Sports of the Week

Blue Ridge To Play Here January 9—Other News Of Sporting Realm

Washington College will have a busy month in January. The first game will be played here on January 9 with Blue Ridge College. This should be a somewhat easy victory for Weshington.

Jimmie Foxx, the catching ace of the Eastern Shore League last season, who has signed a contract with Connie Mack, of the Philadephlia Athletics, was a member of the Sudlersville High School team which played here recently with Chestertown High School. Foxx's home is in Sudlersville, and he is keeping himself in condition during the winter months by playing basketball and indulging in other sports. He proved a tower of strength to the Sudlersville aggregation on Friday evening and passed the ball with the same accuracy and speed that he lines the baseball to the bases in a league game. Foxx, who is but 18 years old weighs 190 pounds and looks every inch the sturdy athlete, and Eastern Shore fans believe that Mack has made one of the most valuable find and a man who may prove a tower of strength to the team during the coming season. Foxx looks ready to don the mask and mitt now, and is preparing to go south with Mack's squad in the early spring. Eastern Shore fans are proud of the numbere of men who have graduated from the baby league into the majors during the past year.

Besides Foxx. "Bill" Johnson, whose home is in Galena, and Jake Flowers, of Cambridge, who received their early baseball training under Coach John T. Kibler, of Washington College, a past master at the art of developing baseball stars, have signed with major league teams for next year and the Cambridge team has been shot to pieces by the departure of a number of its best players among whom was Johnson. And there are yet other players being developed for the big line.

Coach Kibler has two very promising men on the present Washington team whom he expects to graduate to the majors before many moons. Cavanaugh, the football star, and Smoot, son of Homer Smoot, who seems to be a "chip off the old block" in his ability to play baseball. Eastern Shore fans will watch with interest the career of Foxx, Johnson, Flowers and others in the big leagues.

Barton High School's soccer team was crowned State champion for the second consecutive year here Friday aternoon, when it defeated Federalsburg High School eleven, 3 to 0, in the final match of the seventh annual intercounty competition, staged at Washington College pitch under the auspices of the Playground Athletic League. This for the second consecutive season the same counties fought in the final round for the cherished prize when Allegany and Caroline county representatives trod the field. Twice has Barton, color bearers for the Western Shore division, downed the gamely fighting Eastern Shoremen. Last season it was Denton which fell before the husky Barton eleven. A crowd of about 1500 was present.

Although Federalsburg attemptted at the very outset to take the aggressive the Caroline county outfit seemed to lack the necessary punch at the net. The masterful playing of Chappelle, the Barton goal tender, kept the titleholder's slate clean, which was done somewhat easily. In one of the Federalsburg rushes Johnson, outside left, shot a shift boot straight for the cage, but a leap by Chappelle knocked down the leather.

Barton soon gained control of the situation and by a neat bit of teamwork pushed the ball to the Caroline county team's goal. After 21 minutes of hectic struggling Erine Schramm accounted for the first tally. Immediately following this Karl Schramm, the individual star for the winners, made one of the most spectacular plays ever seen in a title series. Breaking loose from a scrimmage, Karl Schramm wove into position and secured a free kick. With a tremendous boot, he lifted the ball past a densely packed scrimmage line and into the cage, giving Barton a 2-to-0 lead at half time.

The terrific pace was beginning to tell on both teams, but the Federalsburg forwards were forced to strengthen their backs and consequently crumbled under the strain. After about half of the second session had been spent D. Smith broke through a push and made the final tally from scrimmage.

With the championship, the Barton High School team becomes holder of the Hoffe-McDonald perpetual trophy for a single year and the Hoff-McDonald annual trophy for permanent possession. Medals also were awarded to the individual members of the winning team and to the runners-up.

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Poultry Notes

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In a recent bulletin issued by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station under the title "Observations on European Poultry Farming," I find the following: "There is no one observation of poultry farming in England that hits quite so forcibly as that of the widely used and abundant green grass pastures which are everywhere the environment of young and old fowls, on ranges and in the brooder runs. The permanent grass pastures were the envy of the American poultrymen. The red clover fields made available for both old and young fowls were splenedid. Undoubtedly the use of more green fields for our New Jersey flocks would come nearer furnishing the vitamin and health-giving elements needed for continued high production than the systems under which too many of our flocks have been kept."

Many failures in the poultry business can be traced directly to the lack of man power being used in the business. The man who works at some other business and spends only one hour each day with the poultry yard, should expect only one-tenth as much from his chickens as the man who works ten hours per day with the chickens. The same principale is true with the men who are disabled, either in army, shop or factory, so the man who is ninety per cent. disabled has only ten per cent man power left and can handle only one-tenth as much as the man who has one hundred per cent power.

Something is always weakening. "A stitch in time saves nine" is a good old proverb. Anticipate a break. Detect the weakness and make that point stronger than it was before it began to get "threadbare." For instance, is the health insurance of your fowls and your business in general just what it ought to be? It is getting to be quite the custom for one who feels perfectly well to have an expert physician give him a general examination about once a year to see whether any of his vital organs are galloping toward the breaking point. The safety of your fowls and of your eneral business ay seem to be everything desirable; but really tendencies may be creeping into your methods which, if not checked and corrected will mean great loss to you before the year is gone. A lantern carelessly upset in a cowstable set Chicago on fire. Sometimes we unconsciously take on habits of carelessness. They grow on us and finally may cause us irreparable loss.

Between now and the eve of the breeding saason of 1925 the reproductive factor in the prospective stock producers can either way easily be made or marred. The reproductive abilities of the birds will either weaken or strengthen, according to the nature of the foods fed to such birds, and the conditions under which they live thruout the autumn and winter months. In dealing with the female side of the prospective breeding flocks first, it is as well to bear in mind that the greater the output of eggs is from such flocks during the winter season the greater will be the number of infertile eggs, weak germs, dead embryo chicks in the incubators and losses in the brooder house during the breeding season. Never was there a higher death-rate among chicks bred for high fecund stock than during recent years; and this is attributed—according to some writers—to the fact that stock of a high fecund order is being bred from. My opinion, however, is that the bad management of the high fecund stock between the breeding seasons is at the root of the trouble.

Rum Boat Caught In Delaware

While cruising in the Delaware Bay recently the Coast Guard boat No. 214 of which Captain Barnes is master, observed the two-masted schooner Katie C. of Port Norris, N. J., making its way up the bay. Captain Barnes suspected there might be contraband in the hold and he drew alongside and found on board 600 cases of what is alleged to have been liquor. The schooner was immediately taken captive and towed to Cape May. There the crew of five men were landed as prisoners. The schooner was brought to Lewis and the Coast Guard vessel No. 103 took charge of it.

The schooner is thought to have secured its cargo somewhere off the Delaware coast but where the alleged liquor was to have been delivered is not known. It strengthens the belief, however, that some town along the Delaware bay or river shore had been selected as a rum running base and that the boat was making for that point.

Public Drinking Cup Prohibited.

At this time of the year, when colds are likely to be prevalent, one of the sources of infection that should be carefully avoided," says Dr. John S. Fulton, Director of the State Department of Health, "is the common drinking cup. No matter where it may be found, whether in the home, in the schools, in offices. or in other public or private places, the general drinking cup is to be regarded as a source of danger.

"A great 'germ exchange' is the way a recent writer describes this common foe, and he gives a vivid picture of the free exchange of the germs of tuberculosis, influenza, grippe, whooping cough venereal disease, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and of other diseases, that takes place between the users of the drinking cup that is public property.

"The Maryland health laws are clear and definite on this subject. The use of 'common drinking cups' is prohibited in 'all public places' of every sort within the State, and on all passenger trains and passenger boats, while in the State."

To Rebuild Forests.

A 10-year program, under which $40,000,000 would be appropriated for purchase o forest land and for forest conservation under the Clarke-McNary law and other observation measures, would be authorized under a bill introduced recently in the Senate by Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, and in the House by Representative Woodruff, Republican, Michigan.

Purchase of about 8,000,000 acres would be made, principally in the Eastern and Great Lakes watershed territories.

The American Forestry Association, sponsoring the measure, suggested that the funds be expended in speeding up forest purchases in the White Mountains, the Appalachians and the pine regions of the Southern and Lake States. About 3,000,000 additional acres are necessary for proper conservation and protection of timber in the White and Appalachian mountains, it is estimated.

—Because of inquiries that have been pouring into the offices of the Conservation Department of Maryland, E. Lee LeCompte, State Game Warden, announced this week that no bounty would be paid for trapped rabbits this year. Last season the department offered $1 for each rabbit trapped, but the results were so poor the decision was reached not to renew the offer. The department has, however, placed contracts with Western brokers for 16,000 cotton tail rabbits to be used in re-stocking the game covers of the state between January 1 and March 15th.

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