"SO I HEAR"
by EARL R. WALSH

This town is going sports crazy—and we like it!

This week we have reports from the high school on baseball in which the boys wound up the season with a neat record.

We also have a report on a new team of young fellows known as the Hawks. And Johnsburg has a second ball club started.

Golf is going strong. If you are a "golf widow" why not get yourself a set of clubs and start swinging—at the ball not at your husband!

At this point we are interrupted to purchase a ticket to a fashion show that Betty Nielsen and the girls in the P. T. A. are staging. My—we couldn't miss it!

But, we were talking about this sports crazy town. Did you know that Clarence Anderson pitched a no-hit, no-run game for Johnsburg at Hebron last Sunday? That's a neat trick in any league.

The Shamrocks were an on-the-toes ball club last Sunday as they nipped the strong Algonquin team 4 to 3.

Algonquin fans gave Dick Conway a nice hand for a one-hand scoop and fast throw in the third inning.

Vern Harrison is scouting opposition teams for the Shamrocks.

You should have seen the crowd around the soft-ball diamond last Friday night. That's a snappy league. Regular night is Thursday but the rains came last week.

We'd be in quite a whirl with all this sports goings on if we didn't have a lot of help from "Bud" Adams. "Bud" is really a typesetter around this Plaindealer office; but he has shown talent in the reporting end of the business. If the boss ever finds out that "Bud" is helping us, just watch him slash our so-called expense account.

We don't want you sports fans to forget the ball game here tomorrow (Decoration Day). The Shamrocks will play Richmond.

Next Sunday the Shamrocks play at Huntley. Huntley is about due for a win, so look out.

It looks to us like quite a battle is in store at Johnsburg next Sunday when Algonquin invades. Both teams have fellows who can clout that old apple.

To top off all this sports parade the local girls are getting up a couple of softball teams. Now, we suppose "Bud" will want to cover the girls' games!

Nut Yield

When buying nuts in their shells, homemakers sometimes are uncertain as to how much "meat" they will yield. This yardstick will help eliminate guesswork: one pound of unshelled almonds yields about one cup of shelled kernels; one pound of filberts, about one and one-third cups; one pound of peanuts, about two cups; one pound of pecans, almost one and one-half cups; one pound of English walnuts, a little more than one and one-half cups halved kernels; and one pound of black walnuts, about one-half cup broken kernels.

Gas Inflammable

All grades of gasoline are highly flammable and are dangerous unless properly handled. The octane ratings of gasoline, or whether or not it is "high test," do not have any important bearing on fire and explosion hazards. In some cases high-octane gasoline may actually be less volatile than ordinary gasoline, but there is not sufficient distinction in hazards to call for different precautions. Motor gasoline usually has lead compounds added to improve the octane rating or antiknock qualities. These lead compounds have no effect upon the fire and explosion hazard but are poisonous, making it dangerous to use gasoline in any way in which persons may be directly exposed to the liquid.

Painting Tip

Painting should not be done on surfaces which are close to or below the freezing point. Some authorities caution against painting in temperatures under 50 degrees, while others go as low as 40 degrees if the air is dry and no early freezing is anticipated.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE IS UNDERWAY, EAGLES AND THURS. NIGHTERS WIN

The softball league got off to a good start last Friday night at the local high school. The first game started at 7:30, and saw the Case Eagles trim the undefeated Plaindealer Newsboys 10 to 4 under the superb pitching of Dick Weber. Weber's fast ball and "spotty" fielding on the part of the Newsboys made the Eagles easy winners.

In the second game, under the lights, the lightly regarded Thursday Nighters swamped the Co-op's 16 to 2. "Walt" Low hurled for the "Nighters" and showed that he possesses very fine control. The Co-ops like the Newsboys, were hurt by faulty fielding and just couldn't get going.

Tonight (Wednesday) there will be another double header with the Eagles playing the Thursday Night Club in the opener and the Co-op's and Newsboys fighting it out after dark. Rumor has it that the front office of the Co-ops team has ordered Don Howard to shake-up the lineup!

Remember folks there will be a double header every Thursday night, so come down and root for your favorite team. Box scores on last week's games are listed below:

BOX SCORES

EAGLES	AB	R	H
H. Freund ss	4	1	2
E. Lay c	4	1	3
Weber p	4	1	1
D. Freund 3b	3	2	2
G. Freund 2b	4	0	1
B. Krause 1b	3	0	1
G. Miller cf	2	2	0
E. Murphy rf	4	1	2
Bill Bolger lf	3	2	2
TOTALS	31	10	14

NEWSBOYS	AB	R	H
R. Justen c	3	1	0
G. Adams ss	3	1	2
H. Conway p	2	1	2
Jim McAndrews 3b	3	0	0
Bollman 1b	3	0	0
C. Adams 2b	4	0	2
R. Smith lf	2	0	0
J. Rogers rf-3b	3	0	0
D. Schaefer cf	3	1	0
E. Smith rf	1	0	0
TOTALS	27	4	6

Newsboys 100 030 0— 4
Case Eagles 102 304 *—10

Two-base hits — D. Freund; Bud Krause; C. Adams; H. Conway. Three-base hits—E. Murphy. Home run—E. Murphy. Struck out by—Conway, 3; Weber, 6. Bases on balls off — Conway, 7; Weber, 8. Winning pitcher—Weber. Umpire—Tom Bolger.

T. N. CLUB	AB	R	H
Johnson c	4	2	1
Low p	4	4	2
Williams 1b	5	1	4
Newkirk 2b	4	1	0
Larkin ss	4	1	0
Looze 3b	4	2	0
H. Freund lf	2	3	1
B. Freund cf	3	1	0
Weingart rf	4	1	0
TOTALS	34	16	8

CO-OP'S	AB	R	H
Laures 3b	4	1	2
Blake 1b	3	0	0
R. Miller ss	3	0	0
L. Smith rf	3	0	1
Meyers p	3	0	1
Howard 2b	3	0	0
Weingart cf	3	0	0
Glosson lf	2	0	0
Kilday c	3	1	0
B. Miller lf	2	0	0
TOTALS	29	2	4

T. N. C. 201 471 1—16
Co-op's 002 000 0— 2

Two-base hits—Meyers; Williams, 2; H. Freund. Struck out by—Low, 8; Meyers, 15. Bases on balls off—Low, 1; Meyers 8. Winning pitcher—Low. Umpire—Tom Bolger.

Gout Prevalent

Gout is far more prevalent in the United States than is generally supposed. It is the only form of arthritis in which uric acid is of genuine importance, though old-time almanacs and certain forms of patent medicine advertising, still in existence, worry the patient with stories about accumulation of uric acid in the body with consequent "rheumatism." Like other forms of arthritis, gout affects the whole body, not merely the joints. A true attack offers little difficulty in recognition, with its fierce pain, red and tender joints, and subsequent disappearance without apparent injury to the part. Repeated attacks, however, do cause injury. Contrary to common belief, gout may affect other joints than the great toe and frequently does.

Pepper Imports

Prior to the war more than 60 million pounds of black and white pepper were imported annually by the United States.

Pilots Abound

There are approximately five certificated pilots for every certificated civil airplane in the United States according to latest available figures.

CLARENCE ANDERSON HURLS NO-HIT, NO-RUN GAME AGAINST HEBRON

With a blazing fast ball and a curve that hooked the corners, Clarence Anderson, Johnsburg pitcher, twirled a no-hit, no-run game against Hebron in the McHenry County League. The game was played at Hebron.

Lyle Johnson, a pitcher with plenty of ability, held Johnsburg scoreless for five innings and allowed only five hits during the entire game. However, Johnson allowed six walks and this combined with inept fielding on the part of his mates resulted in nine runs.

Team-mates and fans are proud of the performance turned in by Anderson. The Plaindealer sports department wishes to add congratulations.

BOX SCORE

JOHNSBURG	AB	R	H
Howie Freund ss	3	2	0
N. Smith 2b	5	2	2
Pitzen lf	5	1	1
B. Meyers 3b	3	1	1
Harry Freund c	4	1	1
D. Freund rf	3	1	0
A. Jackson cf	2	0	0
L. Freund cf	2	0	0
E. Meyers 1b	4	0	0
Anderson p	3	1	0
TOTALS	34	9	5

HEBRON	AB	R	H
Rehorst lf	4	0	0
Norgart 1b	4	0	0
Kuecker. 3b	2	0	0
Smith ss	4	0	0
L. Schmidt rf	2	0	0
L. Johnson p	3	0	0
B. Schmidt c	3	0	0
K. Johnson cf	3	0	0
Behrens 2b	3	0	0
TOTALS	28	0	0

Score by Innings:
Johnsburg 000 002 052—9
Hebron 000 000 000—0

Stolen bases—Howie Freund; Pitzen; Kuecker, 4. Double plays—Kuecker to Norgart. Struck out by—Johnson, 8; Anderson, 8. Bases on balls off—Johnson 6; Anderson, 2.

HIGH SCHOOL NINE SWAMPS LAKE GENEVA IN SEASON FINAL

M. C. H. S. won their last baseball game of the season May 22 by defeating Lake Geneva 25 to 0. Hugh Murphy did a swell job of pitching for McHenry allowing only 3 hits and striking out 10. "Murphy" had 4 hits for 5 times at bat and Carl Neiss had 5 for 6.

The "Warriors" scored in every inning at least twice. Lake Geneva's hits came in the first, second and fourth.

The "Warriors" ended the season with 12 wins and 3 loses. Hugh Murphy and "Sonny" Miller did most of the pitching for M. C. H. S. Murphy, "Sonny" Miller, and Lloyd Freund were the big guns with batting averages well over .300. Lloyd Freund, a senior, was elected captain of the nine by the team.

BOX SCORE

McHenry	AB	R	H
Knox cf	6	4	1
Murphy p	5	4	4
W. Miller 1b	5	4	2
Freund ss	6	3	3
Wagner c	6	4	3
Neiss 3b	6	1	5
R. Miller lf	2	0	0
Bockman lf	3	1	2
Reed rf	5	2	2
P. Freund rf	1	0	0
Peisert 2b	3	0	0
King 2b	1	0	0
TOTALS	49	25	22

Lake Geneva	AB	R	H
Kares 2b	4	0	1
Cocroft 3b	3	0	0
Muttke lf	2	0	0
Verber ss	1	0	1
Grabbert c	2	0	0
Unti 1b	2	0	0
D. Wuttke cf	2	0	1
Payne rf	2	0	0
Bailey p	2	0	0
TOTALS	20	0	3

Two-base hits — Reed; Murphy; Wagner. Three-base hits—Murphy; Wagner; L. Freund. Struck out by—Murphy, 10; Bailey, 4. Bases on balls off—Murphy, 1; Bailey, 4. Winning pitcher—Murphy.

McHenry Hawks Trim Johnsburg Lions 14 to 5

The newly organized McHenry Hawks baseball team trimmed the Johnsburg Lions at Johnsburg last Sunday 14 to 5.

The Hawks are made up of players ranging from 14 years up—mostly of high school age.

BOX SCORE

HAWKS	AB	R	H
B. Miller c	3	3	1
B. Peisert 3b	4	1	0
B. Knox ss	5	2	2
H. Knox 1b	5	1	1
B. Brennen 1b	3	1	1
B. Freund lf	5	2	1
B. Adams 2b	5	1	1
J. Wegener rf	3	0	0
W. Wegener rf	2	1	1
D. Brown cf	0	0	0
H. Bockman p	5	2	2
TOTALS	40	14	10

LIONS	AB	R	H
R. Thelen cf	3	1	3
G. King ss	5	0	1
B. Kennebeck 1b	5	0	0
B. Schmitt c	4	0	1
G. Oeffling 3b	5	0	1
R. Kennebeck lf	4	0	1
G. Thelen rf	4	1	2
A. Adams 2b	1	0	0
N. Freund p-2b	4	2	2
P. Schmitt p	2	1	1
B. Thiel 2b	1	0	0
TOTALS	38	5	12

Formosa Fruitful

Formosa's fruitful soils produced one-sixth of Japan's rice supply, enough to feed all Japanese armies in the field. Government-encouraged cultivation of sugar cane on the island made Japan self-sufficient in sugar and fourth among its world producers. Formosa has long been a leading grower of famed aromatic Oolong tea, 90 per cent of which was shipped to Uncle Sam. Sweet potatoes and other vegetables are grown for home consumption. Bananas, pineapples, groundnuts (peanuts), tobacco, jute and cassava were becoming increasingly important in prewar export trade.

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SHAMROCKS LOOK GOOD IN WINNING 4-3 GAME FROM ALGONQUIN NINE

There was joy in the Shamrock camp late Sunday afternoon as the umpire yelled the final "yer out" and the "Micks" had gained a hard-fought Victory over Algonquin on our home field.

Larkin and Thompson had hooked up in a tight mound duel throughout the nine innings. Besides, both pitchers were assigned the clean-up spot in the batting orders and came through strong.

It's hard to keep from turning to the last chapter in any story. This one was particularly exciting. With one out in the ninth, the veteran Charlie Ebel ambled up to the plate to hit for Burg. Ebel whacked a grounder to third that Bolger failed to handle. A pinch-runner came in for Ebel at first base. Shorstop Thomas came up to the plate after an unimpressive afternoon at the plate and popped a fly into right center that almost fell between three Shamrocks. Murphy closed in at the final second to make the catch and rifled the ball to first for a game-ending double killing.

Now, we can get back to the start of the ball game. Larkin gave up a hit and two walks in the first, but escaped any scoring when Moehle was nailed at the plate.

Murphy's single and Larkin's double gave the Shamrocks a run in the first. They missed another in the second when Harold Stilling was nailed stealing home. Shamrock strategy worked in the third for a run. With Conway on first and one out, Murphy sacrificed. Conway moved to third when Yerke muffed Tom Bolger's grounder. As Tom stole second, the catcher's throw got away from Thomas and Conway scored.

Three successive doubles by Thompson, Knabush and Epperly in the fourth inning were good for two runs that tied the score.

The visitors were still in a hitting mood in the fifth as three singles, a sacrifice a stolen base and a throwing error combined for one run. Trouble ended as Thompson lined to "Moose" Wagner. Larkin allowed only one hit after that splurge.

Walter Bolger's single, Conway's long smash to right and Yerke's second error gave McHenry their tying and winning runs in the fifth.

The game drew a large crowd of fans that were well pleased with the brand of baseball served up to them. Murphy's game-ending play, Conway's thrilling one-hand stab in the third and Sonny Miller's nifty play around first base drew favorable comment as the game was replayed in the grandstand. It was the kind of baseball that will keep the fans coming.

Remember —Richmond plays here Decoration Day.

BOX SCORE

ALGONQUIN	AB	R	H
Labahn 1b	3	0	0
Moehle cf	3	0	1
Verke 3b	4	0	2
Anthony 3b	0	0	0
Thompson p	3	1	2
Knabush c	4	1	1
Epplerly lf	4	0	1
Schmitt rf	3	0	0
Burg rf	0	0	0
Thomas ss	4	0	0
Fitzsimmons 2b	1	0	0
Haysman 2b	2	1	1
Ebel ph	1	0	0
TOTALS	32	3	8

SHAMROCKS	AB	R	H
Conway ss	4	2	2
Murphy cf	2	1	1
T. Bolger 3b	4	0	0
Larkin p	4	0	2
Wagner 2b	4	0	1
H. Stilling lf	4	0	1
Miller 1b	3	0	0
B. Bolger rf	3	0	0
W. Bolger c	3	1	1
TOTALS	31	4	8

Score by Innings:
Algonquin 000 210 000—3
McHenry 101 020 00*—4

Stolen bases — Miller; Thompson; T. Bolger. Two-base hits—Larkin; Thompson; Stilling; Conway; Knabush; Epperly. Double plays—Murphy to Miller; Anthony to Haysman. Struck out by—Larkin, 7; Thompson, 4. Bases on balls off—Larkin, 2; Thompson, 1. Winning pitcher—Larkin. Umpires—Dowell and Rudsinski.

Freight Loss

Freight loss and damage payments made by the railroads of the United States and Canada in 1944 totaled $59,756,336, an increase of 42.1 per cent over the preceding year. Claim payments by American railroads last year amounted to 0.82 per cent of the gross freight revenue as compared with 0.59 per cent in 1943. Those of Canadian roads were 0.36 per cent of the revenue, the same ratio as in 1943. For many years, the railroads have pressed against freight loss and damage. As a result of better methods of packing, loading and handling of shipments, freight claims paid in 1944 were only about half what they were in 1920, although the railroads performed nearly double the freight service that they did 25 years ago.

Cranberry Vitamins

Nutritionists tell us cranberries add considerable vitamin C to the diet when they are served in generous portions. Science explains that vitamin C tends to be destroyed by heat and by exposure to air. In other words, the food value of cranberries varies according to the way you prepare them. Most of the vitamin C is available when you use the berries raw—as in a freshly made relish or molded salad. Some vitamin C is lost when you make cranberries into sauce. Even more is destroyed when you strain the sauce, or make the juice into jelly.

Soil Needs

Testing of a large acreage of Illinois land showed that about 24 million acres, or three-fourths of the farm land, needs phosphate in addition to lime for clover and alfalfa.

Mineral Oil

Nutrition research workers advise against the wide and indiscriminate use of mineral oil as a substitute for animal and vegetable fats. Studies have shown that too much mineral oil prevents proper utilization of vitamin A and two important minerals—phosphorus and calcium.

Sportlight
By GRANTLAND RICE

The 100,000 who gathered at Louisville for the Kentucky Derby offered a keen cross section of the sporting viewpoint. For they came from practically every state, and all are sports - minded. Outside of the Derby itself, I found that they were talking about the other turf classics, the two pennant races and the Louis-Conn fight.

It was rather amazing to hear the number backing Conn if the odds remain around 3 to 1, or perhaps a trifle less. One well-known sportsman from the Far West told me that a big rush of Conn money had begun to arrive. The main theory seemed to be that while both men had been away from the ring for four years, Conn was still four years younger and he could afford to lose that much time to better advantage than could Louis.

Billy Conn

So far as the two pennant races are concerned, most of the sentiment on the American league side belongs to the Boston Red Sox. The angle being that Owner Tom Yawkey had spent too much money to keep on missing pennants forever, and that both Yawkey and Boston rated a flag. The early showing of the Red Sox indicated that they may be even stronger than the pre-season dope indicated, because their pitching is better than it originally looked.

I found that the majority with whom I talked still don't believe that the Yankees can get enough consistent pitching to win. They rate Spud Chandler as one of the best in either league, but they also say that a pennant race is a heavy burden for the one right arm. Chandler is on his way to beat his great 1943 record, when he won 20 games and lost only 4. Spud still figures he might just as well have won 23 and lost only 1 that year. He always has been a hard-working, bear-down pitcher and he still has his stuff intact.

Lots of Dodger Fans

While I found that the National league fans were naturally pulling for their home teams, such as the Cubs and Cardinals, their outside sympathy still remains with the Dodgers. It is surprising what a strong nationwide following the Dodgers have. The enthusiasm of Brooklyn itself, on the baseball side, has a lot to do with this. In picking a World Series contender from the National league, the Dodger vote would be overwhelming. Their early rush to the front only started louder cheering.

Few believe that any team is going to beat out the Cardinals when the season finally swings into a steady grind. They look to have too many good ballplayers to be headed off by any team now in sight.

Almost every other spectator wanted me to pick the winner of the Louis-Conn meeting. The only answer is that thus far neither has come into his real training period—at least, far enough along to give any true line. The only good line one can get must come in the last two weeks, when the tip-off should be due.

1946 Backfield Stars

I also ran into a number of leading football coaches at the recent Derby among the vast assemblage from the 48 states. Two of these were Wallie Butts of Georgia and Paul Bryant of Kentucky. They were talking about the job selectors are going to have in naming the four best backs of the coming season.

"For example," Wallie Butts said, "who can name a better all-around back than Charley Trippi of Georgia, who, as a passer, runner, tackler or blocker, has everything a star back needs. And he is exceptionally good at them all."

Paul Bryant, who had a fine record at Maryland last fall, began to figure out the leading backs. "Trippi is certainly one of the best," he said. "But, in addition, there still are Blanchard and Davis from West Point to be remembered. There will be Bud Young at Illinois, Bob Fenimore at Oklahoma A. and M.; and there also will be Harry Gilmer at Alabama. And don't think these will complete the list. There will be others who can't be overlooked. There should be at least 10 or 12 great backs and I don't mean merely pretty good. For example, there is also Wedemeyer from St. Mary's, who will have more support than he could call on last fall."

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The Big Batting Race

The expected batting race among Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio and Dick Wakefield finds the Red Sox slugger showing most of the early foot. Williams has been belting away at a .350 clip or better, with DiMaggio down below .270. Wakefield has been of little help to the Tigers, with a mark under .240. Dom DiMaggio has been outshining them all with an average above .400, and Charley Keller also is riding high.

Trouser Seams

Most good quality ready-made trousers have a generous allowance in the seat seam, running up the middle of the back through the waist band. To let out the seam, baste in the new seamline, then rip the old stitching and fit the trousers before sewing by machine. If the seam needs taking up, pin to fit and reseam. Rip out the old stitching and steam press the new seam.

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INTERESTING NEARBY NEWS

GUN BATTLE

Burglars surprised in the act of breaking into Lee Fishbach's tavern in Genoa at 3:15 one morning last week escaped after a gun battle with William Skinner, night policeman. Skinner, who escaped injuries although several bullets passed dangerously close to him, believes he may have wounded one or more of the men. DeKalb county authorities were making a check of all northern Illinois hospitals and doctors' offices to see if a wounded man had been cared for or admitted as a patient.

DISCUS CHAMPION

Harold Legel, a senior at the Crystal Lake Community high school, is the new state discus champion. At the state track and field meet held recently at Champaign, Legel threw the discus 143 feet, 2¾ inches. This is 11 feet and 4 inches short of Paul Behan's state record of 154 feet, 6¾ inches set in 1942 when he was a student in the Crystal Lake high school.

KILLED BY CAR

Gail Jean Horsley, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Horsley of Zion, was fatally injured last week when she was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Rae Anderson, also of Zion. The child passed away at Victory Memorial hospital. According to the sheriff's office, Mrs. Anderson admitted that she was driving too fast and when she struck some loose gravel, she lost control of the car, which swerved across the road and struck the girl as she was standing in front of the mail box with a bicycle.

ESCAPES FREAK ACCIDENT

A freak twist of luck saved Milton Gueterberg, Watertown, Wis., from being crushed to death when the trailer of his semi jack-knifed and flopped over on top of the cab, at 12:15 a.m. Thursday morning. The Watertown man was driving his Weil Truck Lines semi south down the viaduct with a load of cheese and eggs when two cars crossed the road ahead of him. Gueterberg swerved to miss the cars. The trailer twisted in the weeds at the side of the road, clipping off a thirty foot telephone pole, and flopped over on top of the cab. The crash knocked the doors of the cab open and threw the driver out.

CLUB LILYMOOR TO HOLD GRAND OPENING AND DANCE ON JUNE 8

Club Lilymoor, on the northwest shore of Lily Lake, invited residents of this vicinity to attend the official grand opening and dance on Saturday evening, June 8, at 9 p.m.

The club has been renovated and completely re-decorated by the new owners, Steve and Lil Wijas. They have installed a complete soda fountain independent entirely of the bar room. Both will be open to the public the year 'round.

Frank E. Keller, who will act in the capacity of master of ceremonies, through his persistent and tireless efforts has obtained the services of that famous trio, The Three Flashes, well known in radio and night clubs for their laughs fun, hit songs and magic music. Mr. Keller guarantees everyone an evening of entertainment long to be remembered. Admission is free.

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