

CONNIE MACK'S FAMOUS CHAMPION TEAM IS ALL SHOT TO PIECES---HASSETT GAME

HASSETT GIRLS READY FOR GAME

Meet Lebanon Valley Co-Eds Tomorrow Night on Cathedral Hall Floor

Coods will be basketball entertainers to-morrow night. The Hassetts girls are scheduled to meet Lebanon Valley College's team. The game will be played on Cathedral Hall floor, starting at 8 o'clock. Lebanon Valley girls have been winning laurels this season, defeating the Central girls last week.

The Hassetts girls have been playing games with the best teams in this vicinity and have chalked up several victories. The local lineup includes several young women who have been playing a star game. Miss Emanuel is one of the best field goal shooters in central Pennsylvania.

Lebanon's Big Five Is Willing to Meet All Comers

Lebanon's "Big Five" is anxious to meet all comers. Manager C. B. Mousseis has issued the following: "The Big Five of Lebanon, is anxious to show Harrisburg fans that they are the equal, if not the superior, of any or all of the 'fives' in your 'big city,' but we seem to be passed up by your local teams. This speedy bunch of Lebanon boys will meet the best you have and bars none. We have registered victories over the Hassetts team on their floor and only last week swamped the Harrisburg Garnets 51 to 17 on our floor, so you readily can see we are entitled to a chance."

Big Gymnasium Program at Y. M. C. A. Saturday Night

The gymnasium entertainment to be held at the Y. M. C. A., Second and Locust streets, Saturday evening, promises to be a big event. Among the interesting features of the program will be two games of basketball, a local lineup match between the policemen and the businessmen, and a wrestling match. Refreshments will be served. The entertainment will be free to members and their friends. The captains are invited to bring prospective members. Professor C. W. Miller, physical director of the local Y. M. C. A., will be in charge of the program.

W. AND J. CUTS BASEBALL

Washington, Jan. 15.—Official action by the Athletic Council abolishing varsity baseball at Washington and Jefferson for the season of 1918, was taken this week. The action was not unexpected as it was apparent that the authorities had been looking for an opportunity to gracefully relinquish the sport for some time. Always a losing financial proposition, the game had been conducted with an annually growing deficit until it was evident that it would be impossible to continue it, especially since Washington and Jefferson had declared for a policy of athletic retrenchment and economy.

CHICAGO CUBS WANT LAJOIE

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago Nationals, said he had opened negotiations to sign Larry Lajoie, the former American League star, who managed the Toronto club, pennant last season. He wants him to play first base part of the season and plans to use him as a pinch hitter.

DUCKPIN STARS ROLL BIG SCORES

Captains Win Over Mates in Lemoyne Duckpin Series; How Teams Stand

The Captains of the Lemoyne Duckpin League tightened their hold on first place by defeating the Mates in two games last night on Fickes' alleys. The Captains won the first contest by a margin of 84 and the third by a margin of 24 pins. The Mates captured the second game by a margin of 16 pins. Millard, with a total of 148 pins, captured high single score while Har-macker captured the high triple score with a 425 score. The scores follow:

| CAPTAINS | | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Player | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. |
| Stahr | 111 | 127 | 141 | 379 |
| Prowell | 110 | 118 | 111 | 339 |
| Spangler | 116 | 128 | 88 | 332 |
| Bess | 111 | 111 | 119 | 341 |
| Fickes | 144 | 125 | 125 | 394 |
| Totals | 578 | 587 | 568 | 1733 |

| MATES | | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Player | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. |
| Hammacker | 112 | 127 | 141 | 380 |
| Witman | 88 | 106 | 99 | 293 |
| Baker | 98 | 104 | 77 | 279 |
| Hammacker | 108 | 118 | 108 | 334 |
| Millard | 84 | 148 | 112 | 344 |
| Totals | 494 | 603 | 542 | 1639 |

| STANDING OF THE TEAMS | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Team | W. | L. | Pct. | Points |
| Captains | 4 | 1 | .800 | 1733 |
| Mates | 1 | 4 | .200 | 1639 |

Last Night's Ring Victors

Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—Irish Fatsy Cline, the New York lightweight, and Johnny Tillman, of Philadelphia, boxed six rounds to a draw here last night. The bout was fast throughout.

Cleveland, Jan. 15.—Matt Brock, of Cleveland, outpointed Babe Picato, of New Castle, Pa., in ten rounds here last night. The men weighed 127 pounds.

Charleroi, Pa., Jan. 15.—With a blow to the stomach after a minute and a half of fighting, Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh, knocked out Battling Kopin, of Jamestown, N. Y., in the first round of his scheduled ten-round bout here last night. The bout began with the men fighting on even terms.

Columbus, O., Jan. 15.—"Ted" Lewis, welterweight titleholder, and Soldier Bartfield fought a twelve-round draw here last night. Lewis gave Bartfield a boxing lesson for eight rounds, but only his cleverness saved him from the soldier's mauling in the last four rounds.

WAR TAX MEETING

New York, Jan. 15.—The war tax committee of the National and American Leagues will meet in Washington, January 21, where a conference has been arranged with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to discuss war taxes on baseball. It was announced last night by Secretary Heydler, of the National League, who is a member of the committee of that league. One of the questions to be taken up is whether a war tax is to be charged on rain checks when they are presented for admission.

"UMP" EMSLIE IS GOOD SHOT

Tomb, Jan. 15.—Somebody once said that the National League's veteran umpire, Robert Emslie, was losing his eyesight. Emslie is president of the St. Thomas (Ontario) Gun Club. Emslie for many years has been one of the leading shots in the Dominion. He is an expert in trap and target shooting, also in bringing down live birds. His marksmanship proves that his eyes are clear and his nerves steady.

Great American Athlete Fells German Flyer



Hobey Baker, the great Princeton star at hockey and football, who long ago joined the American aviators on the western front, has brought down his first German airplane. He was officially mentioned in other day in reports to the War Department. Baker was probably the greatest hockey player ever known in the United States, and he was rated one of the very best football players.

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THE BASEBALL MANAGER AND THE COMPANY CAPTAIN

There was a day, somewhere back through the mists, when we used to pity the managers of certain ball clubs. These poor managers had twenty-five men to look after and develop. Some of these men were boneheads; some were crabs; some were lazy; others refused to keep training. But compared to the company or battery commander the baseball manager has a job made out of rose leaves and nectar, one flowing with milk and honey.

THE SWITCH

"Just suppose," the captain continued, "a baseball manager had to look after 250 men in place of twenty-five. Suppose he had to work them ten and twelve hours a day. Suppose he had to make up his team from men who had no use for baseball and who, in the main, had played very little baseball in their lives.

"Or suppose, as several of the company commanders have, he had to handle men who couldn't speak English and who, in the main, had no particular idea as to what it was all about.

"That he had to develop these men so they could stand up before not a line drive by Ty Cobb or Tris Speaker, but a line of machine guns or a spray of shrapnel or a sweep of gas.

"That he had to so get the confidence of these 250 men that even if they did not quite appreciate just what it was all about they would still stick with him and stand with him even if the heart of hell was thrown against their line.

"I wonder, then, just what the average baseball manager would think of his job—the job of handling twenty or twenty-five highly trained athletes drawing down big pay for playing a game they loved to play and had played all their lives—for playing a game that meant increased health instead of a long row of crosses somewhere in France or a line of mounds through Flanders?

"Baseball is a great game," the C. C. continued, "but it is strictly minor league compared to the game of war. Its emotions, its problems, its development are insensitively smug compared to the real game now ruling the world. One company commander in one year will have more work and a far greater variety of problems to face than John J. McGraw or Hughey Jennings or Connie Mack has known in any ten years of his existence."

And any one who has been in the bigger game, who has absorbed from face a company commander, will understand that the captain is eminently correct in his diagnosis—so correct that there isn't even the chance for an argument or debate.

SLEIGHRIDE TO COUNTRY

Millerstown, Pa., Jan. 15.—The H. K. Club took a sleighride to the home of Edward Beacham, three miles west of town, on Saturday evening. The evening was spent in playing games, music, etc. Supper was served at twelve o'clock. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Diefenauer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beacham, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beacham, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Page, Mr. and Mrs. H. Elwood Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reisinger and daughter, Caroline, Mr. and Mrs. Joan Dietrich, Miss Mary Kepner, Miss Alice Pickett, Miss Daisy Walker, Miss Myrtle Gearhart, D. A. Lahr, Warren Beacham, Jake Ward and D. G. Rickabaugh.

TWO COLUMBIA DEATHS

Columbia, Pa., Jan. 15.—George Clyde Watson, son of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Watson, a pupil of the Columbia High School, died at his home on Sunday, aged 17 years.

Miss Anna Elizabeth Mack died at the home of her uncle, Timothy A. Gieson, with whom she lived, on Sunday, aged 27 years. A sister, Irene Mack, and one brother, Charles Mack, survive.

MORE MONEY FOR FIREMEN

Columbia, Pa., Jan. 14.—Borough council has decided to grant an increase in the appropriation to all the fire companies in town that motorize their apparatus. One company, the Vigilant, has already purchased a motor pumping engine and others are likely to follow.

WOMAN BREAKS ARM

Lewistown, Pa., Jan. 15.—Falling on an icy sidewalk while on the way home from calling on a neighbor, Mrs. H. A. Walters, of North Wayne street, fell and fractured a bone in her left forearm.

CONNIE MACK'S STARS ALL GONE

Famous Champion Baseball Aggregation Now Scattered; Big Prices Paid

New York, Jan. 15.—The trade which sends John "Stuffy" McInnis to the Boston American League club marks the complete disintegration of what, in many respects, was the greatest professional baseball machine ever assembled in either of the major leagues.

McInnis, the last cog in the combination, moves on to a rival team which has absorbed 50 per cent. of the players whom Connie Mack welded into an invincible group of diamond stars, supreme holders of pennants and world championships.

The Philadelphia Athletics reached the zenith of their team play during the season of 1913, when they simply walked away with the American League championship of that year, and followed the capture of the pennant with a decisive victory over the New York Nationals in the world series of that season by four games to one.

The Athletics finished the regular season with a record of 96 games won and a percentage of .627. This was 43 games better than the average of the Washington team, which closed the year in second place.

Connie Mack's players took the lead in the pennant race during the second week of the season, which opened about the middle of April, 1913, and were never headed or tied in the struggle for the title thereafter.

The records show that the Athletics won 96 games, losing 66, batting with .385 and in fielding with .966.

His Strongest Team

It goes without saying that Mack would naturally present his strongest combination in the world's series, and the line-up against the Giants in the support for the premier baseball honors of 1913 may be taken as the best and most powerful arrangement available.

This combination, which defeated the New York team four out of five games, played as follows: E. Murphy, right field; Oldring, left field; H. A. Lutz, center field; H. C. Plank, pitcher; McInnis, first base; Strunk, center field; Barry, shortstop; Schang, catcher; Lapp, catcher; and Plank, bush pitcher. During the regular season other players were used and were factors in winning the pennant, but the men mentioned were the pick of the combination.

To-day not one of these twelve players is a member of the team. Connie Mack is engaged in an attempt to rebuild his baseball machine with new material. Murphy was sold to the Chicago Americans for \$8,000; Collins went to the same club for \$50,000, as did Lapp without cash consideration. The Boston Americans took five men from the Athletics at one time or another.

Some Big Prices

It will be seen that if the publicly announced figures in connection with these deals are correct, the Boston club paid \$88,000 in addition to some players for these five Athletics. The Chicago White Sox paid \$56,000 for Murphy and Collins.

The New York Americans also contributed to the Philadelphia strongbox, as the Yankee club owners gave \$42,000 for Oldring, although it was reported later that the Philadelphia club returned this sum, or a portion of it, with Oldring failed to combine with the New York team.

The two pitchers, Bender and Plank, were unconditionally released by Manager Mack, thus completing the breaking up of the famous combination.

The disruption of the Athletics also formed one of the most serious national features of modern baseball history. The team started poorly at the beginning of the 1914 season, but swung into the lead early in June, and again centered home an easy pennant winner.

SCHEDULE MEETING IS OFF

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Owing to crippled transportation conditions, the meeting of the American League, announced that the major league schedule meeting, set for Dover Hall, Ga., this week, had been called off.

ST. LOUIS GETS PETE JONES

St. Louis, Jan. 15.—Peter Jones, second baseman of the Columbia American League Association Club, has been purchased by the St. Louis Americans. It was announced yesterday. The transfer is said to indicate the departure of Del Pratt to another major league club.

SOLDIER DIES AT CAMP

Hershey, Pa., Jan. 15.—Word was received here yesterday of the death of Sergeant Gorman Anderson at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va. Sergeant Anderson enlisted in Truck Company at Camp Lee during all of his service. His home was in Lancaster county but he had resided in Hershey for several years previous to his enlistment and was employed as chauffeur for John E. Snyder. He is survived by a mother and several brothers and sisters.

ASSIST 800 REGISTRANTS

Middleburg, Pa., Jan. 15.—The Snyder county advisory board has completed its work of assisting registrants to fill out their questionnaires. The advisory board, composed of Attorney Jay G. Weiser, Dr. H. D. Hayes, A. D. Gougler and Prof. T. A. Stetler, assisted 800 registrants of Snyder county to fill out papers.

ENSIGN SAILS FOR FRANCE

Millerstown, Pa., Jan. 15.—Word has been received here by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ush from their son, Ensign Edgar Ush, mailed at the Bermuda Islands, that his troop ship had left New York for France one month prior to the mailing of the letter.

STAR ATHLETE IS BIG BOOSTER

Ben Wolfe, Basketball Leader, Football Star and Fire Fighter



CAPTAIN BEN WOLFE

Ben Wolfe, one of the most popular all-around athletes at Central High, was unanimously elected captain of the varsity basketball team. He has quite a football record, having played on the scrub team during his freshman and sophomore years, and on the varsity eleven the last two years. He is well qualified to captain the basketball team. The position of guard, which he filled last year, is again his.

Is School Booster

He is not only a sport enthusiast but is also interested in school activities, being one of the four men who constitute Central's fire guard, an H. A. club man and a member of the Demosthenian and Philonian debating societies.

"Dick" Gregory, who was elected captain last year, will hold the title of honorable captain owing Sunday to the fact that he enlisted in the Army and thus cannot captain his team.

LANCASTER COUNTY WEDDINGS

Marietta, Pa., Jan. 15.—Miss Bessie G. Cummings was married yesterday to Charles R. Crawford, of Lancaster, at the parsonage of the Grace Lutheran Church at Lancaster, by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Haupt.

Mountville, Pa., Jan. 15.—Miss Esther D. Kiehl was married Sunday evening to Philip S. Gitt, of Lancaster, at the parsonage of the Grace Lutheran Church by the Rev. Dr. Haupt. The couple was attended by Miss Anna E. Rosenberger and George H. Draude, of Lancaster.

MISS W. G. KAIBER DIES

Refton, Pa., Jan. 15.—Miss Wilhelmina G. Kaiber, aged 84, one of our best known and most respected citizens, died at her home here last night from a general breakdown. She was a member of the Lutheran Church and in early life taught school. She is survived by two sisters and a step-brother living at Harrisburg.

FALL CAUSES DEATH

Marietta, Pa., Jan. 15.—Mrs. Martha A. Lutz, 80, died from the effects of a splintered hip, sustained while walking in her room several weeks ago, after intense suffering. She was a native of Canada, but resided for many years in Lancaster county. Six children and a number of brothers and sisters survive.

BANK OFFICERS ELECTED

Millerstown, Pa., Jan. 15.—Stockholders of the First National Bank have re-elected the following directors: A. H. Ush, James Rounsley, G. W. Fry, Thomas F. Gathart, L. A. Dimm and D. A. Lahr. The board of directors re-elected the following officers: A. H. Ush, president; James Rounsley, vice-president and secretary; J. E. Rounsley, cashier; and Dow Fosselman, teller.

MANY ATTEND REVIVAL

The Rev. A. A. Bouton stirred a large congregation at the second service of the revival series he is conducting at the Rivergate Methodist church. The meetings will continue indefinitely. "Pentecost" was the text of the evangelist's address last night. A chorus choir furnished the music.

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WELLY'S CORNER

Up to date it looks like a champion basketball team at Penn State. Last night the Bellefonte crew walloped Lehigh, score 44 to 29.

Friday night will be another big night in the history of Central High tossers. Lebanon High is scheduled for a game with the local tossers. It is going to be a battle royal.

Deisroth, of the Crescents, and O'Leary, of the Capitals, are running neck and neck for honors in the Taylor-Kennedy Duckpin League. Each have run up a total of 1011 points. Hood, of the Keystone, is third.

Jackson A. C. last night defeated the Commonwealth five, score 37 to 25. Elkus was a big star for Jackson, caging eight field goals.

Buffalo Club Bankrupt; Call Creditors to Court

Buffalo, Jan. 15.—Involuntary proceedings were begun yesterday in United States District Court to have the Buffalo Baseball Amusement Company (international League) declared bankrupt. The petition presented to Judge John R. Hazel is by three creditors—Joseph J. Lannin, former owner of the Boston Red Sox; McDonald & Hoe Co., Inc., of Buffalo; and Rand, McNally & Co., of Chicago.

The petition sets forth that the local baseball company is insolvent and that the petitioners are informed and believe the company owes upward of \$40,000. Twelve claims are scheduled by Mr. Lannin for sums advanced to the Buffalo club, said to have been principally for rentals and salaries of players.

BOWLING

Academy League (Academy Alleys)

Corporals 1844
Majors 1731
Grimes, (C) 158
Grimes, (C) 413

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Peters, (S) 540

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