



## SPORTING NEWS

### YELLOW JACKET NINE IN ACTION

After three weeks of practice, the Decatur high school Yellow Jackets were scheduled to open their baseball season this afternoon, in a game with the South Side high school nine, at Fort Wayne. The game was to be played in the South Side stadium, starting at 3:30 o'clock.

Coach Curtis stated this morning that George Roop, a sophomore, probably would start the game in the pitcher's box for Decatur. Dick Engle probably will do the catching. The remainder of the lineup was expected to be as follows: Gerber, first base; Passwater, second base; J. Engle, short stop; Bell, third base; Anadell, left field; Hobbie or L. Reynolds, center field; Hill, C. Reynolds or Beery, right field. Ladd, Mauler and Kable probably would be given a chance in the outfield, also.

Roop, Shoaf and Schamerloh are the young pitchers on the squad. Hill and C. Reynolds, both seniors, did most of the hurling last year, but Roop has been showing the most stuff in practice this spring.

Three athletes ineligible. Three athletes were declared ineligible today when the grades for the last six weeks of school were announced. They are Debolt, Brown and Zerkle. Debolt has been playing shortstop on the baseball team and performing with the track team, also. Brown has been catching on the baseball nine and Zerkle has been running tee ball for the track team. They will be ineligible for the remainder of the school year.

The Yellow Jackets will go to Bluffton Saturday for a dual track and field meet and a baseball game. The track and field meet will be held in the afternoon and the baseball game in the forenoon. Coach Curtis said today he probably would take the following fourteen track men to the meet: Anadell, Gerber, Cole, Hill, Roop, C. Reynolds, L. Reynolds, Hobbie, Bodie, Pelz, Passwater, J. Engle, Gereu and Beery.

A revised baseball schedule for the Yellow Jackets, containing eleven games, was announced today by Coach Curtis, as follows:

April 18—South Side, there  
April 21—Bluffton, there  
April 24—Kendallville, there  
April 27—Portland, there  
May 2—Central, here  
May 4—Huntington, there  
May 8—South Side, here  
May 10—Portland, here  
May 15—Bluffton, here  
May 17—Angola, there  
May 22—Central, there.

The baseball championship of the Northeastern Indiana Conference, of which Decatur is a member, will be decided in a post-season game between the winners of the north and south halves of the conference. The winners of the two divisions of the conference will be determined on a percentage basis. Teams in the south half are Decatur, Bluffton, Huntington and the three Fort Wayne schools. Those in the north division are Columbia City, Angola, Kendallville, Auburn and Garrett. At a meeting of the officers of the conference, held in Fort Wayne last Saturday, it was voted to determine the championships of basketball and football in the same manner, with post-season games between the winner of the north and south divisions.

The conference track and field meet will be held at Garrett, May 5, with the trials in the morning and the regular events scheduled for the afternoon.

New officials were elected in the persons of Fred H. Croninger, of Central, as president of the conference; L. S. Brumbaugh, of Kendallville, as vice president; J. H. McCure, of Angola, as secretary-treasurer.

The new officials, together with the sanction of the other representatives, have decided to get new cups. These cups, four in all, will be awarded for basketball, football, baseball and track. The school that wins one three times obtains permanent possession of it.

### YESTERDAY'S HOME RUNS

National League  
Player and Club Season's Total  
Webb, Chicago (1).....2

American League  
Tavener, Detroit (1).....1

The Leaders  
National—Frisch 3, Hendrick 2, Webb 2  
American—Gehrig 2, Goslin 2, Hauser 2, Todd 2

League Totals  
National.....18  
American.....16

Madison, Wis.—The University of Wisconsin's 1929 basketball team will have two captains. They are Elmer Tenhopen, Cleveland, Ohio and Johnny Doyle, Waukegan, Ill., elect last night.

### STANDINGS

National League			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	3	1	.750
Chicago	4	3	.570
St. Louis	3	3	.500
Cincinnati	3	3	.500
Brooklyn	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400
Boston	1	3	.250

American League			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	3	0	1.000
Cleveland	5	1	.833
Washington	4	1	.800
St. Louis	4	2	.667
Chicago	2	3	.400
Boston	1	4	.200
Detroit	1	6	.142
Philadelphia	0	3	.000

American Association			
	W	L	Pct.
Kansas City	5	1	.833
Indianapolis	4	1	.800
St. Paul	3	3	.500
Columbus	4	3	.570
Louisville	3	4	.428
Milwaukee	3	4	.428
Minneapolis	2	4	.333
Toledo	1	5	.167

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

National League  
Chicago 3; St. Louis 2.  
Pittsburgh-Cincinnati (rain)  
Philadelphia-New York (cold)  
Boston-Brooklyn (cold)

American League  
Cleveland 6; Detroit 4.  
Chicago 4; St. Louis 2.  
New York-Boston (cold)  
Washington-Philadelphia (rain)

American Association  
St. Paul-Indianapolis (wet ground)  
Columbus 4; Kansas City 3.  
Milwaukee 9; Toledo 7.  
Milwaukee-Louisville (rain)

College Baseball Results  
(U.P.)  
At South Bend—Notre Dame, 3; Kalamazoo College, 0.  
At Ann Arbor—Michigan, 17; Purdue, 0.

At Columbia—Missouri U., 3; Washington U., 1.  
At Manhattan—Kansas Aggies, 4; Kansas U., 2.

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WITH THE BIG  
LEAGUE STARS  
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(U.P.)  
Kiki Cuyler, Cubs—His single in the tenth drove in the run which beat the Cardinals, 3 to 2.  
Harry Heilmann, Tigers—Made one single in three times up.  
Ruth, Gehrig, Speaker, Cobb, Hornsby and Paul Waner were idle.

## NEW EVIDENCE IS UNEARTHED

Washington, April 18.—(INS)—Fresh evidence, indicating that former secretary of the interior Albert B. Fall wrote the mysterious oil memorandum found in the files of the Senate public lands committee in January, 1924, was unearthed today at the Senate's oil inquiry.

The unsigned oil memorandum, a mystery for four years, declared Fall had never gotten a dollar from Harry P. Sinclair and that Sinclair had never "spent a dollar on Fall's ranch," if actually written by Fall, it would shatter the story that Sinclair paid \$223,000 for an interest in Fall's ranch.

With Clarence C. Chase, Fall's son-in-law on the witness stand, it was shown that the memorandum apparently was written by the same person who wrote a letter to Senator Lenroot (R) of Wisconsin, on December 13, 1924, and signed by Fall. Fall has never denied writing the letter.

### Prominent Banker Dies

Indianapolis, Apr. 18.—(U.P.)—Riley C. Adams, 59, president of the Security Trust company, and well known Indiana banker, died here today of pneumonia. Besides his banking activities Mr. Adams was a leading republican for many years. He served as treasurer of the republican state committee for several years, resigning about a year ago.

### Interurban Kills Two Men

Jeffersonville, Ind., April 18.—(INS)—Dr. W. A. Bagby of Laconia, Iowa, and Emory McCullough of Charles-town, Indiana, were almost instantly killed when the automobile of the Iowa physician was struck by a south bound interstate electric train at Memphis, Indiana, near here.

## ERRORS CAUSE OF TIGERS' COLLAPSE

New York, April 18.—(U.P.)—Nineteen errors in the first seven games. The figures tell the story of the collapse of the Detroit Tigers, one of the most promising ball clubs in the American League at the start of the 1928 season.

A shake-up which will put in the shade the corrective measures undertaken by a number of other major league managers this year is promised by George Moriarty, manager of the Tigers.

Already "Fat" Fothergill, veteran outfielder, and one-time batting king, has been benched by Moriarty, but "Fat's" offense was weak hitting. Other regulars are due to follow Fothergill to the bench as fast as their manager can arrange replacement.

Nineteen errors in seven games! It undoubtedly constitutes a record for major league baseball. And a majority of the bobbles were costly and directly connected with opponents' runs.

Before the season opened, the Detroit Tigers were rated as one of the strongest clubs in the league, an aggregation bound to make trouble and certain to finish in the first division. The Tigers still are one of the best clubs in the junior circuit, and they probably will finish fourth, but it will be some time before they get over the nightmare of their performances during the first week of the season.

The Tigers have not been noticeably weak at bat, but have tossed away what opportunities they attained on the attack by atrocious fielding. Paul Easterling, who took Fothergill's place in the outfield, did some hefty sticking against Cleveland yesterday, and Jack Tavener smacked out a home run, scoring the rookie from Seattle ahead of him, but four costly errors deprived the Tigers of the lead and the ball game.

George Moriarty is a fighting type of manager who is not afraid to take action when finally convinced his team is not doing its best, and Moriarty promises to take the "tiger by the scruff of the neck and shake it until its stripes look like the black squares in a crossword puzzle.

### Watching The Scoreboard

(U.P.)  
Yesterday's Hero: Percy Lee Jones of the Chicago Cubs. The sometimes erratic southpaw had one of his good days and outpitched Grover Cleveland Alexander of the St. Louis Cardinals in a ten-inning contest to win 3 to 2. The Cards made only five hits off Jones. Jones added the final touch to a big day by scoring the winning run in the tenth inning. He led off with a single, advanced on a sacrifice, and scored on Kiki Cuyler's single.

The victory sent the Cubs into a tie with the Cards for second place in the National League.

The Cleveland Indians gained undisputed possession of second place in the American League by defeating the Detroit Tigers, 6 to 4. George Burns contributed a timely single which scored two runs in the seventh and Willis Hudlin came through with three innings of splendid relief pitching for the Indian.

Teddie Lyons gave the St. Louis Browns ten hits but they could fit them into only two runs and the Chicago White Sox stopped Dan Howley's upstarts for the second day in succession, 4 to 2.

All other games were postponed because of the rain and cold weather.

### Police Say Man Who Has Served Year In Prison Is Innocent

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 18.—(U.P.)—Henry Hay, 40, farmer near Arcola, has served more than a year of a two to fourteen year sentence for burglary, but is innocent, police here announced.

Herbert Krock, returned here from Toledo, Ohio, has told police he and not Hay was guilty of the crime for which Hay is serving time and in addition he has committed forty burglaries here, Krock declared that he and his brother robbed the Moore hardware at Arcola, Sept. 6, 1926, the crime for which Hay was convicted Feb. 14, 1927, police said.

### Insane Man Hacks Two Daughters To Death

Newport, Tenn., April 18.—(INS)—Driven to insanity by a mental disorder, Dave Hawk, 58, farmer, hacked his two daughters to death with an axe here today, seriously wounded his wife and ended his own life with a shot gun.

## MANY DELEGATES NOT INSTRUCTED

By Paul R. Mallon, U.P. Staff Correspondent  
Washington, Apr. 18.—(U.P.)—A powerful bloc of uninstructed and doubtful delegates is being selected for the republican convention, the United Press tabulation of state primaries and conventions showed today.

Thus far 579 or more than half of the 1,089 delegates who will select the next republican presidential nominee have been chosen.

Of these 579, only 395 have been instructed or pledged for the various candidates; 117 are uninstructed but have announced they will vote for one or another of the candidates now in the race and 157 are classed as uninstructed or doubtful.

The bloc of 157 is made up as follows:

Minnesota, 2; New York, 90; Missouri, 2; Wisconsin, 7; North Carolina, 6; Oklahoma, 20; Illinois, 8; New Mexico, 1; Nebraska, 8; Colorado, 13.

The ratio is expected to grow apace with the selection of delegates up to convention time.

The Herbert Hoover people do not appear to be alarmed by the unexpected trend. They claim a goodly portion of the doubtful uninstructed, contending the commerce secretary will get 47 of the 90 doubtful in New York; 10 of the 20 in Oklahoma and 9 of the 13 in Colorado. They count on these for reserve strength.

Thus far only 105 delegates have been instructed for Hoover, in addition 79 of the uninstructed have announced they will support him.

Frank O. Lowden, Hoover's chief opponent has 131 instructed delegates and 36 uninstructed who have announced they will support him. His managers claim he will eventually get practically all of the doubtful.

## HOOPENGARDNER BELIEVED TO BE ALIVE AND WELL

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well and located at Centerville.

It is supposed that he called Chief Melchi instead of members of the family fearing that they would recognize his voice.

Expect Letter Soon  
Mr. White told officers last night that he notified the Hoopengardner family Wednesday morning that Hoopengardner was alright, but that he had gone to look for a job. White stated that the family did not believe him at that time. White said that he expected a letter from Hoopengardner some time this week and he would notify them at once, when he received any correspondence from the missing man.

It is thought that Mr. Hoopengardner left for a new location and he told friends at Ossian that he expected to notify his family as soon as he was permanently located.  
In the meantime, police officers had dragged the river and neighboring stone quarries, believing that the body would be found.

Two Women Escape From State Women's Prison  
Indianapolis, April 18.—(U.P.)—Two women, who escaped last night from the Indiana women's prison here, today were being sought by police. Both of them were serving long sentences.

They are Elizabeth Aspinwall, Peru, serving ten to twenty years for automobile banditry, and Angella Thornburg, Indianapolis, who was convicted on an assault with intent to kill charge.

The escape was reported to police by Mrs. Margaret Elliott, superintendent of the prison, who said the women picked the locks of their cells on the second floor, and walked downstairs and through the yard to freedom.

Court Must Decide If Chaplin Has Exclusive Right To His Makeup  
San Francisco, April 18.—(INS)—Black derby, massive shoes, tiny moustache, flexible cane, tight jacket and baggy trousers were all grist for the judicial mill here today as the California state court of appeals pondered over the weighty question of whether Charles Chaplin has an exclusive right to their use on the screen.

Charles Amador, billed as "Charles Applin," restrained from the use of the costume, has appealed to the appellate court.

B. & O. Engineer Dies At Throttle  
North Vernon, Ind., April 18.—(INS)—William Sullivan, 50, of Seymour, Ind., a B. & O. freight train engineer, died at the throttle of his engine today as his train pulled into North Vernon, enroute from Cincinnati. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhage. Coroner George Jordan announced after an investigation.

Sullivan appeared well and happy as the train approached North Vernon, according to his fireman, C. H. Parroll. He blew the whistle for the station then staggered and fell back dead. A widow and son survive.

### Flight Developments

(By International News Service)  
Capt. Herman Koehl, pilot of the Bremen, and Baron Von Huenefeld were still on Greenly Island today. Major James E. Fitzmaurice, who hopped off at Greenly Island with Charles "Duke" Schiller, Canadian pilot, for Murray Bay to get spare parts for the repair of the Bremen spent the night at Clarke City, Que., where their plane was forced by bad weather to land.

It was reported at Seven Islands, Que., that Von Huenefeld, Koehl and Fitzmaurice might consent to fly to Murray Bay or Mitchell Field N. Y. Leaving repairs of the Bremen until later.

Schiller sent a radio to Greenly Island offering to return and pick up Von Huenefeld and Koehl in his plane, but, owing to atmospheric hindrances to communication, had received no reply this morning.

Miss Horta Junkers, daughter of the designer of the Bremen, who flew to Montreal from Curtiss Field, N. Y., in the F-13, a sister ship of the Bremen, hastened to Murray Bay by rail.

Bad weather continues over the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

## George H. Kelley, Former Adams County Man, Dies

George H. Kelley, 42, former Adams county resident, died Tuesday at a hospital in Plymouth. Death was due to cancer of the stomach. Mr. Kelley was born near Geneva and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Kelley. After working as a carpenter in the vicinity of Geneva for several years, Mr. Kelley moved to Plymouth, where he spent the remainder of his life. Surviving are the widow, Ruth Bryan Kelley, two daughters, Mrs. Newton Davies, of South Bend, and Miss Lenora Kelley, of Plymouth; two sons, Robert and Phillip, both of Plymouth; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Glag and Mrs. Albert Boseker, both of Fort Wayne; and one brother, John Kelley, of Bluffton.

Waterbury, Conn.—The eight teams of the eastern League open the 1928 baseball season today. There are two new ownerships and three new parks for this year's start.

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## BIRGER LOSES FINAL CHANCE

Convicted Illinois Gangster Faces Death On Gallows Tomorrow

Benton, Ill., Apr. 18.—(U.P.)—Defeated in every move to avert execution, Charlie Birger, southern Illinois gang lord, faces death on the gallows tomorrow.

His sanity hearing, which extended his life from Friday the 13th until he was re-sentenced, came to a sudden conclusion yesterday afternoon, and it took the jury only twelve minutes to agree that Birger was as sane as ever.

The defense, which had claimed it

would call a dozen or more witnesses—and perhaps a few alienists—to prove that the gangster's mind had become unbalanced since he was first sentenced to die, presented a weak case. It offered the testimony of only one man, Maurice McGleason, its point.

When the verdict came in, Circuit Judge Charles Miller sentenced Birger to hang at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Chicago—Percy Lee Jones, who yesterday pitched the Chicago Cubs to a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals, has inherited an estate valued at \$500,000. The estate was left by a grandmother who died in Georgia.

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