

The Voice of Sport

by Woody Wilson

Jupe Pluvius Puts Crimp in Schedule

Inclement weather conditions this week played havoc with what was labeled "spring vacation" for local students, particularly those whose interests run to athletics.

New Trier High school's varsity team reluctantly called off last Saturday's game, then were forced to quit in the early innings of a Tuesday encounter. That means that the Trier slate is still clean, by virtue of a 10 to 6 win over Niles in the only game they have thus far been able to finish.

The Sandymen are scheduled to meet Carl Schurz High, Friday afternoon at 3:45, but chances of the game being played were fast glimmering with more snow and rain falling every day. The contest (if any) will take place at Phelps field, Winnetka.

On Tuesday of the oncoming week, the Trevs hope to open the Suburban loop race by taking a wallop at Highland Park, on the latter's battle ground. The following Thursday, Evanston comes to New Trier; then it will be Waukegan, Saturday.

By that time we should all have a pretty good idea of just what sort of squad represents New Trier.

One thing is certain: the line-up now being used is far different from what most people had expected to see. At catcher's spot, for example, one would have figured to find either Bertie Bruschini or Fred Quick. Both have had previous experience on fresh-soph squads, and are reliable receivers.

Unfortunately, Bertie had a finger injured, necessitating his temporary retirement. Then Fred got his hand in the way of a foul tip. Several stitches were needed in the palm cut which resulted.

Heavy-Hitter

Heavy-hitting Jack Bonner was then called into duty. His backstopping technique was not as polished as his predecessors', but his effective willow-wielding was expected to more than bridge the gap. An old knee trouble (the same which caused him to withdraw from football) bothered him so much that early this week he had apparently made the decision to give up the ghost again.

That leaves Coach Sandvig with nothing in the way of real catching talent, though Jack Miskel and Jim Dewey both tried their hands at it without much success on Tuesday.

Hurlers Bob and Jack Davis are the answer to any mentor's pitching prayers. Both of them stand in the far side of six feet, are husky, and have several years of playing behind them. Bob serves them up from the right side, while Jack is a port-side flinger. They have an amazing bag of tricks from which to draw; a full enough supply to whip any high school team in these parts, if the proper trick is used at the proper time, with reasonable aid from teammates in carrying the load.

Patrolling the outer gardens are Howie Hinrichs and Marv Harms—with the third player being one of several. Jack Davis usually roams around there when he isn't toeing the mound. Bob Stall may see considerable service, too, with Jack Long another man in the running.

Natural Hitter

Hinrichs is a natural hitter, although he has an unorthodox man-

ner of doing many things—at the plate and afield. Harms tried out as pitcher for several seasons. He may have found his value as a hitter more profitable.

The Dewey bros are holding down the left half of the infield chores; Bob is at third, Jim at short. Bob has the smoothest pegging motion of any player on the team.

Most of the second-basing will be done by the vet Earl Borre, who was reformed from a first baseman, in favor of Lefty Schaer, who has a big height advantage.

Nothing Lost

Apparently, nothing was lost by Clyde Grater not having planned any practice for his freshman-sophomore team during the holiday period. Little benefit would have been noticed, as it turned out.

Clyde indicated he planned to sojourn in Turkey Run, where he mentions interest in a farm.

When school is resumed, he will give a more definite line on just whom he feels will compose his first team.

Number One Man

It seems fairly safe to venture a guess at this date that the number one man of the casting corp will be Grant "Dizzy" Dean, who has thus far had fellow players ga-ga in batting practice.

Guarding the pay-off station and receiving twirlers offerings ought to be either Chuck Stillman or Blimp Jost, with it being a toss-up as to who has the greatest all-round worth. Jost offsets Stillman's superior speed by handling the hot throws a little more surely.

Beyond pitcher and catcher lies the unknown, which even a foolhardy reporter will not attempt to fill without the boys getting a chance to flash their wares in good weather out-of-doors.

Women Voters' League

FOR MERIT SYSTEM

Mrs. George G. Bogert, president of the Illinois League of Women Voters, responded to a message to all state presidents from Mrs. Harris T. Baldwin, first vice-president of the National League of Women Voters, urging that local leagues follow up the advance made by the president's executive order of June 24, extending the competitive classified civil service affecting approximately 100,000 federal employees, by impressing on every candidate for Congress the league's contention that some 200,000 positions exempted by specific action of Congress should be placed under the merit system.

Mrs. Baldwin also warned that the effectiveness of the President's order depends in no small degree on the mobilization of public opinion behind it.

Repeat Questionnaire

Hailing the Presidential order as "a great incentive to additional legislation" Mrs. Baldwin urged that state and local leagues pursue with renewed zeal the league's questionnaire for candidates for Congress, which puts the following queries on public personnel:

1. What is your position on the relation of patronage to the public service?
2. What suggestions do you have for enabling political parties to function without federal patronage?
3. What is your attitude toward legisla-

tion to extend the merit system to federal agencies and positions now exempt from the Civil Service Act?

4. What is your attitude toward reducing the number of Presidential appointees subject to Senate confirmation by placing all positions other than strictly policy-determining ones within the merit system?

5. What is your opinion on reorganization of the civil service administration to make it conform to the type of personnel organization found in the best managed business establishments, such as a plan of reorganization to substitute a single qualified and experienced civil service administrator assisted by a non-partisan advisory body for the administrative civil service commission of three members?

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

The Illinois League of Women Voters has made public the following telegram sent to the legislative committee investigating St. Charles which is composed of Representatives John S. Friedland, Maud N. Peffers, Dennis J. Collins, Thomas A. Bolger and Leon M. Schuler and Senators Thomas P. Gunning, Arnold P. Benson, Wilbert H. Hickman, Peter P. Kielminski and A. L. Marovitz:

"The Illinois League of Women Voters requests your permission to submit some facts relating to juvenile delinquents and the use of criminal courts and of juvenile courts in behalf of them.

"We are officially opposed to any extension of criminal court jurisdiction over children of juvenile court age. We believe that without specific administrative and legislative provisions for a sound civil service system new structures at St. Charles or elsewhere, no matter how high

Kenilworth Man Hurt On Suburban Train

Police were called to the Chicago and North Western Wilmette station Tuesday evening, to remove from a train Thomas Dix, 236 Oxford road, Kenilworth, and take him to a physician's office. Mr. Dix had boarded at Kenilworth the 8:25 p.m., Chicago bound train, which started ahead and suddenly stopped, throwing him to the floor. In the fall he struck a seat frame and sustained an injury to his ribs.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL

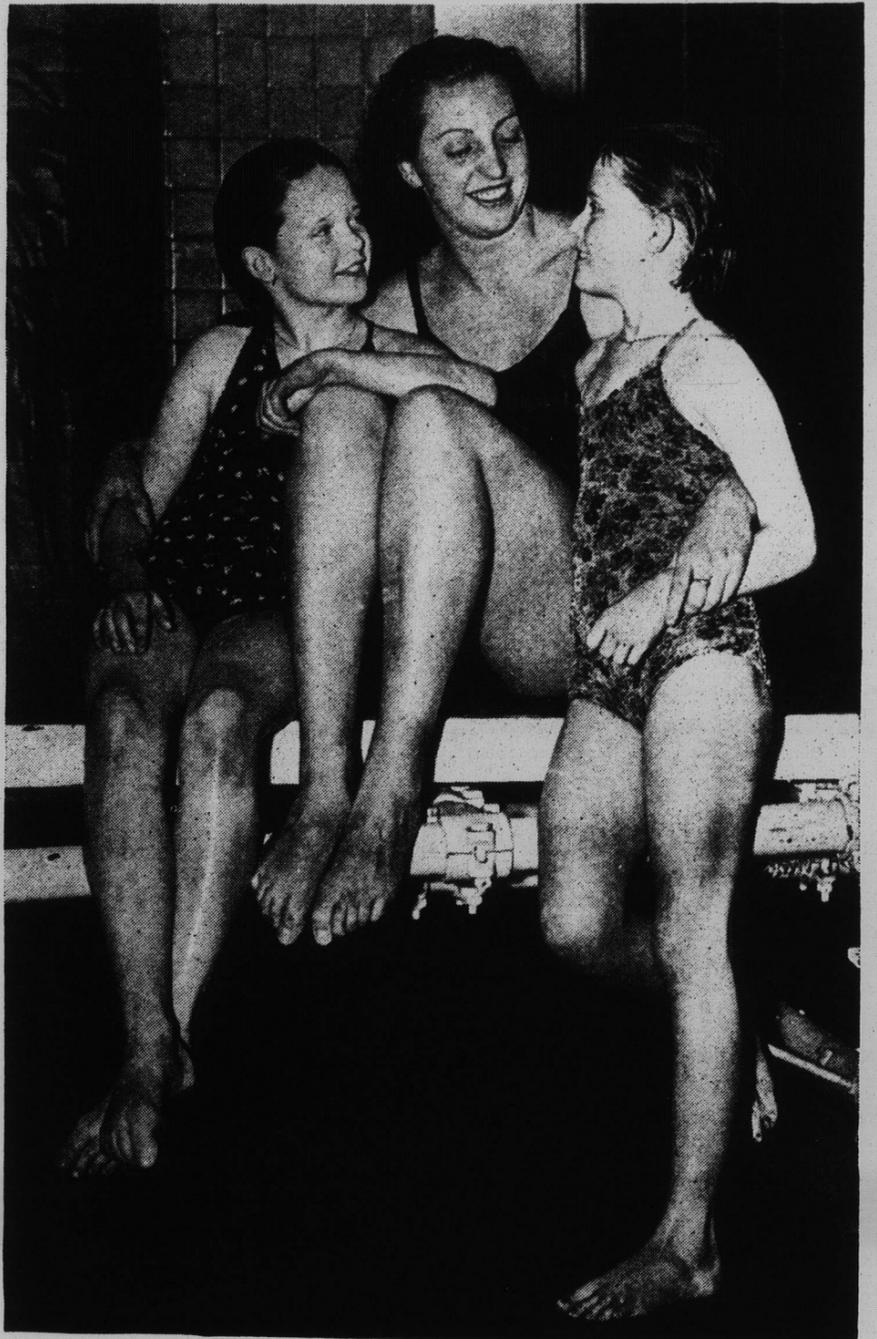
Miss Mabel Armitage, 619 Forest avenue, a student at Illinois college, Jacksonville, spent the Easter vacation with her parents. She was accompanied by her roommate, Miss Marjorie VonBopel of Springfield, Ill. Miss Martha Armitage will go to Jacksonville this week for a visit with her sister and friend.

their walls, cannot provide a program of rehabilitation.

"We should be glad to discuss the matter further with you at your convenience. We feel sure that you will wish to be informed of civic opinion before taking any final action."

The telegram was signed by Mrs. George G. Bogert of Chicago, president, and Mrs. Florence Fifer Bohrer of Bloomington, chairman of the league's Department of Government and Child Welfare.

Learning to Be Champions



Claudia Eckert (center), Shawnee Country club aquatic ace who is the only star to reach top ranking in both swimming and diving events, is pictured above as she advises two North Shore youngsters, Virginia and Joan Fitzgerald, how to reach aquatic heights. Although only 12 years old, Virginia (left) has already scored her first diving mark in the recent Central A.A.U. junior highboard competition, when she took third against much older competitors.