

BOOSTER BUTTONS OUT; FANS URGED TO SUPPORT GAME

Baseball fans of the community will have an opportunity now to show their willingness to support the game here. Baseball Booster buttons, 10,000 of them, were distributed by the baseball committee Wednesday, and will be placed on sale by the 100 salesmen who have guaranteed the finances of the game here.

No work toward the baseball league will be started until the \$10,000 fund is collected. As soon as the fund is collected, which will probably be by Thursday morning, active work of organizing the league will be started.

Members of the Richmond baseball committee are planning to call a meeting of league heads here within the week, in an effort to bring about some understanding with regard to the circuit in which the city will be represented.

May Rejuvenate Central.

An ideal league, in the opinion of most fans here, would be a consolidation of the proposed Central and Indiana-Ohio circuits, taking eight, or possibly 10, of the leading clubs in both circuits and forming a rejuvenated Central league. Efforts to this end probably will be made by Richmond boosters when a league meeting is called.

Mileage rates will figure largely in the circuit including a Richmond club. The mileage is ideal in the proposed Indiana-Ohio circuit, but many of the cities in this circuit are new league cities, and with a new league, there is some question as to whether a league playing ball every day in the week would be properly supported.

The Central league, however, is in a field that has already proven its ability to support daily league games, and except for the long trips into Michigan, would be an ideal circuit for Richmond to enter.

Would Be Ideal.

A league club, with Springfield, Ft. Wayne, Richmond, and Muncie or Lima, O., with four Michigan cities it is believed, would furnish an ideal attraction for all supporters of the game.

None of the fund collected by the Booster campaign will be used to liquidate the old standing debt of the Richmond Exhibition company at the present time, a member of that organization said Wednesday. The fund will be used only to instill a team and secure the finances of the club for the season.

Profits from the league season will be used to pay the old company's debt, and the Booster fund will be used to perpetuate the game here during coming years.

Baseball May Be Dropped From I. C. A. L. Schedules

Baseball in I. C. A. L. circles is liable to be dropped from the list of sports as a result of the meeting to be held at Indianapolis Friday. None of the schools has had a successful baseball season and the student bodies are not enthusiastic. Butler's action in cancelling its entire schedule is expected to cause the discussion.

Coach Ray Mowe will represent Earlham at the I. C. A. L. mogul's meeting and will be empowered by the Earlham athletic association to vote on all propositions brought up, providing that the old rules of the organization are enforced and needed new ones made. Mowe will introduce a motion to withhold the award of the loving cup for the basketball championship. Franklin was voted at the last meeting, but Mowe contends Franklin did not actually win the championship.

CAMDEN WINS PENNANT IN PREBLE COUNTY

EATON, O., March 31—Camden high school won the pennant in the county district basketball league for the season just closed. Jefferson township high school finished in second place. Camden has won the pennant the last several years consecutively, it is said.

Bowling

The A. S. M. bowling five did not need the 23 pin handicap to capture three games from the Kayser Number Ones at Twigg's alleys Tuesday night. Feltman's Tramps displayed real class in the match with the Haberdashers, stepping above the thousand mark in the second game. The high scores were needed, however, as the Haberdashers were close on the heels of the leaders. High score for the evening was captured by Bob Tomlinson, of the Haberdashers, with 240 pins in his second trial. Average honors went to Ernie Way with an even 200. The scores:

K. of C. No. One.

Handicap—139 pins. Av. 142. Klinner ... 142 166 174 482 161. B. Mercurio ... 160 167 159 457 152. Quintinian ... 154 157 173 464 153. P. Mercurio ... 138 164 445 143. Kelly ... 165 166 498 166

Team totals, 567 572 587

A. S. M.

Handicap—162 pins. Av. 152. E. Way ... 169 238 263 601 200. Crown ... 219 157 158 521 174. Mud ... 151 157 219 679 193. Ellis ... 173 152 483 161. Haner ... 154 114 165 423 144

Team totals, 865 855 897

High average—E. Way, 200.

High score—E. Way, 238.

Feltman Tramps.

Handicap—99 pins. Av. 159. Player ... 1st 2nd 3rd Tl. Av. Sherer ... 189 206 167 562 187. Todd ... 156 183 219 573 191. Meyers ... 160 233 172 565 188. Erik ... 162 215 201 578 193. Huffman ... 186 149 185 470 157

Team totals, 553 1001 894

Lichtenfelds.

Handicap—169 pins. Av. 150. Grottenfeld ... 147 142 106 395 132. Wood ... 151 174 164 489 163. Dubbs ... 144 144 144 442 144. P. Lichtenfeld ... 143 185 168 496 165. Tomlinson ... 157 240 186 583 194

Team totals, 742 885 768

High average—Tomlinson, 194.

High score—Tomlinson, 240.



Duffy Lewis.

Duffy Lewis, staid old veteran of world's series and many big league campaigns, almost kissed his big league career good-bye last winter. The dependable outfielder of the Yankee crew is just getting himself in shape after his close call.

Lewis's home is at Boyes Springs, Cal. Last winter he decided to paint his garage. While climbing about on the ladder he fell and cut his arm. The paint fell, too, of course, and some of the paint penetrated the cut in his arm. Blood poisoning set in and for a time his condition was serious. Amputation of his arm was considered a possibility at one time. Lewis's perfect physical condition helped though and the arm is rapidly rounding into its old form again.

The loss of Lewis would have been a sad blow to the Yanks. He is a star fielder and a valuable unit on offense.

Lewis is a native of California. Was born in San Francisco April 18, 1888. He broke into pro ball with the Alameda team in the California State League in 1907 and the next year signed with Oakland in the Pacific Coast League. In 1910 the Red Sox scouts recommended Lewis as ready for the big show and the Red Sox grabbed him. He broke into the lime-light almost immediately and is regarded as one of the best outfields in the game. He played a brilliant game with the Sox until the war came along. Then he joined the navy. Last year the Yanks obtained him along with Ernie Shore and Leonard for a squad of Yanks, including Walters and Gilhooley, and a wad of kale.

Dayton Y. M. C. A., Dayton, O., is to receive the balance left from an estate approximating \$1,800, after two-thirds of the estate is apportioned to two persons, funeral expenses paid and \$500 is invested to bring an income to care for the graves of himself, his late parents and late wife, according to the will of the late Frank Wagner, former local business man, who took his own life here recently.

One-third of the estate goes to the testator's father-in-law, J. A. Longnecker, of Eaton, and one-third to the testator's brother, Vern Wagner, Detroit, Mich., the latter to be held in trust.

Mrs. J. Crist Refused Divorce.

After trial of the case Tuesday in common pleas court, Judge A. C. Ringer refused to grant Jennie Crist a divorce from James Crist. She alleges her husband would not properly support her and their minor children and that he had been guilty of cruelty. They have been married 27 years, and have seven children, whose ages range from four to 23 years. They reside in Eaton.

To Have Swiss Gowns.

Dotted Swiss, of medium price, to be designed and made up as nearly uniform as possible, has been adopted by

EQUITY ORGANIZED IN EATON; WAGNER WILL IS PROBATED

EATON, O., March 31—Reorganization of the Eaton Farmers' Equity exchange has been effected, following receipt of a charter for the organization. The charter members number 99.

S. Q. Buriff, Charles A. Paddock, O. E. Brubaker, George Morningstar and Howard Hart constitute the board of directors of the reorganized exchange. The board will select the controlling officers.

The purpose of the exchange is to engage in a general grain elevator business. There are several similar organizations now operating in Preble county.

Fairhaven Grange Organized.

With a charter membership of more than one hundred, Fairhaven grange, Israel township, has been organized. Organization was effected under supervision of H. D. Bragg, New Paris, County deputy grange master. H. G. Morton is at the head of Fairhaven grange as master.

County Deputy Bragg states prospects are bright for organization of at least three more granges in the county, which would bring the total number of grange units up to a dozen or more. Preble County Pomona grange is the parent body. There are fully 1,300 grangers in Preble county, according to Deputy Bragg.

"Y" Benefits in Will.

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WILLARD IS FINED

LAWRENCE, Kas., March 31—Jess Willard, former heavyweight pugilistic champion, was fined \$1 and costs in the court of Justice R. C. Manley here yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace. Complaint was made by Fred Logan, a negro policeman, who testified Willard threatened him during an argument which arose when Willard in an automobile attempted to pass Logan, who was riding in a wagon.

Reds Will Have to Step to Beat Out Giants, Cubs, Again



Some of the new men Moran is trying out. Sam Crane, above at left, has had trials with Washington and Cincinnati. Edmund Walters, southpaw from Buffalo club, is shooting em over in center. At extreme left is Dick Loftus, outfielder from Moran's home, Fitchburg, Mass. Under his pitching arm is Linwood Smith, semi-pro hurler. Below, Eddie Rapp, Cinci boy with Beaumont last year, is living up to his name.

Right now it looks as though Patrick Moran of Fitchburg, Mass., and Cincinnati, O., has the toughest job in baseball. If he leads his Cinci Reds (named after their stockings and not their political tendencies) to a pennant again this year he'll be a super-miracle man, which is some moniker.

Pat has his 1919 gang intact—which means that he has a powerful club.

But the other pennant contenders, namely the Cubs and Giants, stack up much more powerful than they were last season. The acquisition of Nehf and Douglas, both star hurlers, bolster the Giant staff. The presence of Alexander and Davey Robertson, all primed for action, at the opening of the season, gives the Cubs a more powerful outfit. There are other minor improvements in both clubs.

About the only added strength the Reds have at the outbreak is the youngster, Pat Duncan, whose terrific hitting was a feature of the world series last fall. He will bolster up an

outfield that gave Moran some worry last year. He ought to make a good mate for Neale and Roush.

Moran has been busy although he has added no stars to his club. He has been devoting long hours to developing the youngsters given tryouts at Miami and as a result he appears to have turned out some new material which will at least strengthen his second defense.

Golde Rapp is one of this likely-looking rookie crew. He is a native of Cincinnati, but was sent to Beaumont, Tex., last season for seasoning.

Pat recalled him last season to save him for the Reds. The there is Dick Loftus, youthful outfielder. He bloomed in Pat's home town. He hits from the south side of the plate—which makes him look good to Pat. In practice he

looks good enough to fill a utility role acceptably.

Joe Meyer, Notre Dame star, is a likely looking understudy to Jake Dauber at first. Pat had him out in the minors last season.

Sam Crane, infielder, isn't exactly a rookie. The Reds had him once before—previous to Moran's arrival. Washington tried him out, too. Moran, however, believed Crane will fill the bill as utility infielder.

Young Tom Casey from the Frisco sandlots looks like a promising catcher and may hang on, although Rariden, Wingo and Allen give Pat a good trial.

Hank Schreiber, infielder given a tryout last fall, along with Charley See, will be retained for emergency.

Of course, Moran's pitching staff looks to be the cream of the country still. Eller, Ring, Sallee, Reuther, Fisher, Lunge and company will give Moran his same classy hurling. But the Giants almost overcame this handicap last year. Pat's staff will have a tougher job this year.

The Reds sure will give the league another merry battle, but the opposition's going to be a lot tougher.

Home Construction Co. Coupon

Are you interested in buying a home? If so, clip and fill out the coupon below and mail to Howard A. Dill, of the Richmond Home Construction company:

Do you own your own home?

If not, would you be interested in the purchase of a home if the cost is around \$4,300 to \$4,500, with the understanding that you would make an initial payment of \$300 to \$500 on the house and the balance in reasonable monthly installments?

Remarks Name Address (The above reply is made without any obligation on my part and it is understood that my name will not be used without my consent.)

Circuit Court

Earl Mann was granted a divorce from Clara M. Mann, on statutory grounds. The board of children's guardians was given the custody of a minor child and the plaintiff was ordered to contribute \$5 a week toward its support.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harold Toole, farmer, Broad Ripple, Ind., and Orpha Richardson, it home, Hagerstown.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Zettie Dallman to Charles E. Albright, a part of the southwest quarter section 28, township 14, range 1.

Farm Federation

Members of the Harrison Township Farmers' Federation will hold a meeting at Jacksonburg next Tuesday night. All members of the organization are requested to be present.

E. F. Murphy, county agent, Wednesday said that if farmers of the country wished to increase their wheat yield per acre they should take proper cultivation of the winter wheat now. The winter of 1919-20 was extremely bad on winter wheat in this section, said Murphy, as the freezing and thawing caused the young shoots to virtually "heave" from the ground.

The county agent recommended rolling of the wheat fields, as rolling will pack the soil around the roots and get them firmly settled for new growth.

ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN TEAMS ATTACK PINS

By Associated Press

PEORIA, Ill., March 31—Illinois and Michigan teams predominated in the pin attacks here today in the American Bowling Congress. Springfield, Joliet, Decatur, Galesburg and Canton, Ill., and Detroit, Saginaw, ad Bay City, Mich., were represented. Toledo Cleveland and Syracuse fives also were on the drives.

Bowlers from Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Milwaukee competed in the two men and individual events.

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