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He-Men!

Rockne's Aim as Coach
Was to Build Character, Culture and Courage in His Players.

Following is the third of a series of stories on the life of Knute Rockne.

By GEORGE KIRKSEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

KNUTE ROCKNE'S aim as a football coach was to turn out men of culture, character and courage.

In building great football teams, he did not overlook the more important business of equipping young men for the problems of life.

"Football teaches a boy responsibility," Rockne once said. "Responsibility as a representative of his college, responsibility to his teammates and responsibility in controlling his passions, fear, hatred, jealousy and rashness. Football brings out the best there is in one."

Rockne possessed dislike bordering almost on hate for "loungelizards," "drug-store cowboys," "mezzanine-floor high hurdlers," as he terms the boys of the "sissy" type.

ONE of Rockne's classics was his satire on the tendency toward social life in colleges as opposed to athletics. It was the description of a football game in 1935 between Notre Dame and Northwestern. Some of the lines from the speech follow:

"The Notre Dame team presented a striking appearance with their green shirtwaists and their headgear resembling a woodsman's toque. Giving a neat appearance without being at all gaudy was the fact that their hip-pads were trimmed with georgette. Hanging about their necks were pendants of the lavalliere type."

"Kicking off for Notre Dame was T. Fitzpatrick Murphy, better known as 'Two Lumps,' as he always took two lumps of sugar in his orange Pekee tea."

"As a result of the clever defensive tagging of the two teams, neither team gained an advantage in the first half. Between halves the teams had tea."

"Up until five minutes of the end of the fourth period it looked like a tie game. Suddenly out of a rhythmic gavotte, a sort of hidden ball evolution, old M. Bickerdash Fix III of the famous North Shore family went streaking toward Notre Dame's goal. The Northwestern stands were mad with pandemonium, and it looked like sure defeat for Notre Dame."

"But they failed to reckon with the resourcefulness of old Two Lumps. 'Two Lumps' got panicky when he saw Bickerdash flying toward the goal? Not old Two Lumps. With a savoire faire, for which he was justly famous, he cupped his hands and said:

"I say, Bickerdash, old thing, there's a terrible run in your stock."

"Imagine the intense embarrassment and mortification of old Bickerdash. What could he do but drop the ball and run for the clubhouse, and the game was saved."

ROCKNE liked boys with ideals. From all parts of the nation men came to pay their last respects to the great coach who met death in an airplane accident in Kansas last Friday.

"No raccoon coats on the campus" was one of his mottos. "We want a school of masculine democracy."

The three most important requirements Rockne demanded from his players were brains, speed and courage. As for physical qualities he liked players with big hands.

Rockne's football teams were true expressions of the man himself. Football was Rockne's life, his love, his all. No artist ever put more of his soul on canvas. No musician ever put more feeling into a symphony than Rockne did into that strange conglomeration of humanity—boys of all racial strains—which he welded into super-players.

THERE has been much said about the "Rockne system." Most of this is a fallacy. The Rockne system was Rockne himself. Rockne's teams stressed speed above everything else. The basis of his offensive was the Napoleonic axiom: "Get to the point of attack first."

Rockne relied on the shift play to accomplish this. His teams perfected the shift to such an extent that the rules had to be changed. But Rockne had no set formula for developing football teams. He built his plays and his teams around his players. He proved that with his "Four Horsemen"—Harry Stuhldreher, quarter back; Don Miller and Jimmy Crowley, half backs, and Elmer Layden, full back. None of them had shown any especial promise in football until they came under Rockne's guidance in 1922.

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WOMAN, 109, IS DEAD: ONCE INDIAN CAPTIVE

"Grandma" McMahon Escaped After Years Among Savages.

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 3.—Mrs. Emma (Grandma) McMahon who survived Indian warfare as a child and earned her own living as a seamstress long after she was 100 years old, is dead at the age of 109.

Born in England, Mrs. McMahon was brought to America when a baby. When she was 3, she was kidnapped by Indians who raided the small village near Milwaukee where her parents lived.

After spending years among the savages, she cut the bonds one night of a white woman captive and they escaped together, reaching civilization weeks later. She came to Kansas City in 1892, and until a few weeks ago earned a living sewing and knitting for a local firm.

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'ROCK' WILL BE LAID TO REST ON SATURDAY

Private Rites to Be Held in Sacred Heart Church on School Campus.

BODY LYING IN STATE
Dead Coach Is Taken to Home; Football Heroes Are Gathering.

BY GEORGE KIRKSEY
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SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 3.—Another day of mourning for their beloved Knute Rockne today tested the indomitable courage of men of Notre Dame.

The casket containing the body of the late coach was moved early today from the downtown chapel to Rockne's red brick home, where it will lie in state until the funeral services are held Saturday.

Rather than prolong the period of grief until next week, Mrs. Bonnie Rockne, brave little widow of the coach, Thursday formulated plans for the funeral to be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Sacred Heart church on the Notre Dame campus.

Holy week will prevent solemn requiem high mass being held at the ceremony, and that rite will be deferred until next Thursday when the students of Notre Dame return from the Easter holidays.

Public Not to Be Admitted

Burial will take place in Highland cemetery, a new plot about two miles from South Bend on the Portage road.

The public will not be admitted to the services because of the limited seating capacity of the little chapel where Rockne was baptized in the Catholic faith the day of the Notre Dame-Northwestern football game six years ago. In that game Notre Dame was beaten badly at half-time, 10-0, but triumphed 13-10, by a blazing second half.

Only past and present Notre Dame athletes, officials of the university, Rockne's intimate friends and members of the family will attend the simple services. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, president of Notre Dame.

He will be assisted by the Rev. Father Michael Mulcaire, vice-president and chairman of the board of athletic control, and the Rev. Father Raymond Murch.

Pallbearers Are Chosen

Six of the stars of Rockne's 1930 championship team were chosen to serve as pallbearers. The six players selected by Mrs. Rockne and the coaching staff were Tom Conley of Philadelphia, 1930 captain; Captain Elect Tommy Yarr of Chicago, Wash.; Marchmont Schwartz of Bay St. Louis, Miss.; Frank Carideo, all-American quarter back of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Martin Brill of Philadelphia and Lawrence Mullins of Los Angeles.

From all parts of the nation men came to pay their last respects to the great coach who met death in an airplane accident in Kansas last Friday.

Opponents of the political policy of the paper for the bombing the present city administration's policies, and had campaigned for a "cleanup of criminals and vice dens."

The only change will be that more men will be properly dressed.

RUM RUNNER'S BODY FOUND AT ROADSIDE

Riddled by Slugs; Believed Slain by Business Rivals.

By United Press

WAKEMAN, O., April 3.—A man about 30, whose slug-riddled body was found beside a roadway, where it had lain for several days, was believed by police today to have been a Detroit-Cleveland run runner, shot to death by rival gunmen and thrown from a speeding automobile.

Authorities identified the victim as a rum runner through a map found in his possession, the map showing the topography of the Lake Erie regions between Detroit and Cleveland.

HELD FOR DRUNKENNESS

Drives Car Into Porch After He Drags Boy 100 Feet.

With the boy in his automobile stuck only slightly injured, Harry Kelly, 47, of 1325 Charles street, was held today on charges of drunken driving, assault and battery and drunkenness.

The boy, Francis Angerer, 14, of 1310 Wright street, was struck and dragged 100 feet at Parkway and Madison avenues.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 41 10 a. m. 50

7 a. m. 42 11 a. m. 48

8 a. m. 45 12 (noon) 47

9 a. m. 49 1 p. m. 47

PAIR GETS 10 YEARS

Youths Are Sentenced on Banditry Charges.

Sentences of ten years each in the Indiana reformatory were given to two youths found guilty today of robbery, auto banditry and grand larceny charges in criminal court.

Evidence, submitted before Special Judge Earl R. Cox, alleged the youths, Hansel and Charles Westmoreland, 26 and 23, respectively, robbed Harlan Hurst on Feb. 11, 1930, and attempted to escape in an automobile.

After pleading guilty to charges of second degree burglary and grand larceny, Charles Brewer, 19, and John Kelley, 18, were sentenced to serve three to ten years in the Indiana reformatory and were fined \$25 each and costs.

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BANDITS TOSS ALL-NIGHT PARTY AT CASHIER'S HOME; ROB BANK

By United Press

MUNDELINE, Ill., April 3.—Four young bandits took charge of the home of M. C. Mott, cashier of the Mundeline State bank, Thursday night, held the family of five prisoners until this morning, forced Mott to accompany them to the bank, the bank.

The bandits made themselves at home all night in the two-story Mott residence. They turned the lights low, listened to the broadcast of the "Golden Gloves" boxing tournament, discussed the brothers trial, cooked bacon and eggs and drank considerable of

Colder with rain tonight; cloudy weather Saturday, temperature Saturday night near freezing.

HALT GAMING, CITY COPS TO BE ORDERED

Rites on Air
By United Press

NEW YORK, April 3.—The Columbia broadcasting system has permission to broadcast the entire funeral service for Knute Rockne, Notre Dame football coach killed in a plane crash Tuesday.

The service will be announced by Pat Flanagan, sports announcer for station WBBM at Chicago from the Sacred Heart church at South Bend, Ind.

Police Heads Scheduled to Get 'Jacking Up' at Board Session.

CHIEF KINNEY IS SILENT

Sullivan, Dailey Reported

Ready to Deliver Ultimatum.

Officers of the Indianapolis police and detective departments were summoned to a meeting this afternoon in the office of Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan where they were to be admonished to "halt gambling" in the city, it was revealed today.

First word of the secret meeting leaked out at police headquarters when officers admitted they had been ordered to the city hall.

Assertions that the meeting was called to "jack 'em up" was made to a Times reporter by Charles R. Myers, president of the safety board.

Myers Is Queried

"What is this meeting of police officers for?" Myers was asked. "Who called it?"

"Police Chief Jerry Kinney called it," Myers stated.

"Do you know what it's for?"

"Well, I think Kinney wants to 'jack 'em up' about the gambling situation," Myers replied.

Kinney told reporters he did not know the purpose of the meeting.

It was reported that only officers, including and above the rank of Lieutenant, would be called, but it was learned sergeants and detective department officers were slated to attend.

According to reports, Sullivan and Frank C. Dailey, safety board member,

probably will deliver the ultimatum to the police officers. Myers and Donald S. Morris, of the board, had been reported to be without knowledge of the purpose of the session.

Captain Ray to Appear

Included among officers to be called, according to reliable information, is Captain Otto C. Ray, head of the license bureau, assigned to the city controller's office.

Last fall when several police officers were indicted by the federal grand jury, police squads made the rounds of gambling joints and arrested more than 100 persons. Many of the defendants were released in municipal court.

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LAST YEAR'S SUIT IS O. K. FOR THIS EASTER

No Changes in Men's Styles, Says Leader of Merchant Tailors.

By Times Special

RUSHVILLE, Ind., April 3.—Deputies who questioned Mrs. Marie Cole and obtained her alleged confession to participation in the murder of her husband, Raymond Cole, were bantered by her replies to questions with, "You're great D. T.S."

This testimony was given today by Warren P. Alender, federal dry agent, at the trial of Mrs. Cole's, on a charge of being the accessory to the murder of her husband by her sweetheart, Frank Jordan.

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ST. PAUL, Minn., April 3.—All year's well dressed man will have to do this Easter is to get out his 1930 outfit if he wants to be dressed in style this year.

Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker He fatally stabbed John Harris, Negro, in a drunken brawl Sept. 19, 1928.

Carleton Schaub, chairman of the executive committee of the National Association of Merchant Tailors of America, said today that formal clothing this year will be just about the same as last year.

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