

N. U. Cage Quintet Opens Conference Schedule Saturday

Northwestern's basketball squad, much the wiser from its recent encounters with the strong Notre Dame five, will open its conference season here Saturday night in an engagement with Illinois at Patten gymnasium. The Purple quintet showed considerable power in the contest with the Irish last Monday night and with a full week in which to perfect its faults should be

ready to put up a formidable front against the Illini.

Coach Maury Kent has his boys working along at a fast clip and should they get going there is no telling just how powerful an attack they will present. In the engagement with the Irish the Northwestern squad weakened somewhat on offense. A large number of shots which ordinarily lodge in the basket went wild enabling the visitors to run off with a 27 to 21 victory.

Illinois will bring a somewhat untried squad to Evanston. The visitors have a number of new men in their

lineup who are rapidly rounding into shape.

With the new seating arrangement at Northwestern the gym can now accommodate over 6,000 patrons. The entire stands were filled to overflowing last week and a similar crowd is expected to be on hand for the Illinois fracas.

RECOVERS FROM ILLNESS

Miss Edith Stryker of the Joseph Sears school faculty, has now recovered from an illness which recently confined her to her home.

WILMETTE FOLK HEAR PRAISE OF MUSSOLINI

Noted Scholar Brings Back Account of Great Achievements of Il Duce

Mr. and Mrs. N. Russo, of 725 Sheridan road, Wilmette, attended a dinner which was given at the Palmer house, recently, for Miss Fredericka Blankner, a well known student at the University of Chicago and who recently returned from Italy where she received her degree in Italian literature. By request, she spoke impromptu of the "New Italy."

She said, "I am delighted to tell you how enthusiastic I am about Mussolini and his New Italy. There is much to be said. Mussolini is a very easy man to talk to, very democratic and very practical. He is the man that Italians need. During an interview with American editors, he referred to the United States in a most complimentary way. He expects from America a new philosophy, a philosophy of practicality, from which the Italians must learn.

Remarkable Orator

"Il Duce is a remarkable orator and when he speaks about fascismo, he is very convincing. An immediate contact with the Italian people and a personal contact with Il Duce is so convincing that all the false reports which we hear are suddenly shattered. The things which he does are fine, progressive and suitable to shifting conditions. What he has done is almost unbelievable. Italy is a nation of geniuses, and that is, perhaps, I must say, a disadvantage to themselves, as a genius is seldom practical.

"Mussolini wants to develop in his people the sense of practicality, in which they are lacking, gradually, but surely bringing them to his sense of view. Even if not Facists, every Italian is for Mussolini.

"I had the opportunity of having several interviews with Il Duce, and when speaking of his people he said, 'yes, we must become practical, we have built a bridge in six hours.'

"I was particularly impressed with and strongly admired the Italian peasants, who are giving new power to the nation, Mussolini is obviously a scientific economist. He insists that Italians must not—cannot live as people of richer nations. He believes in producing. He makes the people love their work and so national wealth is noticeably increasing.

"With the Vatican he has shown his greatest political genius—pulling together. No doubt, in ten years, Italy is going to be one of the leading nations. Americans who go through Italy are strongly impressed with the wonderful system of Facismo. To me, Italy is the cradle of Facismo that is going to spread all over Europe. Violence, with Mussolini, is only a weapon to obtain justifiable ends.

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