

VOLLEY BALL TEAM ASKED

Dr. Gibson To Direct Activities Of Players In 'V' Group

A volley ball season is about to open in Birmingham under direction of Dr. Warren P. Gibson of the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Gibson hopes to develop a Birmingham team which will compete with other Y. M. C. A.'s throughout the state in volley ball tournaments.

"This will in no way hinder the enjoyment of the usual weekly games by the man who does not care to enter tournaments or try out for the representative team," Dr. Gibson pointed out. "The representative team will play on a different night than the other teams," he said.

Dr. Gibson is enthusiastic over the prospects for the coming month. "With the opening of the new Quackenbush school it will be possible to have a group of men in that neighborhood take up this sport," he said.

According to Robert D. Lynd, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., the outlook for group work is promising.

SORDS POINTS

Late Urban Shocker Played Two Hard



HE WAS RECOGNIZED FROM 1921 TO 1924 AS ONE OF THE BEST PITCHERS IN THE GAME

By JACK SORDS Sports Columnist-Writer for Central Press and The Eccentric

Just a few hours before the "crucial series" between the Yankees and Athletics began, Urban Shocker, a great name in Yankee baseball history, died in Denver, Col. Several days before Urban, at death's door, had wired his old club his best wishes and regret that he couldn't aid them in the big fight.

And now he's dead.

It was his fighting spirit and his strong desire to win that saved Shocker an early death. He had pitched professional ball for 16 years and every minute of his playing time saw him giving his utmost to his team. He outdid himself, overstrained his body, and as a result developed the dreaded "athletic heart," fearful nemesis of athletes who play too hard.

Next to Ed Walsh, Urban Shocker is considered the greatest of all "spitball" pitchers. He was a keen student of the game and enjoyed it the most when he was going was the toughest.

Shocker began his major league career in 1916 and, but for the time spent in the service during the World war, played continuously until last July.

The greatest mistake in the career of the Yankees was made when they traded Shocker to St. Louis in 1917. However, the New York club got him back years later and he ended his playing days in Gotham.

ing. It is expected that three additional boys' groups will be organized for Quackenbush School, he said. According to the present plans in Adams School there will be three or four groups, in Pier School, three or four groups and in Baldwin High School, three groups in addition to the H-Y club.

Several persons have added their names to the list of volunteer workers for this year. Among the leaders are: E. G. Smith, Rev. Henry C. Evans, Francis M. Peck, E. E. Bissell, Frank Deer, Rev. Floyd E. Logee, and Earl Corvett.

Captain Anton Heinen, German designer of the ill-fated dirigible Shenandoah, has become an American citizen, passing his immigrant's examination with a rating of 100 per cent. Among the requirements of the test are the ability to read and write.

Sports Done Brown

By NORMAN E. BROWN Sports Writer for Central Press and The Eccentric

The history of the 1928 campaign in baseball should devote at least a fair-sized chapter to the passing of Stanley Coveleskie, one of the immortals who pitched and won three games in a world's series.

Coveleskie's career was a strange mixture of joy and tragedy.

"The Cool Pole," the scribes and fans called him while he was winning his fame as the pitching ace of the Cleveland Indians.

This calmness served him in good stead when he got his big chance in the world's series of 1920. It was the proudest moment of Cove's life, of course, when he triumphed over the Brooklyn team for the third consecutive time and clinched the world's championship for his team.

But all the satisfaction he drew from baseball and the honors accorded him for his greatness was nullified by the tragedy which

Sportraits



THOMAS HITCHCOCK JR.

Thomas Hitchcock began playing polo at the age of 13. After the World war, in which he had an eventful aviation career, he was chosen a member of the American team for the international polo series with England.

He played No. 2 in the successful defense of the trophy in 1924 and 1927. He captained the 1924 Olympic team.

Upon the retirement of Devereux Milburn this season he was made captain of the American team. He is now only 28 years old.

INDEPENDENTS CLOSE SEASON

Birmingham Ball Club Wins Six, Loses Eight Games

The baseball season of the Birmingham Independents team is closed today. The final game which was scheduled with Plymouth, there, last Sunday was not played officially because of the absence of Birmingham players. The village nine has now disbanded and will not resume activities until next summer when it will enter the inter-county league.

A review of the season finds that the Merchants won six and lost eight of the 14 games in which they competed.

A summary of the games and scores follow:

- B'ham 4-Oxford 10
- B'ham 3-Det. Independents 3
- B'ham 7-Roseville 4
- B'ham 3-Det. Firemen 9
- B'ham 6-McCauley Lbr. Co. 14
- B'ham 1-Fenton 2
- B'ham 6-Clarkston 14
- B'ham 5-Leonard 8
- B'ham 7-Leonard 8
- B'ham 17-Parker Webb 2
- B'ham 18-Det. Police Dept. 4
- B'ham 7-Det. Independents 1
- B'ham 1-Inlay City 4

overtaken him while basking in the limelight of fame. His wife died suddenly, leaving him with a little flock to care for. Grief over her passing shortened his career, without a doubt.

The deal which ended his days as a member of the Cleveland team proved to be one of those "bone" moves that have dotted the history of the game.

Sent to the Washington Senators in the winter of 1923-24 as "through," Covey regained his old-time form and proceeded to win 20 games and lose but 9 for the Washington club, playing a big part in the successful fight of that club for the pennant.

The Cleveland club took in payment for Covey, a young pitcher named Byron Speece and an infielder, Carl Smith. Both were soon forgotten, and never helped the Cleveland club.

The deal, incidentally brought from Coveleskie's lips the only (Concluded on next page)

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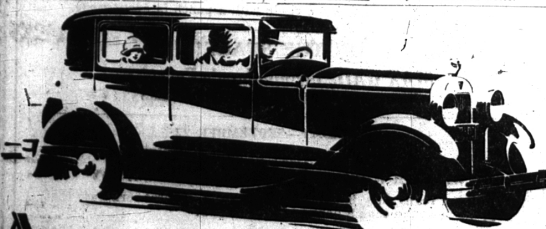
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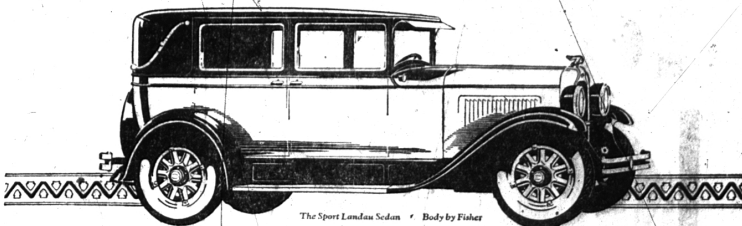
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