

# THE KNOTHOLE

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Practically all the top flight college basketball teams will clash in Chicago before the Winter is over.

The long tournament, which runs from December 13 to March 6, includes De Paul, Northwestern Southern California, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Indiana State, Minnesota, Georgetown, Kentucky and Holy Cross. Holders of five major national championships are among the colleges represented.

The American Football Coaches' association consists of most of the college football coaches and assistants of the country, numbering about 4,500 men, all expert in their field. They help select the Saturday Evening Post's All-American team. Every week during the season these men mail in their ballots to headquarters, giving their picks for the outstanding players

of the week. Final selections are based on a composite of these votes. President of the association is E. E. Wieman. Other officers include such well-known names as James Pheasant, Lynn Waldorf and Earl Blaik.

Johnny Berardino, former second baseman on the St. Louis Browns, has quit baseball and entered the movies as an actor. He lately played as a race horse trainer, and when a child appeared in some of the Hal Roach comedies.

A strange new game is gaining popularity in England. It is called "korfbal," a curious combination of elements of football and basketball. Korfbal is played on a large field with goal baskets at each end. A team consists of six men and six women!

The "farm system" for the boxing game is the Golden Gloves organization in many cities. While the Golden Gloves originated, and continues to be, a promotion stunt for daily newspapers, it nevertheless serves a worthy purpose. Many boys from big city slums find an outlet for their energy and aggressiveness, and so keep out of gang life. Several successful professionals have come up through the Gloves elimination bouts, notably Tony Zale and Joe Louis.



VISITOR IN PRINCELY ROBES . . . Prince Mahmoud, youngest son of Ibn Saud, ruler of Saudi Arabia, as he arrived in New York for medical treatment. He was accompanied by personal physician to the king and bodyguard.

## Quesnel's Concerned With Youth of Town

A man who appears to know what he is talking about when he says that an arena is required in Timmins, is Fred Quesnel, president of the Porcupine Mines Senior Hockey League, who is running for council at the elections tomorrow.

"The future of sport in town depends on facilities for the town's youngsters," Mr. Quesnel said in a statement to the Advance this week. "We certainly can't develop the type of athletes we have had in the past unless the younger lads have the opportunity to engage in sport."

Mr. Quesnel emphasized, however, the role organized activities play in combatting juvenile delinquency.

"In the long run, whether we produce athletes or not is not so important as keeping youngsters occupied in clean types of amusement. The morals

of town lads are the big thing."

A resident of Timmins for the past 27 years, Fred Quesnel is a salesman for a local hardware concern. He worked as a miner at Frood Mine at Sudbury before coming to the Porcupine. He is the father of four children. He is the vice president of the Associated Canadian Travellers group in Timmins.

He has been a member of the executive of the local mine league for the past 20 years and was named president of the league this Fall.

"I don't profess to know it all in regard to what is wrong with Timmins," Mr. Quesnel said. "However, I am sure that the present council has wasted much valuable time in useless bickering. 1948 appears to be a year when council must shoulder its responsibilities."

## Must Lower Taxes, Bill Roberts Says

"Timmins tax rate is far too high and every effort must be made to reduce it in 1948," Councillor Bill Roberts, candidate for mayor in tomorrow's elections, said in a statement this week.

"Unfavorable conditions in the mining industry, a decline in local business and the high cost of living have combined to make money not so plentiful in Timmins. While it seems apparent that conditions will improve, it appears to me the immediate problem of the new council is to find ways of reducing taxes," he said.

Mr. Roberts stated that he was fully conscious of the responsibilities of mayor. He has been acting mayor for a number of years. He has been a consistent leader in the polls for council, having received the highest number of votes last year.

After 35 years as a miner, Mr. Roberts is now on compensation. He came to Timmins in 1923, after working as a miner in Wales and British Columbia.

"I can and am prepared to devote my whole time to the affairs of Timmins," he said. "On the other hand (with a grin) I am not in the category of what you might term a retired business man."

He said that it was vital that the town obtain its fair share of government mine tax and that as Northern Director of the Ontario Municipal Association he intended to bring all possible revenue to the town from this source. The association will meet the Ontario cabinet some time in January. Mr. Roberts represents the entire area of the province north of North Bay.

Mr. Roberts stated that something should be undertaken at once to provide a low-cost arena for the town's youth.

"I am sure with strong leadership the town can obtain a rink of this type in the near future," he said.

MATHESON  
Mr. Wilfred Leavoy visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Leavoy of Matheson, over the weekend. Mr. Leavoy was on his way to Malartic.

## \$600 Plus One Rifle Gets Half Interest In Barber Business

After lengthy negotiations last week a deal was consummated between two members of the local barbering profession. One gent had been seeking a partner for a long time, while the second had been forced to evacuate his shop when the landlord took over.

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MATHESON  
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