SPORTS

LOCAL BASKETBALL FANS ARE ALERT TO RESUMING OF BASKETBALL SCHEDULE OF W. C.—FIRST GAME NEXT TUESDAY—OTHER NOTES

Local basketball fans are keenly alert to the coming basketball season, which will be resumed next week when Washington College's quint begins its souhtern trip. On January 9 they will meet Washington and Lee at Lexington; Jan. 10, Virginia Military Inst. at Lexington; Jan. 11, Virginia Poly at Blacksburg; Jan. 12, Catholic University at Washington, D. C.; Jan. 13, Loyola at Baltimore. The first game on the home oval will be with Mt. St. Mary's on January 20.

William H. Keeler, one of the most famous old time baseball players, died January 1 at his home in Brooklyn. He had been a sufferer from heart disease for more than two years. Keeler was one of the greatest batsmen of all time. He first became noted as a great hitter while playing in the outfield with the famous old Baltimore Orioles in the nineties. Several of the records he set while with that organtation, thrice a pennant winner of the old National League, remain unbroken.

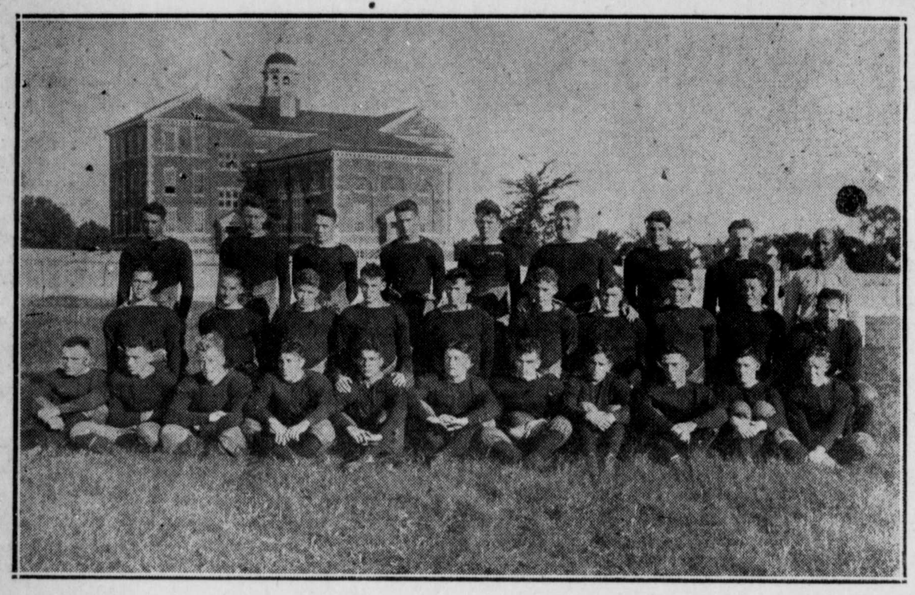
The West outclassed the East at Pasadena Monday when the University of Southern California defeated Penn State 14 to 3, in the annual tournament of roses intersectional contest. A crowd of 53,000 was present. The western team outplayed the Nittany Lions in every department of the contest. Penn State, notwithstanding the long ride, was in good shape for the contest and the breaks of the game were about even.

The University of Pittsburg, believed by many to be the best team in the country, outplayed the strong Stanford University team Saturday and won somewhat easily, 16 to 7. Warner's pupils held the lead throughout with little difficulty.

New York will be the scene of the 1923 Army-Navy football game. This became a fact when Colonel H. D. Koehler, head of the athletic committee of the United States Military Academy, announced in New York, where he stopped off en route from Philadelphia to West Point, that the Army had decided on New York and the Polo Grounds, where the annual gridiron classic had been staged annually is recent years, prior to coming to the Franklin Field this year. West Point has the choice of playing fields next year under a new four-year agreement recently drawn up.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-three will have a hard time when it comes to improving upon the championship crop. Such stars as Weismuller, Sarazen, Hagen, Hoppe, Hornsby, Sisler, Sweetser, Miss Collett, Tilden, Mrs. Mallory, etc., complete one of the greatest parades ever seen in one year.

—Where are the almanacs, which used to be so numerous in the country communities, gone to. Have the companies stopped printing them altogether. Almanacs used almost to be standard works of "literature."



WASHINGTON COLLEGE FOOT-BALL SQUAD

Standing, left to right: Scarborough, Carroll, Lohran, Fedderman, Schnauffer, Keenan, Ruark, White, Coach Kibler.

Kneeling, left to right: Willis, Estes, Tyson, Soifer, Conant, Russell, Adkins, Duffy, Jarman, Fiore.

Sitting, left to right: Bischopf, Bankard, Crowe, Cavanaugh, Reiger, Kelly, Captain Stenger, Monoghan, Johnson, Galvin, Dumschott, Manager C. M. Wingate.

SUMMARY OF THE SEASON'S RESULTS

Washington	76	Charlotte Hall	0
Washington	3	St. John's College	9
Washington	3	Catholic University	7
Washington	0	Pa. Military College	12
Washington	0	Lebanon Valley	32
Washington	14	Mt. St. Mary's College	18
Washington	19	Gallaudet College	7
Washington	3	Delaware College	7
Washington	49	St. Joseph's College, Phila	6
Washington	0	Western Md. College	0
Total	167	Total	98

ESSAY THAT WON $4000 SCHOLARSHIP

"How Good Roads Are Developing My Community," Subject Of Same

Five years ago the little flag station at Buckton lay unnoticed at a point on the railroad where the Blue Valley makes a wide sweep westward.

A freight car, carelessly planted by the track, served as the roalroad station. All business of the place was transacted in a little frame building, entered by three wooden steps and a stoop out of plumb with the rest of the structure. This was Buckton's postoffice, grocery store, drug store and clothing store, all in one. Here the farmhands got their chewing tobacco and here folks of leisure came to talk a while,after they had been down to see the train pass by. As a steep-banked creek made it difficult for the upland farmers to reach Buckton, they traded mostly at a point five miles farther north. The roads from the other direction were passable only at uncertain periods, for after every shower the clay softened into sticky mud, which made the farmers prefer the fifteen miles to Summerville rather than to slump through four miles of mud to Buckton.

However,the same kind of mud produced corn and plump wheat, hence good money when the produce got to market. But it produced also rank weeds along fences and bridges, and often in the tilled fields. In other respects, too, things were allowed to take their own course around Buckton. Bill Tilford, seized by an improvement impulse, remarked, "They're havin' a 'spruce-up' week in Summerville; guess a spruce-up week wouldn't hurt us none." "What's the use?" retorted Steve Blue. "Nobody travels these roads for sight-seeing."

But Senator Sheffield had good ideas as well as the less usual ability of putting them into practice. A ranch owner of the uplands led with a good-roads subscription of $5000; farmers' clubs subscribed $5000; and the total amount was completed by a levy on farm lands in proportion to their nearness to the projected new road. And so construction began on a hard surface road to tap both the uplands and the valley. Senator Sheffield insisted on "no cheap work or skimping in this enterprise." The road was built with rock and concrete capable of sustaining the heaviest truck loads. The railroad company, foreseeing local progress, removed the ramshackle freight car and put in its place a suitable depot. An up-to-date garage and a filling tsation seemed to spring up over night. With the prospect of a good road to their railway station, the farmers built an elevator to save hauling the season's yield the ten or fifteen miles to Summerville.

At the school meeting in August, Buckton was chosen as the site of the consolidated school for six adjoining districts. "This is the place," so went the argument for the proposal, "for the youngsters can get here and not muss up the rooms with muddy feet; and if they're got too far to walk, we are now in a position to run a bus line for them."

To the general question, "How is Buckton?" Steven Blue now answers, "Oh, things are movin', and if you don't believe it, just look down the road."

People living miles away make the detour to reach Buckton, for it has become a live trading point, and they enjoy the feel of riding along the smooth surface of its thoroughfare. Summerville picnic parties have discovered delightful camping grounds along the road where it sweeps around the bend outside of town. Jim Sharp is setting a new pace for his neighbors by cutting his weeds and trimming his hedges and painting his houses and barns. "So many people are coming by that these improvements," he says, "are called for by common decency."

The new real estate office in Buckton has statistics on economic gains in so far as these are reflected in the sale of farm lands and town lots. But the chief gains, the social and spiritual ones, cannot be expressed in statistics.

BETTER TIMES FORESEEN

Secretary Of Agriculture Wallace Says Farmers Will Hafe More Prosperous Times From Now On

Better times for the farmers of the country are foreseen for 1923 by Secretary Wallace, who, in a statement recently, reviwed agricultural conditions of 1922 and set forth the prospects for the new year. In his statement Mr. Wallace said:

"Twelve months ago most of the six million farmers of the United States were starting on the long, hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed, have fallen by the waf. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless as we stop a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the great majority, and we can enter the New Year with renewed hope and with that courage which comes from the realization that we are really making progress. A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922 I said that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfilment of that promise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better, than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

"Crops have been good, on the whole. Prices of the major crops are mostly considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of this year is greater by a billion and a half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of last year. This will certainly mean better times on the farm, and farm folks will be able to ease up a little on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

"The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strain has been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers who were rather heavily involved to refund their obligations and get themselves in condition to win through.

"There are still some dark spots. In some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for a long haul to market.

"Taxes are high, but this is largely due to the increase in local taxes, over which farmers themselves must exercise control.

"There has been gratifying growth in farmers' co-oprative marketing associations and more of them are being organized on a sound basis."

MILLINGTON

Miss Travis Bolin returned last Wednesday to Hood College, Frederick, after spending three weeks with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Bolin.

Mrs. William Jarman, of Crumpton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vansant, of Marcus Hook, spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Everett, near town.

Mrs. P. H. Wood, Jr., and two little daughters, Phyllis and Marguerite, returned last Tuesday to their home in Salem, N. J., after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Mrs. E. A. Wilson was the guest this week of relatives at Bear, Del.

Mr. William Feddeman returned last Wednesday to Washington College, at Chestertown, after spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Feddeman.

Miss Jessie E. Wilkins returned last Tuesday after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wilkins, near Rock Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloane, of Elkton, visited her mother, Mrs. Mollie Bailey, on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Higman entertained Rev. O. H. Connelly and family at dinner on New Year's Day.

Mr. Thomas Jacobs, of St. John's College, Annapolis, spent a few days this week with Mr. William Feddeman.

Mrs. N. A. Wallen entertained the Queen Esther Circle at a watch night service last Sunday evening at her home on West Cypress St. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock. Among those present were Misses Martha Pennington, Ethel Jones, Elizabeth Bottomley, Anna Clough, Anna Jones, Dorothy Taylor, Mary Stevens, Travis Bolin and Messrs. Newnam Stevens, Victor Stevens, Thomas Jacobs, Richard Comegys, Charles Duling, William Bolin, Charles Minner and Carlton Wallen.

Miss Martha Pennington returned last Tuesday to Atlantic Highlands, N. J., after spending ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Liston Pennington.

Miss Mildred Clark spent the week-end with her uncle, Mr. Price Vansant, of Wilmington.

Mr. McCosh Walls moved last week from the John Biggs farm, near town, to the Bottomley farm, near Chesterville. Mr. James Voshell moved from the Spayd farm, near town, to the farm vacated by Mr. Walls and Mr. Harvey Poore moved from the Massey farm, near Massey, to the farm vacated by Mr. Voshell. Mr. T. A. Godwin moved from the Amos Everett farm, near town, to the farm recently purchased by his son, Albert, of Mr. Alfred Dilahunt and Mrs. Annie Everett moved from Sudlersville to the farm vacated by Mr. Godwin. Mr. J. E. Higman moved from his farm, near town, to his pretty town home, adjoining his son, Mr. Harry Higman. Mr. John Wallen moved from the Lambert Bowers farm, near Meginnes' Corner, to the Higman farm and Mr. Stump moved from the Price farm, at Unicorn Mills, tot he farm vacated by Mr. Wallen. Mr. Nat Johnson moved from near Kenton, Del., to the farm vacated by Mr. Stump; Mr. Benjamin Spry moved from a farm near Millington to the Taylor farm, near Unicorn Mills, vacated by Mr. George W. Everett. Mr. Frank Wooleyhand moved from the Orem property on East Cypress St. to the Bruce Sparks farm, near town, and Mr. Albert Vansant moved into the house vacated by Mr. Wooleyhand.

Master Francis Fitch, Jr., was the guest this week of his cousin, D. B. Ford, Jr., of Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Moore spent last Sunday with her brother, Mr. Walter King, near Massey.

Mr. Warner Porter, of Wyoming, Del., spent a few days this week at his home in town.

Miss Margaret Bowers returned last Tuesday to Western Maryland College, Westminster, after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert D. Bowers.

Miss Mary Numbers left last Monday for Clarke School, Northampton, Mass., after spending ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Wallen visited his brother, Mr. John Wallen, near town, last Sunday.

Miss Essie Moore is [illegible] her sister, Mrs. John T. [illegible] Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Everett, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Dill and son, George, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday at their pretty home, near town, on the Chester.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of Asbury M. E. Church was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Sudler Wiest.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Newnam entertained Mr. Liston Pennington and daughter, Miss Martha, at dinner last Monday.

Miss Grace Pratt, older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher Pratt, of near town, and Mr. Albert Vansant, son of Mrs. George Jones, drove to Chestertown on Wednesday, Dec. 27, where they were married at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. O. E. Jones.

Miss Elva Reese returned last Monday to Washington, D. C., after spending ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hurtt spent a couple of days this week with friends in Philadelpnia.

Mr. D. B. Ford and family, of Chestertown, visited his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern, on New Year's Day.

ROCK HALL

Mrs. Isaac Stevens, of Baltimore, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Dreer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Durding entertained from Sunday to Tuesday their grandchildren, Norman and Bayard Sutton.

Mr. Harry Thompson is a sufferer from a bad boil on his neck.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stevens entertained a house party of twelve friends from Baltimore from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. Earl Hogans, of Baltimore, was Christmas guest of his father, Mr. John Hogans.

Mrs. Farnk Akers and daughter, Louise, have gone to Baltimore for the winter.

Miss Ursula Dickinson was a guest from Tuesday to Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Cole at Starkey's Corner, near Centreville.

Mr. Leo Williams begins the New Year as a resident of Baltimore.

Mr. Lloyd Meekins, of Baltimore, was Christmas guest of his parents.

Miss Gladys Collison entertained 30 friends at a New Year party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collison.

Bert Atkinson has moved to the Geo. Wilkins' place, just vacated by William Clark.

Edward Apsley, a real estate dealer, of Baltimore, has bought B. H. Coburn's farm and his father, Capt. J. E. Apsley, will live there and specialize in poultry.

Mr. Romie Crouch has returned from a week's visit to his daughter in Baltimore.

Mr. Romie Taylor and a friend, of Baltimore, have been visiting the former's aunt, Mrs. Harry Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wiley, of Philadelphia, were holiday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wheat.

To Sell Eastern Shore Railroads

In a recent issue of the Baltimore Sun, it says: "Two of the Pennsylvania Company's "white elephant" subsidiaries—the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia and the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic railroads—are to be sold under foreclosure proceedings some time soon, according to information received in banking circles. As there seems to be no other likely bidder and as the Pennsylvania could not afford to have either of these roads pass into other hands, it is generally expected that the Pennsylvania itself will be the purchaser. This despite the fact that President Samuel Rea has long been complaining that they are "white elephants." Both subsidiaries have steadily been going from bad to worse under the Pennsylvania's guardianship and have no future in their present status, it is said. As parts of the Pennsylvania system they are regarded as good 'feeders,' but the cream of their profits go to the controlling road, according to railroad men."

Wicomico Man Fined For Shipping Quail

That it is dangerous to trifle with the law relative to buying, selling or shipping game in this state was demonstrated recently in Wicomico Co. The Deputy Game Warden got information to the effect that a well-known commission house of Baltimore had or was receiving quail. An investigation disclosed the fact that the mate of the steamer "Joppa" had brought them in. From him the trail led to Isaac Taylor, agent of the line at White Haven. The commission merchant, Thomas Wheden, the mate, and Taylor were all fined. Taylor's fine on three charges amounted to $75 and costs. It is alleged that Taylor had not purchased the birds shipped, but had only sent off those he had killed himself. The State Game Department is doing all it can to protect the game of the state.

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Because of th ese things I extend to you all my best wishes for a very prosperous and happy new y ear.

Yours truly,
HARRY F. JEFFERSON.

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