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### EDITORIALS

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## Robinson Out of Ring For 2 Months

Ray (Sugar) Robinson will not be able to fight for two months. This announcement was made when the welterweight champion had to call off a nontitle bout in St. Louis with Roy Miller because of an injured shoulder. He also cancelled bouts in New Haven, Conn., and Philadelphia, the latter a bout in which he was guaranteed \$15,000 to meet George (Sugar) Costner.

Although Robinson will not give up his 147 pound title he still wants a shot at Jake LaMotta's middleweight crown. He has whipped Jake four times out of five in the past. In telling why he will not give up his title until he is assured a fight with LaMotta, Robinson explains:

Championships are too hard to get to give up one before you have a chance for another."

He says that plays may be on to match him and LaMotta in June. He commented, "They're talking about matching us then and I hope to get the chance. I would like to win the title, hold it about a year, defend it once, then retire."

Despite the reported trouble he has making the welterweight limit Robinson says he can make the weight when he has to. At present he seems to have no challenger for his title except Charley Fusari.

According to Robinson, however, he has offered Fusari a bout, but the latter says he is not interested in the title. Evidently Charley thinks he has a better chance for the crown when ugar gives it up rather than trying to take it from him in the ring.

There are no gains without pain . . . Franklin.

## News From Elwood, Kansas

By Wilberta Brady.

Hello, Folks:

Sunday evening the Allen Sprouts presented the public with a film "The Negro Soldier." The film was centered around religion. It was a very interesting film.

The Y-Teens had their installation service Sunday afternoon. Miss Stone gave an interesting talk on the work of the Y-Teens and Y. W. C. A. Miss Stone is the president of the Branch Y. W. C. A. in St. Joseph, Mo.

Tuesday evening at the city hall the P. T. A. presented the Elwood School Band in a program directed by Mrs. Twyla Winzer. Willa Mae Hayes sang a solo. She has a real gone voice.

Miss Nova Barker is doing fine. She is not home yet but she will be soon.

Miss Betty Page had friends in for a good old chattering dinner during Thanksgiving vacation.

Well folks, that is all the news for now. Hope you all enjoyed out little visit.

Bye now,

BERT.

## Mrs. Lula Colley Home From Omaha Hospital

Mrs. Lula Colley was released from the University hospital in Omaha Sunday. She had been a patient there under observation for more than three weeks. She is little improved according to her daughter, Mrs. Clyde W. Malone.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Nothing in American history," writes Bernard De Voto in *The Year of Decision: 1846*, "is like Winter Quarters. An entire people had uprooted itself and, on the way to the mountains, paused here and put down roots."

Winter Quarters—now Florence, a suburb of Omaha—was a haven during the 1846-47 for persecuted Mormons fleeing westward to escape the wrath of Nauvoo, and for many years thereafter was an important outfitting and jumping-off place for Mormon emigrants bound for the Great Salt Lake.

It was by no means a healthy haven. The Saints themselves called the Missouri bottoms, "Misery Bottoms." The name is borne out by the fact that over 600 of the faithful died during that first winter; and even Brigham Young, their stalwart leader, was sick much of the time.

Young, "with a number of prominent brethren," reached the Missouri on June 14, 1846, crossing the river on the 29th. According to one account they crossed on a boat especially built for them; according to another, they used a boat belonging to Peter A. Sarpy, the noted fur trader.

Be that as it may, throughout the summer the Mormons crossed the river in great numbers, some by Mormon ferry and some by Sarpy's. By the end of the season there were more than 12,000 Mormons camped along both sides of the river, and Winter Quarters boasted a population of approximately 3,500.

The village contained 538 log cabins and 83 sod houses, ar-

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# Scarlet Sports

By LEO E. GEIER.

While Nebraska's Cornhuskers were moving into a third place tie in the Big Seven Conference by beating Colorado, this writer was shading his eyes from the bright Texas sun to better watch Baylor upset SMU in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

We saw an altogether different brand of ball being played there in the Southwest Conference. The game was wide-open offensive play, with the unexpected being the rule rather than the exception. The defensive play seemed weaker than that displayed in the midwest, but the passing and running attacks of both teams were spectacular all the way.

On the way down we stopped in Norman, Oklahoma, to take a look at the University of Oklahoma and saw the influence the

ranged symmetrically in streets. Schools and churches, as well as a considerable industry, were established by the Mormons at their temporary home. The women made large numbers of willow baskets, and a flour mill reported to have cost \$8,000 was set up.

Brigham Young's administrative genius was well displayed at Winter Quarters. It was there that a cumbersome of ecclesiastical organization was adapted to life on the plains and in the wilderness. That Young's adaptations were successful at disease-ridden Winter Quarters is eloquent testimony to the skill with which they were devised and administered.

As I have indicated, for most Mormons Winter Quarters was but a stopping - place. Some, though, disaffected or unable to make the hazardous journey across the plains, remained on the banks of the Missouri; and Winter Quarters was part of a considerable area of settlement intimately associated with the very earliest history of Council Bluffs and Omaha.

oil millions are making in a state university. It's no wonder the Sooners have the number two team in the nation. The Sooner state seems to be developing a state pride that is trying to match that of their neighbors to the south.

They boast of other things than just the "greatest football team in America." Among them are: Will Rogers, Sequoyah, Jennifer Jones, Van Heflin, Louis Allbritton, the safest capital city in the U. S., more oil production per square mile than anywhere in the U. S., and a population which is twice that of Colorado.

Rumor has it that interest in the university has been boosted by the great football team, which is being supported by the boys who have the money. Far be it from me to say that the O.U. players are receiving money or gifts from the prosperous business men of the state, but rumor again has it that the boys with the money are making it their business to see that the excellent football material is being directed toward the university.

I should say they are doing a good job of it. And by building and maintaining a nationally famous football team, they are enhancing the interest of the citizens of the state in their state university. It's their all-out effort to have "the best" of everything in their state.

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