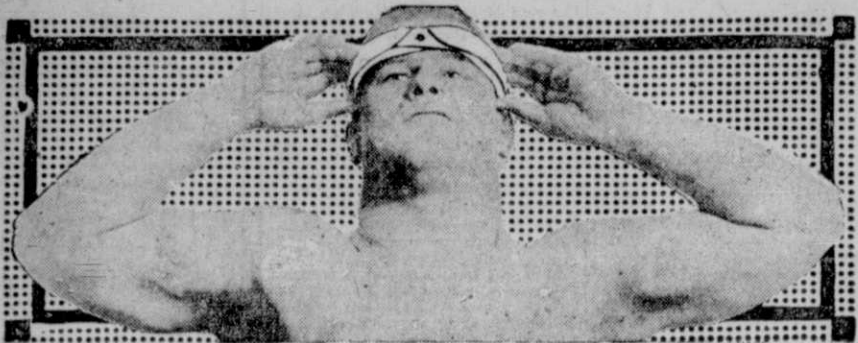


"Ah, make me a pie!"  
"Asseverates father,"  
"And cut out the crust,"  
"If it's too much bother."

# TODAY IN SPORTS

A chemist declares  
That in canned blueberries,  
At least nine per cent.  
Of alcohol there is.

## SLIPS HIS COLLAR OVER HIS HEAD



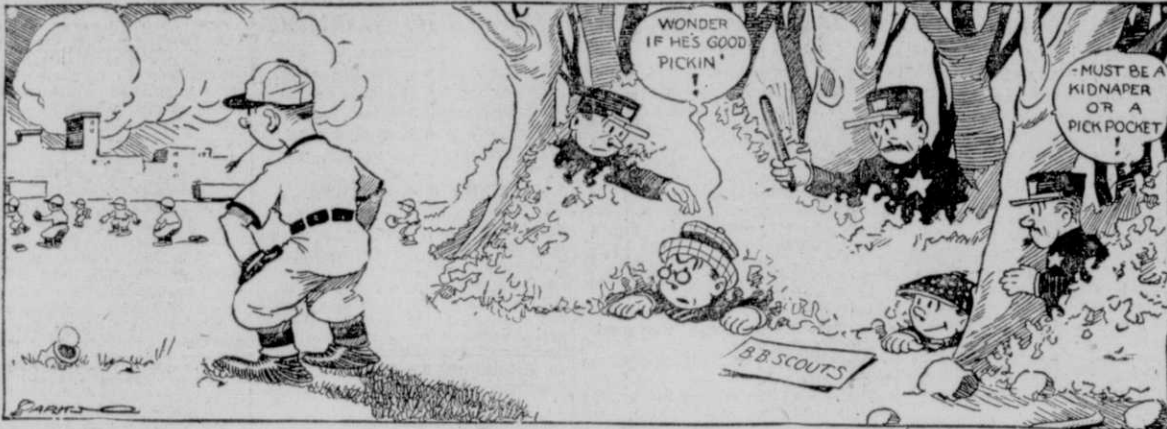
MARIN PLESTINA

Marin Plestina is one of the most powerful men who ever stepped on the mat. His neck is so large that he had his collars made to order. They are size 22. He can slip 'em over his head without unbuttoning 'em. Just think

of it, men—no collar buttons slipping down your neck. No collar buttons jumping out of your fingers and hiding under the chiffonier. But Marin has his troubles with all of that. He is without doubt one of the best heavyweight wrestlers of late years and yet his

manager, Joe Marsh, says he is being discriminated against by the "rings" or "trusts." Marin isn't getting any championship matches and he is deserving. In Chicago, where the trust has been "razed" lately, Plestina is a favorite and manages to get a few matches.

## THE BIG LEAGUERS TURN TO THE SANDLOTS



BY FRED TURBIVILLE.

Why not? There is younger and better material on some of the sandlot teams than is to be found on a lot of the minor league clubs.

And, too, there are a lot of other reasons why. The big league managers at last have awakened to the fact that a lot of good baseball material is going to waste, or is being grabbed off by the middlemen of baseball, the minors, when it might as well go directly into the makings of a big league team.

But the awakening was forced onto the managers at that. Unable to get the players needed from the draft and finding prices for minor league stars pretty high, and material in many instances scarce, they had to turn to the

sandlots. And it is going to be a great thing for the major leagues, too, even if they did adopt the idea through compulsion. Take the case of the Cleveland club, for instance. Last year there was a young sandlotter named George Uhle. He went South with the Indians and came back looking good enough to carry around the circuit for a few weeks. He pitched so well they kept him on the job all season. He won many more games than he lost.

This spring Cleveland is taking three more sandlotters for a spring training. One of them, George Cykowski, is such a promising prospect that Branch Rickey, Cardinal manager, threatened to go before the national commission to air a claim he is said to have on the

amateur's services. The result in Cleveland is added interest in the Indians. The amateurs in Cleveland, and their friends, far outnumber the regular Indian fans. That means that the amateur faction will be mightily interested in the Indians when one or more amateurs are in the fold. Why shouldn't all Cleveland boys, who are stars at the game, be on the payroll of the Indians? That would add local interest to the team.

Suppose Cleveland had Peckinpah and Dode Paskert, both Cleveland boys, in their line-up. And Rube Marquard, too, who formerly was a Clevelander.

Gornie Mack used to grab off a good boy occasionally. Connie carried them along until they were ready to break in. Stuff McInnis is an example.

Branch Rickey has a happy faculty of developing major leaguers from green college stars—George Sisler and Heathcote. Maybe the big league scouts might well employ their time looking over the sandlot talent the coming summer. It has been suggested to Lee Fohl, former Indian manager, that he accept an offer to manage a big amateur team in Cleveland and in the meantime act as scout for big league clubs about the sandlots, making recommendations of stars he thought had the "makings." It is an idea that is bound to grow for amateur baseball has been expanding rapidly and some real talent has been developed there. The sandlotters are all going up. Perhaps half of the minor league players are on their way down.

## THE INSIDER SAYS

At salaries the ball stars balk. Meantime magnates talk and talk.

Players live from hand to mouth. Soon they'll all be headed south.

Unless Champ Jack plays golf or tennis His name may soon be written 'Dennis.'

Reading the news from day to day We learn B. Martin's laid ten away.

Reds have been recognized at last. White Sox did that some months past.

The A. A. U. and the U. S. A. are two little groups of alphabetical sequences. Fanny Durack, Australian girl champion swimmer, will never be able to forget. She has gone back to her native land. Her swimming tour in this country was anything but a success. Technicalities of the A. A. U. ruled her out of American events.

On the other hand, they are making great preparations in Australia for the arrival of Norman Ross there. And Australia is making arrangements for a return visit next year.

Connie Mack and Harry Frazee are good salesmen, but they don't bring home the bacon for the baseball feast.

The fancy boxer Takes the brown lid. But the kayo youth Draws the biggest bid.

Golf may have its charm, considering its liberal and elastic vocabulary. But how about baseball in St. Louis? The Browns have Demmitt and the Cards have Oestlin.

We don't know how Mr. Getteli pronounces his own name, but it looks to us like a miss on a two-foot putt.

The Cincinnati club probably was one of the lowest salaried in the big leagues last season. After winning the pennant the owners declared that and there that raises would be forthcoming. The raises have been offered and the contracts still remain unsigned. The Reds are holdouts and the owners feel they haven't been treated just right by the players. There are two sides to the argument. The players probably are a bit chummy over their achievements of last season. That is human nature. And perhaps the raises offered by the Red owners still are not just what high-class ball players should be getting. The solution is a half-way meeting and that is probably what will take place before the season starts. The players want to play ball and earn their salaries and the club officials want all the stars back in the fold. And there you are.

Only 20 former Federal leaguers remain in the big show. But that is more than the major leaguers admitted ever played in the outlaw circuit.

Two of the 20 were with the 1919 world's champs—Eddie Roush and Bill Standen. And Benny Kauff was with the National League runners-up, the Giants. All three were teammates at Indianapolis in the Fed League. Such stars as Johnny Tobin, Hal Chase, Lee Magee, John Rawlings, Chuck Deal, Art Wilson, Claude Hendrix, Jack Quinn, Howard Emhke, Dave Davenport, Gene Packard, Max Flack and Ed Kogutsky are among the survivors, however.

## O. U. BUSH



See where the big league pitchers are having their teeth pulled to help their pitching arms. I gotta bad tooth but I ain't got nothin' matter with my arm so I'll put off th tooth pulling for a yere anyhow.

They clap their hands And yell in glee For the boy who Fields nine-ninety-three. But for he who bats Four-forty-four They bust their hats And roar and roar.

While Babe Ruth is knocking home runs for the Yankees the one-base hitters of the other seven clubs will be stretching singles into doubles while Ruth, Boddie and Lewis creep across the field like horse-drawn ice wagons on a hot August day.

Tad Jones will coach Yale without remuneration, and some folks think that a four is nutty.

Major league teams will engage in the season's first double-header at Jacksonville, March 29, and, of course, Charley Ebbett's Brooklyn Dodgers are involved.

A few words about Sam Broadon, new president of the Cards. He peeped through a knothole at the old Polo ground to see his first major league game. And 15 years ago he went to St. Louis and got a job in a garage. He saved his pennies, nickels and dimes and became a repair shop owner himself. The he got into the selling game and in 15 years had made a million-dollar fortune. He bought into the club in 1917. There's more money in the automobile business, but he's a fan.

New York scribbles and fans are dreaming sweet dreams. That's the town where "Blowing Bubbles" was written. Dream-managers say the Giants' infield will look like this—Chase on first, Priole on second, Maranville at short and Rogers Hornsby at third.

The American Association and the Pacific Coast League are near-by leagues this year. Nearer, much nearer, than near-beer. The draft went out of style last year when the big minors and the majors clashed. The association and coast circuits declared themselves able to make their own way in the world and they're setting about the task like real sports this spring. Long schedules, no salary limits in the A. A., spring training trips and other stunts give them the "air."

John McGraw should have taken his infield to Cuba with him this winter. They say crippled race horses find the fount of youth down there. So why not the old war horses of the diamond? And John, himself, was looking pretty skittish after his return.

Cuba is a good place for the old skates—meaning both the horses and the other kind. Cuba is an island and entirely surrounded by water, but one would never notice that while there. The Cubans are still wondering what the water is for.

## GRACE HID BASKET FROM WESLEYAN

Grace five handed out a decisive drubbing to the Wesley College Institute five last night, by the score of 57 to 6. Barbon proved the lucky player for the Institute players with a single field goal. Downing got the four remaining points from the foul line. The Dover quintet were completely outclassed.

The score:  
Grace..... Wesley C.  
Chandler..... forward..... Downing  
McKay..... forward..... Messick  
C. Garvine..... center..... Barbon  
Longmore..... guard..... Smith  
J. Garvine..... guard..... Walker  
Field goals—Chandler 14, McKay 7, Garvine 4, Baylis, P. Garvine 2, Barbon. Foul goals—Downing 4, McKay. Substitutions—Baylis for C. Garvine. P. Garvine for J. Garvine. Referee—Robertson. Time of halves—20 minutes.  
The Wesley girls team defeated the Grace "femites" by the score of 8 to 5 in the preliminary game. Masses Mills and M. Robertson scored the church team points, the former getting one field goal and the latter three from the penalty mark.

TODAY'S CAGE GAMES.  
Delaware College-Haverford away. Wilmington High-Trenton, Wilmington High School gym.  
Salesianum-Newark High, St. Patrick's Hall.  
Penn-Del-Delaware Settlement gym. Haverford-Edgewood, Y. M. C. A. Grace-Brandywine, Y. M. C. A. West-Westminster, Y. M. C. A. Wilmington A. A.-Parkersburg away. Hagley-Company E. Elkton.

## WHAT THEY SAY

RAY FISHER.  
Though the world's series is the biggest event in a baseball player's career yet it is sometimes a questionable benefit to the player, according to Ray Fisher, pitcher of the Champion Reds. "The world's series throws so strong a light on a player's record that it distorts his work. It is unfair."

"What a man does when the eyes of the whole baseball world are upon him creates a deeper impression than his work for an entire year."

DAVE ROBERTSON.  
Here is a big league ball player who is different. Dave Robertson, when shipped to the Chicago Cubs ball park from the Polo Grounds, had a hunch that he wasn't going to like it. He's changed his mind. When the 1919 curtain had been run down Dave edged in on Fred Mitchell and instead of asking for more pay merely wanted to thank the Cub manager for the treatment he had received and said he would play his "head off" in 1920.

"This bunk about the Cub officials being slave drivers is a crime. They know how to treat a man there and you can take it from me I am going to play my head off for Mitchell next year. I had the wrong dope on the Cubs and it has taught me a lesson I will never forget."

JOHNNY GRIFFITHS.  
There is no difference in the boxing rules of England and France and those of the United States, according to Johnny Griffiths, Akron Flash, who is touring Europe. "The game is the same the world over, I heard much about the different rules used here, but find that the fans demand just what the American fans do—that you fight your own style, but fight. This is all that is asked. There is a habit in vogue which European boxers call 'retiring.' In England when a boxer is being laced he may refuse to come out of his corner, but in France the fighter sometimes drops to the floor and claims a foul. This 'retiring' is no dishonor in the eyes of the fans."

CHARLES STONERHAM.  
Besides announcing that the New York Giants would receive salary increases this year Charles Stonerham, president of the New York Nationalists, brings a word about sports in Cuba. "Havana is just packed with Americans. Cuban officials have progressive ideas in regard to sports of all kinds. They will in time make the city of Havana a Mecca for sportsmen from the United States. Athletics are a hobby with Cubans and they are doing all they can to promote American games and sports."

GEORGES AND WOMEN.  
Tom Morrisey, member of the Orpheum theater circuit, who sparred with Georges Carpentier several occasions while entertaining the doughboys in France, says that if Dempsey and the Frenchman ever set together "it will be a clean scrap and a mighty fast one for that is the way Georges boxes."

Elizabeth Brice, co-star, who was with Morrisey in the overseas American camps, also is an admirer of the idol of France. "All women of France are crazy about Georges. I have no doubt that our American fighter will win if they ever box, but I hope he wins over Carpentier with one punch. It would surely be too bad to batter up such a handsome face."

## NEWARK HIGH TAKES GAME FROM GRACE

Special to The Evening Journal.

NEWARK, Jan. 31.—In a fast game Newark High School basketball team last night defeated Golden College 24 to 11. Newark got an early lead and was never headed during the entire game. The guardline of Newark was one of the features. Moore and Armstrong did the work for Newark. Golden College: Newark High. Golden College: Grant Hoffecker..... forward..... Gemmill  
Armstrong..... center..... Derabian  
Smith..... guard..... Halney  
Mauer..... guard..... Scarborough  
Goals from field—Moore 3, Hoffecker 2, Armstrong 4, Grant 1, Gemmill 1. Goals from fouls—Armstrong 4, Moore 2, Halney 1, Grant 1. Substitutions—Steel for Smith, Evans for Hoffecker, Liddel for Scarborough, Referee—Fader. Time of halves—20 minutes.

On Monday night the tie in the Newark basketball league between Jr. O. U. A. M. and the Y. M. C. A. will be played off on the "Y" floor. Wednesday night of next week the Y. M. C. A. team will play on the local floor.

## TO BE GREAT YEAR FOR SPORT

Recreational League to Supervise Baseball, Quoits, Tennis, Swimming

FIELD MEET ALSO TO BE FEATURED

Plans for summer baseball, tennis, quoits, swimming and athletics were discussed at a recent meeting of the Church Recreational League, at the Y. M. C. A., and many details decided upon. If but half of the arrangements mature, the coming summer will witness more athletics in this city, in addition to the regular semi-professional baseball games, than ever before in the city's history.

It was decided to form an outdoor quoit league, under same rulings as the indoor teams now contesting for winter honors. There are twenty-two teams to select from for the outdoor league, the games are to be played every Monday evening, the quoits are to be of two pounds and the distance fifty feet. The outdoor league is to start the end of May.

John A. Martin, physical director of the Community Service, who organized the Church League, was named to arrange schedules. The committee on athletics decided from the response to its inquiry, that there was much interest in athletics here and on the strength of these reports, decided to hold the first meet of the summer on Saturday, June 26. Competitors have been named and events are being planned for men, women, boys and girls.

The committee on tennis also reported much enthusiasm. The committee is planning for several contests and the number of tournaments will be decided later.

Great interest is taken in field and athletic sports that are a test of the muscular strength and skill of man in various ways. It is likely that there will be several meets prior to September, and it was decided to ascertain if the State Fair Association would permit an all-city meet at the Fair on the opening day. If that is possible the last of the three elimination meets will be held on Saturday prior to Labor Day, possibly at the Fair grounds.

A committee was named for baseball teams and it was decided to close the entry list on April 10. If enough entries are obtained the league may be divided into two or more sections.

The committee to reorganize the bowling league of the Church League will meet at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday night. New teams wishing to enter the league contest are St. Stephen's, Westminster, Harrison Street, Epworth and Hillcrest. It may be decided to divide the league into two divisions.

## HAGLEY SECONDS WIN

The Hagley second team defeated the Merwick five last night, 32 to 11. The Hagley first team will play one of the league games ever seen in this city next Saturday night with the Progressive A. C. of Philadelphia.

The score:  
Hagley Seconds..... Merwick  
Cavanaugh..... forward..... McCorty  
McLaughlin..... forward..... Gillespie  
J. McLaughlin..... center..... Ford  
Toomey..... guard..... Harkins  
Cammock..... guard..... Malloy  
Field goals—Cavanaugh 5, McLaughlin 3, J. McLaughlin, Toomey 3, Cammack, McCorty 2, Gillespie 2. Foul goals—Cavanaugh 2, Gillespie 2, Toomey, Cammack 2, Gillespie, Harkins. Substitutions—J. Filliben for Malloy.

In the preliminary game the Hagley thirds defeated the Defiance thirds by the score of 16 to 11.

## BOWLING

SPEAKMAN LEAGUE.

Ogden.  
Galbreath..... 120 119 136-375  
F. Peters..... 130 147 135-412  
Talley..... 114 114 164-396  
S. Peters..... 133 127 168-428  
Blind..... 125 125 125-375  
Totals..... 626 632 728 1986

Riverview.  
Booser..... 125 148 123-396  
Loughbridge..... 101 161 127-389  
McGee..... 156 153 158-467  
Solomon..... 112 114 132-358  
Montgomery..... 128 147 217-492  
Totals..... 622 723 757 2102

South Wilmington.  
Bullock..... 125 125 169-415  
Paco..... 93 129 101-333  
Dougherty..... 99 108 101-308  
Thieu..... 174 147 141-462  
Hoodcock..... 147 159 181-487  
Totals..... 638 674 693 2005

West Side.  
Loch..... 116 115-340  
Colegrove..... 132 102-334  
Righter..... 94 159 120-373  
Orban..... 147 133 178-458  
Adam..... 111 144 134-389  
Totals..... 594 714 656 1964

DU PONT LEAGUE.

Betts.  
Pierce..... 169 167-514  
Craig..... 161 153 137-453  
Dickinson..... 175 142 169-486  
Anderson..... 153 146 169-468  
Morgan..... 159 169 138-465  
Totals..... 792 781 800 2373

Brandywine.

O'Neill..... 143 140 169-452  
Stillwell..... 154 148 160-462  
Sinton..... 126 136 109-370  
Waters..... 118 151-269  
Downey..... 171 204 104-479  
Riley..... 171 204 104-479  
Totals..... 717 746 692 2155

Engineering.

Hierpel..... 171 168 143-482  
Riley..... 175 174 197-546  
Henderer..... 180 125 186-491  
Rodriguez..... 177 188 161-526  
Howett..... 166 172 156-494  
Totals..... 869 827 843 2539

Cost Accounting.

Mahon..... 164 158 139-501  
Long..... 123 135-258  
Keester..... 166 141 151-458  
Brannock..... 137 153-292  
Welch..... 153 136 167-456  
Goodley..... 157 191-348  
Totals..... 743 787 783 2313

du Pont Chemical.

Galloway..... 140 176 182-508  
Muhlig..... 136 105-241  
Tadman..... 138 136-274  
Clarke..... 177 170 157-504  
Bowland..... 197-197  
Patterson..... 109 110-219  
Herman..... 169 192-361  
Totals..... 788 729 187 2304

Experimental.

Sweetman..... 147 133 128-408  
Beatty..... 137 149 128-414  
Lewis..... 156 130 108-466  
Geller..... 143 134 146-423  
Proud..... 131 143 150-424  
Totals..... 714 689 732 2135

Bancroft.

Booth..... 119 184 115-418  
Faulkner..... 102 172 129-463  
Carson..... 174 177 171-522  
Gallagher..... 119 165 154-478  
Stewart..... 144 146 157-447  
Stewart..... 144 146 157-447  
Totals..... 718 834 726 2278

National Aniline and Chemical.

Grotz..... 155 151 153-459  
Goddard..... 132 115 125-376  
Seallion..... 135 218 127-480  
West..... 142 167 147-456  
McClintock..... 140 149 130-419  
Totals..... 704 804 687 2134

SIELGMANN WINS AGAIN

In the Hercules Pocket Tournament Sielgmann showed good form against Biak Flanagan last evening and had little trouble winning by the score of 75 to 48. In the second game Walker and Zebby crossed cues and Walker walked away to an easy victory by the score of 75 to 46.

## CADDOCK DOWNED

BY JOE STECKER

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (United Press).—Three times last night a mumbled "It's all over" went through Madison Square Garden and close to 10,000 fans reached for their hats.

The fourth time they donned their headpieces and turned to the exits. Three times Joe Stecker, of Nebraska, clapped his deadly scissors and arm lock hold on Earl Caddock, Iowa, but the speedy soldier slipped from his grasp. The fourth time, however, he willed under the boa-constrictor-like pressure of two legs and a five fingered vice on his wrist and the world's wrestling championship with \$25,000 went to the Nebraska.

The end came after two hours and five minutes of mighty serious wrestling. Caddock had only speed to combat greater weight, superior strength and cooler nerves.

EDDIE A.'S POINTERS

When you first begin to learn to skate take it easy. The first lesson is liable to be tedious—so don't go at it too hard. Skating is poetry of motion. A person can learn new figures every year. It doesn't require much strength to glide over the ice. Balance and body movement are the essential points. The sport will develop your muscles, expand your lungs, invigorate your circulation, better your appetite and build up your health.

GARNET DROPS THIS ONE.

West End first five won easily over the Garnet quintet last night, 32 to 22. The West sides held a 14 to 9 lead at the end of the first period. During the second half the Garnet took a better hold on the game, but were unable to overcome the lead acquired by the West End team.

The score:

West End..... Garnet  
Donnelly..... forward..... C. Bulger  
Latham..... forward..... J. Bulger  
Curran..... center..... Early  
Pirih..... guard..... Sullivan  
W. Mayers..... guard..... Purcell  
Field goals—Donnelly 2, Latham 2, Curran 4, W. Mayers 2, C. Bulger 4, Sullivan 2, Foul goals—Donnelly 5, Curran 3, W. Mayers 2, C. Bulger 2, Sullivan, Purcell 5. Referee—Speakman.

The Garnet seconds stopped the West End scrubs in the preliminary match by the score of 20 to 19.

SIMULTANEOUS CHESS EXHIBITION

On next Tuesday evening James F. Mace, Jr., celebrated problemist from Philadelphia, will give an exhibition of simultaneous chess play against, at least, twenty opponents. This exhibition will be given under the auspices of the Brandywine Chess Club, in their club rooms in the Trinity Church parish house, Adams street and Delaware avenue.

The Brandywine Chess Club is a local organization open to all chess players of Wilmington and vicinity. This exhibition, like any regular club meeting, is open to all those interested in the game of chess.

RISING SUN WINS

Rising Sun first team defeated the du Pont Leatherbacks at Hagley House yesterday afternoon, 34 to 23. The speedy floor work of Randy Simons, and the long shooting of Joe Kausse featured the game. Joe Beatty threw in eight straight foul goals. The guarding of Elliott and Baldo was very close.

WEST END WANTS GAMES.

The West End basketball team, Bernard Curran, manager, desires to arrange games with first and second-class teams, such as Delaware, Newark, Milford or Dover. All challenges should be sent to Manager Curran, No. 1723 Delaware Ave., this city.

REPUBS MOVE UP

The Y. M. R. C. quait pitchers defeated the Pansey players 4 to 1 last night. This Republican victory moves the club team up a notch in the A.-W. circuit.

## SHORTS

Baseball plans for 1920 boom in Idaho.

Charles B. Cochran sailed without Jack Dempsey's autograph.

Toledo's bowling classic starts February 15, and the aim will be to break a few more records. There will be 10,000 men and women rollers.

Seattle is still waiting for the major league ball clubs to come through with played promises the Puget Sound club manager.

Baseball bug in Wichita, Kan., will see the first exhibition game this spring as early as March 30, when the St. Louis Cards visit the city on the plains.

Two veterans players passed out of the major leagues recently when Jean Dubue was sold by the Giants to Toledo of the American Association, and Sherwood Magee drew his unconditional release from the Cincy Reds and signed with Joe Tinker's Columbus team.

Comes the word from Kansas City that Batting Harvey Thorne will lay aside the mittens after July 4, to engage in a business more lucrative than boxing. Benny Leonard holds the distinction of being the only lightweight to drop Thorne for the count.

The Cornhuskers from Lincoln, Neb., will sound out the sentiment of the schools in the Missouri Valley Football Conference before it will risk asking admittance to the loop.

McGraw has signed a righthanded pitcher by the name of James C. Gerten. The youngster hails from Tulsa, Okla.

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