

B. A. C. LEAGUE RACE TIGHTENS

Hillbillies Trip DeMolays
And Mullholands Regains
First Place

The race in the Birmingham Athletic Club basketball league will still tighten last Thursday night when the DeMolays suffer their first defeat, 38 to 18, at the hands of the Hillbillies. Mullholands regained first place by toppling Birmingham Fruit, 31 to 25, and Williams' Boot Shop climbed up a notch in the standings by taking the measure of Sire's Market, 30 to 28.

Although previously unbeaten in three games, the DeMolays were no match for the Hillbillies, who have developed into one of the fastest and smoothest working teams in the league after getting off to a bad start at the beginning of the season. The winners led at the half, 16 to 8, and continued to widen the margin in the last quarters. Wuerfel, Hillbillies' right forward, dropped eight field goals and one free throw, winning scoring honors for the evening.

The DeMolays' defeat enabled Mullholands to crowd back to first place with their victory over Birmingham Fruit. It was no easy victory, either, for the team held an advantage of 11 to 9 at the end of the first half. Some nice shooting by Cassady and Harris in the last two periods, however, turned the tide in favor of Mullholands.

The Sire's-Williams' encounter was a nip-and-tuck affair all the way, with Williams' trailing at the close of the first two periods, but enjoying a two-point advantage when the final whistle sounded. McBride and Jewell for Sire's and Whitney for Williams each scored 10 points.

The box scores:

Sire's Market	G	F	T
McBride, Jr.	4	2	10
Whitney, Jr.	2	0	4
Freeman, Jr.	2	0	4
Jewell, Jr.	2	0	4
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Refer, Schwarz, timekeeper, Nef.

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Teams' Standings In B. A. C. League

	W	L	Pct
Mullholands	4	1	.800
DeMolays	3	1	.750
Williams' Boot Shop	3	2	.600
Hillbillies	2	2	.500
Sire's Market	1	2	.500
Birmingham Fruit	1	3	.250
Lions Club	0	4	.000

Last Week's Results

Williams' Boot Shop 30, Sire's Market 28.
Mullholands 31, Birmingham Fruit 25.
Hillbillies 28, DeMolays 18.
Sire's Market vs. Mullholands.
Lions Club vs. DeMolays.
Williams vs. Hillbillies.
Hillbillies, bye.

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Strong National Defense Called World Peace Aid

We Must Be Ready To Fight
For What We Prize,
Mills Says

Because we live in a world of force, our own efforts for world peace have decreased in effectiveness in proportion to the weakening of our national defense, in the opinion of Lieut.-Col. M. D. Mills, of 255 Linden road, president of the Michigan Department of the Reserve Officers Association.

It is a cruel fact, but a fact nevertheless, that you cannot hold fast to what you consider most precious in the world, unless you are not only ready to fight for it, but equipped and trained to fight for it," he said, when interviewed on the occasion of National Defense Week, being observed Feb. 12-22 by patriotic organizations throughout the country.

Colonel Mills served two years in France and was a member of the general staff of the First Army under General Pershing during the battle operations of 1918. After the War, he graduated from the Army War College and served on the War Department General Staff until 1924. Since then he has served in both the National Guard and Officers Reserve Corps. At present he is assistant chief of staff of the 8th Reserve Division, Cavalry, heading the Michigan Association.

Peace Preferable
"If the question of peace or war were a matter for the decision of any group of our people," Colonel Mills said, "it is inconceivable that war would be deliberately chosen if any honorable means of avoiding it existed, for no sane person could wish to see our country drawn again into the inferno of modern war, either foreign or within our homeland itself."

"But if we stop to analyze our attitude in this respect we must admit that as a people or as individuals we have nothing to gain and everything to lose through war instead of the situation which confronted our forefathers some 160 years ago when peace under the terms of an oppressor was no longer tolerable than war, itself was to be preferred."

Despite the depression of the past five years, we are among the most fortunate people in the world and if all others had as much of Mother Earth's abundance as we, it is likely that the possibility of a world war would be even more remote than it is today. We Americans must not forget that many of the peoples of the world are living under conditions of almost intolerable poverty and that for these peoples a war, the success of which might assure them of a brighter place in the sun, does not sound so terrible a note as it does for us."

Cites Japan
He cited particularly the conditions in Japan, where 60,000,000 persons are confined in an area less than the size of California, and pointed out that under such conditions war propaganda is likely to be highly effective.

"But it is not necessary to continue this discussion to the Far East," Colonel Mills continued. "Look upon the festering sore that is Europe today. Observe the struggles of these old peoples to find some security for themselves. Speculate upon the chances of finding a peaceful solution to the many diverse problems which must somehow be solved before there can be a lasting peace."

"It is not a question of whether we want war, but of how we can prevent war or how we can minimize its effect upon us if for other people force the issue and throw down the gauge of battle."

In the 16 years since the Armistice, there have been innumerable efforts, both by responsible governments and by interested groups of citizens of all countries, to "outlaw war." We had the League of Nations and the various treaties initiated by Mr. Kellogg, when he was secretary of state. But the signatory powers bound themselves to renounce war as an instrument of national policy.

Strength Weakened
"The United States has set an example in disarming through which we, the fourth largest and first in point of wealth among the powers, have reduced our Navy to a poor third and our Army to 17th in size among the military establishments of the world. We have taken part in numerous conferences, all of which have been productive in weakening our armaments, but insofar as the peace of the world is concerned, all of this talk, all of this example has been wasted effort. Europe is arming today with our money and to a greater scale than in 1914, and the inseparable fact is being brought home to us that Europe does not want to disarm and that the desire for security on the part of France, Italy and Germany is creating a situation which sooner or later will cause an explosion."

Declaring also that Japan is "out for world conquest," Colonel Mills continued:
"So today, try as we may to take solace from the situation, we must reluctantly admit that we are in a world of force and that our own efforts for world peace have decreased in effectiveness in proportion to the weakening of our Fleet and of our Army. America, richest of all the powers, has incurred the envy and dislike of almost every other nation. We cannot persuade them to join with us in disarming unless we ourselves stand ready to come to their aid if attacked, and that our people will not permit us to agree to."

Sea Important Point
"We are doing everything possible to prevent war. The time has now come when we must insure that if war does come, its effect upon us must be minimized."

Colonel Mills maintained that

Col. M. D. Mills

primary defense rests on the sea. "But the sea," he said, "unless we control it, is also our greatest danger. We must maintain a Navy with its attendant Naval Air Force, second to none in size and effectiveness."

This means that we must immediately complete the construction of the cruiser, arship carrier, destroyer and submarine components of our Fleet to the strength provided by the Washington and London Treaties. It also means that we must increase the personnel of the Navy to enable all commissioned ships to be fully manned and that we must provide efficient training for the Naval Air Force, today the largest and best equipped in the world. We must see that it continues to be so."

"America has traditionally been opposed to large armies, but we have always been in peace time on the side of forces so small as to be both ineffective and provocative if war on the part of our neighbors possessing large, well-trained forces. The present Army of the United States, as created by the National Defense Act of 1920, is essentially well-drafted to give adequate protection, provided it has three components, the Regular Army, the National Guard, and the Organized Reserves are maintained at the strength set forth in the Act."

Lack Appropriation
"Unfortunately, this has not been the case, and all three components have been so starved by lack of appropriation that in point of numbers, training and equipment they are far below the point of effectiveness in an emergency."

For adequate defense, Colonel Mills declared, the Regular Army should be increased from 120,000 officers and 120,000 men to 140,000 officers and 140,000 men; the Air Corps should be expanded to 2,250 planes, the National Guard should be increased to 210,000 officers and the Officers Reserve Corps to 120,000 officers.

In this analysis, he continued, "the insurance against disaster which we maintain in the form of an army and navy is the business of every citizen in emphasis and vital degree. It is the citizen who decides, through representative in Congress, as to the adequacy of our defenses. It is he who pays the bills. If he is misled by sweet songs of peace and allows himself to be sold upon radical reductions of our fighting forces while there are no signs of peace on the horizon, he may some day see his country faced with a sudden emergency the cost of which will be 10 times greater than the savings that had been previously effected by the furtherance of his own shortsighted policy. He may see his sons taken to fight a war which might have been prevented if we had been ready."

Prepared For 1865
"Once, in our national existence, an emergency found us prepared for war and that one time, which occurred within the memory of living men, was the Mexican war, without firing a shot. In 1865, while the whole attention of the Federal Government was absorbed in putting down the rebellion, France, which had never subscribed to the Monroe Doctrine, seized the opportunity, on some pretext, to invade Mexico and to set up an empire with an Austrian Archduke at its head."

"At the conclusion of the Civil War the American Government promptly notified France that the continued presence of a French Army in Mexico would be regarded as an unfriendly act. General Philip Sheridan, with 50,000 soldiers, moved to the Mexican border where the United States soldiers were then available to reinforce Sheridan, if necessary. The French Government made haste to back out of an impossible situation, abandoning the Emperor Maximilian to be stood up against a wall by his erstwhile subjects."

"Apart from this one instance, however, the history of all our wars has been the same—the history of an enormous outpouring of blood and treasure made necessary by the inadequacy of our peace time defenses. An awareness of all that we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history, and today, as in 1917, we are below the danger point in maintaining our national security."

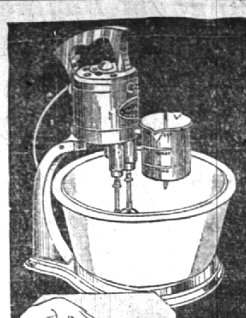
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A small gas stove at the home of Reginald Robinson, 561 Bates street, exploded last Friday morning, but caused only slight damage. No one was injured by the explosion and the stove was removed from the house by a neighbor before the flames could set fire to the house.

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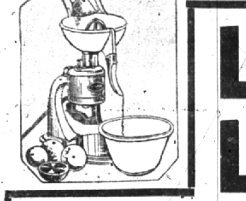
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