BABE BALKS AT CUT; WANTS TWO-YEAR CONTRACT

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—At first it sounded strange to me, too. I mean when the Norwegians referred to them as shees, and to it as shee-ing. But then it must sound strange to the Norwegians to hear us say berled when we mean boiled, and jernt when we mean joint. It probably sounds strange even to Americans.

By now, of course, everybody knows that sheeing is the Scandinavian pronunciation of skiing, and that in the native tongue the "i" is usually shissed, after the manner of matrons commanding their brozeny to silence at a recital.

But by what authority the diphthong becomes what it does in the metropolitan jargon is a mystery which has long baffled the academicians, unless it is true that the shifting of the Gulf Stream and the seven years locusts are to blame, in equal parts.

Not wishing to get in over my head, I will hastily leave this subject to others better qualified to handle it and besides all I know about words is what I hear in the 100 per cent super-talkies.

This is the year of the Olympic games, and for the first time since the St. Louis World fair, back in 1904, the games are to be played in America. The arrival of the Norwegians, today on their way to Lake Placid, is a gentle reminder that the start of this vast international sports show is not far off.

In about a month all the great skiers and ice skaters will have assembled at Lake Placid, up state, and in less time than it takes to say Johan Grottumsbraaten, the officials will be marking down points that will have a definite bearing on the final results.

Speaking of Mr. Grottumsbraaten, he is a big name in ice sports. One of the biggest in fact. Over in his native Norway they call him the Babe Ruth of the skis. You see the Babe is a household word in any language, including specifically the Scandinavian.

But Mr. Grottumsbraaten does not in any way resemble the Babe. He is small as to height, slight in stature and practically bald, though he is only 32 years old. At that he is the oldest member of the competing Norwegians. By trade Mr. Grott etc., is a pants salesman, catering to the sartorial whims of the Oslo young blades.

Four years ago, in the Olympic ice games he skiied away with the show, winning everything there was to win from everybody. Whether he can repeat remains to be seen. Mr. Grott, he "tinks so."

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THERE is some doubt, however, that Mr. Grott will be permitted to start in the principal ski jumps, or yumps, as the visitors call them. He is getting a little too old for this sort of foolishness. Mostly these events are reserved exclusively for the younger fellows, the theory being that they have less imagination and consequently are more daring.

While this is not altogether flattering to the youngsters the records show that the longest jumps and the best skiing is done by athletes in their early twenties.

Two of the best ski jumpers in the world are the Ruud brothers, members of the Norway team. Sigmund, 24, made a jump of 265 feet three years ago, longest on record. His brother, Bizer, 20, has done almost as well on several occasions. The best American record held, I believe, by Casper Cimoen, is under 200 feet. But strangely, the length of the jump is comparatively unimportant. A jump of 150 feet in perfect form, will outscore the longest jump ever made, if faulty. The main thing is to stand on your feet and stay there until you pull up for gas. Obviously this is a whole lot more desirable than landing on your head or your flask pocket.

They tell me that skiing isn't dangerous either. Very few of the boys are ever badly hurt. It seems the trick is to know how to fall. Or better yet how not to fall.

The Norwegians don't expect a great deal of competition from the Americans—not at skiing, anyway. Sweden, Finland and Canada are looked upon as much more dangerous.

Skiing is a little practiced sport in this country due to climatic conditions. You need snow and ice for skiing. Off hand, for instance, I do not recall ever having seen any skiing at Miami Beach.

Mr. Ingvald Smith-Kielland, captain of the Norway team, reveals that it is virtually against the law in the Scandinavian countries not to ski. I believe that the custom is so prevalent that skiis are even used for ball room dancing, although I imagine you will find any number of American young women with aching insteps willing to testify that the practice is by no means confined to the Norse country.

OFF THE BACKBOARD

BY VERN BOXELL

IF the basketball filberts do not flock into the Butler fieldhouse Friday night, then it is time for a Wickersham investigation. Tony Hinkle's Bulldogs have been playing just as much basketball, and maybe more, as any other rah-rah outfit in the state (excepting Purdue, Mister, excepting Purdue).

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Central Normal needs no ballyhoo. Any team that can go out and mow down twenty-four out of twenty-five opponents can write its own publicity with a basketball. And in case you've forgotten, this same Danville outfit gave Butler's great outfit of two years ago a healthy blackeye (like they grow in Greencastle).

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Any way you look at it, there's going to be some red hot basketball out there Friday night. And my iron men go galloping with Butler.

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One of the quaint old customs, and one of the surest ways to start an argument, is to name a high school "big ten." Here goes: Muncie, Alexandria, Newcastle, Columbus, Connersville, Bedford, Anderson, Frankfort, Vincennes and Tech.

There it is. Now watch the Shortridge and northern Indiana boys yelp.

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And a college "big ten," Purdue, Purdue, Purdue, Butler, De Pauw, Indiana, Notre Dame, Danville Normal, Earlham, Wabash.

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A couple of other guys would like to say something. Here goes:

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First of all there's the fair-haired Eleanor, who has her own stationery with "Eleanor, the Loyal Techite" printed in green across the top. Says she:

Howdy Old Timer—I had the paper, found the envelope, and slipped the stamp, so that makes me eligible to apply for recognition in your column, doesn't it?

It seems that every year just about this time I have to make a holler for school spirit and loyal fans. Well here's this year's issue. Come on gang, Vern says we're not excited enough so let's take our pen in hand and swamp him with letters and make him eat those words. How about it?

We've a funny bunch of boys this year. One night they look like champions while the next they look like the worst kind of a ball team. For instance they looked like the dickens against Rochester. We won, yes, but through no fault of ours. But, oh, that game at Columbus—if only you had seen it. They looked great. They certainly looked like real champions that night. It was by far the best game of the season.

It isn't any disgrace to be up and down, though. Remember our friend Abe said, "You can beat some of the teams all of the time, and all of the teams some of the time, but you can't beat"—anyway, who brought this up in the first place?

Just one more thing. A certain boy on the team is showing such rapid improvement that I think it no more than right to mention his name. I hope he doesn't mind. Each game I see him for awhile. Backboard, I'm tired.

"Eleanor"

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Dear Backboard—All this time I've been waiting for somebody to start something, and now it seems I must start it myself. Well, here's a nice over-flowing done pail for somebody to kick over. Anderson beats Muncie twice, Alexandria beats Anderson, Tech beats Anderson, Muncie poses out Alex by one point and Alexandria beats Shortridge by two points, both of them free throw by one point. Throw all the dope in your kelly, shake it up, and pull out the answer—Muncie is only three points better than Shortridge. How some of these wise guys can name the ten best teams in the state and omit the Blue Devils is beyond me. Anyway, I'm picking S. H. S. to knock off Alexandria by one point in a double overtime in the finals of the regional. As for the state, I'm afraid even to consider it. My first ten teams—Muncie, Anderson, Tech, Shortridge, Alexandria, Logansport, Vincennes, Roosevelt, East Chicago, Frankfort and Rising Sun. Yes, I said Rising Sun. Go ahead and snicker, but don't laugh up your sleeve. There might be a hole in it.

EDDIE.

Didn't you ever hear of Epsom, Walkerton, etc. They're unbeaten. I read in the papers.

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Among the first contributors is "Shortridge Eddie," who has to say:

"Shortridge's Blue Devils will be plenty hot by state tournament time. Kenny Peterman knows his basketball onions as he demonstrated in his first season last year with a regional championship five which almost upset Washington's Hatchets. The Blue Devils nearly smashed Alexandria's unmarred record to splinters here just before Christmas. Jefferson of Lafayette is in for an unpleasant surprise when they watch Shortridge unpack its box of tricks Saturday night. After that, it will be Seymour, Martinsville and the city tourney. I don't know how Tech, Washington, Manual, Cathedral and Broad Ripple feel about their teams, but I can bet that every letter you get from them will be matched by one from Blue Devil supporters. Prepare a note of condolence for dear old Jefferson, will you, Pal?"

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Did you ever hear of Tipton, Eddie? But maybe I shouldn't mention that. Tsc, Tsc. If the northsiders beat Jeff, I'll see that nothing is said of Tipton in the future.

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Dear Vern—We have a wonderful team at Tech. Our inexperience is offset by height, and LeRoy Edwards is better this year than last. Liehr and Townsend are two tall, sharp-shooting forwards and Willis and Gladden, a pair of fine guards, make up the first five. Watch our smoke at tourney time. My big six Muncie, Columbus, Tech, Alexandria, Shelbyville and Franklin.

AUSTIN OF TECH.

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If Tech beats Muncie Friday, I'll even believe in cellophane wrappers. If hey don't, I'll still believe in Tim Campbell.

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Ah-ha. "Sally" says I'm right. The old basketball enthusiasm is missing at the city schools, says she. "It's about time Indianapolis fans were getting out and backing their teams to the limit. This should be the best season ever, if the fans will help. We want a state championship team right here at home. I'm from Tech, but I'll back any team that can keep the big city on the cage map. And I'm still dippy about basketball." That's Sally, pals, the one they been looking for all these years.

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WEDNESDAY WANDERINGS

Maybe I'm wrong....No sooner do I accuse the home town boosters of falling down on the job than eight letters pour right in one me....For instance, there's Just Pat, who says I'm going to be sorry for all the ifs and ands I've exhibited about Shortridge....and prattles Pat, "you've got plenty to say about a team that wins a ball game, but very little to say about the team that goes for weeks and loses. They don' win championships by losing, Pat....Charity covers a multitude of shindigs, wise-cracks Al Wynkoop, the Lebanon columist, referring to the Muncie-Alevandria thing....Speaking of charity games, did you know that Cathedral asked just $6 expense money to play Lebanon in that relief battle....Lebanon got all the rest of the shekels....Alexandria got $500 for playing Muncie....Decker Chapel high school has a basketball player by the name of Hoons....write your own wisecrack....And Bruceville's star is Fielder....Babe Wheeler has quite a team over at Brazil....Crawfordsville was Tuesday's victim....Nees is the head man of the Brazil five....If you have lots of money, put a little on Tech afainst Muncie....it might pay you at least double.

Hitchcock Keeps 10-Goal Polo Rating; Others Drop

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Tommy Hitchcock, the old master of polo, remains the old master under the ruling of the United States Polo Association, and for his eleventh successive year will be a ten-goal player.

But two of the most noted internationalists, Winston Guest and Eric Pedley, were set down from 9-goal players to 8-goal men.

This leaves not a single 9-goal man left to the Americans.

E. A. S. Hopping also suffered a drop, from 8 to 7 goals, and the handicaps of four players, J. P. Mills, Stephen Sanford, J. W. Webb, and R. E. Strawbridge were ranked at 6 goals instead of 7, their previous marks.

Devereux Milburn, however, remained in the 7-goal list, and so did Rube Williams and Stewart Inglehart.

TIGERS SIGN TRAINER

By Times Special

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Denny Carroll, veteran trainer, will join the Detroit Tigers at Palo Alto, Cal., for spring training. Carroll announced today he had signed a contract with the American League club.

$80,000 Is Demanded; Points to 1931 Record

Home Run King Holds Playing Weight at 225 1-2 Pounds, Below Normal Winter Figures; Willing to Take One-Year Renewal.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The familiar Ruth vs. Ruppert battle was on in earnest today. Babe Ruth, home run hitter, has told his boss, Colonel Ruppert, owner of the New York Yankees, that he believes he should get a two-year contract at $80,000 per annum.

The Babe points out that he had a splendid season in 1931 and believes that his record entitles him to a renewal of his old contract.

"If I'd had a bad year I'd consider taking a cut," Ruth said. "But I had a great year. I may not get a two-year contract, but don't think I ought to take a cut, especially if it is a one-year contract that is made."

Ruth weighed 225½ pounds today. This is his normal playing weight and is below his customary winter weight.

I. C. Five Set for Earlham

Coach Harry Good is sending his Indiana Central basketball team through strenuous practice sessions this week in preparation for the game with Earlham in the University Heights gym Friday night.

Earlham boasts of an exceptionally strong defensive quintet this year. The Quakers held De Pauw to a two-point victory. The regular lineup, which consists of Emig and Judd, forwards; De Jernett, center, and Swank and Swan, guards, probabily will start the game for Central. Grist and Commingore, freshmen candidates, have been showing up well in practice and may see action Friday night.

Tiger Quintet Battles Ohio

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 7.—With two victories over Buckeye quintets this week, De Pauw's undefeated Tigers will take on Ohio U. Bobcats here Friday night. Ohio Wesleyan bowed to Coach Tubby Moffett's cagers here Wednesday, 32 to 23.

Playing a deliberate game, the Old Gold five took a 15 to 8 lead at the half and never was threatened. Rex Moffett, Eubank and Graham accounted for all but four of the De Pauw points. Hendricks, Myerley, Duncan and Dickerson led the Wesleyan attack.

DIAMOND MEETING SET

City Amateur Association to Adopt New Rules Monday.

A meeting of the Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association will be held Monday night at the association offices, 29 South Delaware street, at 6 p. m.

Arthur E. Carr, president, requests all clubs interested in adoption of the new rules to be present.

Chicago Man Submits Lone Bid for Defunct Toledo A. A. Franchise

By Times Special

TOLEDO, Jan. 7.—Judge James H. Martin of common pleas court was expected to announce a decision today on the sale of the local club of the American Association. Only one known bid was filed before the court Wednesday, that by Hugh Brennan, Chicago advertising man, who is said to be associated in the venture with Clarence Rowland, president of the Reading Internationals.

The Hen club was swamped by financial difficulties last summer and was thrown into receivership during the fall. Owen Bush and William Clauer, Indianapolis, mentioned prominently some time ago as likely buyers of the Hens, did not submit a bid Wednesday and were not represented at the session.

Efforts were made to influence Bush and Clauer to reconsider, but it was learned they had decided definitely against risking finances in the defunct club.

Smith, Wabash Netter, Is Out

By Times Special

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 7.—Wabash college netters were ready today for tonight's battle with Ohio Wesleyan, the second tilt on this week's card for the Scarlet five.

Smith, regular forward, probably will be missing from the lineup when the Little Giants take the hardwood tonight. He has not recovered from an operation which kept him out of the Wittenberg game. If Smith is unable to play, Caldwell and Fobes will start at forward, Riker at center and Bash and Coffman at guard.

The original Wabash schedule called for Wesleyan to play here Saturday night, but a change in date was made later and local net fans expect to witness a close struggle tonight.

Tilden Beats Old Net Rival

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—More than six thousand persons watched Big Bill Tilden score another victory over his old rival, Vincent Richards, at Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

Playing in Jack Curley's round robin tournament for the world's indoor professional tennis tournament, just to prove that age has robbed him of little of his stamina, Tilden paired with Francis T. Hunter to defeat the German combination of Hans Nussleif and Roman Najuch, 5-7, 6-3, 9-7.

Cardinal Five Raps Centenary

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 7.—A brilliant second-half spurt, after the southerners had held them to a 15-15 deadlock at half-time, gave the Ball State Cardinals at 32 to 18 cage verdict over Centenary here on Wednesday

Andson and D. Dick divided twenty of the victors' points, while Johnson and Nolan were outstanding for the southern quintet.

Wednesday Cage Scores

COLLEGES

Ball State, 32; Centenary, 18.
De Pauw, 32; Ohio Wesleyan, 23.
Kansas, 34; Colorado, 25.
Oklahoma, 30; Oklahoma Aggies, 16.
Mississippi College, 56; Howard, 25.
North Carolina, 49; Guilford, 23.
Vanderbilt, 38; Middle Tennessee Teachers, 32.
Northern Illinois Teachers, 30; Armour Tech, 37 (overtime).
Davis and Elkins, 37; Lovola, 25.
Princeton, 35; Columbia, 32 (overtime).
Dartmouth, 37; Lowel Textile, 24.
Penn, 29; Dickerson, 16.
Carnegie Tech, 59; W. and J., 22.
Army, 36; McGill, 18.
Navy, 37; F. and M., 25.
Syracuse, 20; Rutgers, 19.
Dana, 32; Drew, 18.
North Carolina, 49; Guilford, 23.
Kansas, 34; Colorado, 25.
St. Thomas, 22; Valparaiso, 14.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hartford City, 54; Roll, 20.
Walla ce, 27; Amo, 20.
Clarkshill, 38; Linden, 13.
Bowers, 13; Advance, 10 (overtime).

KIRSHBAUMS TO PLAY

Jewish Five Tackles Edgewood; Bulldogs Face Leaders.

Kirshbaum basketball five will oppose Edgewood A. C. at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at Kirshbaum gym, and the north side Jewish team will take the floor with its full strength. Several regulars have been missing recent tilts.

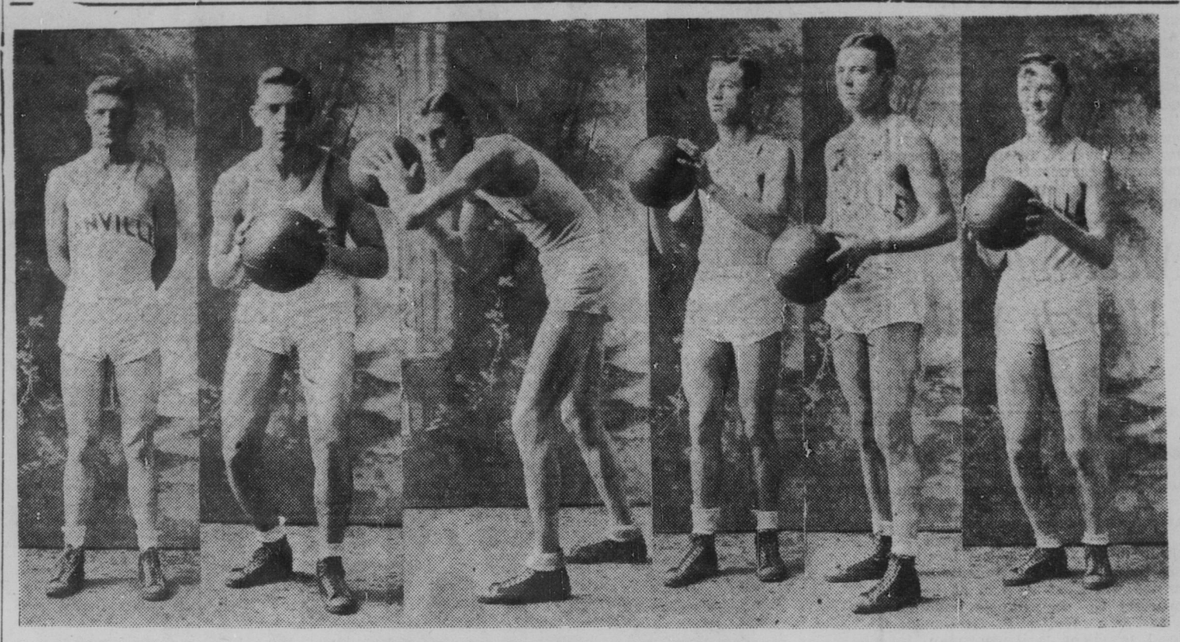
At 2:30, Kirshbaum Bulldogs will play Indianapolis Leaders. At 7:30 in the evening, Bulldogs go to Communal hall to meet their traditional foes, Communal Midgets.

SENATORS BUY HURLER

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. — Mike Delaney, righthanded pitcher, has been purchased by the Washington Senators from the Youngstown (O.) club of the Mid-Atlantic League. It is presumed the Senators will option the hurler to Chattanooga or Baltimore.

Rookie Pastimers Carry Danville Hopes



Left to right: Gifford Reeves, junior, forward; Walter Blanda, freshman, guard; Herman Smith, junior, forward; Orval Wilson, sophomore, forward; Jack Hill, sophomore, guard; Marvin Martz, sophomore, center.

With a wealth of new material, Central Normal's speedy cagers, unbeaten in twenty-five games by Hoosier foes, will invade Fairview field house Friday night to battle Tony Hinkle's Butler Bulldogs.

Schultz, captain and center, is the only veteran pastimer with the Danville quintet. In the starting lineup Friday he will be supported by Hawley and G. Reeves at forward and Blanda and Bisesi at guards. However, coach S. H. Leitzman has been shifting his lineup and many other new stars, including Hill and Smith, are expected to see action.

Butler's snipers are hard at work in preparation for one of the hardest tests of the season. Reissner, former Tech star, continues to show good form at forward and may start against the Purple Warriors.

TROJANS PICK BROWN

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Raymond (Tay) Brown, tackle, will be the 1932 captain of the University of Southern California football team.

Lowly Sox See Chance to Climb With New Owner Striving to Help

BY GEORGE KIRKSEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—The last-place Chicago White Sox have a new owner, a new manager and a new policy for 1932. J. Louis Comiskey, who inherited the White Sox from his father, "the old Roman," who died last fall, has started a definite rebuilding program which promises to show results.

Lewis Fonseca, who succeeded Donie Bush as manager at the close of last season, will be given a free reign in running the Sox on the field. Fonseca is the youngest manager in the majors and the only playing pilot in the American League.

Handicapped by injuries, illness and lack of pitchers the White Sox at times last season exhibited some of the worst baseball ever played in the majors. If Ted Lyons and Tommy Thomas, veteran righthand pitchers, and Smead Jolley, the team's hardest hitter, are not hampered by ailments which handicapped them in 1931, the Sox are certain to be stronger. Lyons and Jolley were practically useless last season.

In addition the White Sox have added seven players who promise to bolster the team. In the biggest trade made in the American League during the winter the Sox acquired pitchers Irving Hadley and Sam Jones and second baseman Jack Hayes from Washington in exchange for outfielder Carl Reynolds and infielder Johnny Kerr. Milton Gaston, veteran righthanded pitcher, was obtained from the Boston Red Sox in exchange for pitcher Bob Weiland.

Four players have been brought up from the minors who may strengthen the Sox if they live up to advance notices. They are outfielders Doug Campbell and Harold Anderson, Lief Erickson, a southpaw pitcher and Carey Selph, second baseman.

Campbell was signed as a free agent by the Sox in 1930 and last season batted .381 for Little Rock. Anderson is rated one of the greatest ball hawks in the minors and the Sox are counting on him to fill the center field gap. Erickson, pitching for Shreveport last year, won fifteen games and lost ten, pitching a no-hit game. Selph, drafted from Houston, was a standout in the Texas League.

Manager Fonseca will be a candidate for an outfield berth, but if Campbell and Anderson live up to minor league reputations, Fonseca will devote his time to managing and pinch hittting.

Ring Title Scrap Set

Max-Mickey Sign Today for Heavy Battle Feb. 26 at Miami.

BY DIXON STEWART
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—With the signing of contracts this afternoon for the Max Schmeling-Mickey Walker world heavyweight championship bout at Miami, Fla., Feb 26, Jack Kearns, manager of Walker, will maintain his ranking as the miracle man of modern fight managers.

Kearns signed for many heavyweight championship fights as manager of Jack Dempsey between 1919 and 1923. But to land a heavyweight championship contract after eight years' absence from championship councils is a real accomplishment.

Builds Up Walker

When Kearns, after his break with Dempsey, announced he would be back at the top, dictating heavyweight affairs after Dempsey was gone and forgotten, few people took his words seriously. And when he took over Mickey Walker, who had lost the welterweight title to Pete Latzo, and began ballyhooing him as a heavyweight title contender, folks shook their heads and agreed that poor old Doc Kearns was slightly balmy.

Balmy he may have been, but he has forced Walker's acceptance as an opponent for Champion Max Schmeling.

Max Gets 40 Per Cent

Signing of contracts for the Walker-Schmeling bout is scheduled for 3 o'clock this afternoon. The bout will be over a fifteen-round route in Madison Square Garden arena at Miami on Feb. 26, with George Blake of Los Angeles as referee.

The Madison Square Garden Corporation of Florida and Illinois will co-operate in the promotion, with Schmeling receiving 40 per cent of the net receipts and Walker accepting 15 per cent.

IRON DUKE RECOVERING

By Times Special

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—William Muldoon, 86-year-old member of the New York athletic commission, was today reported recovering at Post Graduate hospital from an operation for a glandular infection a week ago.

Change Is Made in Main Go on Legion Fistic Program

Chick Rains, St. Louis, and Paul Pirrone, Cleveland, middleweights, who were announced to meet in the main event of next Tuesday's Legion boxing show, were checked out today by Matchmaker Ely when he was informed by James I. Veach, secretary of the state athletic commission, that Rains was not rated highly enough to meet Pirrone.

The matchmaker had signed Rains, a 24-year-old fighter, on the strength of his 1930 record as printed in the 1930 Everlast record book of boxing results.

Ely immediately decided to cancle the entire match, instead of seeking another opponent for Pirrone, and engaged Harry Dublinsky of Chicago to meet Jack King of Little Rock. They are junior welters. Dublinsky has been a prominent figure in middle-western fight circles for several years.

Jack King is now in Indianapolis, and is making this city his headquarters. Two weeks ago, at Muncie, King beat Billy Rose of Cincinnati in what was proclaimed by the Munice newspapers as one of the greatest fights ever staged in that city. He likewise defeated Donald Fagg in Muncie. King is a youngster.

The Dublinsky-King match has been approved by Secretary Veach of the commission.

—Stove League Chatter—

BY EDDIE ASH

WHEN the New York Giants visit Detroit this spring to finish their training trip series with the Tigers, Carl Hubbell, one of John McGraw's mainstay flingers, will be in a position to lift his sleeve and laugh in it. He is a Tiger discard, turned down by two Detroit managers, Ty Cobb and George Moriarty. Hubbell joined the Bengals in 1926 under Cobb and was farmed to Toronto. The next year Moriarty farmed Carl to Decatur and in 1928 released the southpaw outright to Beaumont of the Texas League.

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Hubbell was a success at Toronto and also at Decatur, but the Tigers were hard to please and after deciding against keeping him in 1928 baseball law compelled Detroit to release property rights, and that was a break for Beaumont and also for Hubbell. He starred with the Texas outfit in 1928 and was purchased by the New York Giants for $40,000, gaining membership in the hall of fame later by pitching a no-hit game. The big fellow is entitled to the glory. Three major league rejection slips failed to discourage him.

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Publicity about his $80,000 salary made a target of Babe Ruth during the holiday season and the Big Bam received about 5,000 requests for assistance in money and gifts from all parts of the country. The home run miracle man never has been selfish and has been a free and ready contributor to charity ever since he broke into the big money. He says if he gave three times $80,000 he would be unable to meet all the demands made on him during the past month. In other words he was swamped with appeals, asking all the way from $5 to $15,000. According to a check-up by Mrs. Ruth, total currency requested of the Babe reached $100,000. There were many touching letters, of course, and also many that displayed an abundance of "brass" on the part of the writers.

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BOBBY QUINN, president of the Boston Red Sox, is trying to make the Happy New Year greeting the real thing rather than the latest joke. He has come out with a statement that no drastic salary cuts are planned by his club. Words like that will cause the Red Sox pastimers to enjoy a sharp appetite the rest of winter. According to Quinn, players of regular and important service to his team last year won't be hit hard by the depression ax.

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Quinn is one veteran who thinks the slicing of the big league player limit to twenty-three is sound business rather than a gesture of economy ballyhoo. According to Bobby, the player reduction will place few high class athletes on the market owing to the fact, in his opinion, no team ever has been burdened with high class bench warmers. Jobs will be found without trouble for any promising talent set adrift, the Beantown boss says.

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The health of Barney Dreyfuss, owner and president of the Pittsburgh Pirates, is causing deep concern in the Smoky City and baseball in general. He has been a prominent and active figure in the National League over a long stretch of years and a noted specialist in the business of charting schedules that usually meet the approval of the entire circuit. Dreyfuss underwent an operation in New York Wednesday and was reported resting comfortably, but there is some doubt about his ability to "beat the aftermath." He will be 67 in February and has been actively associated with the game since 1889. The death of his son aged Barney and he was not the same spirited figure last year as in seasons gone by.

BURLEIGH GRIMES apparently has no regrets over his transfer from the world champion Cardinals to the Chicago Cubs. Fact of the matter the veteran moist ball thrower declares the move will work to his advantage. He says the sizzling heat in the Mound City interfered with his sleep and rest and that he is looking forward to enjoying more shut-eye in the Windy City on summer nights this year. "Give me that old needed amount of hay for a man of my age and I'll send some of the younger hurlers back to the minors for more seasoning," Grimes says, or in words to that effect.

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So many baseball observers have predicted early and great fame for Dizzy Dean in the National League this year that to find an individual throwing cold water on the forecasts is rather strange. Anyway, Joe Benes, veteran shortstop, formerly of Columbus, who played with Dizzy at Houston for a time last season, later performing against him with Dallas, comes out with a statement to the effect that Dean will have to change his style to succeed in the majors. Benes says the Great One relies too much on his fast ball and endeavors to roll up too many strikeouts. Benes is a former Cardinal. He is an ex-minor league manager, swift fielder and smart pastimer, weakness at bat keeping him down.

TIM MOYNIHAN RESIGNS

By Times Special

CINCINNATI, Jan. 7.—Tim Moynihan, Xavier university's football line coach, handed in his resignation today, to take effect at once. Joe Meyer, athletic director, intimated Johnny Fredericks would succeed Tim. Both are former Notre Dame warriors.

Moynihan's coaching brought remarkable results at Xavier and he was extremely popular. It is said he has a chance to land a berth with a large eastern school. Tim was one of the outstanding centers in the country when playing under the late Knute Rockne.

RAMSEY CUE VICTOR

Lou Spivey, defending champion, is scheduled to battle Larry Shapiro in tonight's feature of the state three-cushion title play at Cooler's parlor.

Walter Ramsey moved into third place with a 50-to-40 win over Ruben Cohen Wednesday. The contest lasted eighty-one innings, with Cohen posting the highest run of five. Harry Cooler and Neal Jones, both unbeaten, are leading the play.

LOCAL PRO TRIUMPHS

By Times Special

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 7.—Turning in a 33-36—69, Ralph Stonehouse of Indianapolis and Willie McFarlane of Tuckahoe, N. Y., copped first prize money in the annual Miami-Biltmore professional best ball tournament.

Too Tough

By Times Special

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 7.—Bat Battalino is about ready to give up his world's featherweight crown. The scrappy little puncher is undergoing torture in trying to make the weight limit for his fifteen-round title defense against Lew Feldman at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

When he started work last week, Battalino weighed 140 pounds. He has been working six-rounds or more daily in the gym, and is on a diet which includes no regular meals. He was down near the 130-pound mark today, with four more pounds to come off before weighing in time Friday.

Tennis King Quits School

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Ellsworth Vines, national tennis champion, plans to drop his studies at the University of Southern California next semester for financial and not tennis reasons, he announced today.

After it had been rumored he would quit college to devote more time to tennis, Vines said:

"I want it distinctly understood that my leave of absence from school has nothing to do with playing tennis. As to the Davis cup matches, I have not even been invited to play. In fact, I have no tennis plans for this spring."

Little Forced to Resign as Badger Chief, Probe Reveals

By United Press

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 7.—George E. Little virtually was forced to resign as director of athletics at the University of Wisconsin, it has been revealed by the legislative committee investigating athletics at the state school.

Professor J. F. A. Pyre, chairman of the athletic council, could not give one reason why Little's resignation had been desired in answer to questioning Wednesday by Assemblyman Oscar Schmiege.

In questioning George Downer, Wisconsin publicity man, Schmiege expressed it as his opinion that much dissatisfaction was caused on the Wisconsin football team last fall over the fact that Gregory Kabat, guard, was given too much publicity.

"I have been told by certain members of the team that Coach Thistlethwaite favored Kabat and encouraged his receiving publicity even though some of the players considered Kabat 'not so hot,'" Schmiege said.

Down the Alleys

BY LEFTY LEE

FEHR MOWS 'EM FOR 768.

Johnny Fehr threatened the all-time city record for three-game total during the Indianapolis League play on the Pritchett drives Wednesday, three games over the 250 mark giving him a count of 768, just twelve pins away. This total is the season's high for this league and second only to Black's 771 for all leagues. Fehr's games were 254, 257 and 257. Pritchett and Hornbeck helped this score with counts of 668 and 665 to give Coca-Cola a total of 3,212 and a triple win over Gregory and Appel. The Marotts and Underwood Transfer also won three from Hollenbeck Press and Pritchett's Pick-Ups as Fall City Lager, Liebtag Barbers, Union Title and St. Philip A. C. took two from Trule, Wheeler's Lunch, Oefterling-Litzelman and Vollmer Bros. Pritchett rolled the high single game with a 268 finish.

Hanna Register and Augustiner won their games during the Uptown League session, the Giesen-Specials and City Candy teams being the victims. Prima Beverage, Tinton-Lytle Cigar and Beam's Recreation won the odd game during their play with Coca-Cola, Selmier Towel and Omar Baking. Wheeler and Kelly battled for high three-game count, Wheeler winning out, 639 to 638. Stemm had 612; Bohne, 608, with the high single of 255, and Figg 600.

Laura Alexander featured the Uptown Ladies Matinee League with a score of 620 on games of 211, 183 and 226. The team results showed two-game wins for Fifty-fourth Street Merchants, Coca-Cola and Rowe Watch from Peck Grocery, Prima Beverage and City Candy.

Kleen Kaps won three from Creamed Cheese, as Whipping Cream took the odd game from Milk for Health, during the Roberts Milk play.

Vanier, a member of the Freije Grocery team, was the only player in the big K. of C. League to reach the 600 mark, rolling a total of 630. Team results displayed an evenly matched session. Block Optical, Pittman-Rice, Centennial Press, Finneran Grocery, Freije Grocery and Canning Plumbing taking the rubber from Scott Trucking, Boren Insurance, Penn Coal, Hoosier Optical, Quinn Grocery and Indiana Trucking.

After defeating the girls from Louisville last Sunday, the Roepke Floral girls rather like the match game idea, and will travel to Hammond next Sunday to roll the Pick and Price team of that city. The Roepke team is composed of good average players, and will give the upstate team a run for top honors.

An interesting match is scheduled for the Pritchett alleys Saturday night when the J. P. Girls team will take on the Pritchett Juveniles. The Juveniles, composed of players in their teens, will lineup with Kiefer, Murphy, Pritchett Jr., Paul Streibeck and Wilmoth, and our bet is the kids will defeat the girls.

Sweepstakes play galore is scheduled for the different drives over the week-end. At the Illinois alleys the 400 scratch doubles will be rolled, the 1,000 scratch team event on the Fountain Square drives, starts, the Central alleys has a 100 scratch singles and Pritchett's a 200 scratch singles.

In addition to the above play the 1,000 scratch team sweepstakes at Anderson, the site of the next state tournament, will get under way. A flock of local teams will roll in this meet.

Red Tegeler was the big gun during the Van Camp League play at Pritchett's with a three-game mark of 626 to give the Milk team an odd game win over Tomato Juice. Pumpkin and Spaghetti also took two from Bean Hole Bean, and Catsup as Pork and Beans won three from Soup.

Power and Light League games on the Illinois alleys resulted in a triple win for Meter Department and Store Room over Mill Street and Third Floor, and a two-game win for Harding Street, Fifth Floor, Commissary, and M. and E. from Washington avenue, Operators, Operator No. 1 and Fourth Floor. E. Gronau had the best total for the night with a score of 591.

Barrett again proved to be the best in the Film League, when he rolled 604 for Fox. His teammates failed to help him, however, and the Werner quintet took two games. Columbia also won two from Metro.

Dr. Kemper was the reason the Kemper team won three games from Gick during the Medical Society play on the Central drives, his sheet showing games of 201, 224 and 221, a total of 646. Dr. Bickel started with the high single of 246 to total 601. Other contests decided two to one favored Cox Bakemeier and Pennington over Owens, Wyitenbach and Day.

Get your team lined up for the city tournament right now. This year's meet is going to be a record breaker for entries, so come on in early and assure your club choice dates.

Independent Basket Notices

Fletcher Place M. E. team desires games for Wednesday and Friday nights, with teams having access to gyms. Call Russell Doles, Riley 8954, between 8:30 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Sixteenth division of the United States Naval Reserves will oppose Tipton Legonnaires next Tuesday at Tipton. Naval Reserves would like to schedule games with fast city and state teams having access to gyms. Write Bob Brady, at 918 West Thirty-second street, or call Harrison 4382-W, and ask for Bob.

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity has organized a fast team and wants to schedule games with fast fraternal teams having access to a gym. Call Talbott 2955 and ask for the manager of the basketball team.

Black and Orange quintet will meet Morris Street Christian church at Rhodius gym Friday at 8:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon Black and Orange net men will invade Holy Trinity Juniors gym at 2:30 p. m.

M. A. C. S., playing in the 15-16-year-old class, wish games with teams having access to gyms, or are willing to go half and half on a gym. Call Cherry 7194-J, between 5:30 and 6:30. Ask for Bill.

Senior Class team of the Communal Building would like to schedule games with teams in the 15-17-year-old class. Seniors have access to gym every Tuesday night at 6:15 p. m. Call Dr. 3924, ask for manager or write to 933 South Capitol avenue, Albert Passo.

Manager of the Shelby M. E. church team is requested to get in touch with Preston Marks regarding their game Friday night. Teams desiring games with the Marks call Drexel 2155-M, ask for Duke.

Basketball team of Wayne lodge, No. 393, Knights of Pythias, of West Point will play the team of the Indiana Deaf School in Indianapolis Friday. Wayne team's record to date is five straight victories.

Sunshine Cleaners will play Tipton American Legion quintet Sunday at Tipton. Cleaners have been setting a swift pace recently and a fast game is expected. Players who will make the trip are Carter, Birch, Fisher, Duke, McFall, Gallegher and Williams. For games with Sunshine, call Talbot 3535.

St. Patricks will tangle with Night Hawks Saturday at Eleventh and Olney gym at 8 p. m. Saints play Indianapolis Meteors at Pennsy gym on Sunday. Red Silk Ramblers will tangle with Perndale A. C. at 2:30 Sunday and Bond Bakers oppose Helmsburg in the opener at 1:30. Games are wanted with teams having access to a gym. Call F. Roth, Drexel 0116.

Roberts Park girls defeated Broadway girls, 26 to 10, and Broadway boys defeated Central avenue, 32 to 26, in Epworth League games Wednesday. In the feature battle, Center rallied after trailing 8-to-5 at the half and turned in a 32-to-19 triumph over Capitol Avenue.

North Side Flashes lost a fast and exciting game to the Rhodius Bulldogs, 28 to 25. The Flashes desire games in the 15-year-old class with teams having access to gyms. Call Talbot 1555 and ask for Pete.

West Side Cubs want games with teams in the 12-14-year-old class having access to gyms. Call Belmont 0354, ask for Tom, or write 361 North Holmes avenue.

The following games are scheduled for the Co-operative League tonight at Pennsy gym: 7:30, Indiana Bell Telephone vs. Habig; 8:30, Modern Woodmen vs. Goldsteins; 9:30, Eli Lilly vs. Polk's Milk. First place is shared by Eli Lilly and the Telephone five, each with three wins and one defeat.

Flackville Flashes lost two thrillers, bowing to the Chain Gang, 13 to 8, Monday, and Broadway M. E., 21 to 17, Tuesday. Teams with gyms, write Sam Lang, Sixteenth and Main street, Speedway City, for games.

Capitol Silents will meet Morgantown tonight and West Point Friday night at the Deaf school gym. Silents lost to Eli Lilly, 37 to 32. Luteran and Rensberger were best for the Deaf boys. On Jan. 16, Silents will meet the Chicago Wishbone Club, also a deaf team, here.

Hardwood Kids, playing in the 12 to 14