



PEP MEETING HELD AT D.C.H.S.

Pupils Urged To Support Commodores In Battle With Elder High Friday

A rousing pep session was held last night by the pupils of the Decatur Catholic high school and the St. Joseph grade school in preparation for the Commodores' game with Elder high, of Cincinnati, Ohio, here Friday night. Realizing that the pupils have not been backing their team as they should this year, and knowing that the Commodores will need all the encouragement they can get Friday night, the student manager called on the athletic director, Father Joseph Hession, to give a pep talk.

Father Hession responded with a talk that fired every one of the pupils with enthusiasm. After recalling how loyally the Cincinnati people backed the Cincinnati Reds for fifty years before they won a pennant in baseball, giving the fans of that city a national reputation as people who are loyal to their team, win or lose, Father Hession said: "up from that true sportsman's town, on Friday of this week, will come a famous basketball team. A team that has won the championship of its state regularly. They will come to Decatur, a town that they remember from seeing its team at Chicago. They will expect to see the Commodores backed as Cincinnati backs her teams. What will they see? Will they see an almost empty cheering section like we have had at other games? Will they have to strain their eyes and ears to find the student body? Cincinnati boys wouldn't understand such disloyalty. That sterling sportsmanship which backs the home team on all occasions, win or lose, is a sacred tradition to them and they will expect to find it here. They know our reputation for great teams and they will expect to see a great team backed by a house full of loyal fans."

Coach Laurent put the Commodores through a stiff workout after the pep meeting last night, all being in good shape except Art Miller, forward, who has not yet returned to school after his attack of influenza. The reserved seat tickets are on sale at the Eats Restaurant and are going better than for any game so far this season. Hence, the Commodores look forward to a good crowd, Friday night.

Field Goals

By Mark M. Upp

Fans are expecting the Commodores' game with Elder high, of Cincinnati, Ohio, here Friday night to be one of the banner attractions of the present basketball season in Decatur. Elder high is considered the strongest Catholic high school quintet in Ohio, and has represented that state in the national Catholic tourney at Chicago for the last three years.

With the Junior band on hands to pep things up and with a pledge from the Catholic school pupils to attend the game and root as they have never rooted before, the atmosphere ought to be properly charged with enthusiasm to make the game a dandy.

Decatur high school officials were notified today that the Yellow Jackets' game at Huntington Friday night will start at 7 o'clock, so that another attraction can be held in the gymnasium later in the evening. The Decatur and Huntington second teams will clash at 6 o'clock.

The Yellow Jackets will have a tough battle at Huntington. Any Huntington team is always hard to defeat at home. And this year's Viking quintet is not without well-known veterans. Take the diminutive Petrie, for instance. He has figured prominently in Huntington athletics for the last four years and Decatur fans and players are well acquainted with his ability. Then there are Welch and Hostler who played last year. The Yellow Jackets will have to play heads up basketball to keep their slate clean in the Northwestern Indiana conference.

Columbia City's Eagles invade Kendallville for a conference game Friday night. Columbia City defeated Kendallville at Columbia City earlier in the season and should repeat this week.

Frankfort plays at Logansport Friday night. Yes, we're thinking about that famous stall game between the two quintets a couple of years ago.

VIKING CONTEST TO START EARLY

Huntington high school athletic officials announced today that the time for the starting of the games scheduled between Huntington and Decatur high school varsity and second teams Friday night had been moved up an hour.

The second team game will start promptly at 6 o'clock, it was announced and the varsity game will begin at 7 o'clock. The change in time was made because of an entertainment which is to be held at the high school gymnasium that same evening.

Adams county road officials announced today, for the benefit of those who are contemplating driving to Huntington from this city to attend the games, that the best road is as follows:

Take the Peterson road to the Bluffton pavement and turn south, going to the Murray road. Take the Murray road through Markle direct to Huntington.

The Harding highway, which goes west through this city, Preble and Magley to Huntington is rough for several miles west of here, but the condition of that road is much better than usual.

Earl Christen, St. Joe Coach, Goes To Toledo

Earl Christen, who has been coaching the St. Joseph school eighth grade basketball team this season, has accepted a position in Toledo, Ohio. At present Coach "Shorty" Laurent, Catholic high school coach, is doing double duty, or rather triple duty, having charge of the first and second high school teams and the eighth grade quintet. With St. Joe's second game with Central scheduled for a week from Friday, Coach Laurent probably will continue to direct the grade team until after that contest.

Bluffton Chamber Of Commerce Holds Election

Bluffton, Jan. 9.—F. G. Thompson was elected president of the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, at the annual business meeting and banquet of the organization, Monday evening. Other officers elected are: O. E. Shaffer, vice-president; R. S. Morrow, treasurer; and J. L. Goodin, E. B. Williamson, F. J. Tangeman, Harry Swisher, Lloyd Cline, John Kelley and George L. Saunders, directors.

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PURDUE WINS; INDIANA LOSES

Chicago, Jan. 9.—(Special)—Sensational field scoring by Murphy, Purdue center, enabled the Purdue basketball team to win from the University of Chicago team 38-26 last night.

Murphy threw baskets from all angles and scored eleven field goals. Gist, Chicago center, scored three field goals and one foul to tie the score in the second half after Purdue had led 19-12 when the second period opened.

Besides his eleven field goals, Murphy accounted for three points from three throws. Gist, Chicago center, led the Maroon scoring with five field goals and two free throws.

Illinois, 20; Indiana 16 Champaign, Ill., Jan. 9.—(UP)—Illinois sprung a surprise in big ten conference basketball circles by defeating the Indiana University team 20-16.

The Indiana loss could be attributed to inability of the Hoosiers to score from the foul line. They made only eleven of eleven free throw tries.

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CONGRESS TODAY

By United Press
SENATE

Continues consideration of Kellogg anti-war treaty.

Public lands committee hears sterilizing Salt Creek oil report.

Atty. Gen. Sargent before India affairs committee at 2 P.M.

Special unemployment committee continues investigation.

HOUSE

Calendar Wednesday to take up post office and postroad committee bills.

Banking and currency committee hearing on Los Angeles Bank Bill.

Interstate commerce committee hearing on short line railroads.

Foreign affairs committee hearing on calendar simplification.

Merchant marine committee hearing on extension of life of federal radio commission.

Education committee hearing on federal board of vocational education.

Special prison investigating committee hearing on federal prison situation.

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WINTER'S TREK SOUTHWARD IS IN FULL BLAST

Some 2,000,000 Persons Expected To Hie To Florida Resorts

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 9.—(UP)—Along the modern paths to Florida—highways, railroads, airways and the sea—move 2,000,000 fleeing the vigor of a northern winter.

Chambers of commerce in resort cities are with one another in reporting arrivals. They are hopeful at Miami, Palm Beach and all along the east coast of a gay brilliant season, sparkling with social and sports events for those who like their winters that way. At St. Petersburg, where the more sedate gather, they look forward to long quiet days with the semi-tropic sun beating down.

The hurricane is past—few vestiges of its terror and destruction remain. The palms along the east coast have been righted. Practically the only remaining scars are memories of the tragedy and a few new graves.

It is a gay pleasure-loving Florida all over again.

The Royal Poinciana will open at Palm Beach. The new Breakers a \$70,000,000 hotel already has had its house warming.

Sport Program

The dogs will run at Miami—and the horses at Pompano—unless plans go awry.

Forty golf tournaments—speedboat and automobile races—horse shoe pitching at St. "Pete"—tarpon fishing off Key West—yachting at Miami—bathing everywhere—Everglades excursions—dancing at the thousand and one night clubs—Florida has awakened as the snow covers the north.

The Miami Jockey club plans a gala re-opening. Strings of ponies from the Bud Fisher, Henry C. Phipps, John Hertz and Harvey Firestone stables have arrived for training polo and races at Florida points.

The \$15,000 Miami Beach-La Gorce open golf tournament will be the main attraction for golfers. The Havana Key West yacht races will be held in March with a real international flavor certain, due to entries from England and Cuba.

At Miami Beach the Cuban Davis cup team will meet American amateurs in series of matches. Gar Wood has accepted a challenge from Major H. O. D. Segrave, the British race boat and race car drivers for a world's speedboat record race. Major Segrave also plans to try for the race car record he formerly held, probably making the attempt on the Daytona Beach sands.

Hotel Prices Down
Reports from United Press correspondents

SORE THROAT THOXINE

Mrs. Chester McIntosh visited in Fort Wayne today.



Happy New Year

TO---the patrons who have banked here for years.

TO---our new depositors.

TO---our many friends.

TO---the friends we hope to make in the next twelve months.

TO---all you folks in this progressive community!

May Prosperity smile upon you in 1929.

Old Adams County Bank

ponents in Florida cities indicate that hotel rooms will be below the high top prices of season's past—while managers have gone to greater trouble than ever to entice visitors.

Miami's hosteries are opening. At Key West the Casa Marina opened Dec. 20, 10 days ahead of time. The visit of President-elect Herbert Hoover to Miami before his inauguration is expected to make that city the hub of the season's activities.

At St. Petersburg on the west coast the 350 room Don Cesar hotel will be available—with roof cabinets for sun bathers. Tampa reports an expected throng of 600,000 winter visitors in that vicinity.

Liquor will be higher than usual, according to best information available, although the drive on rum runners of a year ago has slackened and the boats creep in from Bimini and Nassau during the night. Plans will be waiting the too thirsty for sport spinnings over to the Bahamas or down to Cuba for legal quenching of thirst.

Not many were out to the auction Monday evening because of the weather. The class has some extra numbers to put on each evening before the auction such as dancing, clog dancing by little friend George Clark, also numbers by the quartet.

We would appreciate it very much if the people of Decatur and vicinity would attend these sales. There are bargains every night.

REPPERT'S AUCTION SCHOOL NOTES

Half of the class of Reppert's Auction school went to Fort Wayne yesterday to study the methods of conducting a merchandise auction house.

Col Segrest has a model auction house and it was very interesting to go through it. At 7:30 P.M. the students conducted the auction sale under supervision of Col Segrest and Col Pettit.

Next Tuesday the remainder of the class will go.

George L. Dunlap of Pennsylvania was unable to attend school because of sickness yesterday but is much better at the present time.

W. H. Peddicord, who has been sick with the flu, has not yet returned to school.

Col. Gartin had charge of the part of the class which stayed in Decatur. Opening of farm sales was the topic studied.

The world's best cattle judge, John Letham, outlined for the class the points in beef cattle judging pedigree study was also taken up. More will be studied today.

Col R. C. Elson of Noblesville, Ind., was here Tuesday and gave his methods and ideals of selling real estate at auction.

Col Fred Reppert left today for Horton, Kansas, to conduct a stock sale.

Col Gartin and Col Pettit have charge of the school while he is gone.

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