HAGGERTY, FREAK BASKETBALL PLAYER, WITH INDEPENDENTS; GREAT BOXING YEAR 1919

Gordon Ford's Team Loses in Rattling Rookwood Game

Playing one of the best basketball games ever seen on the Chestnut Street Auditorium floor, the Rookwood five, of Philadelphia, on Saturday night, won from the Harrisburg Independents, 45 to 35, before a crowd of more than 1,000 cheering followers of the sport.

Pass after pass and shot after shot for the basket brought cheers and applause from the throng until many were hoarse. Haggerty, star center, and almost seven feet tall, made a big hit with the local crowds, and has been signed to finish the season with the Independents. Beck, noted Tech athlete, played against him at the midfloor position, but could not touch the pace set by the fast Rookwood man. Beck, however, by his speedy guarding, kept Haggerty from dropping more than two field goals.

The entire game was a snappy one, the passes in some of the plays furnishing a chance to Harrisburg basketball fans to see some real playing. In the second half, with the score 25 to 21, Rookwood, both teams started for a whirlwind finish. At thirty-one the score was tie and the cheers and applause that followed was almost deafening. Every score from then until the end of the game brought a rousing howl from the crowd, and when Gough dropped one through the basket for two points while standing beyond the center line of the floor, the applause lasted for minutes.

Frankie, getting six, and Dark, four two-pointers, and the latter sending seventeen fouls through the basket, accounted for most of the scoring by the visitors. Their ability to elude Gerdes and Gough, Independent guards, was due largely by Haggerty's work on the tipoff at center. Deal and McCarter, visiting guards, did some good work, but Wallower, on the Independent five, was too wily for them and slipped the ball through for four field goals. McCord was watched more closely and only netted one, but made good on fouls, getting all of them.

After the score was tied, in the second half, the Independent boys lost the lead again, but for a few minutes kept it within three or four points of their total. Toward the close of the game Rookwood started rapid-fire work and shot ahead for a safe margin.

Gordon Ford was out of the game for the locals because of trouble with his knee. Gerdes and Gough, at guards, did some good work, but Frankie and Deal slipped away from them often or took some difficult shots and landed points.

The crowds at the game were on edge for a real scrap, and with both teams fighting like a pair of kids over a baseball bat, there was no fans who were disappointed.

The lineup and summary:

ROOKWOOD

	F.G.	Fl.G.	Pts.
Frankie, f.	6	0	12
Dark, f.	4	17	25
Haggerty, c.	2	0	4
Deal, g.	2	0	4
McCarter, g.	0	0	0
Totals	14	17	45

INDEPENDENTS

	F.G.	Fl.G.	Pts.
Wallower, f.	4	0	8
McCord, f.	1	15	17
Beck, c.	0	0	0
Gerdes, g.	4	0	8
Gough, g.	1	0	2
Totals	10	15	35

Fouls called on Rookwood, 15, on Independents, 21. Referee, White.

SNOODLES -:- The Family Skeleton Almost Got the Family in Bad -:- By Hungerford

HUNTERS PAY IN GENEROUS SUM

Belief That Licenses This Year Will Be Almost Up to Record of Last Year

Late reports in regard to hunters' licenses issued this year indicate that the number will run close to the 805,000 record of last year and it is expected that the coming general assembly will give some authority in regard to the expenditure of the revenue which is received each year from this source. Under the law half goes for the payment of bounties for the destruction of animals and birds which prey upon wild life and are a nuisance to the farmers and it is expected that an act to increase the amount of bounties on wild cats, for instance, will be asked.

The Game Commission will meet in January to draw up its legislative program and the plan of having the Legislature authorize the commission to buy land outright for game preserves and hunting, not to exceed $50,000 or about one-fifth of the present license income, seems to be favored not only here, but in other places. The Commission may also ask authority to increase its field force. Just what effect the plans for creation of a Department of Conservation with all field forces under the State Police will have upon this proposition is not much discussed.

It is expected here that the number of hunters paying a dollar each during 1917 and 1918 and the kill of game will make an impression upon the Legislature as it will represent a pretty large section of the manhood of the state. The figures are not yet in hand for the game killed but it is believed the showing in regard to deer and wild turkeys will be fine.

LIEUT. M. E. SHIREMAN DIES AT CAMP GORDON

Lieut. Mervin E. Shireman died at Camp Gordon, Ga., after a three days' illness, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Shireman, 1522 Regina street, yesterday. Lieutenant Shireman enlisted fourteen years ago in the Regular Army, serving in the Philippines and Eagle Pass, Tex., prior to his station at Camp Gordon. Funeral services and burial will be at New York City, where his wife and a child are living. His military term would have expired next year when he would have been pensioned by the government. He was widely known here.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT

George Delia, who was arrested yesterday on a larceny charge, received a hearing in police court this afternoon. He is 17 years old, an Italian, and claimed to be from Paterson, N. J. He was arrested by Michael Hoffman, who says he saw him take a pair of gauntlets from an automobile standing at Third and North streets. At the police sttion, a flashlight found in his possession was identified by Harry Saunders, 350 South Cameron street, as belonging to him.

SPANGLER HAS IT HIS OWN WAY

York County Representative Will Announce Candidacy For Speaker During Day

According to Republicans active in state affairs in Philadelphia on Saturday it has been generally agreed that the following selections will be made for the three leading offices of the next House:

Speaker of the House—Robert S. Spangler, Carlisle, York county.

Chief Clerk of the House—Thomas H. Garvin, Sharon Hill, Delaware county.

Resident Clerk of the House—William S. Leib, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

It is confidently predicted that this trio will get the indorsement of the caucus of he Republican members of the House who will assemble in Harrisburg on Monday evening, January 6, and that they will be elected at the meeting of the House the following day.

Mr. Spangler made known the fact that he will formally announce his candidacy to succeed Richard J. Baldwin, of Dalaware ounty, as Speaker in his home town. He called upon Governor-elect Sproul and Senator Penrose and spent some time meeting legislators and others on Saturday. He was accompanied by Samuel S. Lewis, the Republican leader of York county, to whom is given most of the credit for the wonderful showing made by the Republicans in that Congressional district at the late election. Mr. Spangler said he had nothing to say beyond reiterating his previous declaration that in the event of his election to the Speakership it will be his aim to give fair treatment to every member of the House regardless of party or factional consideration.

FREAK TREE CUT DOWN

Gettysburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Charles Bushey discovered a freak tree while out cutting wood on his farm near York Springs. While cutting into cordwood the tree that he had felled, a large maple, he came across a limb about three inches thick that was fastened at both ends to the trunk. After sprouting, the limb had evidently grown upward for some distance and then bent itself toward the trunk, to which it attached itself, the growth forming a perfect union. The limb is nearly the same thickness at the top as it is at the bottom.

WILBUR MORSE PROMOTED

Ensign Wilbur Morse of the United States Navy, and connected with the intelligence department, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant, according to word received here. Lieutenant Morse was formerly in the insurance business in Harrisburg.

STRAWBERRIES ON CHRISTMAS

Gettysburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Ripe strawberries were picked near Greencastle on Christmas Day. Mrs. Susan Brumbaugh, who lives a mile south of town, while in her garden, noticed the red berries peeping forth and picked a small handful.

GREAT BOXING FRAYS THIS YEAR

Willard to Meet Dempsey; Pat Moore and Jimmy Wilde to Hook Up

Before the end of the year of 1919 comes around there'll probably be staged some of the greatest bouts to be fought to a decision in the history of the Queensbury ring. Now that the big war is over and fistic promoters are getting down to business the champions cannot much longer evade real battles. They will be obliged to properly defend their titles in the regular orthodox manner or throw up the sponge and abdicate their thrones.

Yes, before Christmas comes again we'll probably see a new crop of champions, not only in America, but in France, England and Australia.

New, young, fighting blood is fast springing up. Vigorous, stalwart, battling boys who have been through the hardest gruelling of the big war, will shortly enter the fistic arena to try their luck, pluck and prowess.

Jack McAuliffe, who is in France serving as a secretary of Knights of Columbus, writes to a friend from Paris:

"You would be surprised how our soldier boys are boxing over here. They are simply crazy over here, and some of them have the makings of a champion.

"I had charge of a batch of American boxers that went to London to contest for the King's trophy. They did pretty well considering they didn't have much training.

"But when the boys get back home, believe me, they will make some of those stallers fight or take to the tall timbers. All they need is a little coaching, experience and training to polish them up."

Big Bouts in Sight

Among the many important and sensational combats which will probably be fought in 1919 are the following:

Jess Willard versus Jack Dempsey for the world's heavyweight title, 20 rounds to a decision. The public demands that Dempsey shall be the big champion's next opponent, and no other lesser fight will do.

Jimmy Wilde versus Pat Moore for the world's bantam title, 20 rounds of course. It has already been announced that Wilde will come here to meet Moore and any others of his class.

Mike Gibbons wants to box Jack Dempsey, but for only ten rounds. However, that would be quite a rare display of a bully, rushing swinger up against a real scientific artist.

George Carpentier is most likely to visit this country within the next year and box Dempsey or some other top-notcher in a 20-round contest.

Benny Leonard before many moons will be obliged to defend his crown against Lou Tendler, of Philadelphia, Frankie Britt or Charley White in an extended bout. These boys are hot on the lightweight champion's trail.

The featherweight title seems to be vacant, now that Johnny Kilbane has declared his retirement. So a few topnotchers in this class will have to fight it for that crown. But who are they? Just at present there seems to be but very few real classy features in the ring who shine forth as a coming champion.

If Battling Ortega of California, can get down to welterweight and be fit, he'll probably beat Ted Lewis for the championship of that class in 1919. He's some fighter, this boy from the Pacific coast.

Mike O'Dowd, the heroic middleweight champion, will soon be home from the war, full of pep and fight. He's simply spoiling for a mill after his recent victories in King's tournament in London. Mickey is one champ who lives to scrap and scrap.

So the outlook for the boxing game appears pretty fine and prosperous for the coming new year.

Here Is a Good Match For Gordon Ford or the Tech Basketball Team

Office of Naval Inspector of Ordnance, Homestead Steel Works, Munhall, Pa.
Dec. 27, 1918.

Sporting Editor, Harrisburg's Best Sporting Paper, Harrisburg, Pa.:

Sir—Would you be kind enough to insert the following in the sport columns of your valuable paper, and oblige:

The United States Navy Ordnance basketball team, of Pittsburgh, Pa., intends to make a trip East as far as Lancaster or York, Pa., and would like to hear from high schools or first-class independent teams who would desire this Service (sailor) team as an attraction. This team is a first-class team in every respect and will guarantee a good game. Would like to arrange games at Altoona, Tyrone, Lewistown, Harrisburg, Lancaster, York or Columbia, Pa. Address A. C. Green, Box 734, Munhall, Pa.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am,

Yours for sports,
A. C. GREEN.

HOUSING NEEDS NOT BETTERED BY PEACE

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unfortunate possibilities that have recently appeared.

Mr. McFarland said:

"I do not believe many American citizens realize what a tremendously important thing the government has been undertaking in the past twenty months in relation to the future prosperity, security and general decency of the workers of the land. Forced by diminished production and by an abnormal and unheard-of labor turn-over to pay some attention to the living conditions of workers, it was discovered that wages alone would not hold men on any job. Food, health, housing and recreation—all were essential to a contented and productive condition.

"Local housing operations fell down everywhere, not only because of the high price of building material, but because of the impossibility of getting building material at any price, or labor to use it. Further, it has been apparent to some of us for a long time that the proper housing of industrial workers was a subject quite as suitable for government attention as the loaning of money to farmers or as the promotion of the interests of people on the land through the Department of Agriculture.

"Accordingly some of the keenest and ablest men and women in the land were assembled in the great production departments at Washington. The Ordance Bureau of the War Department, and the Emergency Fleet Corporation in the Navy Department had to undertake housing in order to get anything through. To help out the whole situation the United States Housing Corporation was formed, and though put into operation among the latest of all the larger government war functions, it has done heroic and tremendous work.

"Something over one hundred and fifty projects were sketched in various parts of the country close to munition production centers. More than twenty-five of these projects are yet in the building stage in the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and some thirty are well along in the United States Housing Corporation.

"All of these operations, save where it was necessary to create new towns because of the manufacture of some explosive substance, like T. N. T., for example, were related to either existing communities or planned to be permanent, so that the government's money was not to be wholly wasted.

"For example, there may be found within a radius of fifteen miles of Hog Island shipyards in Philadelphia, but including also the great shipyards at Chester and Camden, examples of housing of every sort. There have been built regular Philadelphia rows of houses of the most objectionable type, though fortunately few of them. There are modified and improved blocks of houses. There are houses in groups of two, four, six and eight, as well as semi-detached houses and charming separate houses.

"Some of these projects are in ordinary ugly city conditions; others are in exceedingly attractive suburban conditions. At Yorkship Village, near Camden, nearly two thousand houses are almost ready for use, including the most important experiment in decent housing ever undertaken in America. On the other side of the river, just below Chester, is the notable village of Buckman, where something like five hundred houses are nearly ready for occupancy, and these houses are just about as good in a general way as those in Bellevue Park, Harrisburg, because they are built with a view to land contours, trees, vistas, open spaces and the like.

"Hilton, near Newport News, is another of these items in social justice which relates to the permanent and tremendously large shipbuilding enterprise in that neighborhood.

"Now all of these enterprises are hoped to be permanent, and they will be unless swamped by the wave of silly destructiveness which got into Congress shortly after the armistice was signed.

"No one has suggested that the signing of the armistice wiped out a half million industrial workers who have been living in wretched and unfortunate conditions. No one has suggested that the big shipyards and the big plants for the making of machinery related to shipbuilding are to go out of business. Yet a joint resolution was introduced in the Senate and actually passed under the insistence of Senator Reed, of Missouri, which ordered the United States Housing Corporation to immediately cease work on all buildings not more than 75 per cent. completed! The argument was made that it would be better to throw away those projects than to complete them, for, as some of these wise men observed, the war was over and there was no need for any more attention to decency in housing!

"Fortunately, this resolution has been held up in the House of Representatives. Hearings begin on it January 8. If the people of Harrisburg want to see come through a great experiment, costing insofar as the waste part of it is concerned, considerably less than one battleship, but which may improve and stabilize living conditions for the industrial centers to a great extent, they will all make evident to Mr. Kreider their opposition to the passage of Senate joint resolution 194."

When Mr. McFarland was asked what Harrisburg had to do with the national housing situation, he replied:

"Why, it is easy to see where Harrisburg ought to come into this relation if there is a wise handling of it. The Bethlehem Steel Company has had erected for it a whole new suburb at Bethlehem as part of this government housing operation, and if that works out it would give the most perfect example for improving conditions about Harrisburg.

"It was brought out some time ago that Harrisburg's reserve of unoccupied houses was less than one per cent. and all of us know that the condition is a very serious one in port of broad housing movements as would make it possible for Harrisburg, for example, to do as well as Camden has done, to be treated half as well as Chester is being treated, and to have access to the mass of data and experience that is being accumulated, which if the respect to the getting here of any more industries. I have had the hope that the fair trying out of these great improvements would indicate the way for some federal supresolution referred to should pass would all be wasted.

"Harrisburg needs better housing. It needs the same sort of treatment as Bridgeport, Conn., has had; such as may be found also in Moline and Rock Island, Illinois, and in many other communities all over the country. If we want here to participate in the best things the government has been doing, we will most surely join in preventing the indiscriminate junking of these housing projects.

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LAURENCE H. LACKEY

Laurence H. Lackey, aged 33 years, died yesterday at his home, 642 Peffer street. He was a teamster and was the son of John Lackey. Besides his father, a sister, Mrs. Mabel Rollin, survive. Funeral services will be held at 7.30 o'clock this evening, the Rev. A. M. Stamets, pastor of Augsburg Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be made Thursday at Boiling Springs.

BRETZ CASE TO BE HEARD SOON

Disbarment Testimony Will Be Taken in Court Next Wednesday

Upon motion of William M. Hain, representing a committee of the Dauphin County Bar Association, the Court decided to hear testimony in the disbarrment proceedings against Harry M. Bretz, bankrupt lawyer, next Wednesday morning, January 8. Oscar G. Wickersham, counsel for Bretz, said he had no objection to an early date for the hearing. The answer filed for Mr. Bretz was discussed in court by Mr. Hain before a date for the hearing was fixed.

Law Library Report—The annual report of the Dauphin County Law Library Committee was filed showing that $1,482.05 had been spent for books and periodicals this year and 268 volumes were added to the library. C. H. Bergner, treasurer, reported a balance of $1,855.45 and Librarian David F. Young reported that there are now 8,619 volumes in the library. The complete report was filed by H. W. Jacoba.

Hear Divorce Case—Testimony in the divorce action of Robert W. vs. Esther P. Moorhead, alleging desertion, was heard in court. Witnesses were Joseph Melick, Miss Arria Robinson and Mrs. Ava Davidson.

Casualty List For the Weekend Is Very Light

The number of casualties reported for this section by the War Department in to-day's and Sunday's list is light. While none from Harrisburg or vicinity is mentioned in the list made public this morning, two from this section are reported killed in action in this afternoon's section. These are Private Adram Brandt, Elizabethtown, nearest relative given being Christ Brandt, and Private James W. Burns, Williamstown, whose nearest of kin given in the report is Mrs. Emma Taylor.

Only 765 casualties were reported for Sunday, and all of these are given as wounded slightly. Private Joseph Verbos, 567 South Second street, Steelton, is among these. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Verbos, Sr. Corporal John J. Groupe, son of Mrs. Katherine L. Groupe, of Middletown, is another.

Sergeant Claude E. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Green, Highspire, was wounded October 9 by a high explosive shell while fighting in the St. Mihiel salient. The shell caused abrasions of the left arm and shoulder. He is a member of Company B, 327th Infantry, and has been in active service since July 4.

Other in Sunday's list reported as slightly wounded are: Sergeant Major Walter H. Mann, Sunbury; Bugler Louis C. Folk, Myerstown, and Cook Charles F. Gordon, Sunbury.

RECOVER STOLEN AUTO

Police are looking for three young couples who are said to have taken the new automobile owned by William C. Alexander Saturday night from in front of his home, Twenty-second and Market streets, and rode to Lebanon, where they were forced to hire a truck to tow them into Lebanon when something went wrong. They evaded arrest then, and thus far their identity has not been disclosed.

Harrisburg Sportsmen's Club in Tribute Shoot For Instructor Wise

The results of the complimentary shoot held on Saturday by the local Sportsmen's Association at Second and Division streets, in honor of L. M. Wise, a prominent member, who was instructor at a southern aviation camp in target shooting, found J. G. Martin high man. Mr. Wise himself had a rather tough time of it, not being familiar with the gun model used, but the members gave him a great ovation for his efforts to boost the marksmanship sport. The records:

	Shot at.	Broke.
Martin	125	119
Stewart	125	119
Wood	125	113
Hall	125	103
Hoffman	125	101
Rothroch	125	88
Henry	100	80
Thompson	75	64
Segelbaum	75	39
Wise	75	56
Roberts	50	46
Cleckner	50	42
Neidhamer	50	45
Sheetz	50	39
Douglass	25	21

Keystone State Uses Half Million Targets, Leads Nation Trapshooting

A greater number of clay targets were thrown in Pennsylvania this year than in any other state. Usually the state that is favored with the Grand American Handicap Trapshooting tournament shows up in the records of Secretary Shaner, of the Interstate Trapshooting Association, as the one that hurls the most lifeless, and more often elusive clays. This year was an exception, however. Pennsylvania in its registered tournaments threw 578,980 targets to 517,849 for Illinois. Last year Illinois threw 821,855 targets.

Quite naturally there was a falling off in trapshooting tournaments this year as compared with the banner year of 1917. With the continued efforts of Uncle Sam to wage war for freedom for all peoples, trapshooting went to the front. In some places clubs were entirely wiped out. This, as you know, had its effect. In other places man-power was scarce and many men had to miss their usual recreation.

The Interstate Trapshooting Association this year granted sanctions for 408 tournaments, of which 365 are known to have been held, because reports were received from them. The year before 504 tournaments were registered and 493 were held. This, taken by and large, is a mighty fine average. No other sport has stood up so well during these critical and strenuous times.

Seven thousand and fifty-seven individual shooters participated in the 365 tournaments, and 5,164,847 targets were thrown. This is 1,000,000 less targets than were thrown the year previous, but the average number of targets thrown this year exceeds that of last year. The average number of targets thrown at each tournament in 1918 was 14,150, while the average in 1917 was 12,554. Of course, these figures do not show all of the shooting that is done—not by a long shot.

Club tournaments, small league shoots, etc., are not compiled in the above statistics. There are as many targets thrown in league and club shoots as in registered tournaments. The registered tournament idea, however, is the backbone of trapshooting. It is to trapshooting what sanctioned athletic games are to the Amateur Athletic Union, and fixtures are to golf and tennis. The more registered tournaments there are the firmer is the foundation of the sport.

Iowa is the only state that had more than a half century of registered tournaments this year, with fifty-one. Last year Iowa led with sixty-one; in fact, Iowa has had the greatest number of tournaments for several years. New Jersey was high in the number of amateurs in the tournaments, averaging ninety-six. North Carolina led in professionals with an average of fourteen. The average number of amateurs in the 365 tournaments was forty-five and the average number of professionals was six. Forty-five state tournaments were held and ten tournaments were registered in Canada.

Approve Gun Invention Made by Lebanon Captain

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 30.—Captain Harry H. Barnhart, commander of Company D, 109th Machine gun battalion, Twenty-eighth Division, with Pershing in France, was yesterday notified by the War Department of its approval of his invention for machine gun service while attending the officers training school at Fort Sill. He performed an invention for use by night as range finder and locater of distance.

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