

DEMOLAY TIES HILL BILLIES

William's And Sire's Cop Tilt In Fast Y.M.C.A. League Games

The first game last Thursday in the local Y.M.C.A. Basketball League was won by DeMolay. The game was forfeited by McKee's. The win places DeMolay in a tie with Hill Billies for second place in the league.

The second game was a very spirited contest between Peck's and Williams! Williams' won in the last few minutes by a score of 32 to 27. Whitney was high point man with 12 and Tom Miller of Peck's was a close second with 11 points.

The third game between Sire's and Hill Billies was all Sire's the first half with Ken McBride scoring at will. In the second half, Cox and Dusenbury of the Hill Billies had a spurt of scoring, and the team almost overtook Sire's. The game ended with a score of 37 to 33 for Sire's. Bunyan was high with 18 points.

Team	W	L	Pct.
DeMolay	8	0	1.000
Hill Billies	5	3	.625
Williams	4	4	.500
Peck's	1	7	.125
McKee	1	7	.125

Two more games remain on schedule to be played. The games on Thursday, February 20 will be played at Quanton. The following week, the games will be back at Barrman.

On Tuesday, March 3, at Baldwin High School will occur two exhibition games, the first between the all star second team and the General Motor Truck reserve, and the big game between the General Motors Truck team of Pontiac and the All Star first team picked from the six teams in the Y. M. C. A. League.

The Pontiac team is leading the Class A League in that city. This should be a spectacular game with plenty of thrills.

On Tuesday, March 10, the play-offs of the Y. M. C. A. league will begin with the second and fourth teams in the league playing the first game and the first and third teams playing the second game.

The winners of these two games will play for the championship on March 12, on Baldwin High School Court.

Gab Humor

From the Mosaic, U. S. Fleet Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H. It has been decided that the "flu" is both offensive and negative. Some people think the eyes have it and some on the nose.



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"There's a Couple of Boys Fighting in My Asparagus Bed."

GOOD CITIZEN

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE
Judson was over here the other day and heard me grouching about our local government. "Look at that street," he was saying, "next up for the seventh time this summer to put some new kind of pipes or conduits down on the ground."

"Look at those kids playing tag among the tomato plants. I have just set out. Look at the paint on the house, put on there only last week. It's all smudged up with mud from the neighbors' chimney. He burns soft coal, although there's a city ordinance against it. What's the use of paying taxes that keep going up every year when you don't get any kind of government? I can't sleep at night because of fighting cars and barking dogs. I put the ash cans on the back stoop, and the man who comes to take them away apparently runs them through a rolling mill when they're emptied out, and keeps them back flat as pancakes. The other day an electric wire blew down on my front yard fence and set it on fire. It's a wonder it didn't kill somebody."

"The trouble with you," said Judson, "is that you're not a good citizen." "What do you mean I'm not a good citizen? Don't I pay taxes and exorbitant taxes at that?" "Of course you pay taxes, but so does everybody. But you're too lazy to insist on getting some return from them. You just sit around and grouse instead of doing your duty by complaining. Why don't you step out and set an example for the rest of the people by keeping your officials on the job?"

"All then up and kick the next time they don't pay attention to you. Go down and see them, and assert your rights as a taxpayer. Those fellows have got to be clobbered, and if they find out you're in earnest and can't be turned aside by promises, they'll behave themselves. But if you lie down and let them walk over you without letting out a squeal, you'll get a hum-drum and you'll deserve it."

Having delivered this homily, Judson departed, and I was left alone with my thoughts. I lost next morning a determined man Judson was right. I would no longer be supine and helpless. I would show those fellows whom my vote helped elect that they would have to deliver something or hear from me. I would organize my neighbors, and the forces of our country's quietude would make itself felt.

The next morning I heard a disturbance in my back yard, and looking out of the window observed two of the neighbor's small boys engaged in a fight in the middle of my asparagus bed. I was about to yell at them to get out of there, when I remembered my new determination.

Those boys were trespassing on my property. It was the duty of the police to protect me from them. I telephoned headquarters, giving my name and address.

"Well, buddy," inquired a voice at the other end of the line, "what can we do for you?"

"There's a couple of boys fighting in my asparagus bed," I said. "Fighting, hey? The little devils! Well, boys will be boys." "I want you to send somebody up here and put them out."

"Why don't you put them out yourself? Are ye skeered of them?" "But it's your business to do it. Not mine. That's what you're paid for."

"What's the names of the boys?" "Cassidy." "Cassidy, hey? What did you say the address was?" "I told him." "Well, you're out of luck. Them boys is the kids of the chief's cousin Awyn. And I'd advise you to go down and watch the fight instead of takin' up the time of men that's got their duty to perform." I hung up. Determined to see the chief later on, I went downstairs to breakfast. I had hardly opened the paper when I heard the sound of pick axes and shovels in my front yard, and going out discovered several men engaged in cutting down my pet shade tree. I demanded what they were doing. They replied truthfully enough that they were cutting down a tree. I asked them why. They shrugged their shoulders. That was what they were sent there to do, they said. I found out that the public works department had sent them and again went to the telephone. I was referred from one department to another, then to a third, and finally was told that the

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