

## SPORTS

FARMERS DEFEAT  
MERCHANTS, 18-3Large Crowd Sees Game At  
H. S. Gym; Winners  
Are Challenged

Before a howling crowd of rooters, which filled the high school gymnasium almost to capacity, the Kirkland township farmers humiliated the Decatur Merchants in a basket ball game last night, the final score being 18-3. The Farmers had the better of the argument throughout the contest and never were in danger of defeat. The first half ended 12-0.

O. L. Vance, manager of the Merchants, stated today that he acknowledged the farmers' clean-cut victory, but the defeat of his team was due to the fact that the players disobeyed training rules and were up late on the preceding night. He said he had them all on the green carpet this morning and told them that the next time they were out the night before a big game he would reduce their salaries.

The farmers made the first appearance on the floor last night. Led by the veteran fiddler, James Niblick, playing an old-time air, they paraded around the floor. The Merchants then paraded onto the floor, led by their red cross nurse, William O'Brien. After a few warming up exercises, Referee Earl Blackburn blew his whistle and the game was on. The Farmers soon started out to win the first quarter (the game was played in quarters to accommodate the cigarette smokers who played on the teams) the farmers were ahead, 6-0. The merchants made three substitutions in the second quarter in an attempt to stem the tide of battle, but they failed to score and the Farmers increased their lead to 12-0 before the half ended.

It was during the second quarter that the most serious accident of the game occurred. Hugh Hite, forward on the Merchants' quintet, collapsed under the goal during a lively scrimmage. The red cross nurse rushed to his side and soon Dr. Eichhorn, local veterinarian, was on the scene administering a shot in the arm. The stretcher bearers next appeared on the scene and carried Mr. Hite to the dressing room where he was revived.

The Merchant's first score came shortly after the second half had started when Charles Zimmerman, trailing along in the dust of defeat lengthwise, caged a pretty field and obscurity. And don't anyone get goal. The Merchants' backers went the idea that razzing the referee or wild with delight. Then Floyd Liby "kidded" the players or coach is sank a free throw and it looked like school spirit or live wire sportsmanship. The fan who sets as still as a Merchant. However, the rally was spiky and says nothing is far nearer short lived and the Merchants were held scoreless for the remainder of Columbia City glad they came to the game, while the farmers increased their total to 18.

Harve Beery was the scoring ace for the Farmers. He caged four field goals during the game. William Arnold contributed two field goals to the score and Harve Mankey and Ralph Spade caged one and two field goals respectively. Spade showed signs of turning the defeat into a massacre so the Farmers' manager jerked him out of the lineup after he had caged two baskets. Mankey was a stonewall at backguard.

There were no stars in the Merchants' lineup. All showed the effects of the fast pace set by the Farmers before they had played long. It was necessary for the horse doctor to give Bill Lign a shot in the arm during the second half to keep him going. One of the stars of the game was the referee. Mr. Blackburn, who successfully evaded any fights and was able to leave the floor unescorted following the game.

The Washington township Farmers have challenged the victorious Kirkland township Farmers for a game and the Preble All-Stars have issued a challenge to the winner of that game for another contest. The city school teachers also issued a challenge to the winner of last night's game. The dates for the future games have not been set.

Lineups and summary:  
Farmers (18)      Merchants (3)  
Ed Arnold.....F.....Fred Kolter  
Bill Arnold.....F.....Hugh Hite  
Harve Beery.....C.....Ira Fuhrman  
H. Barger.....G.....C. Zimmerman  
Harve Mankey.....G.....Harry Daniels  
Substitutions: Farmers — Ralph Spade for Ed Arnold, Charles Arnold for Spade; Earl Martin for Charles Arnold. Merchants — Bill Lian for Daniels, Harry Knapp for Fuhrman, Felix Maier for Hite, Floyd Liby for Kolter. Field goals: Bill Arnold, 2; Beery, 4; Mankey, 1; Spade, 2; Zimmerman, 1. Free throws: Liby, 1.

Berne Girl Making Good  
In College Basketball

Berne, Jan. 22.—Miss Edna van der Smissen, star forward on last year's girls' basketball team of the Berne high school is making good as a forward on the Bluffton College (Ohio)

girls' team where Miss Edna is a native of old traditions influencing the Freshman. Last Friday the Bluffton play of some Eastern teams. The College co-ed team played the Belle Center team on the latter's floor and against which Notre Dame played were defeated by a close score of 15 to 14.

Miss van der Smissen was a star of the game and scored all of the fourteen points for Bluffton according to the Wilmersum, the Bluffton College news publication. The game Friday was the first the Bluffton girls played this year and the game was also the first college game Miss van der Smissen played.

Football In West Is  
Triumph For Middle Class

"Why do Western teams win the majority of inter-sectional football games? The real truth is, the West triumphs because the East is too 'soft' to win."

This is the view of Knute Rockne, the veteran Notre Dame coach, whose teams probably are the leading inter-sectional players of the country, in a discussion of Western vs. Eastern football in this week's issue of the magazine Liberty.

"Western football is superior to Eastern in every department except the kicking," says Rockne. "The great difference is that in the West, the coaches give more latitude to

A fast and interesting game is expected. The Decatur Wonder Five will play the preliminary game.

Hawkins fought and lost in his hearing before United States Commissioner Andrew Iddings, who ordered him held for removal forthwith to federal court at Indianapolis and fixed his bond at \$20,000. The amount

put up sometime ago by friends, when he was arrested as a fugitive from justice.

Plainville. — John Tucker will be

careful next time. E. J. Jones, deputy sheriff, claims Tucker sold him a quart of white mule and Tucker is repenting his mistake at leisure.

## Girls! Have Pretty Eyes

No girl is pretty if her eyes are red, strained or have dark rings. Simple camphor, witch hazel, etc., as mild in Lavoptik eye wash, keeps eyes healthy, sparkling and vivacious. Dainty eye cup free. Smith, Yager & Falk, druggists.

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TONIGHT—TOMORROW

## "THE GAIETY GIRL"

A Universal Attraction with  
MARY PHILBIN

Romance has a thrilling race with reckless youth in the midst of life's gayest whirl.

"LAUGHING GAS," a good comedy.

10c 25c

Sunday—"The Fast Worker"  
with Reginald Denny.HAWKINS TO  
BE RETURNEDLoses Fight To Escape Re-  
turn To Federal Court  
At Indianapolis

Portland, Ohio, Jan. 22.—(Special to The Portland Independents will Daily Democrat)—Morton S. Hawkins, coach of the G. E. basketball team at the alleged "master mind" in the so-called



Today -- Thursday, Jan. 22nd -- Is

## Budget Day

Keeping a Budget helps you to get more out of life—try it!

The object in keeping a Budget is to get full value out of your money. Plan in advance to spend your money so that it will bring the greatest satisfaction and the fullest return.

Plan what your expenses for each general item should be each week —rent, food, clothing, amusements, doctors' bills, charities, life insurance and savings. With your expenses fixed, there is little chance of wasteful spending—and every possible prospect of increasing your savings.

Keeping a Budget will make for sure and systematic savings. BUDGET DAY is a good day to plan your 1925 Budget! Start right in today!

## ASK US FOR ONE OF OUR BUDGET BOOKS

They're FREE and will help you solve your money troubles and worries. You can keep an accurate account of your own in black and white and absolutely KNOW what and where your money goes. We'll gladly explain this method of "HOME BOOK-KEEPING"—Come in—we're always glad to see you.

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