

ROLLINS FIELD PRESS BOX A BUSY PLACE



YOU READ ABOUT THE GAME; HERE'S HOW IT IS WRITTEN

Crowded in a long line in the gray press-box perched on the top of the Rollins Field bleachers sat a score of newspaper men. On the table in front of them were pinned the lineups of the football eleven and the number of each man who was to be in the clash on the field below. Each man was absorbed in preparing paper and pencil to report the coming contest.

The insistent rattle of half a dozen telegraph instruments and the jangle of a desk telephone in a corner of the press-box mingled with the cheering of the crowd which was rapidly filling the bleachers below. Several correspondents for city papers were directing the telegraph operators in sending out advance stories on the size of the crowd, the comparative merits of the two teams who had now come upon the field for preliminary practice, and the lineups for both elevens. A reporter for one Columbia paper was yelling himself red in the face in an attempt to communicate with his city editor by telephone and issue instructions to a messenger boy at the same moment.

In another corner two reporters sat hunched over the lineup of the teams. They were to "cover" the game for the Missouriian. One, who was to record the game play by play, was intent on the teams which were now taking position for the game. The other was preparing sheets for reporting the exact number of yards gained by each play or lost by penalties. These men had not been picked haphazard. For weeks they had watched the Tigers at practice. They knew each man like a book, what he could do in a crisis and what his weak points were. They had made a study of the game and when they took their seats in the press-box they were prepared for the work before them.

At the shrill of the referee's whistle activities in the press-box were increased. The name of the man who kicked off was recorded, the distance covered, the man who received the ball, how far he returned it and who made the tackle which stopped the play were all noted by the keen eyed observers.

But this was comparatively easy. As the game progressed an accurate record was kept of the yards gained by each play, who received the ball, who carried it and what particular play was used in advancing it. Plays planned to deceive the position and tricks at concealing the ball must be solved by the reporter. If he once lost sight of the pick-up his report of the game at that place would be worthless. He must watch constantly the movements of the linemen, the referee and the struggling mass of players. An average of three plays a minute must be put down in black and white.

The time-keepers signal was a welcome relief to the reporter, for between quarters he had a few moments to straighten out his notes and decide upon the manner in which to treat his story. If a score was made during the preceding quarter he must telephone the result to the office where it is bulletined for those who have been prevented from seeing the game.

At the end of the game the Missouriian reporter had collected a mass of data unintelligible to the layman, but upon which he must base his story. Besides keeping an account of the game play by play he has noticed which players have starred and is prepared to criticize intelligently the relative merits of the men. He can recognize the visiting team only by

their partially concealed numbers so his individual criticisms must be based on the Tigers whom he has watched at practice for weeks previous.

Leaving the city sport writers busy at the telegraph instruments, the Missouriian reporter hurried from the press-box to interview the coaches and players at the gymnasium. Then he rushed to the nearest typewriter to hammer out the story of the game. The play-by-play story was written first and given to the linotype operators to "set." The general story or "lead" was then written in a more leisurely manner. Brilliant gains were given special attention and the two teams were compared in a thorough manner.

And so it is that after spending four hours at a nerve-wrecking grind the reporter presents in the columns of the Missouriian a complete and detailed account of the football game that you may sit in your big chair before the fire and, wrapped in a dressing robe, comfortably review the events of yesterday's gridiron battle.

GRADUATES FORM ECKLES CLUB

Banquet Given By Former Missouri Men at Dairy Show.

At the National Dairy Show held at Springfield, Mass., last week, the dairy teams coached by former Missouri men had a "get together" banquet. Thirteen former Missouri University men, holding positions all over the country attended and in honor of Prof. C. H. Eckles the Eckles Club was formed. The following officers of the club were elected for the coming year: G. C. White of Connecticut, president, and A. C. Stanton of Maryland, secretary and treasurer. The club is to include all men who have done graduate work in the University of Missouri and all undergraduates who are holding positions in Agricultural Colleges and the Dairy Division of the United States Department of Agriculture. At present the membership of the club is forty-three, twenty-six graduates and seventeen undergraduates. They plan to hold a reunion each year at the National Dairy Show.

The Graduate School here in the dairy division ranks first among all schools of its kind. Further they are more former students holding positions in both the Department of Agriculture at Washington and in colleges than from any other school. The majority of the scholarships offered by the different associations and commercial companies have been used at the University of Missouri under Prof. C. H. Eckles.

CIGARETTE TROUBLE REPEATED

Columbia's Attempt to Increase Licenses Duplicated at Springfield.

Springfield, Mo., is having the same difficulty over an increase in the cigarette license that Columbia had last year.

A temporary injunction restraining the city commissioners of Springfield from enforcing the new ordinance fixing the license to sell cigarettes at \$500 a year, was granted dealers by the Circuit Court Thursday. A hearing on the question of a permanent injunction will be held October 27.

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U. H. S. Civics Class Begins Survey.

The boys of the civics class at the University High School began a survey of Columbia, yesterday. The class has been divided into seven committees of two men each who are looking after such matters as garbage disposal, the screening of fruit stands, vital statistics, negro schools and compliance to city ordinances.

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