Adoption of Decatur's Plan Might Give Madison a Team This Year.

Wouldn't Decatur's Plan Be Popular in Madison?

### DECATUR. ILL.. TO GIVE BASEBALL. FANS FREE GAMES THIS SUMMER SUGGESTS NEW WAY TO MADISON

Here's a town brave enough to attempt free baseball. And lengue basebali at that.

Pressure III., is going to let the fans in free-men, women, boys, et reliefy to see its Three-I league team pay ball.

Ti a would mean the biggest boom baseball ever has hadand which combined with the Cleveland amateur plan, would make ad all more popular than it ever has been and perhaps re-establish - is a sound hasis.

Boostar has been maintaining a Three-I league club, generally at

with an annual report of stagement and failure.

the schedule without charging ad-sion save on holidays. They are as to raise a subscription fund ry the club through the coming

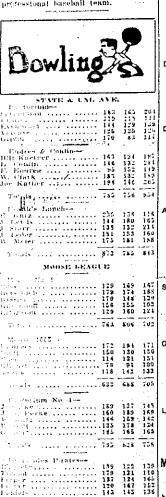
planned to play the regular es at home, throwing open the s to all respectable persons, and appeal to the fans to attend the fay games paying double admis-

ther probably draws 40,000 paid during a season playing mas. The idea now is to ...e games. to some primes. The idea now is to proved to the particular of the fants and ask them to turn out on Decora-tion dus, July 4. Labor day and the local helpings. One would think that may fan who had been entertaised from of chartee at perbaps a dozen granter would strain a point to attend on the pay days and repay-the club is and in curt.

if the holiday crowds reach an average of beene for the three big holidays of the season at the larger price the club would be abend,

The blg gain would be in attract ing to the free games the youngster

ing to the free games the youngsters who have to be the next generation of basehall faits and to make baseball a writ of manichal enterprise in which all differs will have pride. The response to the proposal of the franction events is said to be hearty. Budle as men and others believe that it will be of immense benefit to the mean and which is more then brob commonly and it is more than prob-able that Decaue will have the honor of baking the first municipally-owned protessional basebail team.



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## the backers of the club want in TRAINING CAMPS

AN ANTONIO: Miller Huggins doesn't want Charlie Herzog's right arm in exchange for ivy Wingo, double-Ropper and catcher, but he does demand Benton, Conzaies and an outfielder. The deal is still pending. The regulars wallowed Cozy Dolan's yans, 4 to 2, yester-day. SAN GUMPAN day.

HOUSTON: Manager Rickey's theo retical haschall came into promi-ner played Bert Shotton, outfielder, at second base, hoping to develop a second sacker. Two squads of Browns battled nise innings to ai to 1 the. Four pitchers were used un up,

# sliding school. Each pelled to hit the dirt.

MARLIN: John Ganzel is preparing to leave the Giants camp. Rumor says the Rochester manager may take Jim Thorpe with him, Pitch-er Schupp and Outfielders Hobertson and Plez are talked of as pay-ment for Pol Perritt.

SAVANNAH: Lute Bound's cavorting AVANNAH: Lute Boone's cavorting around the second sack has occas from Yankee Boss Donovan. The youngster made himself more sold than ever yosterday when he singled inning. AVTONAL Manager Bobinson of the

the following: DAYTONA: Manager Robinson of the Superbas, expected to send Joo Rarst, a Philadelphia -youngster homo today. The recruit dielocated his ankle in eliding into second yesterday, The Stetson University squad 2--torporal William Hogan. DAWSON SPRINGS: Fast practice games are in prospect for the Ph-rates, cloihwing annonneement of Padartek - Kanada - Corporal William Physics Superbased - State - State - State - State - State State - S

DAWSON SPRINGS: Fast practice games are in prospect for the Pl-rates, following announcement of President Schoenborn of the Co-lumbus American Association team that he is arranging to bring his players here. Eddle, Mensor, out-

bus. AUGUSTA: Marty Berghammer con-tinues to be the scassilin in the Pitted camp and Manager Oakes is about ready to believe that bis shortstop problem has been solved. He gobbled everything coming his way with ease, throws accurately and hits hard.

condition of the infield, today's scheduled game with Fort Sam Houston was called off by the in--dians. Outfielder Liebold denied today he will jump to the Buffeds.

GULFPORT: Alleging that Jonaings regulars stole his signals, "Deacon" Jun McGuire came forth with an allbi today for the dofest of his youngsters yesteriday 9 to 2. George Borns was the hitting star, getting three out of three.

## MANY ENTRIES FOR

INTER-COLLEGE MEET An unucial amount of interest is being shown in the intercollege meet, scheduled for tomorow after-noon in the sym annex. Thus far over one hundred men have slened up, but there is still more room for more



MADISON HIGHS MEET

tend themselves to win.

## **GUNNERS** ACTIVE

Company In State HAVANA: Nincteen bits by Fielder Jones Sioofuds gathered by a line up of 18 men wors required to beat the Almondarcs team yesterday. 5 he hotel aching, having started a sliding school. Each man was com-uelled to hit the dirt.

Every night hears the crack of rife reports in the armory this month which has been devoted entirely to rife instruction and recruit drill. The company has been divided into squads of four to five men under a

squad coach, usually a non-commis-solved officer. Two squads fire the full instruction course each night. Each squad fires at least once a week

Speedy Moments With the Drivers in the Vanderbilt Cup Race

fielder, has been released to Colum

SAN ANTONIO: Because of the rough

LOS ANGELES: Two runs, four hits, two put-cuts and four assists was Eddie Collins contribution in the Sox 7 to 2 victory over Los Angeles yesterday.

For the first time in automobile race history, one man, Darlo Resta, won both the Grand Prix race

and the Vanderbilt Cup in succes-sion. The victor drove a Peugeot. making bot one stop in each race for gas. His time in the Vander-bilt, 296 miles, was 4:27:37. By JACK JUNGMEYER

POTTER WINS GUN CLUB SHOOT Takes Leg On J. I. Case Trophy TOMAH FIVE TONIGHT

#### With Break of 47 Out of 50

The Madison high basketball team will meet the Tomah aggregation to-night at the local gym. The game will undoubtedly be the best high school game played here this year, as George Potter won the J. I. Case trophy resterday for the coming week at the regular shoot of the Madison Gun club with a break of 47 out of a possible 50. The competition was exciting as C. Knope, N. Mueller and B. Nelson were tied for second with a score of 46. Next Thursday, the club members the locals are primed for the fray and expect to make the upstate five ex-As a curtain raiser, the sculor class team will meet the Randall Junior high team.

Next Thursday the club members coach: Lleutenant Earrison L. Garnet, Frivates John Behrand, Lloyd Greery, and Hoy R. Nuze. Squad S.-First Sorgeant Cliffon M. Brown, coach: Frivates H. Sanderlaze, W. P. Coughthir, C. P. Kroseman and U. H. Herlins. Fquad e.-Corporal Herry B. Gorinan, coach: Privates B. Quinten, Orr Mc Murray and Thomas Buchnach. Lamp. Squad T.-Stergeant Earl H. Chick, Wal-ter Edinger, Thomas H. Smith and Leo H. McCann. Next Thursday the club members will contest for the Gilbert trophy, of-fered by the Du Pont company. The Gilbert trophy is named after the vel-eran markaman who has been connact, ed with the powder company for the past 20 years and who is one of the most skilled shots in the world. It is a benutifully engraved cup and will undoubtedly be the cause of keen ri-valry. valry.

By BARRY FARIS United Press Staff Correspondent -NEW YORK, March 12.-That Fred-die Weish is still lightweight cham-

die Welsh is still lightweight cham-pion of the world today is due targety to his ability to hold and to run wway. Threes two things constituted most of his efforts last night when he met Willie Ritche in Madison Square Gar-den. Ritchie whipped the Englishman all the way, whipped him so badly that after the fight even Welsh bad nothing to say in dofense of his rot-ten showing. The Californian didn't knock the title holder out-which was what he had to do to regain his title-but he did everything else to him that was possible under the elt found Welsh's inw time and again but the English-

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1918.

WILLIE RITCHIE

Englishman's Knack of Holding On

And Running Away Only

Things That Saved Him

DEFEATS WELSH!

possible under the circumstances.
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City tonight where the Dadgers and income will bails for scored in the formation and Minucaon will bails for scored in the power of the blow was lost.
Carried Off. Feet
Welsh forgot his boasts that he was wore defeated by an heavy score 'Dot' Meanwell's squad was not in fit carried off his feet by Ritchie's running in the first round and in account of four grass meet he board was not in fit carried off his feet by Ritchie's running and was in the onset in the first round and heavy score 'Dot'' Meanwell's squad was not in fit frough the whirtwind sensions, he was differ running uway or clinching.
The booing and hissing of the crowd of the Badgers the Badgers the Badgers the Badgers the Badgers with favo to the Wisconsin tossors. Ohio did not phase the Englishman. He State defeated the Midway team stat her was in turn defeated twice by Wisconsin. But this can hardly be called a true foundation as such dops seldem follows out consistention of the score in the clincks, where Ritchie is running to punish.
Mitchie Never Let Up

of trying to punish. Mitchle Never Let Up The American never let up for a minute. He started off like a which wind in the opening round and main-tuined the pace all the way. The near-it, approach to a knockdown came in the sixth round. Ritchle's 'une-two" connected and the Englishman fall into a slinch and Referee Roche liter-ally hud to pay him off the Ameri-degs seldom follows out consistent-ir. Nevertheless the game that "Dee" Meanwell's mea hare been playing shows such marked improvement over the first stempts in the con-context attempts in the con-two" connected and the Englishman fall into a clinch and Referee Roche liter-ally hud to pay him off the Ameri-tans Forward Stevenson

## probably be: WISCONSIN Hans Levis BROWNS WELLS: George Anderson Stevens and Claude Cooper will make up the Brookfeds regular out-field. Boss Mageo made this an-nouncement today. Olsen

also remain for the swimming, gym SHREVEPORT: Ad Brennan and Claud Hendrix, latest addition to the school of Winsies here were to get their real scason's baptism of fire in today's workout.

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MEANWELL'S BOYS

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HONORS TONIGHT

Coveted Prize Goes To Victor of

Badger-Maroon Basket

Contest

HUNDRED FANS ARE GOING

Rooters Place Hopes in Greatly

Improved Condition of

Toem

With the "Big Nins" haskeleall championship safely stewed away by the Illini the attention of Conference fans is directed loward, the Winify City tonight where the Dadgers and

A number of these supporters will also remain for the schnming, gra-nasium Saturday. Gym Meet Wilb one good scalp under their bolt the gym team will go after the acrobats and swingsters from Chica-go Saturday. The men have all recovered from the effects of the IBinois meet, and are this week taking things just a little lightly, for the coach will take no chasees with the membars of hir squad. The meet lest Saturday has given the tasm the consist-will bake a very good claim to ruling favorite when the consist-will have a very good claim to ruling favorite weetern intercollegistes. Three men will be taken in add-tion to the men who entered the west morths to decide the winner of the western intercollegistes. The team yill be taken in add-tion to the men who entered the west my Noble, Russel Smith, Friszbe, Anderton, Kletzeln, Hoppe Banta and Niemand. The latter three men will angement the men in the turn hilms, parallel bars, and on the turn hilm. parallel bars, and on the turn hilm.

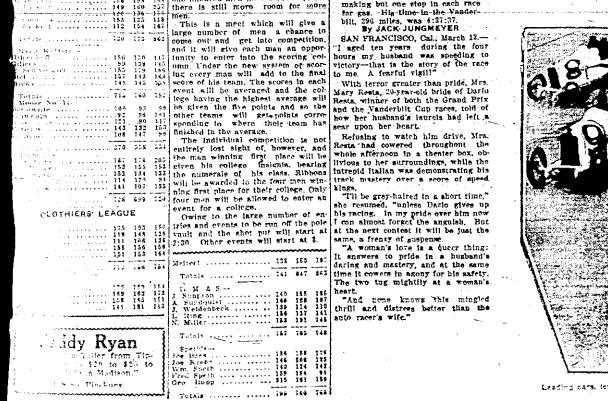
## WISCONSIN HIGH PLAYS POYNETTE

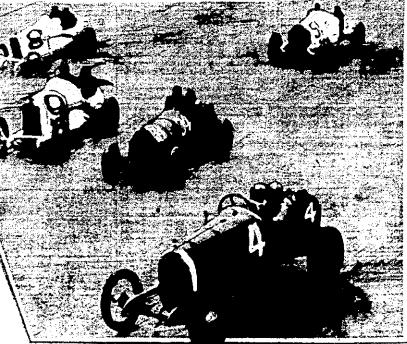
Team In Good Shape For Game: Proposed Contest With City Highs Stirs Up Interest

After a week of hard practice the Wisconsin high school basketbeil team is in good shape for the battle with Poprette tonight. They have been showing up well and ought to be the Povnette Նոոշհ able to trim the Poynette Unical The Agricultural team was beaten by a close markin, but the "Aggies" have a strong team and the highs were weakened considerably by the fact that Marling, the creck forward, was that maring, the crime in the way have a sup-posed to have a stronger five than Poynette, and judging from the way the highs shuchtered Portage they ought to be able to defeat Poynette by accord margin. good margin. Considerable interest is being taken in the proposed battle between the Wisconsin bights and the Madison highs for the championship of the highs for the championship of the city. Although there is some objec-tion to it by the principals of the two acheols on the ground that it might cause some til feeling between the students, set this objection would probably be over-miled if the students and do acally more the build and fans really want the battle. and fans really want the battle. On comparative showings no far, such a series oucht to reseit in an easy victory for the Wisconsin bight The city hight have had the poorest scason in a long time, while the university preps have a fast and same hunch which will hold its own with the best high school frams in the state. If the processed same could be held in the versity symmetry, it would probably draw a large crowd of tur-versity students before the encounter of each years. Another sity stude of of each team. Another adv. stars of using the versus gets would be that neither team would have the sivan-tage of "asing on its own floor. Now that the paratic scales to be origin to all pull for the pro-championship Eable of sectors.



"EATING SMOKE" ON STRETCH





Leading cars, left to right-No. 8, Harry Grant; No. 8, Resta; No. 84, Tomaxini, and No 4, Pullen