

HOOSIER CAPITAL COMES TO FRONT AS SPORT REALM

General Athletic Interests Make Indianapolis City of Distinction.

BRINGS RAPID PROGRESS

Inland Metropolis Boasts Year-round Competition for Every Choice.

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A city is judged in many different ways, but perhaps there is no surer method of ascertaining the "live" qualities than by glancing over its sport program. Where sports of all kinds are flourishing there usually may be found civic pride and the "get-there" type of citizenship that is not letting any grass grow underfoot. A community that plays well in almost every instance also works well.

Local contests have gradually increased the interest in athletics until events national in scope have become the features of the sport card. Almost every form of athletic enterprise is growing in this city and Indianapolis has found a permanent place on the sport map as one of the leading centers in the United States.

Swimming Championships

An inland city that holds a national swimming championship tourney must surely have some "pep." One of the greatest fields of aquatic stars ever assembled competed at the Broad Ripple pool the second week in August, and Johnny Weissmuller and Helen Wainwright broke world's records. The new Indianapolis Athletic Club, which will be one of the finest in the West when plans are complete, sponsored the meet.

A number of nationally known tennis players live in Indianapolis and only this week a delegation from this city is competing in the United States championships at Boston. The Associated Tennis Clubs of which Ed Wuenisch is president brought the men's national clay courts championships here this summer.

Home of Doubles Champs

The Indianapolis pair, Burdick and Bastian, took the doubles title. Johnny Hennessy won the western singles title at Chicago recently and paired with Westbrook of Detroit also took the doubles title. Last year Julius Sagalowich won the boys' national title and this season paired with his Shortridge partner, Guy Dixon, won the interscholastic doubles championship.

Speedway Shares Honors

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is known throughout the world and the international races held on May 30 each year draw auto racing enthusiasts from all parts of this country and the world. It was the first big speedway built and continues to hold its prestige through the years.

For the trapshooting fans the Indianapolis Gun Club brought some of the greatest shots in the country to the local traps in the Great Lakes zone tourney held the second week in August.

College, high school and independent basketball games are played almost every night through the winter. The Junior Chamber of Commerce put on national collegiate tourney last winter in which Wabash College was returned the victor.

High School Meet

The State high school title meet is held at the Coliseum. State fair-ground, and draws crowds of 10,000 fans. Tomlinson Hall is being used for games.

The football schedule for the coming season calls for more grid contests in this city than ever before. Washington Park is utilized for the biggest tilts and Butler plays many opponents on Irwin Field. There are also high school contests.

The Indians who represent this city in the American Association are in a slump at present, but have been in the race all year. Numerous amateur games are played every week. The Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association is holding a series to decide the city champion at the present time. The Times' paper will decide the independent champions.

Boast Seven Golf Courses

Golf is coming along by leaps and bounds. The seven golf courses in the city and the professionals in charge are as follows: Municipal Links—South Grove, Harry Schopp; Pleasant Run, Al Adams; Woodstock, Fred Schopp; Riverside, Pete Hendrie; Highland, Walle Nelson. Other Clubs—Country Club, Lee Nelson; Highland Golf and Country Club, Dick Nelson. Various tourneys are held almost every week through the spring, summer and fall.

Since Mayor Shank has been in office boxing has come back and a number of good shows have been held. Fort Harrison holds bouts on Thursday nights in which decisions are rendered. Wrestling matches are also held.

Dozens of Bowling Leagues

The winter evenings find dozens of bowling leagues in full swing. The new Recreation alleys were put to use last season and proved inadequate for the demand. Another new bowling emporium will be ready this season. Ten new alleys are included in the Century Bldg. enterprise.

Pony polo, track, casting, roque, billiards, horseshoes, riding, harness racing, bicycle racing, gymnastics, archery, soccer football, roller skating, handball and volleyball make up a list of sports too numerous to mention on even though handled in the briefest of fashion. Every sport has its group of followers.

Indianapolis is making rapid strides in the sport world along with its other many and varied activities.

Two Y. M. C. A.

Both the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. maintain branches in Indianapolis. The cost of construction of the former was \$250,000, the latter, \$140,000. A negro Y. M. C. A. branch was constructed also at a cost of \$100,000.

LEADERS IN INDIANAPOLIS CIVIC AFFAIRS



Here are just a few of the numerous leaders of civic affairs who are helping to make Indianapolis a great city. From left to right (above) they are: J. Edward Morris, Harry B. Mahan, John Madden, H. T. Mott. Those below are: Dr. Carlton B. McCulloch, F. E. Meyers, John D. Meek and Dick Miller.

Municipal Government Keeps Pace With Growing Needs; Improvements Numerous

Sept. 1, increasing municipal golf facilities 25 per cent.

Municipal Theaters.

Mayor Shank's municipal theaters were built in Brookside and Garfield parks at cost of \$3,500 and \$8,000, affording free amusement to from 10,000 to 12,000 weekly through the summer.

The park board has resolutions pending for extension of Pleasant Run parkway from Shelly to Prospect Sts., and from Meridian St. to three blocks west; for acquisition of approximately ninety acres west of the city, Long and Riley Memorial hospitals as well as a public park or lagoon system as well as land within the quadrangle formed by the hospital for a convalescent park; for acquisition of the block around Riley's home in Lockerbie St., for playgrounds at State and Spain Aves. Rader and Udell Sts., West Michigan St., near King St., and Brookville road and Pearl St., and for swimming pool site at Market and Wyoming Sts. Ground is to be bought near Thirtieth St. and White River for extension of alleys at \$47,159.92, and fifty-five for sidewalks, grading of lawns or roadway, curbing or graveling of roadway, or \$13,647.42.

In addition, resolutions are under way for opening twelve streets and six alleys and for vacation of nineteen streets and twenty alleys.

Two major street car line extensions have been ordered by the board of works, College Ave., from Forty-sixth to Fifty-fourth St. and English Ave., from Sherman Dr. to Emerson Ave. Water and gas mains have been ordered extended to keep up with population improvement of streets and alleys and the usual number of gas and electric street lights added. Telephone and electric utilities have been urged to put wires underground.

Swimming Pool Completed

Douglas Park swimming pool, begun last year, has recently been completed under the park board at a cost of \$60,000. It is considered one of the finest municipal bathing places in the country. The Willard Park pool, costing \$18,500 last year, was tripled in size for \$4,700, and a new bridge put across Pleasant Run at Kitter Ave., for \$14,000. Sidewalks were built in Meridian St. from Forty-third to Fifty-fourth St.

Development of Pleasant Run golf course, bought last year, was advanced to the point where a creditable nine-hole course is available. Much remains to be done to bring it up to the standard of South Grove, Riverside and Highland, but this is on the program of the department for next year. Topographically, the course will be one of the most interesting in the State.

Highland Links, which has been leased to a private club for years, will come into control of the city about

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