season. It is to meet this urgent necessity for recreation and relaxation from time to time in this crucial period of our national existence that clean, wholesome sport is needed and I know of no game that fulfills such requirements better than baseball. For these reasons and because of these conditions baseball is certain to form an important part of our recreative life in the trying days which are apparently ahead of us.

YOU BRING A SMILE TO A WOUNDED SOLDIER'S FACE WHEN YOU SEND HIM TOBACCO

"Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund," is in receipt of the following interesting story from the well-known author, Julian Street, who cites its closing paragraph as an instance of the need that will exist among our American soldiers for the solace of a smoke.

"My cousin, Edmund R. Street, of Toronto, was a young officer in the British regular army at the time of the Boer War. In that war his health was injured. He retired from the army. When this war broke out he offered his services because trained officers were, as you know, greatly needed. He was gazetted to the regiment known as the Sherwood Foresters, in October, 1914, as a captain. He was in the early hard fighting when the British held on so magnificently against superior numbers and artillery. On July 3, 1915, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order—'for conspicuous good work under heavy fire between May 13 and 16, 1915, near Le Touquet, and for going down a gassed mine to assist in the rescue of men.' He went to Buckingham Palace where the order was given him by the king. He had by then been promoted to the rank of major.

"On August 21, 1916, I wrote him sending him a check for $15 to be applied in any way he wished for the benefit of the soldiers. Shortly after the middle of October I received news of his death.

"He was wounded October 14, by machine gun fire, while encouraging his men in an assault upon German gun pits opposite their trench. A letter from a fellow officer says that after he fell 'he continued to carry on as commander of his company, reading and dictating messages, and apparently giving no thought to himself, until the doctor ordered his removal to the hospital.' There he died next day.

"Some time after getting this news I received a letter which had been found among by cousin's effects after his death. It was dated 'In the Field, October 5, 1916,' and referred to a number of things. I had mentioned my great liking for the French.

"'Apropos the French,' he wrote. 'I, too, like them immensely. One gets brief but revealing glimpses, sometimes, as an occasional bird of passage through a French seaport, going or returning from a short leave. The cameraderie between ourselves and the French people has, of course, thawed a great deal of the national reserve on both sides. French children cry out the London papers, sometimes without a sign of accent; they spring to attention and give the British salute, and they seem to be very fond of our people altogether. As a rule their elders cannot do too much for us, and our men seem to make friends everywhere, and converse freely—how, I don't know! Yes, they are charming people. And so are the English! Such men! And under such circumstances! Their strong language and their gentleness of character often contrast strangely. Thomas Atkins is a 'topper.' Full of humor; irrepressible. I am putting the $15 you kindly sent into cigarets, which are Thomas' favorite investment. When he is wounded and you want to please him, you give him a cigaret (if he has a whole hand to lift to his face), and he will generally smile if he is not altogether past that possibility."'

Lebanon Valley Schedule Opens With Carlisle Indians

Annville, Dec. 31.—The Lebanon Valley College Athletic Association announces the following list of games as the official cage schedule for Lebanon Valley's basketball team the coming year: January 5, Carlisle Indians, at Lebanon; January 8, Lafayette, at Easton; January 9, Moravian College, at Bethlehem; January 10, Drexel Institute, at Philadelphia; January 11, Delaware College, at Newark, Del.; January 12, St. Joseph's College, at Philadelphia; January, 17, State Forestry Academy, at Mount Alto; January 18, Mount St. Mary's, at Emitsburg, Md.; January 19 Gettysburg, at Lebanón; January 24, Staunton Military Academy, at Staunton, Va.; January 25, Washington and and Lee University, at Lexington, Va.; January 26, Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington, Va.; February 1, Bucknell, at Lewisburg; February 7, Juniata, at Annville; February 8, Swarthmore, at Swarthmore; February 16, Camp Meade Officers, at Annville; February 21, Hassett School, at Annville; March 1, Moravian College at Annville; March 2, Drexel Institute at Lebanon.

FATHER OF ELEVEN DIES

Marietta, Pa., Dec. 31.—Samuel A. Rupp, aged 64, died Saturday night in West Earl township. He was a member of the United Brethren Church. His widow and eleven children survive. He was the father of the largest family in West Earl township, and was engaged in farming.

GIRL SELLS 300 SEALS

Halifax, Pa., Dec. 31.—To little Mary Johnson, a pupil in Miss Margaret Mullin's school, goes the credit of having sold the most Red Cross Christmas seals in Halifax this year. The little girl was busy during her entire spare time and disposed of almost three hundred stamps.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON

Halifax, Pa., Dec. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Miller, of Fourth street, announce the birth of a son, Friday, December 21, 1917. Mrs. Miller before her marriage was Miss Sarah Mullen, of Philadelphia.

HUNT-SHULER WEDDING

New Cumberland, Dec. 31.—Announcement is made of the marriage of Samuel H. Hunt and Miss Lillian Shuler, which took place at Hagerstown, Md., on Saturday. The Rev. J. Edward Hawes, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, performed the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shuler, of Elkwood. Her father is superintendent of the Belgrade knitting mill at New Cumberland. Mr. Hunt is employed at Harrisburg. The young couple will live with the groom's parents, in Seventh street, Elkwood.

How Teams Will Line Up in New Year Night Game

When the local Independents meet the York five at Chestnut Street Auditorium to-morrow night the teams will line up as follows:

Independents.	York.
N. Ford, f.	Seasholtz, f.
McCord, f. (Wallower)	Berger, f.
Sourbier, c.	Price, c.
G. Ford, g.	Garland, g.
McConnell, g.	Rensberg, g.

Referee—C. White.

Sultan Mehmed V. and Prince Yussuff Izzedune

MEHMED V OF TURKEY — PRINCE YUSSUFF IZZEDUNE

The late Sultan and the blood heir to the throne of Turkey, Prince Yussuff Izzedune, are here shown. The Prince is the oldest son of the late Sultan Adbul Aziz, who was deposed in 1876 and immediately afterward driven to suicide. He is a first cousin of Mehmed V. Religious and civil laws determine the succession.

The new ruler it is almost abortive to say, will be but a puppet of Teutonism, as the "ruler" before him. The "sick man of Europe" is under the lash.

NEW HOLDER OF LIVE-BIRD TITLE

William B. Clegg, Philadelphia, Wins Championship by Defeating Davy Paul

Winning by two birds from Davy Paul, holder of the Pennsylvania State live bird championship, William B. Clegg, of Philadelphia, secured undisputed possession of the title Saturday afternoon when he defeated the champion in a twenty-five-bird shoot over the wind-swept traps of the Eagle Gun Club, at Manoa, near Philadelphia, by a score of 25 to 23. Paul won the championship from Joseph Brennerman, at Lancaster, last April.

The annual contest for the state championship and Harrisburg trophy will be held in this city February 22, Washington's birthday.

Clegg's tally of twenty-three birds, under the weather conditions, stamps him as a champion wing shot. With a gale blowing at thirty-seven miles an hour and the mercury hanging around zero it required nerve, stamina and skill to brave such elements in an attempt to win a titular event. Despite all the adverse weather, Clegg gave one grand exhibition of marksmanship with his double-barreled gun, hitting his birds squarely and making instant kills.

Davy Paul, who held the title before the big shoot, was the first man to congratulate the new champion. It was a case where the challenger beat the challengee.

Challenge Title

The Pennsylvania State championship is a challenge type. If, for instance, Clegg won the title at a special shoot, another wing shot could issue a challenge to him upon the placing of $25 and the titleholder would be forced to meet the gunner wanting a chance at his coveted honor. The champion, however, is privileged to name the day for the match, the place and time. A silver trophy is the state prize.

Both Clegg and Paul are Philadelphians. Clegg grassed his first thirteen pigeons straight. The fourteenth, a straight driver, made him miss. The next bird sprung from the trap was bagged, but the sixteenth also flew out of his range, a right-quartering flier. From then on Clegg finished his quota without a miss.

Paul had the misfortune to fall down on his first bird trapped. His tenth trip to the trap resulted in another miss, but yet Davy plugged along. At the sixteenth round both men were tie away with two misses each. After that frame Paul drew several hard duffers and two right-quartering flyers went sailing out of sight, giving him but twenty-one kills.

The men shot from the twenty-seven-yard mark.

Challenge 25-bird championship match.

William Clegg—
27—22222 22222 22202 02222 22222—23

Davy Paul—
27—02222 22220 22222 12022 10222—21.

Referee, Charles Biddle. Handler of birds, Tom Conner.

RIFLE CLUB MEETING

The annual meeting of the Harrisburg Rifle Club for the election of officers for the year 1918 will be held Saturday, January 5, at 8 o'clock in room 5, second floor, Masonic Temple. In addition to election of officers, reports of the retiring officers will be made and steps taken to make the season of 1918 the most successful in the history of the club.

Sport Leaders Have Optimistic Views

Optimism is the keynote struck by leading men in the various branches of sport in discussing the outlook for 1918.

It is satisfying, to say the least, that men who have made a particular study of their own sports and the conditions which confront them should be practically as one in urging and recommending that everything possible be done to stimulate a wide and general participation on track, field and water.

These expressions carry the more weight in coming from such men as John K. Tener, president of the National League; Julian S. Myrick, president of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association; Charles A. Dean, president of the Amateur Athletic Union; Walter Camp, one of the leaders in football; F. K. Sturgis, acting chairman of the Jockey Club; Howard F. Whitney, secretary of the United States Golf Association, and Charles Halsted Mapes, chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association.—New York World.

ALUMNI TOSSERS READY FOR TECH

Annual Clash With Varsity Five Is Scheduled For This Evening

Scholastic basketball will be inaugurated to-night at Chestnut Street Auditorium. Tech High varsity team will meet the Tech Alumni five. The latter is made up of former stars now in the college game and a contest of unusual interest is expected.

This game starts a busy week. The alumni players have been practicing almost daily. They were given the privilege of using the Tech gymnasium and will show excellent form to-night. Coach Miller has been quite active with the Maroon tossers and has been giving them strenuous work in preparation for this game.

How Teams Line Up

The varsity lineup will include Lloyd, Ebner, "Buddy" Lingle, "Tony" Wilsbach, Karl Beck, "Goldie" Houston, "Bud" Bell, John Smith, Harry Miller, Gordon Holland, "Hen" Kohlman, "Hap" Frank and Bihl.

For the alumni Eddie Harris, of Lehigh, has been assigned to a forward berth, and I. Scheffer, who has been prominent in both basketball and football at Gettysburg, occupy the other forward position. Sourbier will hold down the pivot position, while Killinger and Pollock have been selected to look after the guarding. Melville, of Lehigh, and C. McGann, of Bucknell, may also be included in the lineup. The lineup follows:

Alumni.	Tech.
Harris, f.	Lingle, f.
Scheffer, f.	Ebner, f.
Sourbier, c.	Wilsbach, c.
Killinger, g.	Beck, g.
Pollock, g.	Houston, g.

Rosewood A. A. to Meet Hassett Wednesday Night

On Wednesday evening the Hassett team will meet the Rosewood five on Cathedral Hall floor. This promises to be a good match, as the two are rivals. It is understood that Rosewood will use about the same lineup as in the game against the Independents. Hassett will play their customary lineup of E. Sourbier and Huston, forwards; Ed Sourbier, center, and Gough and Bihl, guards.

This is the first time for two years that these teams have met and the outcome is awaited with interest by the followers of both teams.

TO PLAY AT MARIETTA

The Garnet five will play at Marietta Wednesday night. The game will be played at Marietta. The Garnet lineup will include former high school and college stars who met the St. Joseph team, of Lancaster, last Thursday. The Marietta team is made up of stars from the Lancaster County Basketball League.

WELLY'S CORNER

Harris, Scheffer, Sourbier, Killinger and Pollock will do their bit for Tech Alumni to-night. Sounds like an all-star team.

Judging by the breaks they make when taking exception to a referee's decision, some spectators at Saturday night games care only for the dance that follows the contest.

"Just wait until we get going," is Steelton High's cry, and it is a safe bet that the cage stars from the neighboring town are going to cut some figure in the scholastic game. You must hand it to that Steelton bunch when it comes to real sport.

One local baseball fan writes: "What will Harrisburg do in baseball next year?" He ought to ask something easier. Just now there are other sports that need attention. Some time during February baseball interest may begin to sprout.

Readers of the Harrisburg Telegraph who have been daily reading with much interest "The Sportlight" by Grantland Rice, beginning with to-morrow will receive this popular feature every other day. The famous writer has joined Uncle Sam's forces and he will have to "do his bit" for his many thousand readers when war duties permit.

Players on the Tech High Alumni team are after "blood." It is going to be some battle when they line up to-night against the Tech varsity to-night. Several of the Alumni stars have been showing form on college teams.

Ban Johnson has taken the initiative in the wartime policy of the American League in operating on a rigid economical basis. At his own suggestion Johnson's salary for 1918 has been reduced from $30,000 to $10,000. The fact that Johnson had a contract did not deter him from making this personal sacrifice in the interests of baseball.

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