SHORTRIDGE AND IRISH RENEW NET FEUD FRIDAY

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Admitting in the opening sentence that Mr. Jack Dempsey can change his mind quicker than one of Professor Billy Minsky's dimpled dumplings can switch from the red beads to the purple, the gentleman assures me by wire that there is no malarkey about his comeback.

"I'll fight somebody in September, maybe sooner, and it will be a regular fight," he says. I hope so. I wouldn't want to see the old boy getting into any irregular ones at this late date.

It interests me to note that he has adopted a different formula for his current comeback. Instead of going into the hills and getting into shape against an odd assortment of battered hulks he is playing one night stands against anybody the local promoters produce for him.

This formula has the very satisfying virtue of yielding profitable box office returns with each performance, and because of this there is a tendency to view the Dempsey comeback with skepticism. Why come back at all, if he can make plenty of money by merely pretending to?

Don't ask me to answer this one. Appreciating the fluctuating qualities of the gentleman's mind, that with him a firm resolve on Tuesday may be something entirely different twenty-four hours later, I prefer to wait until I see him actually in the ring.

What interests me at the moment is Dempsey's changed conditioning system. Will it work out better than the old? Off hand, you might say it couldn't work out worse. A lot, of course, depends on how much Dempsey has left. It isn't conceivable that he has any more now than he had when he started to get ready for the first Tunney fight.

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SCHMELING was a much better fighter against Stribling in Cleveland than he had ever shown himself to be before, despite the fact that he had been idle for a year. Why was that? The long schedule of one night stands sharpened his speed and his timing, improved his boxing and his hitting.

But just because this kind of work helped Schmeling it doesn't follow that it will help Dempsey. Not to the same extent, anyway. Schmeling is a youngster coming up, and Dempsey has long since seen his best ring days. It just isn't in the books for a fighter in his 30's to be as good as he was in his 20's.

I happened to be with Dempsey when he started his come back for the Tunney fight. The first indication that he really intended to come back was the announcement that he had set up a training camp on a mountain in the obscure town of Hendersonville, N. C.

There was some mystery why he had picked Hendersonville. Up to that time I don't believe Dempsey had ever heard of the place. It turned out that Hendersonville had caught the backwash of the Florida boom. The local realtors wanted a name with which to bait the customers. They decided on Dempsey. It cost them $30,000 for three weeks.

The idea was to catch the Florida tourists on the rebound. In those dizzy days it wasn't considered fantastic to own both an oceanview mansion and a mountainside lodge. Subdivisions were staked out all over the mountain, some of them dangling at angles that would have crushed the gay spirits of an Alpine climber.

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IN the afternoons big busses from adjacent towns would come lumbering up the rising corkscrew inclines stuffed with prospective customers, being regaled the while by a megaphone barker who described in ornate detail the primitive charm of the place and the sound security of the investment.

When the busses disgorged their load, Dempsey would begin his work in an outdoor ring, snorting and slamming away at such formidables as Farmer Lodge, Tilly Kid Herman and Marty Farrell. Somehow the Dempsey show always got a bigger play than the realtors. Maybe it was because it didn't cost anything. The boom had already died but Hendersonville hadn't heard about it.

Those were interesting days. The Dempsey romance was still flaming. There were no telephones on the mountain. Dempsey had one installed in his shack and each night for three weeks without a miss he called Los Angeles to talk with Estelle. His total phone bill was close to $2,000.

Yes, those were interesting days. Dempsey was still the invincible man mauler, blissfully oblivious of the fate that awaited him at Philadelphia. Tex Richard was still the miracle man of the box office. And a lot of critics were writing what an outrage it was that nobody would give poor old Harry Wills a chance.

Newcastle Tech Rival

Washington, Manual and Ripple Fives Also See Action.

BY VERN BOXELL

City high school quintets were busy today preparing for major net tests this week.

Topping the attractive bill is the Cathedral-Shortridge rivalry feud at Butler field house Friday night. Brafford, captain and guard, and Dickerson, reserve guard, were missing from the Blue drill Tuesday, due to injuries. Cathedral went through a lengthy passing and shoot drill.

Both teams face hard tests again Saturday. Shortridge journeying to Shelbyville to battle the speedy Mackmen, while Cathedral entertains Beech Grove.

Tech Tests Trojans

Tech gets another major test at Newcastle Friday where Tim Campbell's pastimers battle the mighty Trojans of Orville Hooker. This battle is the feature attraction of the Hoosier prep program for the week, with the lead in the North Central Conference as the victors' reward. It will be Tech's height against Newcastle's speed and will involve two strong defensive combinations. Connersville comes here to oppose Tech Saturday.

Washington's Continentals also face two hard tests this week, battling the strong Danville five here Friday and Brownsburg here Saturday. Manual opposes two county foes, with Beech Grove as Friday's opponents and Southport, county champions, on Saturday's program.

Feature Frays Saturday

Broad Ripple gets into action against Zionsville at Hoosier Athletic Club Friday night.

Although most of the prominent state quintets are in action Friday, two Saturday tussles grab the week-end spotlight. Newcastle will seek revenge for last Friday's loss to the Indians in a return game at Anderson, and Bedford will get another chance at the rangy, powerful Vincennes five at Vincennes. The complete card:

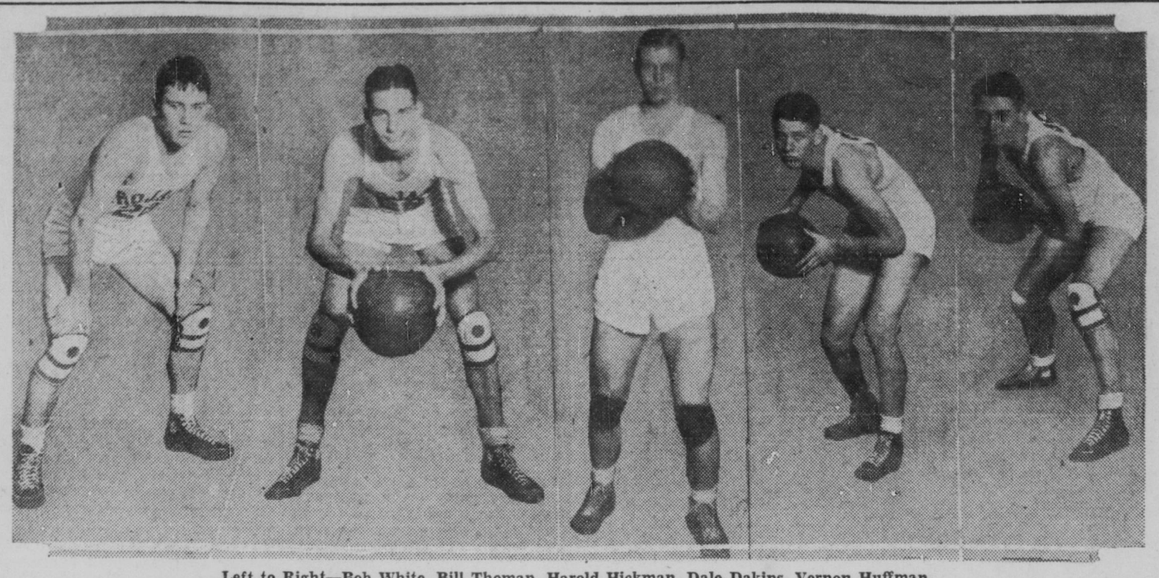
FRIDAY

Muncie at Richmond.
Alexandria at Delphi.
Riley of South Bend at Elkhart.
Anderson at Rochester.
Bedford at Bloomington.
La Porte at Nappanee.
Vincennes at Brazil.
Decatur at Columbia City.
Michigan City at Central of South Bend.
Columbus at Franklin.
Jefferson of Lafayette at Connersville.
Greencastle at Crawfordsville.
Valparaiso at Washington of East Chicago.
Central of Evansville at Washington.
Frankfort at Logansport.
Horace Mann of Gary at Hammond.
Cathedral of Indianapolis vs. Shortridge of Indianapolis at Butler fieldhouse.
Kokomo at Lebanon.
Wabash at Marion.
Shelbyville at Martinsville.
Tech of Indianapolis at Newcastle.
Warsaw at Peru.

SATURDAY

Marion at Muncie.
Newcastle at Anderson.
Bedford at Vincennes.
Connersville at Tech of Indianapolis.
Decatur at South Side of Ft. Wayne.
Central of Evansville at Reitz of Evansville.
North Side of Ft. Wayne at Central of Ft. Wayne.
Wallace of Gary at Emerson of Gary.
Shortridge of Indianapolis at Shelbyville.
Greensburg at Jeffersonville.
Kokomo at Tipton.
Jefferson of Lafayette at Richmond.
Central of South Bend at La Porte.

Hard Days Ahead for Newcastle Cagers



Left to Right—Bob White, Bill Thoman, Harold Hickman, Dale Dakins, Vernon Huffman.

STILL riding at the top of the heap despite last Saturday's setback on the home hardwood by Everett Case's Anderson Indians, Newcastle's Trojans today prepared for two hard tussles this week.

Orville Hooker's Rose City pastimers, boasting a string of impressive triumphs, face Tech at Newcastle on Friday and journey to Anderson for action Saturday night. Both are North Central conference rivals, and a victory for Tim Campbell's Tech quintet Friday will place the local cagers at the top of the heap. The Campbellmen are tied with the Trojans for the lead now.

Although lacking in size, the Newcastle five boasts power and speed, with a well-balanced scoring lineup. Huffman, the great guard, jumps center in most of the tilts. He has been handicapped since the Muncie triumph by an ankle injury.

Thoman ranks as one of the state's smoothest floor workers and is an accurate basket tosser. White at forward, Hickman at center, and Dakins at guard all are veterans. Defense is the chief asset of the Trojan machine.

Philip Wrigley Will Carry On for Father

World Championship, Life's Ambition of Late Chicago Cub's Owner, Goal of 1932 Bruins; Gum Magnate Spent Million Seeking Laurels; Fun for Him.

BY GEORGE KIRKSEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The goal of the Chicago Cubs will remain the same as it was when William Wrigley Jr. was alive—the world championship.

Under the leadership of Philip K. Wrigley, the Cubs will be conducted on the same high plane that they were during the regime of his father, who died Tuesday in Phoenix, Ariz., without realizing his life's ambition of owning a team supreme in the baseball world.

In his sixteen years of connection with the Cubs, Wrigley spent more money than all except one magnate—Colonel Jake Ruppert of the New York Yankees—to build up a world championship team. The sum is estimated at $1,000,000, but any sum is a guess. Wrigley often paid baseball expenses out of his own pocket because baseball was a hobby with him—a million-dollar hobby.

Even though he was identified with professional sports he was one of the greatest amateur sportsmen in the world. It wasn't his desire to have the Cubs make money for him although they did during the last four years.

Veeck Gets Job

That, however, was because of the clever direction of the team's affairs by William Veeck, president of the club and a former newspaper man, who once made the remark:

"Well, I wish I was running the Cubs. I'd show you how to get a winner and make money."

The remark was repeated to Wrigley. Soon after that he hired Veeck as business manager, and a year later made him president. The Cubs have prospered under Veeck's direction, but it wasn't prosperity that Wrigley wanted, it was a world championship team.

That was the reason he released Joe McCarthy as manager, and ordered Hack Wilson disposed of. Wrigley liked McCarthy personally, but he felt he was no longer able to control the Cubs' players.

Faith in Hornsby

He hired Hornsby and backed him to the last ditch. He was convinced Hornsby would enable him to realize his life's ambition of owning a world championship team.

It was Wrigley's opinion that Hornsby was the greatest player he ever saw in action. Wrigley spent big money on baseball. He paid $200,000 and tossed in five players for Hornsby. He paid more high salaries than any magnate in the game, not excluding Colonel Jake Ruppert.

"When I was young I didn't have much time to have a good time," Wrigley once said. "I like baseball. It gives me a chance to have a lot of fun."

Phar Lap on Way to Agua

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—The famous Australian race horse, Phar Lap, was to be taken to Agua Caliente, Mexico, today to participate in the $50,000 Agua Caliente handicap in March against leading American racers.

Phar Lap was stabled at San Clemente, Cal., Tuesday night.

Smith Shatters Speed Record

By Times Special

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Jan. 27.—Norman (Wizard) Smith today claimed a new record of 164.084 miles an hour over a ten-mile course. He set the mark Tuesday on the Ninety-Mile beach here. In two dashes, his average time was 3 minutes, 39.40 seconds.

According to word from New York today, Smith's mark betters the present ten-mile mark by about thirty miles an hour.

Pirate Owner Seriously Ill

By Times Special

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League, was reported recovering from a serious operation at Mt. Sinai hospital here.

His condition was regarded serious by physicians, and only members of his immediate family were permitted to see him. It was decided not to tell Dreyfuss of the death of William Wrigley Jr., owner of the Chicago Cubs, because the shock might prove too great for him in his present condition.

Double Windup Carded on Armory Mat Friday

Jack Sherry, a newcomer to local mats, will tangle with Johnny (Swede) Carlin in the bottom half of the double windup on Friday's mat program at the Armory, it was announced today. In the feature two-out-of-three-fall event, Hardy Kruskamp, former Ohio State gridiron pastimer, takes on Cyclone Robertson, Tennessee heavyweight. Both of the 200-pounders have shown here before.

The opener is being arranged by Promoter Jimmie McLemore.

WELTER CHAMP SIGNS

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Lou Brouillard, Worcester, Mass., world's welterweight champion, will defend his title here again within ninety days if he defeats Jackie Fields, Los Angeles, former champion, in their ten-round title bout at the Chicago stadium Thursday night.

Cecil Dodge, Brouillard's manager, has signed for the champion to meet either Jimmy McLarnin, Vancouver, B. C., or Billy Petrolle, Fargo, N. D., in March or April.

TOMMY YARR TO WED

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 27—Tommy Yarr, Dabob, Wash., captain of the 1931 Notre Dame football team, will be married to Miss Rosemary Killen of Chicago at St. Mel's church next Wednesday, it was announced today.

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Sonja Henie Here to Defend Olympic, World Skate Titles

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Manhattan was host today to nineteen winter sports stars who arrived Tuesday from six different countries to compete in the Olympic games at Lake Placid, Feb. 4 to 13.

As the Norwegians, Finns, Belgians, Austrians, Britishers and French trooped down the gangplanks, center of attraction was the graceful girl with the golden bob, Miss Sonja Henie of Norway, world's champion women's figure skater.

The blonde luminary from the land of the midnight sun had two statements for the reporters:

1. She will not marry—"never."
2. She will retire from competitive skating within the next year.

This pretty 19-year-old girl, who has won the world's championship five times, and who won the Olympic title in 1928 at St. Moritz, will train at the ice club here today and Thursday. Then she will go to Lake Placid to defend her Olympic title. Later she will go to Montreal to defend her world title.

Thurnblad, Reiselt Tied for Top Berth in Cue Tourney

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Arthur Thurnblad, Chicago, defending champion, and Otto Reiselt, Philadelphia, former titleholder, share first place at the end of nine days of play in the world's championship three-cushion billiard tournament, each with four games won and one lost. Augie Kieckefer, Chicago, a nine-time champion, is in third place with three victories and one defeat.

Thurnblad gained a tie for the lead by crushing Tiff Denton, Kansas City, former champion, 50 to 32 in 51 innings Tuesday night. Frank S. Scoville, Buffalo, eastern champion, gained possession of fourth place by defeating Johnny Layton, Sedalia, Mo., ten-times champion, 50 to 37 in 46 innings.

Jake Schaefer, the world's balkline king, featured the play Tuesday, staging a comeback that thrilled the three-cushion followers. He turned in the best game of the championship when he defeated Bud Westhus, St. Louis, southern champion, 50 to 23 in 31 innings, winning with an unfinished run of 10, the second high run of the tournament.

Gus Copulos, Eugene, Ore., veteran star, came through with a sensational 50 to 42 victory over Jay Bozeman, daring California player, in 44 innings.

Scoville and Denton met this afternoon while Bozeman faced Len Kenney, Chicago, northern champion. In the night games, Copulos plays Westhus and Kieckhefer opposes Allen Hall of Chicago.

JONES DROPS SPIVEY

Murphy and Cooler Clash on Friday Night in Cue Tourney.

Lou Spivey, defending champion in the state three-cushion billiard tournament, dropped another match Tuesday, bowing to Neal Jones, 50 to 48, in 100 innings at Cooler's parlor. Jones had high run of eight; Spivey, 4.

Joe Murphy and Harry Cooler Clash in the next tourney event on Friday night.

Bat, Miller in Ring Title Go

By United Press

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 27.—Christopher (Bat) Battalino, Hartford, Conn., world's featherweight champion, will meet Freddie Miller, Cincinnati, in a ten-round title bout here tonight.

Battalino has posted forfeit money that he will make the divisional weight limit of 126 pounds. Battalino, who defeated Miller here last summer, ruled 2 to 1 choice.

City Fives in Junior Event

Indianapolis Wizards were accepted today as one of the local entries in the Indiana Junior championship basketball tournament to be played at Hotel Dearborn Feb. 12 and 13. Wizards, captained by Joe Mazelin, have won eighteen of twenty-one starts.

Outstanding teams expected to compete for titular honors include: Muncie, Anderson, Kokomo, Huntington, Vincennes, Lafayette, Frankfort, Noblesville, Hartford City, Franklin and Marion.

East Tenth Knights and Indianapolis Flashes are other outstanding local quintets that will attempt to bring a state championship to the capital city for the first time.

Wood Breaks Speed Mark

By United Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 27.—Gar Wood, Detroit, set a new world's motor boat speed record today when he drove his Miss America IX over the choppy waters of Indian Creek here for an average speed of 110.78 miles per hour.

The former record was 110.223 miles per hour, set by Kaye Don, England, at Lake Garda, Italy, last year.

SHARE SHOOT HONORS

Benefield and Morse, with 46 out of 50 targets each, shared top honors in the singles event at Crooked Creek Gun Club Tuesday. Norman was third with 45 and Tony fourth with 44.

Morse and Tony tied in the handicap with 23 each and Tony topped the double list with 17.

Legion Fistic Fans See Hot Action; King Defeats Rose

Clever boxing won for Jack King, Little Rock welterweight, over Billy Rose, Cincinnati, in the ten-round main event on the Legion card at the Armory Tuesday night. Rose was handicapped by a bad left ear and winched many times as King kicked it over with rapid-fire punches. There was action all the way in the feature battle and the fans sat in on the kind of entertainment they pay to see, in this go and in the other bouts of the evening.

Rose displayed his usual willingness to mix it and King trotted right along with him and jumped out in front at the outset by the better use of his gloves. The Little Rock youngster is "going places" if he develops more power in his dukes. He has the other requirements for success.

In next week's headliner Vernon Cormier, Boston, will meet Johnny Datto of Cleveland. Cormier won and lost on points to Tracy Cox in recent clashes.

In the semi-windup of eight rounds Tuesday night Young Stuhley, Kewanee (Ill.) middleweight, took the verdict over Rosy Kid Baker of Anderson. The boys threw a lot of gloves, but Baker was outboxed by his taller opponent and failed to do much impressive scoring until the last of the fight. The boys worked hard and supplied constant entertainment. Baker appeared to have the harder punch, but couldn't land it in the proper spots to keep Stuhley away from him.

Glen Camp, Kewanee lightweight, and Joe Veney, South Bend, mixed in a whirlwind scheduled six-rounder and Veney's second tossed in the towel after the fourth round. Veney was down once in the third stanza and three times in the fourth. Camp launched a vicious attack in the second canto and kept going. The lads kicked up a lot of resin as they piled into each other.

George Veney, South Bend junior welterweight, connected with a powerful right uppercut near the close of the sixth round, and Steve Rozina, Kewanee, was knocked cold. It was a fast and hard-fought scrap and Veney held an edge previous to landing the haymaker.

George Downey, Indianapolis junior lightweight, and Roy Nidy, Terre Haute, met in the six-round opener. The judges failed to agree on the verdict and Referee Cooley awarded the honors to Downey. The Times believed Nidy was entitled to the edge.

OFF THE BACKBOARD

BY VERN BOXELL

ALL of the boys and girls are getting excited about this Cathedral-Shortridge thing out at Butler fieldhouse Friday night. Even if Shortridge did get bumped by Washington's Continentals, you can't figure 'em out of this battle. Rated off the dope, the Blue Devils have no business beating Mr. Joe Dienhart's scrappy Irishmen. But you can toss your dope right out in the back yard with the rest of the rubbish. Cathedral has been cutting off the big boys right and left, and they may add Shortridge to the list, but they'll have to hit more shots than they did against Jeffersonville to do it.

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Jeffersonville newsboys should be getting along quite well in this depression. According to the Jeffersonville editor, a loss by the Demons is "real news" and is played up as such. Columbus should have made page one with that 31 to 17 victory over the Francismen Saturday. Martinsville goes down to the Ohio river town tonight. And that should be another break for the newsboys.

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Around over the state, the wise boys are beginning to take notice of Mr. Glenn Curtis' Martinsville outfit. During the early part of the campaign the Artesians were just another basketball team. But the aforementioned W. B.s forgot about Mr. Curtiss. Ole' Backboard first became suspicious when Mr. Curtis began popping up all over the state at basketball games. Mr. Curtis is not in the habit of losing sleep just to see basketball games, unless there is a reason. Right now cage fans are beginning to see the results of these nocturnal jaunts. Incidentally, Mr. Curtis was on the sidelines when Columbus defeated Jeffersonville last Saturday. And do you think Jeffersonville has a chance tonight? Well, maybe I'm wrong.

Logansport has won three games in a row. Having tasted that much success, the Berries are thirsty for more. They play Frankfort on Friday night. Playing Frankfort is a hard way to satisfy the victory thirst. But it's another one of those rivalry things in which anything can happen, and it's carded for the Logansport gym. Berry fans are shouting for a four-game winning streak. Early in the season they won three in a row, but couldn't get over the hump at Lebanon.

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CHICO YARBOROUGH, the Frankfort scribe, gets the prize. Chico ran a "sport-orial" in the Frankfort Times on "How to Witness a Basketball Game." That is an insult to a Hoosier—especially the Frankfort brand.

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Robert (the mustacheod Kunnel) Stranahan of Newcastle is going to pick his state champion on Feb. 3. That's just like asking Max Schmeling whom he thinks is the best heavyweight in the world.

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Dear Boxell—You can have Muncie. I'll take Newcastle. I saw that Muncie-Newcastle affair last week and the Trojans look like champions to me. They'll win the state. My big five: Newcastle (Huffman and Company), Muncie (Mann and Company), Columbus, Alexandria and Tech (Edwards and Company). And watch Cathedral take Shortridge next Friday night!

THE KATHEDRAL KID.

Does that still go after the Anderson setback?

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Institute for the Feeble-Minded.

West Washington street.

Verne, Ol' Vegetable—I notice Shortridge Lil made his excuses very early for not winning the city championship. In his analysis of city teams, he underestimated every team in the city, with one exception. Guess who? Shortridge? Smart boy.

And say, what is that my eyes beheld in Friday's edition? Looked suspiciously like a picture of Shortridge's basketball team. At least, that's what they call it out there.

If you must publish basketball pictures, why not pick the team that rates highest in the North Central Conference, the team that trimmed the defending champs, the team that beat Anderson, the only conqueror of Muncie, the team coached by the coach of coaches, the team that has won the city series ever since such a thing first was started, the team that will climax its string of stirring but not surprising string of victories by winning the state championship. I know that you can't please everybody, but why not please the majority and print the picture of ARSENAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL'S BASKETBALL TEAM.

OLE' CACTUS PLANT.

(Editor's Note—That must have been some other Friday paper in which you saw the Shortridge picture. It appeared in Thursday's Times—or maybe you just sleep late. And besides, Tech isn't leading the North Central Conference—it's tied with Newcastle. And, in addition to Tech, Anderson, Frankfort and Newcastle have beaten Muncie.

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Dear Boxell—The guy who said I was busy making excuses for the Blue Devils was all wet. Just watch Shortridge. Last year, everyone said Shortridge didn't have a chance, because their record wasn't so hotski. We lost the city, but that didn't mean a thing. We won the sectional, and that meant something.

LILL YL.

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Dear Vern—Can you imagine this Shortridge gang "incineratin'" that Tech is gonna be trounced by Shortridge in the sectional? Words fail me. I guess they never give up out there on the north side.

LITTLE OSWALD.

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Dear Backboard—So Tech won the city tournament—but how? Why don't they pass that city tournament around so somebody but Tech will have a chance to win it. The four points difference in the Washington-Tech game just about represents the home-floor advantage held by Tech. If Tech had played Washington at Washington's gym, or on any neutral floor, the score probably would have been in Washington's favor.

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Greencastle, 33; Brazil 29.. All's quiet on the western front.

DOEG QUITS TENNIS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—John Hope Doeg, former holder of the national singles and joint holder of the doubles tennis titles, was quoted today as saying that he has retired from tournament play.

Doeg was credited with stating that never again would he appear in a Davis cup match or as a contender for the national championship, because he intended concentrating his efforts in the advertising business.

—Stove League Chatter—

BY EDDIE ASH

JOE DAWSON, brother of Rex of Indianapolis pitching fame, will return to baseball and will go to training camp with the Pirates this spring. Joe passed up hurling a few years ago to become instructor in a flying school at Pittsburgh and the depression finally caught up with the venture and blew the wind out of it. Hence the baseball comeback. Joe used to pitch for Kansas City and Louisville and believes the raised seam on the new ball will assist him to make good all over again.

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Pittsburgh has a roster of thirty-five pastimers to take to the Pirate camp in California, seventeen of the members being throwers. A mound squad of that size will supply the hitters with all the swinging they can stand. It is said George Grantham, veteran infielder, is slated to be sold or used in a deal. Waivers are been asked on Steve Swetonic, ace of the Indianapolis staff in 1928.

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Joe Engel, popular prexy of the Chattanooga Southern Association club, is usually good for a laugh any time, but Joe is moaning now. His team is scheduled to open the season in Knoxville where attendance for the lil lifter will be about 6,000, maybe. In the past Chattanooga opened at home or in Atlanta with gates showing attendance of between 14,000 and 18,000. Atlanta also is crying, being booked to open at Nashville, 1931 last-place club.

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NEWSPAPERMEN of Brooklyn and New York voted, by request, on a name for the Brooklyn team and the decision was the old monicker Dodgers. It is said Flatbush officials will let it go at that. With Wilbert Robinson removed as manager the name Robins was considered as out and a long search failed to unearth any name more appropriate than Dodgers. There was some talk for a time of using the name Kings.

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Orders issued by Connie Mack last spring made a better pitcher of George Earnshaw. In 1929 he was taken out of nineteen games and was removed from the same number in 1930. Mack told him at the start of the 1931 season he never would be placed among the really great hurlers unless he cured the practice of looking to the bench for relief when the going got tough. As a result Earnshaw pitched twenty-three complete games in 1931, was taken out of seven and acted as relief hurler in eleven. His record was twenty-one victories and seven defeats. Connie knows best.

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Fred Marberry, ace of the Washington mound staff, wants to know what it takes to rate a salary raise in the American League. He won sixteen tilts and lost only four last year and twelve of his victories were consecutive. Hence, it seems Marberry is entitled to register a grievance over the wage reduction the Senators asked him to accept. He doesn't care to be listed as a holdout and will confer with Owner Griffith. He is tagged to pitch the opening 1932 game against Boston.

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IT is interesting to compare the records of the key men who will perform in the Brooklyn outfield this year. In 1930 the combined average of O'Doul, Herman, Wilson and Frederick hit the sky at .366. In 1931 the same four all tumbled and their combined average fell off 69 points to .297. O'Doul was with the Phillies in 1930 and Wilson was with the Cubs both years. The deadened ball and abolishment of the sacrifice fly had much to do with reducing swat averages.

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Bib Falk, new manager of Toledo, went from a college in Texas to the majors. He escaped service in the minors. He has made two trips overseas on barnstorming tours, once with the White Sox and Giants to Europe and the other time to the Orient, playing in Japan, China, Korea and the Philippines. Bib broke a record by carrying a bottle of water halfway around the world. At Vancouver, he purchased a bottle of peach brandy. On the way across, somebody consumed the brandy, substituted water and re-corked the bottle. Falk carried what he thought brandy from town to town, awaiting for the "old emergency." It finally happened and Falk filled the role of goat.

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HERE AND THERE

Bat Battalino, featherweight champion, who failed to make weight for the Lou Feldman bout recently, meets Freddie Miller in Cincinnati tonight . . . They are said to be stablemates . . . Ditto Eddie Shea and Henry Falegano, who "clash" in St. Louis tonight . . . Ditto Lou Brouillard, welter champ, and Jackie Fields who meet in Chicago Thursday . . . And then some people wonder why boxing is slipping . . . Fraternizing between ball players on opposing clubs is off in the International League . . . No more handshaking on the field . . . The magnates crave the old hostility . . . Twelve New York Giants have signed, with Terry, Fitzsimmons, Leach and Fullis the known holdouts . . . After big league magnates announced players refusing to take salary cuts would not be traded or sold the Cardinals up and peddled Holdout Hack Wilson . . . Depression heat is beginning to cool.

Veach Tells of Contract Covering Cox Bouts

In answer to the statement of Bert Rumer, manager of Tracy Cox, local boxer, to the effect Cox is not tied up to fight for any one promoter, James Veach, secretary of the state athletic commission, announced today there is a contract on file at the commission office that apparently calls for Tracy to box exclusively in this city for the Washington A. C.

Veach said the commission never has been asked to give an official decision on the agreement.

According to Veach the contract is signed by Bert Rumer, manager of Cox, and by Nate Farb for the Washington A. C. It is said the contract states Cox agrees to perform for the Washington A. C. in eight bouts ove ra stated period. Since the agreement was filed Tracy has fought four times under A. C. promotion.

AMATEURS AT WORK

Marion county amateur boxers who do not belong to clubs and lack training quarters are invited to work out at South Side Turners gym under the instructions of Jimmy Dalton, who is serving his eighth year as Turner instructor. Arthur Paetz, in charge of the annual city amateur ring tourney at Turner arena Feb. 20, made the announcement today and said many entries had been received.

Turners work out each Monday and Thursday night at 7 p. m. and on Sunday morning. For information call Mr. Paetz at Dr. 1116.

JACOBS BIG FOUR PREXY

The newly elected president of the Big Four Athletic Association of Indianapolis, boosting a membership of 500, is August Jacobs. He was elected Tuesday. Others elected are Everett Bryant, vice-president; Arthur Shulse, treasurer, and W. D. Shutters, secretary.

Down the Alleys

BY LEFTY LEE

Pennington arrived late for the Kiwanis League series on the Indiana alleys, but every one knew he had been there when play closed, as his sheet showed games of 209 and 232 for a total of 441 that convinced the Gaines team it should have taken the first one. The Keller quintet won all three. Cox also took three from Bockstahler, while Baxter, Selmier, Mason, Clark and Roberts won two from Woodman, Erk, McGaughey, Fechtman and Meyer.

Entry blanks for the fourth annual 1,000 scratch team tournament at the Delaware alleys are now out. Dates for this meet are Feb. 13, 14, 20 and 21. The entry fee is $5 per team, with bowling charges extra. All entry money will be returned to the prize list that carries a guaranteed sum for first place. Entries and inquiries should be sent to Norman Hamilton, secretary, care of Delaware alleys. Checks sent with entry blanks should be payable to William Sargent tourney manager.

The American Can team traveled to Terre Haute to roll the Terre Haute factory team in the first half of a home and home match and was defeated by a margin of 103 pins, 2,638 to 2,535. Ivan Holtz, former local star, was the main reason for this defeat, his 582 count leading both clubs. The final three games will be played on the Pritchett alleys in the near future.

Hunt rolled 606 for Assessors during the Court House League play on the Central alleys, but Zweisler and Snyder were pounding the pins for counts of 659 and 610, and the Abstracts won three games. Surveyors and Lawyers also won three from Clerks and Prosecutors. Zweisler and Streibeck staged a hot race for single game honors in the final Zweisler winning out, 259 to 252.

With the valuable instructions received from Mrs. Floretta McCutcheon, some of the local women bowlers who have always had low averages are preparing to enter the women's city tournament and surprise the girls with their greatly improved game. Entries for the womens meet close at midnight tonight, so be sure and send your entry in some time today and cash in on the free instructions given by the world's best woman bowler.

Blackfeet and Comanche are tied for the lead in the Shortridge Bowling League, each team having lost but one game. Hendricks and Esterline are showing best in individual play, with averages of 174 and 173. Five passes to the Ritz Theater were won by the Pawnee team for the three most consistent game totals. This league bowls on the Parkway alleys.

The final week's play of the Kay Jewelry 400 doubles meet at the Illinois alleys will be rolled Saturday and Sunday. In addition to the regular awards the Kay Company will donate their exclusive Calendar wrist watch for high three-game total, while the Hudgins-Carter Company will give a hat for high single game. Entry fee for this event is $1.25 per man. Players may roll as often as they like but must change partners each set.

Bill Beam has returned from a flying trip to Oklahoma and was as happy as a kid when vacation starts, three paying oil wells on his property having come in while he was there. Unless you wish to listen to oil and oil wells, our advice is to stay away from Bill, for at least another week.

The Ladies Social League play on the Hotel Antler drives found the Marott Shoe and Giesen Product team rolling the feature series, Marotts gaining an odd game win with a total of 2,614. Dorothy Finn regained the stride that featured her bowling last season, leading the Marotts to this win with a total of 623 on games of 205, 195 and 223. Helen Kritsch rolled 582 for the losers. Roepke Floral and Antler Alley Five also won two games from Komstohk Candy and Indianapolis Glove, as Bowes Seal Fast took three from West Side Furniture. Other good scores were: Shea, 558; Bench, 555, and Wiese, 555.

Three consistently good games over the 900 mark gave the Memorial team a triple win over Bruce Robison during the American Legion play on the Antler drives. Other contests were decided two to one. Forty and Eight, Indianapolis and Irvington defeating McIlwaine-Kothe, John Holliday and Haywood-Barcus. Fahrbach was the leading scorer with games of 190, 244 and 220, a total of 654.

Commercial League play on the Illinois alleys resulted in a triple win for George J. Mayer, A. C. W. of A. and Ballard Ice Cream over Eagle Machine No. 2, Pure Oil and Jewel ITea, and a two-game win for Eagle Machine No. 1, Crescent Paper and Citizens Gas, from Central States, Compac Tent and Hoosier Pete. Hanna copped all honors with a 267 single and three-game total of 650; McAllin had 647; Johnson, 622; Jacobs, 612; Tutterow, 606; Lilly, 601, and Mounts, 600.

Entries for the K. of C. national tournament will close Monday night Feb. 1. Teams galore have been formed from local members of the K. of C. but they are in need of sponsors. All firms and individuals who wish to sponsor a team for this nationally recognized event are requested to communicate with M. Mathews in case of the Pritchett Recreation alleys. Officials in charge of this yearly event were sceptical when Indianapolis delegates sold them on bringing the tourney to this city, but advance entries indicate that the local boys have a good chance to post a new entry record.

Other Fights Tuesday

AT NEW YORK—New Lenox Club—Charles Badami, 134¾, Yorkville, defeated Jackie Goldfarb, 142½, Bronx (6); Joe March, 167½, Brooklyn, defeated Rosenda Cepeda, 176, Porto Rico, (6).

AT NILES, Mich.—Jack Redman, South Bend, won on technical knockout from Jack Roper, Chicago (6).

AT PITTSBURGH—Paul Pirrone, Cleveland middleweight, stopped Tiger Joe West of Pittsburgh in the second of a scheduled ten round bout.

AT MARION Ind.—Ray Leach, Indianapolis featherweight, outpointed Kid Kelly of Kansas City in ten rounds; Jack Malone, Indianapolis lightweight, defeated Owen Terris, Chicago, in eight; Billy Cox, Indianapolis, dropped a six round decision to Eddie Cooper, Muncie lightweight.

Wabash Plays Saturday

By Times Special

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—Wabash and Miami U. cage teams will clash here on Saturday night, as originally scheduled.

The game was to have been played Tuesday night, but was shifted back to the original date.

CARDS OBTAIN FORD

By United Press

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 27.—Horace Ford, veteran infielder with the Cincinnati Reds, has been sold to the St. Louis Cardinals. Sidney Weil, president of the Cincinnati club, said it was a cash deal but did not reveal the amount involved.

Independent Basket Notices

JUNIOR ENTRIES OPEN

A warning was issued to local managers of junior teams today to send in blanks as early as possible to insure entry, as only a limited number of Indianapolis teams will be allowed to enter the state junior title play here Feb. 12 and 13. No pick-up teams will be considered. The age requirements are that all players be under 19 years of age before Jan. 1, 1932.

Information and entry blanks can be obtained by writing M. A. Lowman, 537 East Thirty-third street, Indianapolis, or by calling Washington 2809.

Games scheduled for tonight by Epworth League teams at the Central avenue gym include Roberts Park girls vs. Central Avenue girls at 7 p. m.; Castleton vs. Capitol Avenue at 8 p. m., and Roberts Park vs. Central Avenue at 9 p. m.

East Park M. E. triumphed over Broadway Epworth League in a high scoring contest, 53 to 43. Hill, Cullivan and Reinking were best for the winners, while Hicks and R. and L. Monroe were outstanding for Broadway. After trailing at the half, 17-10, East Twenty-ninth Street Comets rallied in the last two minutes and defeated Butler Juniors by a 33-to-28 score. Hickson and Stewart for the winners, and Lyons for Butler played well. Broadway League plays First Presbyterian tonight at Broadway gym at 8:30, with the League girls meeting Zion Evangelical at 7:30 p. m.

Indianapolis Hermes will tangle with the Riverside Olympic A team at Olympic gym, East Riverside drive and Pruitt street, tonight. Habig Indians and Olympic B squad clash in another tilt and East Tenth Street M. E. girls will face the Olympic girls.

Arsenal Bulldogs are without a floor for two weeks and games are wanted with teams having access to gyms. The Bulldogs play in the 11-17-year-old class. A contest is desired for the last of this week. Call John Campbell, Cherry 5718 between 7 and 7:30 p. m.

Tipton Legionnaires handed Ginger Reeves and his touted Danville Hadley Clothiers their worst defeat of the season, 52 to 33, at Tipton. The Legionnaires have won twenty-four consecutive games, including triumphs over House of David, Strauss Says, Morgantown, Frankfort, and a combination team of Sunshine Cleaners, Meteors and St. Pats of Indianapolis. Crawfordsville plays Tipton Sunday.

Indianapolis Bearcats defeated Christamore Comets, 25 to 23, in an overtime game Sunday. Carlsteadt, Grounds and Reedy led the victors' attack.

Undefeated Phi Lambda Epsilon cagers meet Phi Beta Sigma five tonight at 9 at Dearborn gym. Phi Lambda tossers would like to schedule a game for next Wednesday. Mecury Ace Club, Beta Sigma and Delta Sigma Nu notice. Call H