

"PLAY BALL" RINGS ON OPENING OF SEASON; TEN-ROUND FIGHTS AT STEELTON TONIGHT

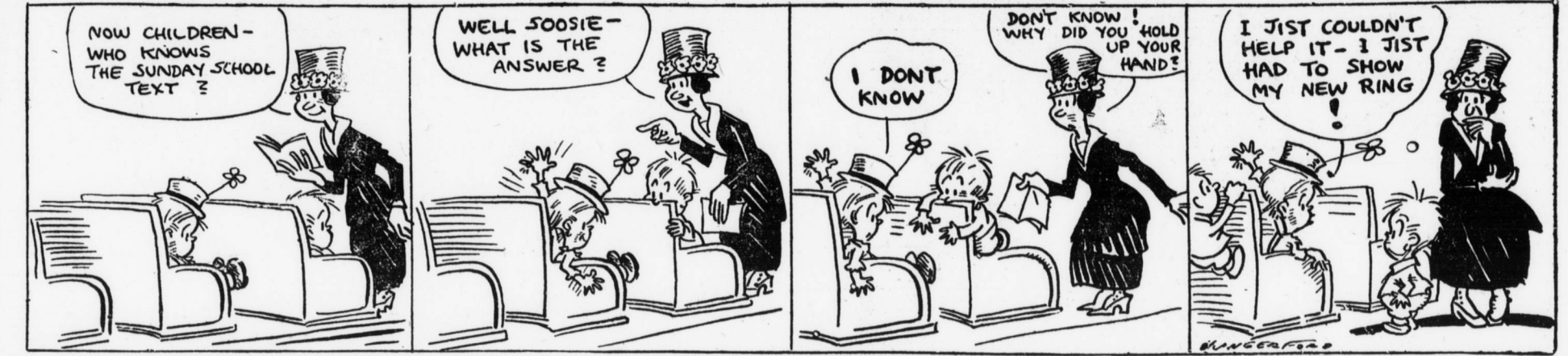
"Play Ball" Will Jazz The Big Leagues Today

What is reckoned as the eightieth season of baseball was due to be turned loose to-day with both big leagues in action. As usual, the national pastime starts with some sort of bickering and to-day a number of sports writers engage in argument as to just when the game did get its beginning. War experience does not appear to have polished Grant Rice, baseball lore for he suggests that the first championship game in the National League was the original starter, won in the year 1876 by Chicago. The Philadelphia experts point out that Rice should have included the five years of the National Association, from 1871 to 1875, inclusive, which was really the start of organized ball; included all the crack players of that period, and played just as fast and high-class ball as the teams of today. He might then have noted that the Athletics of Philadelphia, won the first professional pennant of record in 1871, and the year was Third Baseless Meyerle, of the Athletics, with an average of .403, being thus the first batsman to make a .400 average. In this race Brooklyn is rated as the dark horse. In the American League most of the critics think it will be a five-team race between the favorite, Boston, and New York, Cleveland and Chicago, with Washington having an outside chance. The other three places are assigned to the Athletics, Detroit and St. Louis. The Athletics are considered as the dark horse in this race. The fact is, however, that dope on this proposition went astray nearly every year, and a dark horse has been nosing in at the finish year after year.

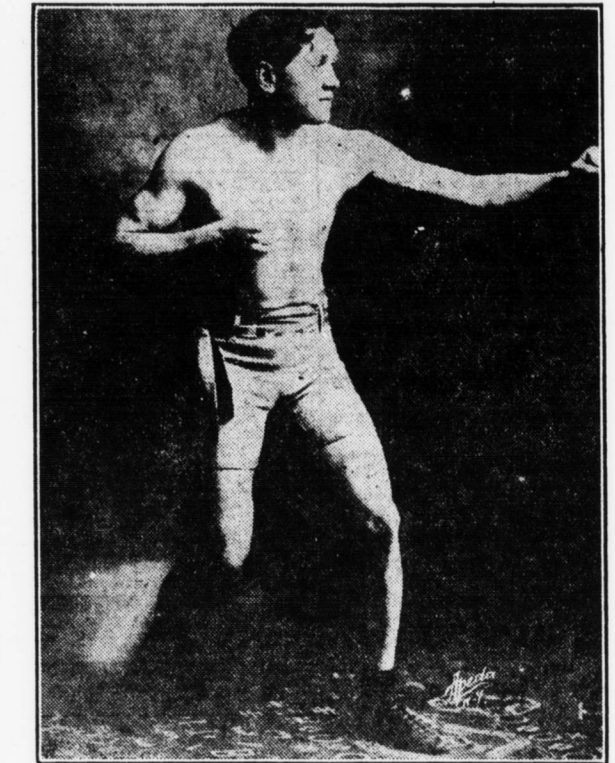
Chicago has bagged eighteen pennants, Boston nine and New York ten. In the fifteen years of American League play Boston and Philadelphia have each won six pennants, Detroit three and Chicago three. The surpassing ability of America to revive has been illustrated in baseball for this year, the sixteen big league clubs all having a roster of skilled players. The parks have been brought back to their original shape for most of them were utilized for war service and the shrewdest of dopesters look for a big season. Games already played indicate that the fans are hungry as ever for the national pastime and attendance is sure to pick up as the season advances. Regarding the end of the race, which, as usual, is being discussed before the start, opinion divides the National League race to Chicago or New York. None of the other teams is conceded more than an outside chance with this duo. Most critics rank Pittsburgh as third; either Cincinnati or Brooklyn fourth, with Boston, Philadelphia and St. Louis originally in the rear. In this race Brooklyn is rated as the dark horse.

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SNOODLES



TEN ROUNDS TONIGHT



JOHNNY KILBANE Featherweight Champion, Who Will Meet Winner of To-Night's Fight.

At no time has a boxing show attracted as much attention as the one arranged for to-night at the Standard Theater, in Steelton, before the Olympia A. C., which is due no doubt to the fans. The feature event is between Sammy Schiff, the local king of the lightweights, and Otto O'Keefe, the Allentown flash. As both boys are very popular in this city, no doubt the house will be well filled for every ring patron remembers the two rattling six-round fights these two youngsters put up here. The first was declared a draw by the newspaper representative; the last bout was decided in O'Keefe's favor. This has the supporters of both boys in a quandary regarding the outcome to-night, but it was up to Barrett to find a way to settle the question, the result being that the bout to-night will go over the longer route. There surely should be a positive winner to-night owing to the fast pace. Schiff claims in his last bout with O'Keefe that he had just gotten over a case of flu, which left him weak, but for this match the local boy says he is in real tip top shape this time, and the Allentown marvel will surely have to step some. Barrett received a wire this morning from Bobby Gunnis, Schiff's manager, stating that he will be here to advise Sammy in this match, as he realizes the importance of it. This is the first time Schiff has had the service of his manager in any of his local bouts. O'Keefe's manager, Frank Baer, says his man will stop Schiff before the limit, at this distance. Barrett states positively that Johnny Kilbane, the world's featherweight champion, will meet the winner of this bout in this city in the near future, this fact alone should surely make both boys go at top speed to get a crack at Kilbane. The other ten-round bout on the bill brings together youngsters who have won many friends in this city by their willingness to mix at the limit, no doubt the local boys, Ralph Harp, and Eddie Graney, of South Bethlehem. Both these boys stopped Nate Isaacman's winning streak. Last week at the Orpheum Theater, newspaper representative, the last he took Nate's place on a few hours' notice and stopped Young O'Leary, of Philadelphia, in the fifth round. This bout should keep the audience on their toes the entire distance, providing one or the other does not hit the rosin before the limit. Instead of making the show too long and keeping the audience in suspense waiting for the real fireworks, Barrett has decided to put on only one six-round preliminary, and it is the pick of the local boys, Ralph Harp, and Eddie Graney, of South Bethlehem. The first bout will start at 8.30 sharp, with no delays between bouts, and no disorder will be tolerated.

MEN OF 112TH VOLUNTEER TO STAY BEHIND

Adventure Calls Keystone Troops For Long Belgian Trip

Special Correspondence With the 112th Infantry in France, April 23.—Within the last forty-eight hours three provisional guard companies, recruited from the Twenty-eighth Division for the purpose of guarding supplies in Antwerp, Belgium, have been formed. In another forty-eight hours they will be on their way to Belgium, facing months of duty, while the other men of the Keystone Division pack up and prepare to leave for either Brest or St. Nazaire within ten days. On Sunday evening, March 30, two companies were recruited following the announcement that volunteers were wanted for the work of seeing that supplies shipped for Belgium relief and to the troops in Germany were not molested when they passed through Antwerp. Officers who volunteered drew lots to see who should command the first two companies. First Lieutenant William B. Murray, adjutant of the First Battalion, One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry, was placed in command of Guard Company One Hundred and Thirty One, with Second Lieutenant Edwin A. Madden in command. First Lieutenant Edward Carl C. Tinsman, of Kittanning, was put in command of Guard Company One Hundred and Thirty Two, with Second Lieutenant Clarence A. Bantz, of the headquarters company, as second in command. In the provisional guard companies are many "old soldiers" of the Pennsylvania National Guard—border veterans, A. E. F. standbys, as well as some who came to the Twenty-eighth Division as replacements. The personnel which the One Hundred and Twelfth Regiment has lost

through the provisional guard plan follows: First Sergeants—Guy M. Neigh, Company K, and Lewis M. Patten, Company A. Mess Sergeants—Edward E. Covert, Company M. Supply Sergeant—Fred W. Creighton, Company M. Sergeants—Forrest N. Braley, Company A; Edward L. Brennan, Company A; John R. Henbett, Company M; Claude P. Heisler, Headquarters Company; John S. Leightner, Company K; Frank P. Lock, Co. M; Joseph G. Spahr, Company A; Lynn L. Sterner, Headquarters Company, and Pierce F. Sundry, Headquarters Company. Corporals—Daniel A. Faust, Headquarters Company; Fred Praser, Company K; John M. Hargett, Headquarters Company; Paul E. Havice, Company M; George E. Heisler, Supply Company; Charles Hottink, Company A; Fred E. Johnson, Company K; Carl A. Mazan, Company K; Glenn D. McElhatton, Company D; Harry S. Perry, Headquarters Company; Warren Schlossman, Headquarters Company; Nelson S. Slonger, Company K; Lucian C. Smith, Company M; John W. Snook, Headquarters Company; Ernest S. Stephenson, Company L; George M. Stutler, Company K, and George E. Wilson, Headquarters Company. Mechanics—Glenn F. Berger, Company A; William J. Jones, Headquarters Company, and Leo Nehil, Company A. Buglers—Lewis L. Frisch, Company K, and Guy A. F. Hoke, Company A. Privates, First Class—Stewart E. Aberg, Company A; Edward E. Brown, Headquarters Company; Peter Christerson, Company E; William L. Cross, Company A; William S. Freed, Company A; Harry M. Gordon, Company K; Newton E. Grant, Company A; Merritt D. Jones, Headquarters Company; Peter J. McGinn, Headquarters Company; Albert Oliver, Company L; Joseph F. Strobel, Company A; R. Warmuth, Company A; John R. Warmuth, Company A, and Marshall Zepp, Headquarters Company. Privates—Clarence P. Adams, Company K; Richard F. Anton, Company K; Alphonse Braia, Company M; Roy H. Beaver, Machine-Gun Company; Edward F. Helm, Company L; Alvin U. Bonner, Supply Company; Guine D. Boydston, Machine-Gun Company; Mark H. Brooks, Company A; Wylie D. Bullard, Company C; Lawrence B. Burner, Company M; Truman A. Caswell, Company B; James E. Courtney,

Headquarters Company. James Curry, Company K; Carlo Dangle, Company D; Sylvester Dango, Company D; Eugene Emery, Company K; Thomas B. Faircloth, Company K; Wulford Fountain, Company D; Joseph M. Fraser, Company K; Arthur Geiselman, Company K; Mack Gridwell, Company B; William C. Goss, Company M; Clyde E. Hughes, Company L; Isaac W. Kaynskie, Company K. Robert R. Hutton, Company M; Levi E. Keeney, Company A; William F. Koch, Company K; Paul A. Lohr, Company K; John McCabe, Company L; Isaac W. Myers, Company A; Claude P. Patten, Company M; Charles W. Peters, Headquarters Company; Thomas Price, Headquarters Co.; G. H. McCracken, Company M; William M. Reddin, Headquarters Company; Samuel L. Ritchey, Company K. Charles M. Scott, Headquarters Company; John D. Sanders, Machine-Gun Company; Daniel C. Shaffer, Headquarters Company. Robert Spang, Machine-Gun Company; Walter Taylor, Company M; Walter Taylor, Company D; Elmer C. Toll, Headquarters Company; Roy Walck, Company K; Plas W. Warf, Company A; Walter H. White, Company M; Coy C. Williams, Company B; W. R. Wingert, Headquarters Company and John J. Smith, Headquarters Company.

Where Opening Games of Season Will Be Played

Table listing where opening games of the season will be played for various teams, including Philadelphia-New York vs. Phillies, Cincinnati-St. Louis vs. Cincinnati, Chicago-Pittsburgh vs. Chicago, etc.

YANK SHOOTERS FOR THE OLYMPIC

Pete Carny Announces That Highest Ten in 1919 Averages Will Be Sent

With the selection of Antwerp, Belgium, as the place for the holding of the Olympic games in 1920 the American Trapshooting Association announced its intention of sending a team of trapshooters to represent the United States, according to an authoritative source. The team will be composed of the ten highest in the official 1919 averages of 2,000 or more registered in this branch of sport. The American Trapshooting Association believes that this is the best team to select a team and to pay its expenses. Every trapshooter in the United States has a chance to be on the team. All he or she has to do is to shoot well enough to be among the high ten guns for 1919. The team representing the United States won the trapshooting championship in Olympic games in Stockholm in 1912, and Jay Graham of Ingleside, Ill., won the individual championship. Graham is now a professional shooter. The American shooters won the championship of the world in 1914, and the American shooters were entirely foreign to them. They shot with the gun below the elbow until the object was seen in Stockholm. Whether the same rules will govern the events in Belgium is a matter for the American Olympic committee to look out for. American shooters prefer to have the gun to the shoulder ready to fire when the target appears.

Hill League Appoints "Dick" Nebinger First on Its Umpire Staff

"Dick" Nebinger, former Boston American League player, has been selected as the first of the staff of umpires of the Allison Hill League. The former big leaguer is acceptable to all the managers of the league, and his appointment followed. Other appointments will follow soon as the opening of the season is but twelve days away. D. C. Hawley was added to the grounds committee of which C. P. Pressler is chairman. They have secured the assistance of the Park Department to place the field in good condition through the help of V. Grant Forrer. A force of men started work on the field this morning. The league accepted the proposition of Thomas Taylor, Market Square Jeweler, to donate a diamond ring to the player voted the most popular in the organization. Managers of Rosewood, Galahad, Reading and St. Mary's predicted successful seasons for their organizations. Rosewood, last year's winner, has signed up all of last season's players except one. "Mose" Swartz, Harrisburg's "wonder boy" pitcher, will again pitch in the big circuit with the Reading team. His contract was received yesterday by Manager Pressler. The board of directors will hold their final meeting prior to the opening of the season, next Tuesday evening. Attending the meeting were: Nicholas P. Zerance and Joseph Sostar, St. Mary's; C. P. Pressler, Reading; D. C. Hawley, Galahad; Karl E. Peters, Rosewood, and President E. E. Knauss.

Big Crowd Sees Algonquins Beat the East End Team

Table showing league standings for Algonquins and East End teams, including Swatara, Algonquins, East End, and Leaves.

Marysville Has Open Dates For Local Teams

Manager Harry Stees, of the Marysville team, of the Dauphin-Perry League, is anxious to arrange practice games for May 2 and 19 on the Marysville grounds. Interested managers should communicate with Manager Stees, at 203 Walker street, Harrisburg. He will have candidates for the team out for practice late this week or early next week.

Hold Banquet

E. M. Singer spoke of co-operation at the first dinner of the Atlantic Association held at Rutherford's last night. Twenty-nine employees of the Atlantic Refining Company were present. The association was organized about two months ago. It will meet twice a month.

W. C. T. U. TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Harrisburg W. C. T. U. will be held in the Fourth Street Church of God to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Reports of the peace and evangelistic superintendents will be presented.

Ernest Lehmer, Best Wrestling Lightweight, Beats Milton Over

Wrestling is spreading all over the State, probably encouraged by the Capital City's fine shows and last night Milton turned out en masse to see Ernest C. Lehmer, best featherweight champion, defeat the star of Milton, Royce Hoffman. The Family theater was filled with Milton's foremost citizens who showed their desire for high-class athletics. The crowd was in perfect order, although the match was dramatic. After wrestling very hard and fast for 41 minutes and 40 seconds, the Milton man, who was heavier than Lehmer, cried out in great pain, for Lehmer had a night hammer-lock on his arm. Fred Sasman, of Sunbury, and when two doctors rushed to the arena they found Hoffman in bad shape. He was unconscious and had to be carried to his dressing room. It was found that he sustained a heart ligament. Hoffman was so disappointed he asked Sasman, middleweight bout with Lehmer. It lasted 20 minutes without a fall. Lehmer gave evidence of his experience, waiting a long time while Hoffman brought the battle to him, then jumping in at the right moment, like Strangler Lewis did here to Doc Roller, he overcame him quickly.

Kiwanis Club Plans to Hold Picnic at Hershey

Plans for a big picnic of Kiwanis clubs from over the entire State, to be held at Hershey Park, will be discussed at to-morrow noon's luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Harrisburg, to be held at the Penn-Harris Hotel. Representatives of various clubs of the State are expected to be in attendance. The Harrisburg Club has been asked to be the entertainment end of the picnic, and Charles L. Schmidt, chairman of the local entertainment committee, has promised some very startling amusement stunts. Chairman Schmidt has also arranged a series of colorful and vigorous numbers on the program for to-morrow's luncheon. A feature of to-morrow's luncheon, which has just been announced, will be Joseph LaRose, baritone soloist. Mr. LaRose, who has just returned from France, was formerly in the Seventh Infantry Band.

VESTRYMEN ELECTED

At a congregational meeting in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Second and Emerald streets, Monday night, the following vestrymen were elected: S. W. Mosser, J. W. Kellogg, J. R. Lane, T. P. Ettele, E. C. Lamey, S. D. Coe, J. J. Keffer, W. D. Bottgenbach, B. E. Dickinson, R. H. Wharton and W. E. Anywl. One vacancy occurs and this will be filled at a meeting Friday night.

TO HOLD RECEPTION

Captain John T. Bretz and Miss Marie Bergstresser, a returned Red Cross nurse, will speak at a reception to be held in the Messiah Lutheran Church to-night when the ninety men who have returned to civilian life after wearing their country's uniform will be the guests of honor. Prof. J. J. Brehm will preside.

CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT

He—But do you think I could deceive my own little wife? She—No, I know you couldn't; but you are silly enough to try.—Boston Transcript.



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Belmont Juniors Ready to Tackle Any Teams Averaging 18 Years

The Belmont Juniors have organized for the coming season and would like to arrange games with any high school team, or any other team whose players average 18 to 20 years old. The following players have been practicing hard under Manager Shenk for the last week: G. Cain, C. Holsopole, P. Black, R. Black, C. Shiner, Davis, C. Hill, C. Rosenberg, S. Bowers, W. Klineyoung, R. Hendricks, Gilbert, M. Fissell and P. Davies. Any teams wishing games should communicate with Manager Shenk, 1942 State street.