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NOTES ON SPORTS

Champ In The Making?

Students at Washington College have Col. H. S. Brown to thank for the exceptional good humor which pervaded Prof. Howell and his class-rooms last week. Doc Howell stepped out on the golf course last Saturday and proceeded to defeat the Colonel in an eighteen-hole golf match which must have been a honey. Shooting a ninety, Doc Howell brought the Colonel back to the clubhouse one down.

The next move, I suppose, will be that of the good doctor challenging the club champ, H. S. Are.

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A New Nickname!

At a recent banquet Dr. Jones made a suggestion which, now that we've given it some thought, seems to have much merit. He feels that athletic teams of Washington College should be nicknamed something other than "Shoremen," though he's not ashamed of that nom de plume. Dr. Jones says that the University of Maryland came across the bay to get their nickname, The Terrapins, and that we should do something about retalie ating with auother name that is highly revered in these parts.

He thinks that the Washington College athletes should be called "The Canvasbacks"...which isn't bad at all, if you want our opinion.

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Smoothing Rough Edges.

Over the past week-end most of Maryland's basketball teams met defeat at the hands of outsideaggregations. Loyola found C. C. N. Y. a little too fast for them, Temple singed the feathers of Hopkins' Black and Blue Jay quint, while Mt. St. Mary's found University of Baltimore too fast for them. These early-season defeats will knock off some of the cocksureness and will put the boys to work in earnest for the Maryland Cage League games.

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Advent Of Football.

A full confession is good for the soul, and old memories, when delved into by those who recall distant scenes, make interesting items for a column such as this.

Dr. J. S. William Jones, who is erroneously purported to have come to the Washington Campus when the Indian campfires were still smouldering, recalled at a recent gathering the first game of football played on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and at Washington College. It was back in 1888, St. John's was the opponent, and the score was 126 to 0, with the goose-egg as Washington's contribution to the tallies.

Reported in this paper, probably by the present postmaster of Chestertown) the write-up of the contest—or was it a contest?—made no mention of the result, but merely skimmed over that disastrous portion and commented on the fact that one necessary adjunct of the game seemed to be the necessity for a convenient hospital.

Dr. Jones played fullback on that first eleven, with fullback in those days meaning the fellow farthest from the scene of action and less liable to be trampled on. On the line were "Uncle" Horace Beck, not a student but a "ringer;" Fred Porter, Charles Twilley, later the town's A1 dentist; W. B. Usilton, present postmaster; Laird Goldsborough, and John Todd. In the backfield were Clarence Perkins, now a prominent Baltimore barrister; Fred Gherka, a "ringer" from the Kent county railroad; Lewin W. Wickes, the late esteemed judge of this circuit: and Dr. Jones.

The object of the game, so we learn from those who participated, was to see just what football was all about. We doubt muchly if they got even an inkling, but the experience was a good thing for them and the track must have been fast. A far cry, isn't it, from that game of 1888 to the windup of the 1934 undefeated season, with Delaware as the opponent?

WAS CAPTAIN FOR FIRST TWO COURT GAMES



Ellery Ward

Ward, a senior, has captained the Washington College basket ball team in its two starts this season. Under the new system the Shoremen have no leader elected for a season, but a captain is appointed by the coach before each game. Ward is a Cumberland youth, a football player as well as a cage star.

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Defeat, But No Disgrace.

In the opinion of Coach Kibler and others Washington College met its strongest opposition of the season Tuesday night, when Westchester Teachers engaged the Shoremen in the Armory here and defeated them, 39 to 19. And, in the opinion of Coach Kibler, others and even your correspondent, Westchester Teachers gave as neat an exhibition of team-work as has been seen in these parts for quite some time.

That aggregation knew all the tricks of the game. They passed nicely, blocked, followed up shots off both backboards and defensed with precision. In a word, they were a veteran aggregation who knew what they were about every time they got the ball; and they saw to it that they had it often.

For Washington College's basketeers to go down to defeat before this veteran team is no disgrace, and it can be said without hesitation that the Shoremen played marvelous basketball against a veteran combination which has had four years together to give them that team work which is the envy of all coaches and which spells success more than any other one thing in basketgall.

The following statistics might be interesting to you, which we had checked during the course of the game.

In the first half, which ended 20 to 10, Westchester made 32 attempts to score, while Washington shot only 15 times. In the second half the attempts for goals were much closer, as was the score in that period. Westchester attempted 25 times, while Washington made 29 shots for the basket. To sum this up, Westchester shot 57 times to score 12 field goals, while Washington tossed up 44 to score 6 tallies.

The individual scoring and lineup is as follows:

WASHINGTON COLLEGE	G.	F.	T.
Wilmot, f.,	0	3	3
Salters, f.,	1	0	2
Nicholson, c.,	1	2	4
Ward, g.,	1	1	3
Huffman, g.,	3	0	6
Bilancioni, f.,	0	1	1
McLane, c.,	0	0	0
Berry, g.,	0	0	0
Totals	6	7	19

WESTCHESTER TEACHERS	G.	F.	T.
Messikomer, f.,	1	1	3
Howard, f.,	4	2	10
Mashinsky, c.,	1	1	3
Carl, g.,	3	1	7
Geaver, g.,	2	4	8
Howlls, f.,	0	0	0
Gwing, g.,	0	0	0
Robinson, g.,	0	0	0
Goldberger, f.,	0	0	0
Totals	22	9	31

Score by periods:
Washington ... 10 9—19
Westchester ... 20 11—31

Of Fishing And Ducking.

Duck shooters along the Chester River have a new complaint these days, in addition to the prevalent one of scarcity of water-fowl. It seems that drift-net fishermen are getting catches up the river nowadays and consequently are fishing the shores and banks daily. Duckers say that these fellows scare off the game, and that nothing can be done about it. You might be the owner of a ducking shore and have the privilege of keeping undesirables from your land and marshes, but you can't control the traffic on the river which laps your banks. The river is free and open territory, subject to the laws of the Federal government and under the direct supervision of the War-Department. Any complaint regarding drift-net fishermen must be registered with that body. The Conservation Department might restrict drift-netting as a state measure, but you can't restrict river traffic in front of your duck blind. The life of a sportsman is tough, isn't it?

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By Way Of Argument.

I have gotten into the thick of several arguments during the past week over the scoring spree of the Upsala center the other night, when he rapped off twenty-four of his team's thirty-five markers against the Washington College squad.

Having played the center position myself and having seen others defense a man who played identical ball as the Upsala pivot man. it is my contention that he could have been stopped—at least a goodly percentage of his shots, if not all.

If you will recall, Skipp stood close up against the opposing center when he took his stand in front of the basket, waiting for a pass. In so doing, Skipp was in no position to move to one side or the other when the fellow pivoted to shoot, and he demonstrated that the only way he could stop him in that position was to foul.

But, if Skipp had stood back from the man at least a foot or two, he would have been free to move up or back, to either side, when the center pivoted; and he could have easily seen the ball and blocked it when the fellow brought his arms up to shoot. Jack Carroll, playing Adams of Maryland, who pivoted and shot in the same manner, covered him all evening like a blanket; and every time Adams pivoted Jack moved up, or back, or to the right or left and blocked the shot easily.

But, though Skipp is a much-improved player this season, it is hardly fair to compare him to the incomparable Jack Carroll; but I still contend that Upsala's center could have been stopped.

Meeting Held To Discuss Hi School

SENATOR, DELEGATES ATTEND GATHERING

The over-crowded condition at the Chestertown High School has become so acute that the Parent-Teacher Association, of which Dr. Fred G. Livingood, of the Washington College faculty, is president, called a conference of county officials and patrons to discuss plans for relieving the congestion last Friday evening.

Those who were invited to the conference were State Senator-elect Arthur H. Brice, Delegates Wilbur Ross Hubbard and T. Roy Strong, members of the Board of County Commissioners and County Board of Education, representatives from the Parent-Teacher Association, Superintendent of Schools Louis C. Robinson, and Prof. Wilbur J. Stenger, principal of the school.

The meeting was impressed with the urgent need of enlarged quarters and another conference will be held to plan for obtaining a county bond issue by means of an act of the coming Legislature.

WHITE GIFT SERVICE

An impressive service was held last Sunday evening in Christ M. P. Church when a very beautiful Christmas Pageant was rendered by members of the school assisted by the church choir. The electric lighting was particularly worthy of note and with the decorations the work of the Triangle Club added much to the occasion. The Pageant used is one given out of doors frequently at this season at Western Maryland College, and was modified by the pastor, Dr. Litsinger, for indoor rendering. The committee in charge consisted of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hudson, Mrs. Earle A. Barnes. Miss Katherine Elliott and Miss Clara Usilton.

Gifts of money and provisions were presented at the altar by practically every one present and will be used for the benefit of the charitable agencies of the church. Other fine features connected with this White Gift service, which is held every year by the school, cannot be reported at this time.

PA. GOVERNOR-ELECT BUYS MD. GAME LAND

Governor-elect George H. Earle, 3rd, the first Democratic Governor of Pennsylvania in forty-four years has purchased a 1,338-acre hunting tract in Dorchester county, which he will restock with quail, pheasant, wild turkey and deer.

The tract of land, Guinea, is located at the head of Fishing Bay, and for more than sixty years has been known as one of the best game sections of the Eastern coast. Its nine miles of shore front on Fishing Bay and the Transquaking river provide both marsh and water ducks of every variety. The land abounds in muskrat and diamondback terrapin, and oysters are also abundant.

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