

Speaking Of Sports

(By Dixon Stewart, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Heavyweight Bout Will Not Clarify King Title

Although two "world's heavyweight championship" fights are to be staged within the ensuing sixty days, there appears to be little prospect of clarifying the championship middle which has existed since Gene Tunney retired undefeated in 1928.

Certainly, none of the principals in the two "championship" bouts—Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Young Stribling and Primo Carnera—has done anything in the ring to earn ranking with Tunney, Jack Dempsey and other past title holders.

Even though the survivors of the Schmeling-Stribling and Sharkey-Vanera bouts are paired in a battle of rival titleholders, the winner will not have a clear claim to honors, until Tommy Loughran, Victorio Campolo, Mickey Walker and other aspirants are eliminated.

The heavyweight class as a whole appears pitifully weak and there is little doubt but that a Dempsey, a Tunney, or even a Willard, would crash through the present crop of title contenders like a cannon ball through a shingle roof.

However, until some new face appears the championship must be decided among the talent at hand.

Max Schmeling has the strongest claim to honors, even though he won his claim noa foui and in an "elimination" tournament which was limited to a select group named by the New York State Athletic Commission. The German appeared to have the makings of a real champion when he first came to the United States and may yet live up to his early promise—although his comparative inactivity of the past two years certainly has done him little good.

Max is a good puncher and can take punishment but is no match for Sharkey, Stribling or Loughran in boxing skill.

Stribling jumped back into the championship picture last year by defeating Otto VonForst, over-rated Norwegian puncher, and "Phailing in 1928 to \$5,685,287.72 in 1929-30.

Phil Scott of England, but has not been impressive in his more recent bouts against K. O. Christner and Tuffy Griffiths. The Georgian probably will be a betting favorite against Schmeling, but don't be surprised if "Willie the Clutch" fails, just as he has in numerous other important chances.

The New York Commissioner's "world championship" bout between Sharkey and Carnera is a joke affair. Carnera's only claims to distinction are a long list of dry and wet "tank" opponents, his ability to draw a big crowd, and size. Anyone of a dozen heavyweights should be able to whip the Italian.

Sharkey has had numerous chances to win the title and failed in them all, but retains high ranking partly because of his alleged "pull" with the boxing commission. In seven years of professional boxing, he has not yet learned to keep his punches above the belt line. New York's no-foul rule should aid him against Carnera, but in light of past events it is hard to believe that Sharkey will find some method of "blowing" his chance with the Italian.

Loughran has the best record of any of the heavyweights during recent months, but lack of poundage and punching ability, and the fact that he has none of the needed connections probably will prevent him from ever getting a chance at the title.

SPORTS PROMOTER HONORED

PARIS, May 13. (U. P.)—The French Government has rewarded the efforts of the young American promoter, Jeff Dickson of New Orleans, to put sport on a higher plane in France by naming him a Knight of the Legion of Honor after having made him an Officer of the Academy. Dickson, known as the "Tex Rickard of France" is now the undisputed master of professional boxing, ice hockey, wrestling and kindred of sports and is building a duplicate of Madison Square Garden in Paris.

SCHOOL COSTS DECREASE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 13. (U. P.)—Cost of operating Kansas City's public school system has decreased steadily since 1929, figures released by the board of education revealed. Total cost of operation in 1927 was \$8,077,514.33, compared to \$5,978,122.05 in 1930.

Y. M. C. A.

Following is the report of the Board of Directors to the seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Charlo-ttewtown Y. M. C. A. for the year ending April 30th, 1931.

To the Members of the Charlo-ttewtown Young Men's Christian Association: Gentlemen:

As President of the Y. M. C. A. it is my privilege to present this report on behalf of the Board of Directors—many of whom are present with you this evening.

To those members who have been participating in many activities during the past year, there will be no need for this report. For those who have liberally supported the Association but have not been in attendance I will give a brief summary of the varied program which has been carried out.

The year just past (our seventy-fifth) has been most successful, the work accomplished has measured well up to former years and in many respects has passed beyond and really has set a new mile stone in our history. Our membership consciousness is growing and the hearty co-operation which we have received is most heartening. It is felt that your Association has been extending its influence and rendering the community a real worth-while service.

The four objects on which the whole effort of the Young Men's Christian Association is centered are: to build a sound body, a wholesome mind; to create the right social, and to build Christian Character.

Attendance

The report of the Physical Department shows a very large increase in interest and attendance in basketball and in the girls and young ladies attendance at gym classes and games.

There have been the usual large number using our rooms each week, approximately 800 different people using our building each week, taking part in the following activities:

Bowling Leagues, Gym Classes, Student Gatherings, Billiard Matches, Banquets, Socials, Lectures, Sunday Services (now being held in churches). Basketball games, Volleyball, Handball tournaments, Badminton matches and many other features

which go to make an all-round program for our entire memberships.

Girls Work

This year our girls work was re-organized and put in charge of a Ladies Physical Department committee, whose duty it was to organize the girls classes and to supervise them also to have a trained instructor to lead and direct all classes. Miss Ruth Hartz was selected by this committee and she has carried on all winter in a most capable manner, she had assisting her, Miss Muriel Weeks and Miss Jean Grant. The work of this committee and special staff has been most successful and has greatly enlarged the Girls work of this Association.

The Building

We face a serious problem each year in the amount necessary to keep our building in good shape. Owing to its age and the strenuous use it gets during the season, many repairs are required each Spring. This past year was no exception, in fact more had to be spent this year than ever to keep the building up.

Mr. Harris, our building chairman has been a valued member of our board these last three years and has worked hard to keep the building in good repair. His report will cover in detail the work which was accomplished during the year.

Bowling Alleys

This department under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack McNair has enjoyed a most successful year. The installation of a fourth alley had long been contemplated, and it was only after an insistent demand by our bowlers that our Directors decided to make the move and install the 4th alley. The success of the venture was early realized and now we wonder how we ever got along without it.

Leagues were organized early in the season and have been in continuous operation ever since. Over 300 people were enrolled in the various leagues, most all of which were highly successful. The report of the games committee will deal with this department in detail.

Educational Work

Our work as usual along this line is mostly confined to lectures to the general membership, the student body, the Y's Men's Club, the Hi Y Club.

The reading room has had the same class of papers and magazines as in other years, and is being used by a good number of members and visitors.

Religious Work

There has been no change in the policy of the Y.M.C.A. with regard to religious work and we feel that it is the very backbone of our whole movement. At all times we are seeking to instill into the lives of our boys and young men the idea that all our four fold program is religious work, and that we desire to permeate everything that goes on in our building. We recognize that the church and Sunday Schools are the medium of religious instruction.

The Church's policy of co-operation has continued and expanded and our Association is feeling more and more the wholehearted support that is given by the ministers and their congregation.

Sunday Evening Services

Our Sunday Evening Services for young people have been held continually from Nov. 1st to June 1st with just a short break at Christmas.

A policy of closer Church co-operation was started last year by holding our services in the churches once a month; this policy worked out so well it was decided at the invitation of several of the ministers to hold all our meetings after church services in the various churches, different ones each week. During the season which is just closing, we met in Trinity Church four times, in Zion six times, in Baptist four times, in Central Christian five times, in St. Paul's twice, in St. James three times. Attendance was much larger in the churches than when we were holding these meetings in our gymnasium.

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Our speakers this year were of very high order. All local ministers took their turn and some fifteen visiting ministers were used.

Boys' Work

Our Boys' Work program has been an active and varied one, but yet we were not able to do all we had planned, our limited space curtails our

program a great deal. Two main features stand out for special mention; the formation of the Hi Y Club with 20 high school boys enrolled. This club meets each Friday night for supper, Sing Song, Lecture and Business; following this came a period in the gymnasium. Some 14 meetings have been held since its formation and the boys are staying by their club in a very fine manner. Already many good effects are being felt by the presence of this club in our membership.

Our own Boys' Camp and the Community Boys camp were two pieces of work that will speak for themselves.

The Community Camp which was sponsored by the Rotary and Gyro Clubs had an attendance of about 40 boys and leaders. This was the first venture of this kind and proved a most successful one.

Canoe Cove Y. M. C. A. Camp

The various camps held were as follows: First group, Y. M. C. A. Boys, total attending, 38.

Second group, M. R. E. C. Boys, total attending, 40.

Third group, C. G. I. T. Girls, total attending, 65.

Fourth group, Presbyterian Summer School, total 50.

Fifth group, Rotary-Gyro-Community Camp, Total 40.

The above camps occupied our site from July 1st until August 23rd.

During the summer two permanent huts 14x18 were built, accommodating 12 to 14 in each. These huts cost us about \$90.00 each.

A new camp stove was purchased at a cost of about \$80.00. A new concrete dairy was built beneath the kitchen and gave splendid results as also did the new stove.

The new toilet commenced the previous summer was completed and sanitary buckets installed.

We now have a real permanent up-to-date modern camp, capable of handling from 40 to 90 people per day. It is already booked up for four camps during the coming summer and will likely be used for one or two more.

Student Work

The S. C. M. was re-organized in the Y. M. C. A. early in September with the usual large number and had several meetings on Saturday nights. An effort was made to secure the college hall for student activities but this effort failed and an endeavour to get the Social Hall of Trinity Church met with success. From early October the S. C. M. social gatherings have been held in Trinity hall with real success.

This change greatly helped us in our Physical work. As we now had available Saturday night for our Basketball leagues, which was urgently needed and allowed us to run basketball games on two nights a week.

Athletic Meets

The four main meets which were concentrated on were the Patriot ten mile road race. The Halifax Herald ten mile run in Halifax, the Maritime Championships also in Halifax, and the Labour Day sports in Charlottetown.

Your secretary gave considerable of his time to these athletic events and accompanied the Charlottetown teams to Halifax on both these occasions.

The Charlottetown boys won the club prize by having the first four runners of any club finish.

Our "Y" track team made a very good showing at the Maritime Championships.

C. N. R. Work

All through the Winter season as often as possible we have been taking picture shows to the C. N. R. Veterans club, about ten or more shows and illustrated lectures have been given this year.

That this service is being appreciated by these men has been shown on many occasions.

National Council Annual Meeting

Was held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, early in February and was attended by your President, J. A. Clark and also Vice President W. M. Rowe who were Charlottetown's official members of the Council.

After attending these meetings one comes to realize the magnitude of the work we are in and of the wonderful opportunities which confront us. We came home more than ever firmly resolved that Association work must be pushed with greater effort than ever before.

Membership

Our membership is in a very healthy state altho not up to the

high peak in 1928. It is however a little higher than last year.

The following is a summary by classes: Juniors, 67; Intermediates, 25; Students, 30; Social, 80; Seniors, 205; Sustaining, 178—Total 583.

We also have a ladies membership of close on to 150.

Staff

No change has taken place in our staff this year. A stenographer, Miss Thelma Teed was added to the staff from January to June 1st, in order to help the General Secretary with the increasing office duties.

Finance

I wish to mention the very excellent work of our Finance committee under the able leadership of Mr. W. A. Stewart. They have given this important part of our work a great deal of time and thought. Certain capital expenditures on our building totalling nearly \$1,800 has greatly increased our overdraft. Aside from our capital expenditure and overdraft from the previous year no additional liabilities have been incurred. It is necessary that every director and member give the current financial campaign every assistance possible. At least \$1,000 additional must be secured this month if we are to end our 75th year out of debt.

The Ladies' Auxiliary

No words of praise which we might utter could adequately show our appreciation of this loyal group of workers who have provided this banquet for us tonight, and one every week in the year (excepting the months of July and August) for our Y's Men's Club. Under the leadership of Mrs. Samuel Campbell the ladies have responded to the call until it has meant real sacrifice. No calls were too great or too small—all were willingly accepted.

The annual report of the Auxiliary will be read at this meeting and from it you will learn of the vast amount of work which they have carried out this year.

Y's Men's Club

This service club, formed some six years ago for the promotion of ser-

vice ideals in the Y. M. C. A. and Community, has a most successful year. They met each Thursday night (excepting July and August) for supper and lecture, talk or debate. The club is composed of young men from 21 years of age upward.

During the past year the Y's Men put on a play and raised nearly \$400 for our new building fund; they also staged many other social and educational events to keep alive an unflagging interest in club and Y. M. C. A. affairs.

There are now about 45 members in the club and they have an average attendance of around 33 or 35 members.

Our Annual Ladies Night was a great success, and gave members and their wives and friends a chance for real fellowship in enjoying together the activities of the Y. M. C. A.

The mixed bowling league has done much to interest the wives and friends of the club, and to secure the backing which is always necessary when club projects are under way.

Meetings

The usual large number of meetings were held in our building during the past year. More and more our building is being used as a community centre and is filling a real need in our city.

Your directors welcome these meetings of various organizations and trust that in the years to come that we may be able to serve you better than in the past.

In General

Many important activities of this Association have had to be passed over or merely mentioned in this report. We believe that our staff have been keenly alive to their opportunities for service, and that they have endeavored to live up to the ideals of the Young Men's Christian Association.

In Closing

Your Directors and Staff thank those who have so generously given to our Association of their time and money to increase the usefulness of the Y. M. C. A. to Young Men and Boys and to the Young Ladies as well.

We gratefully acknowledge the whole hearted support and courteous

treatment received from the press of our city. To the ministers and other Christian workers of Charlottetown who have loyally supported our work during the past year. We extend our thanks and offer our co-operation for further Christian work in our city. We hope that our Association, during the coming years, may do more and better service in Christian work for our Lord and Master. It is the desire and purpose of this association to work with and for the Churches of Charlottetown.

We ask for God's divine leadership and blessing for without Him we can do nothing. We pray that the influence of the Charlottetown Young Men's Christian Association may be far-reaching, and that it may lead many young men and boys to know and to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. May our motto for the coming year be, "We would lead others to Jesus."

BACCALAUREATE PREACHER CHOSEN

Rev. Norman Guy, B. A., M.A., will preach the Baccalaureate sermon of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., on Sunday evening, May 17. Last year Mr. Guy, who for four years was the Joseph Black professor of Economics and Sociology at Mount Allison, obtained a year's leave of absence in order to accept a position at head of the Department of Economics and Brothers College, Madison, N. J.

Mr. Guy is without doubt one of Mount Allison's most brilliant graduates. During his college days he was an outstanding debater and now is recognized as one of the strongest preachers in the Maritime Provinces. The choice of Mr. Guy is most popular on the campus where he is held in great esteem both as a teacher and preacher.

IMPULSE TO MURDER WEAK AMONG MARRIED

PARIS, May 13. (U.P.)—According to French official figures, married couples are much less apt to kill each other than unmarried ones. The figures reveal that more men than women commit suicide after killing the objects of their love.

In 1929 only two women committed suicide after murdering the objects of their passion, while eighteen men took their own lives after killing the women they had loved.

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