

SPORTS

LEADERS NET TEAM TO PLAY

Fast Independent Quintet To Be In Field Again; Lineup Announced

The Decatur Leaders will be reorganized and entered in the independent basketball field again this winter. Plans for reorganizing the team and arranging a schedule are already under way. The team will play its home games in the gymnasium in the new Catholic school building, it was announced today.

True "Tabby" Andrews, local restaurant owner and a member of the Leader team for the last two years, is booking games for the team. Requests for games have been received from Auburn, Richmond and Bluffton. The first game likely will be played with the Bluffton Phi Deltis, sometime next month. The home games will be played on Tuesday nights. If the support warrants, the Leaders will play one game each week on the home court.

The personnel of the Leaders' squad this season will include Andrews, Oliver, Christ and Shirk from last year's squad; Walter Miller, captain of the Decatur high school quintet last season; and Earl Christen, floor guard on the Catholic high school team last year. Christ and Christen likely will take care of the guard positions, while Oliver holds down his old position at center. Andrews, Miller and Shirk will work at forward. Practice will be started soon and the team likely will open the season away from home during the latter part of this season.

Last season, the Leaders won 17 out of 24 games, scoring a total of 758 points to 592 for their opponents. They won the city championship by defeating the General Electric quintet two games out of three.

I. U. Cross Country Team to Meet Notre Dame

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 20.—The Indiana University championship cross country team will open its season Saturday in a meet with Notre Dame. A new course has been mapped out for the race and the teams will finish in the new Memorial Stadium.

The most promising candidates for the team are Caine, captain; Rose, Mastins, Alexander, Little, Zeplovitz, Easton, Reed, White and Baker.

Seventeen Games On I. U. Basketball Card

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 20.—Seventeen games, 12 of them with "Big Ten" universities, comprise the basketball schedule of Indiana University announced today.

Western conference opponents in home and home games and home games are Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin,

Northwestern, Purdue and Illinois. Nonconference teams on the schedule are Miami, Depauw, Kentucky, Charleston and Wabash, the latter to be new teams on Crimson court cards.

The schedule follows: December 19, Miami here; December 15, Depauw at Greencastle; December 19, Wabash here; January 5, Kentucky here; January 9, Minnesota here; January 11, Wisconsin at Madison; January 18, Northwestern at Chicago; January 23, Purdue here; February 1, Iowa here; February 13, Purdue at Lafayette; February 19, Illinois here; February 26, Minnesota at Minneapolis; February 27, Carleton at Northfield, Minn.; March 2, Northwestern here; March 6, Illinois at Urbana, Ill.; and March 9, Wisconsin here.

BERNE OPENS NET SEASON

High School And Grade Teams Beat Monroe; Jefferson Beats Bryant

Berne, Oct. 20.—The basketball season opened here last Friday night with three games on the evening's program. In the first game, the Berne eighth grade team defeated the Monroe eighth graders, 46 to 3. In the second game, the Jefferson township high school defeated Bryant high school, 25 to 22. In the last game of the evening, the Berne high school quintet won a rough and hard-fought game from the Monroe high school team, 19-10. Berne and Monroe high were tied 6 to 6 at the half. Jefferson won from Bryant by staging a rally in the last ten minutes, Bryant having held a comfortable lead early in the game. Berne will play a return game with Monroe high school, in the old gymnasium at Decatur Friday night.

Prize Fighter Is Stabbed By Bellboy

Indianapolis, Oct. 20.—(United Press)—Charles McAuliffe, 21, of Chicago, known in the fight world as Herbie Schaeffer, is in the city hospital here today suffering with three deep stab wounds in his back.

Ollie Watkins, negro bellboy, is under arrest charged with attacking McAuliffe after an argument in the latter's room in a local hotel. McAuliffe was slated for intoxication.

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MORE MILEAGE UNLIKELY NOW

State Highway Commission May Not Add More Roads To System This Year

Indianapolis, Oct. 20.—Possibility that no more mileage would be added this fiscal year to the state highway system was forecast today by John D. Williams, director of the state highway commission.

The mileage which may be taken over by the commission is limited partly by the appropriation for maintenance and partly by the mileage paved.

The last legislature pared to the bone the appropriation for the maintenance department of the commission and that department is now operating under an appropriation of \$3,200,000.

The commission paved 265 miles of highway during the fiscal year ending September 30.

Williams holds a pessimistic outlook on the prospects for road improvements during the coming year.

In at least half a dozen cases road maintenance work has practically reached its limit, Williams said, and further maintenance will be nearly as expensive as it would be to pave the highways.

A twenty five mile stretch of gravel road from Plymouth to Peru is a typical instance, Williams declared. This road will not stand up much longer unless it is renewed.

The finances of the state highway commission were the subject of heated debate during the last session of the state legislature.

Supporters of the economy platform of Governor Jackson insisted on bringing the highway commission's expenditures under budget control, while good roads enthusiasts insisted such action would make the highway progress a political football.

Gary.—The Gary American Legion plans to send 175 World War veterans to the American Legion convention in 1927.

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OPPOSITION TO MELLON'S TAX PLAN IS SEEN

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perts this would provide no material reduction for persons with incomes under \$10,000.

Chairman Green announced he believed taxes would safely be lowered beyond the \$500,000,000 mark set by Mellon. Other republican and democratic members privately gave the same opinion.

Briefly, the Mellon plan—for it is a complete tax plan, though Secretary Mellon does not desire it should be described as his own personal project—is as follows:

NORMAL TAX

The rate would be reduced from two per cent to one per cent on incomes of less than \$4,000; from 4 per cent to 3 per cent on the next \$4,000 and 6 to 5 per cent on the next \$4,000.

SURTAXES

A graduated scale is proposed from one per cent on incomes of \$12,000, to 20 per cent of \$150,000, and above.

STATE AND GIFT TAXES

Both would be repealed.

ADMISSIONS

would remain the same as at present—10 per cent on admissions of more than 50 cents.

AUTOMOBILES

Tax on accessories, trucks and tires would be removed entirely; tax on pleasure automobiles to be retained as now.

PUBLICITY

Publication of tax returns would be repealed.

CORPORATIONS

The treasury has no objection to combining the capital stock tax with the corporation tax for a flat rate of 1 1/2 per cent on all corporations.

MISCELLANEOUS

Taxes on art to be abandoned; on

jewelry to be corrected to prevent evasions.

Eight witnesses were on the docket for a hearing today, the second session of ten day hearings which are to precede actual work of drawing the new bill.

CITY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY

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noon Wednesday for the remainder of the week while the teachers are attending the state meeting.

A wonderful program has been arranged for the three days and subjects of interest to the teachers will be discussed. Several noted speakers are on the program and the conference promises to be one of the most interesting ever held. The Northern Indiana teachers' conference was not held at Fort Wayne this year and, therefore, the local teachers are going to Indianapolis to the state conference.

No Trace Of Poison In Woman's Stomach

Los Angeles, Oct. 20.—Official inquiry into the sudden death here of Mrs. Craig Biddle, Philadelphia society leader, was abandoned today following a preliminary report of the county chemist.

There was no trace of a corrosive poison in the dead woman's stomach, it was reported by the examining official. There were indications, however, that death might have been super-induced by alcoholism, it was said.

Both police and district attorney investigators declared the investigation would be dropped.

JURY IS HALF COMPLETED IN MURDER TRIAL

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available jury material was exhausted and court was adjourned for half an hour while more members of the second venire were hastily summoned.

The two most interested spectators in the courtroom were George Oberholtzer and Marshall Oberholtzer, father and brother of the dead girl.

The three defendants were less attentive to the questions of the attorneys as they drifted away in their endless repetition of questions.

LEGION MEETING TUESDAY

A special meeting of the American Legion will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the hall. All members are urged to be present.

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Two Sisters Sue Celina Man For Breach Of Promise

Celina, Ohio, Oct. 20.—The Misses Birdie Riley and Kathryn Riley, sisters, of Mercer county, are suing the same man, namely, John Schwietzman, for breach of promise. Each of the sisters alleges that Schwietzman promised to marry her and that he refused to do so after they had made preparations for the ceremony. Each is asking for \$10,000 damages from the defendant. The suits were filed in Common Pleas court here.

Ashtland, Ky., Oct. 20.—(United Press)—The charred bodies of three children were evidence today of a fire that swept a home at Canonsburg, ten miles south of here, late yesterday.

The children were burned to death and their mother fell from exhaustion and burns in a gallant but vain attempt to rescue them.

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