"Pop" Geers in Disguise! Uses Pipe Camouflage

Noted Turf Driver Abandons Inseparable Cigar While He is Training Stable on Memphis Track.

By H. K. WHITTED.

Mystery is lurking around the track at Memphis, Tenn., these days; deep, mystery which no one seems able to solve. The accompanying photograph will give the reason: Pop Geers has taken to smoking a pipe. Many theories have been advanced as to why he has forsaken cigars, but "The Grand Old Man" smiles and refuses to enlighten the curious.

Working or loafing, his cigar was always with him, and some enterprising turf writers have gone so far as to intimate that he slept with one in his mouth. Many of his hardest races have been won with a cigar clamped solidly in his teeth.

Birthday Yesterday.

Mr. Geers passed his 69th birthday yesterday, January 25. While perhaps not the oldest driver in the country, he is by far the oldest driver on the Grand Circuit and indications now are that he will be on hand when the bell rings at North Randall next year, with as good if not better stable than he had the past season. Probably no driver in the country has been in more smashes than he, and early in 1917 the news that he had been killed when his mount ran into a track harrow at Columbus, caused the turf world to mourn his death for a day or so, until the news was repudiated.

Only those who are personally acquainted with "The Grand Old Man" can understand just how that name came to be given to him, but once you have shaken his hand and looked into his weather-beaten face, it is easy to understand.

No Meeting Here.

Race fans who have been looking forward to a harness meeting or series of meetings in Omaha this year are dommed to disappointment, for the Omaha Driving club has announced that no attempt will be made to put on a meeting this summer. Three years ago, when the club was revived, great things were promised. An early June meeting was held that year, and another in the Great Western circuit later in the summer. Last year an early meeting was held, but no late meeting was attempted. With Lincoln out of the Iowa-Nebraska-South Dakota circuit, it was hoped that Omaha and the Capitol City could get together and form some sort of a circuit, taking in possibly Nebraska City, Beatrice and Grand Island, but evidently Omaha people do no grow enthusiastic over the light harness horses, for meetings here in the past have lost the promoters money.

Western Trotter to Pittsburgh.

A South Dakota bred trotter that may get a chance on the Grand circuit next year is May Bell, 2:1½, recently purchased by J. R. McCune of Pittsburgh. The reported price is $5,000, and she has been placed in the hands of Mr. McCune's trainer, who will prepare her for the 1919 campaign.

Walter Cox is dreaming of the time when he will win all the big futurity events with a colt from Mabel Trask, 2:01¾, and Lou Princeton, for he says he is going to mate Mabel with this stallion as soon as her racing days are over. She is by Peter the Great, the greatest speed sire of all time, and her dam is Miss Nutonia by Nutwood Wilkes (a half-brother of Maud S) out of Iana by Alcyone by Makbrino Chief. Nutwood proved to be the most prolific sire of the Alexander Abdallah tribe, while Alcyone, who died at the age of 10 years, established the stoutest line tracing to the George Wilkes tribe.

Mt. Clemens Ice Meeting.

Despite the fact that warm weather and lack of snow interefered with the ice races at Mt. Clemens, Mich., this year, enough horses were on hand to make fairly interesting racing. Last year conditions were just the opposite; so much snow fell that it took two weeks to clear the track and get it in shape. This year the management had to resort to sprinklers to obtain enough ice to race on and the warm weather preceeding the dates caused a number of men to drop out at the last minute. Unfavorable conditions last November caused a number of the early closing events to be called off. There is talk of staging another meeting the week of February 3, but nothing definite has been decided.

"Pop" Geers

TRAPSHOOTING ORGANIZATION IS EASY TO START

Answer to Queries from Devotees of Scattergun in Towns Where No Club is Yet Organized.

By PETER P. CARNEY.

Requests from J. N. Snyder of Arapahoe and others for information relative to the starting of a trapshooting club, and with the sport rapidly increasing in popularity, a few helpful hints on this topic no doubt will be appreciated by many who have a desire to "learn to shoot."

With the decline in many branches of sport through war conditions, sporting writers began to look for new fields for material. These sporting writers discovered trapshooting was a real sport, and many of them adopted it. Therefore trapshooting is playing an important part today in the columns of the newspapers of America.

Trapshooting is a sport with a purpose. It fits men and women to defend their homes and their country. It is not only alluring, but patriotic. There are more than 4,000 active gun clubs in the United States today. The feeling is that there will be more than 5,000 before 1919 cashes in. The thousands who learned to shoot so as to be of aid to the United States will not pass up their education—they will continue to shoot, and it is these men who will be the most active in the formation of new trapshooting clubs.

Starting a Gun Club.

Getting down to first principles, the start of a trapshooting club is no different from the start of any other kind of a club. The chief factors are men and equipment. Given a few enthusiastic lovers of the scatter-gun—men who are willing to throw themselves into the spirit of the thing—any young club is bound to be a winner.

Having gotten the "boys" together and decided definitely upon a committee to look after things, the first step is to locate your shooting grounds.

This in itself seems exceedingly simple, but a great deal of serious thought should be given, for it must be remembered that trapshooting demands space. In the first place there should be at least 250 to 300 yards distance between firing line and any signs of habitation. This is considered to be the limits of safety. Next, accessibility should be considered.

Have Grounds Within Easy Reach.

By all means try to locate your grounds within easy reach. Be careful about transportation facilities. Many a club has come to grief simply because of lack of foresight on these details.

Having decided upon your site, the next essential is equipment. If you prefer to start in a small way, you will find that one or two expert traps, costing about $4.50 to $6.50 each, will afford plenty of amusement for quite a few shooters. If, on the other hand, you feel financially strong, the automatic trap is undoubtedly the best.

This trap, of which there are two varieties, is officially recognized and used in all of the big shooting tournaments. One style is sold outright at $35. The other is rented on a basis of $30 for the first year and $10 for each succeeding year. A refund of $15 is given when the trap is returned. Complete instructions for installation accompany each trap. Clay targets for use in any trap cost about $7.50 a thousand.

Naturally, you will need a trap house. This may be constructed of heavy planking, banked with earth, or it may be built of concrete. If you are handy with tools you can knock out a first class trap house yourself.

Now we come to the "score" or firing line. This should be located 16 yards back of the trap house. At this mark five pegs should be arranged in an arc, and each should be a similar distance from the trap.

Shooters Should Face Northeast.

Right here, perhaps, it is best to add, that in laying out the "score" it will be wise to arrange it so that the shooters will face the northeast when in position to shoot. This will obviate any trouble from the sun during either morning or afternoon events.

School for Deaf Defeat West Point High, 29 to 9

The School for the Deaf quintet kept up its winning streak by easily defeating the West Point five last night at West Point, 29 to 9. The first half ended in the mutes' favor, 20 to 3, and took things easy in the last half.

The locals had a keen eye for the basket in spite of the slippery floor. Krohn and Koitsch starred for the mutes, while Radler was the mainstay for West Point.

School For Deaf.

	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	T.F.	Pts.
W. Koitsch, r. f.	4	0	0	1	8
G. Turpening, l. f.	2	0	0	1	4
N. Peterson, l. f.	0	0	0	0	0
A. Cox, c.	1	0	1	2	2
J. Kalina, r. g.	0	0	0	0	0
A. Krohn, l. g.	5	5	0	0	15
Totals	12	5	1	4	29

West Point.

	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	T.F.	Pts.
Radler, r. f.	3	3	0	0	9
R. Budwig, l. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Hestopal, c.	0	0	0	0	0
McDonald, r. g.	0	0	3	0	0
Kase, l. g.	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	3	3	3	2	9

Referee, Williams; timekeeper, Dr. Notlar; time of halves, 20 minutes.

Iowa Beaten by Purdue in Western Conference Game

Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 25.—Purdue won a western conference basket ball game from Iowa tonight, 32 to 19. Markley and Campbell of the Purdue five each scored five field goals.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 25.—Illinois defeated Wisconsin, 25 to 15, in a fast and rough basket ball game of the western conference race tonight. Wilson was Illinois' premier player.

STATE LEAGUE IS AGITATED BY BEATRICE FANS

Nebraska Circuit May Be Re-Organized After Going Three Years Without the National Pastime.

A reorganization of the Nebraska State league is being agitated by base ball fans in Beatrice. A strong sentiment has developed in favor of organized base ball and a brief survey indicates they will be able to finance a club.

The prosperous indications for all kinds of sports is keenly felt in the smaller towns of the state and the organization of a league is meeting with favor in many of the cities.

Following a meeting in Beatrice plans were made to call a meeting of interested individuals in other cities in the state to try and complete arrangements. Fremont, Norfolk, Hastings, Columbus, Grand Island and possibly Fairbury are mentioned as cities in which franchises would be supported.

The disastrous base ball season of 1915 ended the career of the Nebraska organization after a plucky attempt to keep going. Business depression and the high cost of living in that year caused the abandonment of many minor league clubs in all sections of the country.

In Sixth Year.

The league was in its sixth championship race when the blow finally fell. The season started on May 17 and was scheduled to run until August 20. Beatrice, Norfolk, York, Fairbury, Hastings, Grand Island, and Kearney held franchises at the beginning of the season. Fairbury was playing league ball for the first season, taking the place of Superior.

The first hitch in the orgnization came on June 4, when the Kearney team, occupying next to the cellar position, disbanded. Columbus, running a poor eighth, was dropped and the league continued with six clubs.

Grand Island was next to fall by the wayside, and on June 28 withdrew. By a telegraphic vote the league then dropped Norfolk and continued as a four-club circuit. Norfolk was leading the league at the time, but was dropped becuse it was not self-supporting.

The four-club league lasted until July 18, when it was decided to disband for the year. From a financial standpoint the l.ague was never a great success, but was undoubtedly the only successful way of furnishing the smaller cities the class of base ball to which they are entitled.

Abbott Finds Oil City Willing to Support Western League Team

Tulsa, Okl., Jan. 25.—(Special to The Bee)—Delaring that he believed that Tulsa would out-draw any other city in the Western league next year, Spencer Abbott, owner of the Hutchinson franchise departed for Topeka yesterday confident that the directors of the league at their meeting in St. Joseph next month would ratify the substitution of the oil metropolis for Hutchinson.

Abbott found Tulsa sentiment antagonistic to the Western league when he first visited the city two weeks ago. By his promise to keep his club here not less than five years, providing the city would furnish him a place to play he soon conquered the territory and has engendered a base ball spirit here that bids fair to enable him to make good his attendane boast.

Abbott does not expect to quit at the end of five years. He found Tulsa a thriving, sporting city of nearly 100,000 inhabitants with a prospect of not less than 125,000 at the end of his five years. He secured a five-year lease to a six-acre tract of land within five blocks of the heart of the business section of the city with the privilege of purchase at the expiration of lease. Not only that, but before he left he had arranged with local parties to put him up a grandstand and fence costing not less than $15,000. It will have a seating capacity of 5,000 and be expected to play to capacity stands every Sunday.

On the reserve list of the Hutchinson club are Outfielders Nolt, Herring, Pettigrew, Davis, Roche; Infielders Cloveland, Wells, Wuffil and Bradley; Pitchers Webb, Salisbury, King, Cantwell, Sparks, Lambrecht and Catchers Manion and Block.

Elaborate Program Planned at Athletic Club Smoker

The Omaha Athletic club committee is arranging for the first smoker of the club to be held January 31. The card will be one of the most complete ever shown in Omaha. Leaders in all lines of sport will give exhibitions.

John Pesek of Shelton, one of the most accomplished wrestlers now performing, will wrestle with Clarence Ecklund. Although Pesek is the heavier of the two both men are fast workers and a good bout is assured.

Expert swimmers have been secured to demonstrate fancy diving and swimming strokes and a number of local swimmers will probably participate. In the gymnasium the best of local talent that can be secured will demonstrate the various gymnastic exercises.

Schaefer Wins Final Block in Match With Cochran

New York, Jan. 25.—Jake Schaefer of San Francisco defeated Welker Cochran of New York in a 3,600-point 18.2 balk line billiard match here, winning the final block tonight by a score of 300 to 113. The total scores and high runs were: Schaefer, 3,600,185; Cochran, 3,076,200.

Chicago Tribune Advocates Passage of Real Boxing Measure In Illinois

Moral Reform Must Be Constructive as Well as Eliminative, is Opinion of Editorial Writer.

The legislature of Illinois, like Nebraska, has for its consideration a boxing measure. Unlike the Nebraska measure the Illinois sportsmen ask for a sufficient number of rounds to insure a real fight. When drafting one of the measures to be presented the Illinois lawmakers wrote Mr. Gene Melady, Omaha commission man and advocate of clean sports for the regulations he deemed necessary for clean boxing which are corporated in the measure before the Nebraska legislature. The two bills are practically identical with the exception of the limit on the number of rounds.

The Chicago Tribune takes occaion to advocate the passage of the measure in its editorial columns. Sporting writers have been consistent advocates of the message of boxing measures but the Tribune is the first paper of note to make a determined stand on the editorial page for boxing.

The Tribune editorial is as follows:

THE BOXING BILL AND OUR MORALS.

"The Rev. Melbourne P. Boynton at a meeting of the Baptist ministers' conference said: 'We are not opposed to boxing as a game or sport, but we are opposed to its commercialism and we may not oppose the proposed bill if it is not a box office affair.'

"People who hope that Americans are about to become less afraid of some forceful manifestations of life and less afraid of the consequences of them hope that morality will not always be repressive in this country. Morality sometimes fails constructively. It fails to recognize essential demands of life. It becomes elimination and merely elimination. The prevailing idea in the world now, the prevailing moral and political idea, is one of repression and elimination. It is custodial. From the league of nations to the American constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale and use of alchoholic beverages, the idea is that some human authority must ride here constantly upon human activities.

Statutes Regulate Life.

"Repression, unmodified, unreflective, and unthinking, always has defeated the aims which it had. There is steam in the pot of life. Screw the lid down tight and the forces will gather beneath it and blow the lid to the ceiling.

"We have voted the United States dry. We have subscribed to doctrines of national and international custody. The individual must be herded to see that his conduct is precise. The nations must be herded to see that their conduct is precise. Some one must watch every one. Life, by statute, by organic law and international agreement, is about to become a majestic policeman, able to raise a hand and stop anything or everything.

"The difficulty is that it cannot be done. Repression works for a while. Then it fails to work. It does not change the essentials of living. It does not make red blood corpuscles yellow; it does not take youth from youth.

Reform Must Be Constructive.

"Moral reform must be constructive as well as eliminative. We hope that the Illinois legislature is about to pass a bill legalizing boxing and we hope that it is not to be a kindergarten bill. The Rev. Mr. Boynton spoke in censure of commercialism. Suppose we cease to erect straw men and loook at facts.

"We know, for instance, that no matter how valuable it might be to the moral and physical well being of a great number of young men in Illinois that there should be legalized boxing in the state, that if one amateur, physically unfit to enter the ring, were killed in the ring, or if a fight involving the heavyweight championship of the United States were to be arranged and fought in Chicago, there would be a great protest in the state and a demand for the repeal of the legalization of the sport.

Amatuers Not Affected.

"If the amateur were killed in a prairie game of base ball, by being hit on the head by a ball or bat, there would be no such demand. If the professionals were bantam weights and not heavy weights there would be no such demand. Such is the illogicality of human sentiment.

"The boy may be taken out by the undertow, if he is swimming, and there is no demand for the closing of the bathing beaches. He may be killed by a carlessly thrown bat in base ball aud there is no demand for the forbidding of the playing of base ball. He even may be killed under a mass of players in a foot ball game and there is no successful protest against the game.

"Heavyweight prize fighters have no greater ability to hurt each other than have featherweight prize fighters and yet we could have a featherweight championship contest here in Chicago under a state boxing law, but could not, we know, without vehement protest, have a heavyweight contest.

Commercialism Not Responsible.

"If Jess Willard and Bombardier Wells were to fight here and if Wells, as we suspect would happen quickly, were to be knocked cold, it would strike our moralistic fancy as brutal. Wells probably would be eating several slices of roast beef a half hour later, but our moralistic imagination would be flammergasted.

"The Tribune sporting pages probably would make the Willard-Wells fight repulsive morally—but not physically—by printing much about it in advance. The trouble with us is that we deal too much with nonessentials. Printers' ink does not make a contest, otherwise proper, unclean, or immoral.

"Commercialism in itself does not make a sport unclean. It does not damage a man morally or a sport morally because the man has trained himself to a high degree of physical ability and skill because he can make money by attaining that degree.

"The best base ball players are the highest paid base ball players. The skill of professionalism always is needed for the stimulation of the amateur. We might as well be honest in the effort to promote boxing in Illinois. If the crooked promoter can be kept out, he ought to be kept out, but boxing is not a kindergarten game, is not intended to be, and would be valueless if it were one.

"A proper state commission administering a proper state law can keep it honest. That is what we need and we do need boxing if we are to offer any sort of adventure, physical outlet and recreation in a country which for the time being is devoting itself extraordinarily to restraint."

International Pin Tourney Promises to Break Entry Records

As the revival of the great international bowling tournament of the American Bowling congress approaches, interest is gradually gaining, and cities from Winnipeg to Mobile, and from New Haven to Denver, are sending inquiries for choice dates, and accommodations; all of which presages a huge entry at Toledo, when the curtain rings down on February 20, and the entries close.

No stone has been left unturned to make the tournament a big success. The floor space is ample, being 150x200 feet, and will allow for the building of 16 new, continuous alleys, and with plenty of space to spare.

The first Toledo team to enter the tournament was the famous Champion Spark Plugs, who created quite a stir by bowling a big score at Grand Rapids two years ago. To show that they were a classy team, they repeated at Cincinnati with a big count of 2,908, finishing third among 650 teams that entered.

Erie, Pa., already has 10 teams entered, and Buffalo promises 20, with western cities like Chicago entering 100 teams; Milwaukee, Indianapolis, St. Louis, South Bend, entering from 15 to 20 teams, it can be readily estimated that a big entry is on the way, and as the tournament is held later than usual this year, many of the boys who have been bowling for Uncle Sam will be on the job to knock the wooden soldiers down when the big tournament starts on March 8.

Wortman Sold to Columbus.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Joe Tinker, president of the Columbus club of the American association, tonight purchased "Chuck" Wortman, a short stop, from the Chicago Nationals. Wortman was purchased from Kansas City three years ago for $12,000.

RING MEASURES ADVOCATED BY PROMINENT MEN

Benefits Shown in Military Camps Turns Popular Tide Toward Regulated Boxing in U. S.

By A. K. DONOVAN

Boxing has never faced a brighter future than it faces today.

Lovers of clean sport after watching the wholesome effect of this form of exercise and entertainment in army and navy training camps have been converted to boxing and are leading a campaign to have it legalized in all parts of the country. In many California cities it has been placed in the curriculum of high school sports and nearly all eastern colleges now conduct boxing classes for students and have boxing teams. Several intercollegiate boxing bouts will be staged during the winter.

Walter Camp, veteran mentor of Yale's athletics, has been converted to this branch of sport after years of opposition. His experiences in assisting in the athletic training of sailors is responsible and he is now a constant advocate of boxing.

Whitlock and Pershing.

"Every boy who enters the ranks of Uncle Sam, whether in the army or navy, owes a vote of thanks to boxing," said Brand Whitlock before his return to Belgium as United States minister. "So far as keeping up the morale to its highest standard in the ranks, boxing was better than any sermon that could have been delivered.

General Pershing is boxing's leading champion. It was he who realized the benefits of this form of exercise and insisted on its being used to train Yankee soldiers.

Abram D. Gillette, in charge of Red Cross entertainments for soldiers has requested professional boxers to appear in bouts for soldiers whenever possible, and at least to be present at all bouts in their vicinity.

The surgeon general of the United States army realizes the benefit of boxing as an entertainment and has arranged with the Red Cross to give boxing exhibitions for wounded soldiers.

Civilians Urge Boxing.

Men prominent in civilian life attribute much of their success to boxing. The late Theodore Roosevelt was undoubtedly the most prominent advocate of boxing as an exercise, after building up a magnificent physique in his youth. In childhood he was frail and sickly.

Douglas Fairbanks, whose hair raising episodes have entertained thousands in the movies, daily dallies with the gloves which he says keeps him in condition for the strenuous life he lives.

Catch by Roush Robs Him of Batting Honors.

EDDIE ROUSH

A wonderful catch of a difficult fly ball deprived Ed Roush, the Cincinnati star, of the batting championship of the National league. And what is more remarkable is the fact that Ed Roush made the catch himself and did not have the hit taken away from him. It was one of the most freakish happenings all base ball history.

The other day President Heydler awarded the batting honors for the next season to "Zach" Wheat of Brooklyn who hit .335. Southworth of Pittsburgh, batted higher than that—341—but only played in 64 games. Roush ranked next with .333, just two points behind Wheat.

Bill Phelon, the widely known Cincinnati scribe, points out the unusual play by which Roush robbed himself of the championship.

The apparant impossibility of this happening makes the incident remarkable. If Roush had muffed the fly or let it drop untouched he would have led a league in batting.

"During a game against St. Louis with a Cardinal runner on third, Roush tore in for a short, fast-dropping fly. He got hold of the ball, but stumbled, went to his knees, and let it go out of his hands. By a marvelous, lightning grab, he got the ball before it touched the ground, and rising threw to third base, whence the cardinal runner had stared for the plate. Roush claimed a double play on the ground that the runner had left before the ball was caught, and Hank O'Day, the umpire, sustained the claim.

"But the rules say that a runner can start from a base after a fly ball has been momentarily held. Jack Hendricks, manager of the Cardinals, promptly protested the game on the ground that Roush had momentarily held the ball before he dropped and recovered it. The St. Louis claim was disallowed, the game and all that had been done therein, went off the records. And, as it happened, Roush had made two hits out of three times at bat that afternoon. He lost those hits, and with those hits he lost the championship and the honor of leading the league two years in succession."

CENTRAL HIGH TEAM TROUNCES SIOUX CITY FIVE

Visitors Beaten, 36 to 17, on Local Floor; Keen Eye for Baskets Win for Omaha Boys.

CENTRAL HIGH 36, SIOUX CITY 17.

Playing an easy game Central High's basket ball team trounced the Sioux City High five, 36 to 17, last night on the Young Men's Christian association floor. The game was the first of Central's home schedule and the only one in which Coach Mulligan has been able to start all five of his first team players.

Although honors for piling up counters were pretty evenly divided, Logan and Konecky played the best game for Central. Paynter and Burnham also showed up well in shooting baskets. Clements, who made his initial appearance last night, played a fair game, but was outclassed by his mates.

At no time did the visitors have prospects of victory. The local flippers took the lead early in the game, increasing it as the Sioux City defense seemed to weaken. The first half ended 22 to 7. During the first 10 minutes of the second half, the Soo flippers made but one field goal. Taking a sudden spurt later in the game, they boosted their tally to 17.

The presence of Paynter and Clements in the lineup forced Coach Mulligan to rearrange his men. Logan was shifted from center to guard, replacing Swoboda, while Paynter played in the pivot position. Clements was given a trial at forward in place of Mangold. With victory assured the first string was taken out and the subs given a chance at the Iowa cage crew.

Lineup and summaries:

Omaha Central High.

	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	T.F.	Pts.
Clements, r. f.	2	0	1	0	4
Burnham, l. f.	4	0	2	0	8
Paynter, c.	4	0	0	1	8
Logan, r. g.	4	0	1	0	8
P. Konecky, l. g.	4	0	1	0	8
Mangold, c.	0	0	2	0	0
Swoboda, r. f.	0	0	0	0	0
L. Konecky, l. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Ayers, l. g.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	0	7	1	36

Sioux City High.

	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	T.F.	Pts.
Younger, r. f.	1	0	0	0	2
Foster, l. f.	2	0	0	1	6
Peskin, c.	1	0	0	0	2
Whittner, r. g.	0	0	3	0	0
Rogers, l. g.	0	0	0	0	0
Crane, r. f.	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	5	5	3	1	17

Officials: Verne Moore, referee; Gene Ransum, scorer; Ralph Cohn, timekeeper. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

Complete Program for Second Fite Nite of Soldier Boxers

The card events for the second Fort Omaha "Fite" night has been completed and all of the contestants are working out daily to be in tip-top condition. Circus seats have been built in the garage, the band has secured special music, and the soldiers guarantee ring fans the biggest entertainment ever offered in Omaha.

The main event will be a six-round bout between Battling Kirby, Fort Omaha welter and former champion of the Canadian army, and Jimmy Drexel of the South Side, who has recently been discharged. Denny Ryan, K. of C. secretary at the fort, is grooming Kirby for the fight. Drexel is working out with local talent. Both men are well matched and the fight should be a good one.

Walsh of Fort Omaha and Erickson, a local boy, will fill the featherweight class. Both are in fine shape and should furnish a good bout.

"Denver," the unknown, and "Dutch" Tate will appear in the heavyweight division according to schedule. "Denver" is now nursing a sprained hand but is expected to be in shape for the bout.

Two four-round bouts are arranged for preliminaries. Rosica and Spellman are getting ready for a fast bout and have the backing of hosts of friends at the fort. Henderson and Gates will round out the boxing card, both being army boxers.

Vernon Breedlove, recently discharged from the army, will wear the Fort Omaha colors in a wrestling bout with Jack Tolliver. Tolliver has challenged any man at the fort and has agreed to a match with the former soldier.

The seat sales and arrangements are in charge of Lieutenant Finley, who promises 300 ringside seats in the big garage. All the ringside seats will be within five rows of the ring. Bleacher seats have been erected for the general admission.

Fans who drive to the bouts may park their cars at the garage under the care of the military police. The attendance at the last show numbered 800, but the soldier promoters are making arrangements for 1,000 spectators at this show.

Al Koyen Winds Up With Total of 423

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Al Koyen broke 70 of today's 75 and wound up with a total of 423. Koyen also took part in the midwinter handicap and broke 89, although placed way back at the 22-yard line, the maximum distance. Thirty-six guns who broke 90 or better in the midwinter shared in prize booty aggregating $3,065.

William Wettleaf of Nichols, Ia., a 21-yard man, won the midwinter championship at Pinehurst, on the shoot-off of a triple tie. Wettleaf tied at 96 with P. H. Hensler of Aberdeen, Miss., a 16-yard man. Wettleaf broke 20 on the shoot-off.

Frank S. Wright of Buffalo won the high amateur average contest with the remarkable total of 441 out of 450 targets. Dr. A. H. Aber of Dravosburg, Pa., was a close second at 440.

SIXTEEN CAGE GAMES CARDED FOR THIS WEEK

Basket Ball Quintets Will Have Busy Week; Soldier Teams Disband and New Faces Promised.

GAMES THIS WEEK.

Tuesday—Pearl Memorials against First Christians, Benson Methodists against Hanscom Parks, and Calvary Baptists against "Y" dormitory men in Church league at Y. M. C. A. Central Parks at Dundee.

Wednesday—Drake at Creighton, Castelar at South High. Creighton High against Council Bluffs at Council Bluffs Y. M. C. A.

Thursday Night—Commerce High against Nakens, First Nationals against Unknowns, Central Furnitures against Beddeos in Commercial league games at Y. M. C. A.

Friday—School for the Deaf at Modale, Ia. Council Bluffs at South High. Clifton Hills at Miller Park. Central High at Lincoln.

Saturday—Creighton at Nebraska Wesleyan. Central High at Beatrice.

A busy week is ahead for Omaha basket ball fives. Every Omaha team will have at least one encounter booked. A total of 15 games will be played.

The big game in the Commercial league, looked forward to almost since the first night of play, is booked for Thursday night when the N. W. Naken quintet will undertake to humble the fast and victorious Commerce High five. Ed. Burdick and Adams have been signed up by the Nakens.

Thursday night's game in the Commercial league will complete the schedule for the first round. The second round will be begun the following Thursday.

Add New Teams.

Renewed pep will be put into the league when the First National bank five will make its appearance. The bankers will take the place of the Sixty-second balloonists, who occupy the cellar position. The new arrivals have formed their team from surplus substitute players in the amateur leagues and have made a formidable combination that should prove a big factor in the games to come.

The Fort Omaha five, which has also dropped low in the league, will be dropped to make way for one of the numerous teams that are anxious to get a place in the league. It is probable that the Live Stock National Bank of the South Side will back a squad to fill the empty berth.

The new five is scheduled to meet the First Nationals and the Beddeos play the Central Furnitures.

Church Games Unique.

With a reorganized lineup the "Y" dormitory men of the Church league will strive Tuesday to win their first game this season. They will encounter the Calvary Baptist five, which has also lost all five of its encounters in the league. The Hanscom Park five play the Benson Methodists. Both teams are tied for second place. The Pearl Memorials and the First Christians are slated to play the third contest. If the Pearls win, as is expected, the two teams wil lagain be knotted for high honors in the Church league.

Tuesday night's set of games is most unique, since each team, in the order of their standing is booked to meet the team next above it.

Central High has two contests booked for this week. Lincoln High will be played Friday at Lincoln and Beatrice on the Gage county school's floor Saturday. Council Bluffs and South High are booked to meet again Friday. Creighton High and Council Bluffs will play across the stream Wednesday.

Creighton Busy.—

Creighton university will tackle the Drake crew here Wednesday and will go to Lincoln Saturday after Nebraska Wesleyan's scalp.

In the Community Center league the Central Parks are carded to meet the Dundee five on the Dundee floor Tuesday. Castelar will encounter the South Side five on the South High floor Wednesday night. Friday the Clifton Hills will encounter the Miller Park boys on the Miller Park floor.

The school for the Deaf five will play the Modale, Ia., cage artists Friday night on the hostile floor.

The Fort Omaha floor teams have all disbanded because of the transfer of most of the cage artists from the local post. The Creighton-Fort Omaha fray, booked for last night was declared off late yesterday afternoon since almost the entire team had left the post.

Hendricks Surrenders Position With Cardinals

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—Jack Hendricks, manager of the St. Louis Nationals last season, has agreed to terminate his contract as manager at once, according to announcement made this afternoon following a meeting of the board of directors of the club by J. C. Jones, vice president. The contract had one more year to run. Branch Rickey, president of the club, has been offered the position of manager, which he has taken under advisement.

A committee was named to confer with the holders of notes against the club looking to an extension of the notes with an idea of avoiding an immediate sale of the club under the second deed of truct.

Many Entries Received for "Y" Swimming Events

Almost 70 entries have been received for the closed swimming meet to be held at the Young Men's Christian association Friday evening. The events include the 100-yard dash, 20-yard dash, 40-yard dash on back, novelty race, fancy diving, plunge for distance.

The big annual open swimming meet is carded for February 21. Fancy diving, fancy swimming and dashes comprise the events. Medals will be awarded place men. Entries should be sent to James Noble, assistant physical director at the "Y."