



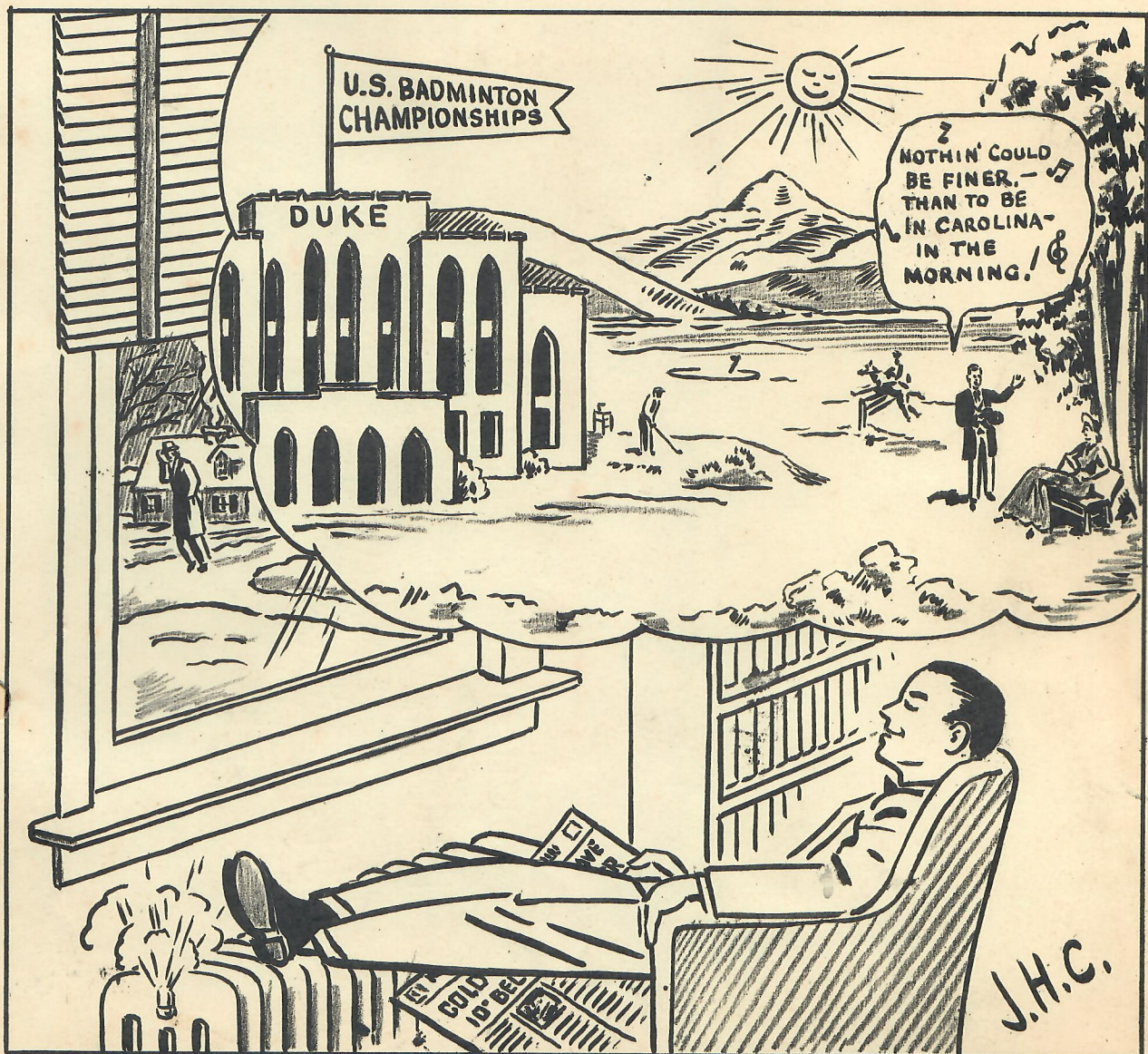
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# "BIRD CHATTER"

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## "WHEN WINTER COMES, CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?"



THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Y-Y-YIPP-E E!!!!  
Only four more weeks!!!!

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Gosh, we feel just like a kid again,- counting the days until Xmas.

Santa Claus (Adon Smith) is planning a lot of fun for you and me- Here's just a sample:

Golf, Tennis, Swimming at Duke--  
Sightseeing tours through Duke's famous gardens, the chapel, etc.-  
formal dance Friday night- informal party at hotel ballroom Saturday night-- trips through Chesterfield plant--horseback riding etc. etc.-  
and, of course, the Nation's Best Badminton.

There will be plenty of available space and open time for "us dubs" to get in a few games in that swell gym.

There will be visiting celebrities and leading professionals for exhibitions (Davidson, Forgie, etc.)

The entire athletic department of Duke University is co-operating in the arrangements for tickets, seats, courts, nets, lines and all of the mechanics of the tournament.

Mr. Henry R. Dwire and Mr. Albert A. Wilkinson, heads of the Public Relations Department and Publicity Bureaus, are handling the publicity with the news services. They are being supplied with the necessary nation-wide ammunition that our publicity committee, headed by Millard Dorntge, has been gathering. They can use plenty of it, so keep shooting it in, boys.

This publicity will really break in a big way in March. The stories will come out of Durham over the syndicated wires of A.P., U.P. etc. If they don't appear in your local papers, get after the sport editors and ask them "How come?"

They will print anything they get for which there is a reader demand.

A few phone calls will do it.

THAT'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!!!

Arrangements have been made to have the Washington-Duke Hotel as headquarters for Wednesday's registrations up to midnight. If enough people indicate that they will be on hand Wednesday afternoon, a buffet supper, for a reasonable charge, will be arranged at the hotel, Wednesday evening.

At the time of registration, everyone will be given a map, showing all points of interest in town, including directions to Duke, and a diagram of the Duke grounds. At the University, there will be student guides (famous southern beauties, we are told) to show you around the campus and direct you to the gym, restaurants, etc.

It is planned to have an hour and a half period for lunch and supper to give players and officials a short rest. There are several fine restaurants on the campus, all reasonably priced.

Arrangements are being made to have direct bus service between the hotel and the gym (about 3 miles)

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THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cont.)

Pinehurst, N. C. is about a two hour drive from Durham. This is one of the show spots of the south, and has some of the world's finest golf courses. At this time of the year, they are at their best. Those of you who drive could go there Saturday morning, play eighteen, enjoy a fine lunch, and be back in plenty of time for the finals.

The scenery in that part of the state is well worth the trip. Everything is in bloom-- nature is being born anew- the birds are singing- life is young and gay again.

Come on- forget all your troubles and cares- let's go and have fun, forgetting for at least one short week the trials and tribulations of this old world of ours.

Sure- it's going to be a long war and an expensive war, so let's have one more real vacation and enjoy ourselves.

No one knows what tomorrow will bring- but sitting home worrying about it isn't going to make it any easier to bear.

There is only one good thing in Naziism,- their one slogan, "Strength through Joy."- Think it over.-

Every Class "A" Association President should appoint someone, immediately, to investigate rail and bus rates to Durham.

You will, without doubt, find some one person, among your members, who is a traffic man, or is familiar with traffic problems. He will be glad to help you.

Start at once- don't delay-- be able to advise your members. Arrange several alternative plans. Many folks from the east, with whom we have talked, are planning to go coach, part way, and Pullman, the balance. This has been found to be very reasonable.

Canvass your members- if enough are going, you can probably arrange for a private car to leave from some central point in your area.

We have heard of many parties who are going by auto, doubling up and sharing expenses. They say the tires will wear out just as fast by standing in the garage, so why not get some fun out of them while they last.

Very reasonable hotel rates are being arranged- these will be announced from Durham shortly.

Get busy- it's up to you now- the show has been arranged--you must provide the spectators.

See You in Durham!!!

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## BADMINTON BY TELEVISION

The Television Badminton Tournament, announced in our last number, has continued each Friday night during January and February.

Carl Loveday, Tournament Manager of C.B.S. Television, reports an enthusiastic public response. After each night's presentation, many phone calls were received at the studio commending the fine play. Many people who had never seen badminton before expressed keen interest and made inquiries about the game.

On Friday, January 16, Miss Betty Morse of New Haven, Connecticut, the number two ranking woman player in the East, defeated Miss Mary Hagan of Montclair, New Jersey, the number one player, 11-7; 9-11; 11-8, in the first real upset of the 1942 season. The winner was presented with the beautiful C.B.S. Silver Bowl.

Ken Davidson and Hugh Forgie, the International Exhibitionists, appeared on January 23rd. To open the program, they played Carl Loveday and Dr. William Giblin, the Atlantic Coast doubles champions. The "trick shot artists" were too much for the amateurs-- score 15-9; 17-16. The outstanding features of the match were the offensive shots of Ken Davidson, plus the retrieving ability of Loveday and Giblin.

In a mixed doubles game, Mr. Davidson teamed up with Mrs. Wanda Bergman to defeat Hugh Forgie and Miss Helen Gibson, 15-12.

To top off an evening of brilliant badminton, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Forgie put on the act for which they are famous throughout the world. As usual, this brought a tremendous ovation, in the form of hundreds of phone calls to the studio.

Joe Zaharko, former Canadian Champion, played Carl Loveday on Friday, January 30. This match was arranged to determine how a top-ranking American player compared with a Canadian Champion. The match was forced to a conclusion by the end of the allotted time on the air, after each player had won one game, so nothing was actually decided. They will try again at an early date.

The badminton players of the U.S. are indebted to C.B.S. and Carl Loveday for one of the finest publicity jobs ever attempted.

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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 \* U. S. Championships- April 2, 3 and 4 \*  
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 \* Duke University, Durham, North Carolina \*  
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Region #1- New England

March 2 to 7  
 Mass. State Championships  
 University Club- Boston  
March 16 to 21  
 Mass. "D" Championships  
 Dedham, Mass.  
March 27,28 and 29  
 New England Open  
 University Club-Boston

Region #2- Middle Atlantic

Feb. 21-23  
 Eastern Championships  
Feb. 27,28 and March 1  
 Penn A. C. Invitational  
 Philadelphia  
March 2-8  
 Metropolitan Champi-  
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March 20,21 and 22  
 New Jersey Championships  
 Montclair, N. J.

Region #3- Southern

March 6 and 7  
 Southern Championships  
 (Closed)  
 Birmingham A. C.  
 Atlanta City Championships  
 (No date)

Region #4- Midwest

Feb. 21 and 22  
 Ohio State Open  
 Cleveland  
Feb. 27,28 and March 1  
 Cincinnati Championships  
 (Closed)  
March 7 and 8  
 Indiana Championships  
 (Closed)  
 Indianapolis A. C.  
March 13,14 and 15  
 Midwest Championships  
 (Closed)  
 Evanston Township High School  
March 21 and 22  
 Indiana State Open  
 South Bend Y.M.C.A.

Region #5- Southwest and West

Nothing reported

Region #6- Pacific

Feb. 27,28 and March 1  
 Santa Barbara Open  
March 13,14 and 15  
 California State  
 Beverly Hills

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## FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

If we had a correspondent like Doc Mervy, in every section, our job would be easier and our disposition much sweeter.

Doc writes:

"As anticipated, we had a very fine entry in our Northern California Tournament with players of note from Seattle and Los Angeles areas, besides all our local players. We had hoped to have had all national champions present for this tournament, but unfortunately Chet Goss had motor trouble in driving up from Los Angeles and had to withdraw from competition. All the other champions were present: Thelma Kingsbury, Janet Wright, Sally Williams, Dave Freeman."

"The tournament committee had a few minutes of uneasiness on Saturday evening as an alert signal was given but fortunately, no blackout was ordered. You can imagine what this would have done to the tournament as there was no way to blackout the playing hall."

"From the Seattle area, the outstanding team entered was Ham Law and Virginia Heaton, who won their way to the finals and took top honor in mixed doubles."

"Results of the matches were:"

Veterans- Don Smith, Pasadena and John Fleming of Hollywood Athletic Club defeated H. Brauner and G. Clay of Hillsborough Racket Club. 15-11; 18-14.

Ladies' Singles- Janet Wright, Athens Club defeated Helen Broderick of Pasadena 11-5; 10-11; 11-8.

Men's Singles- Dave Freeman of Pasadena defeated Ham Law, Washington Athletic Club 15-9; 15-3.

Ladies' Doubles- Janet Wright and Thelma Kingsbury, Athens Club, defeated S. Landers and H. Zabrieski, Calif. Club, 15-9; 15-6.

Men's Doubles- Ham Law, Washington Athletic Club and Thomas Ough, Calif. Club, defeated William Larrabee and John Fleming, Hollywood Athletic Club 15-9; 15-13.

Mixed Doubles- Virginia Heaton, Seattle and Ham Law, Washington Athletic Club defeated E. Anselm, California Club and J. Holman, Athens Club 15-4; 15-8.

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Looks as though John Fleming, the new A.B.A. director, was right in there "pitching." Must have been celebrating his appointment.

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## FROM NEW JERSEY

On March 20, 21 and 22, the Montclair Athletic Club of Montclair, New Jersey, will present the New Jersey State Badminton Championships. This tournament will be open to all members in good standing with the A.B.A.

A large entry is anticipated as entry blanks are being sent throughout the country.

One outstanding feature of the tournament is the fact that all players living outside of the Metropolitan area will be provided with accommodations at no charge.

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## FROM NEW ENGLAND

Conn. vs. Mass.

The second annual interstate match between Conn. & Mass. was held in the Town Hall, Danielson, Connecticut, on Saturday, Jan. 10.

After struggling all afternoon and evening, the matches ended 8 all. The "Hot Stove League" will take charge from now until next year, in an effort to settle the dispute.

Three events were contested: women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Each state team consisted of eight of the top-ranking "gals" and eight men.

One question was settled at this meet-- believe it or not, the Connecticut girls made a clean sweep of the women's doubles matches, whereas the Massachusetts men rode "rough shod" over the boys from Connecticut, winning all the men's doubles matches. This is probably an "all time, all something or other", and proves the "gals" from Connecticut are better players than the men and vice-versa. (or does it?)

The mixed doubles matches ended at 4 all, so they divided the trophies equally among the girls and called it a day.

The field was "star studded", so to speak, with Helen Gibson and Wanda Bergman, former national women's doubles champions; the famous Richardson twins, whose titles reach from Massachusetts to Connecticut, including several national championships; Leland Gustafson, present national veterans' champion; Fred Fullin, Conn. singles champion and Robert Wright, Mass. singles champion.

Leland Gustafson captained the Connecticut team and Johnnie Garrod led the Bay Staters. The Mass.

captain bested his rival, winning his men's doubles match and losing the mixed, whereas Leland drew a blank in both events, although he forced his opponents to three games in each one.

Between the afternoon and evening matches, a supper was served at the Congregational Church. The proceeds were turned over to the Red Cross War Relief Fund.

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Tedesco

The Eighth Annual Tedesco Invitational Men's Doubles Tournament was played January 24th and 25th.

There were 24 top flight teams entered. With the field crowded with "champs" and former "champs", it was nip and tuck all the way. There wasn't a soft spot in either bracket.

Johnnie Garrod and Cris Dole defeated the Richardson Bros. to win the event 15-9; 15-7. This team has been coming fast since they made their first major win at Westport last November. How about the Nationals, Johnnie? After beating the twins, that ought to be a cinch!

Carl Loveday and Doc Giblin of Montclair, N. J. were "knocked off" in the quarter finals by the Richardsons 15-12; 10-15; 15-6, who then proceeded to eliminate Wayne Schell and Bill Faversham in the semi's.

The winners beat Gustafson and Fullin in the quarter-finals.

That's what makes it a grand game, folks! You never know-- anything can happen-- and does!

FROM NEW ENGLAND (Continued)Badminton & Tennis Club

For the second successive year, the team of Frederick Bogardus, Jr. and Mrs. Leonard Schlemm, the former Mary Whittemore, and ex-national title holder, won the annual B & T Club Invitational Mixed Doubles Championship. They upset the predictions of the ranking committee by defeating the No. 1 seeded team of Robert Wright and Mrs. C. Porter Atherton of Tedesco, 15-12; 15-6.

The consolation final provided a nerve-racking match, when Ernest Woelfel and Mrs. Tracey B. Malloy defeated Dr. and Mrs. H. Bristol Nelson 15-4; 11-15; 15-10.

The entry list was filled with A.B.A. directors, committee members, association officers, etc. but they were conspicuous by their absence by the time the semi-finals were reached. Guess the boys in the east are no different than those in the middle west---badminton politics and badminton playing don't mix.

The host club entertained all contestants at a dinner and dance after the matches on Saturday night.

Mass. "C" Championships

The annual Mass. "C" Championships were held at the Belmont Badminton Club, Belmont, Mass. on January 19, 24, 26, 29 and 31. This event is becoming more popular each year. It serves as a stepping stone for beginners and encourages them right from the start. We need more of that sort of thing in every section for the good of the game. There can only be a few champions!!!

There were 212 entries and the brand of play was above the average. Many of the contestants are expected to do well in the "B" tournament on February 9-14 at the University Club.

Results were as follows:

Men's Singles

Lincoln B. Holmes, Fall River Badminton Club 9-15; 15-11; 17-16, from Paul Hoake, United Shoe Mach. Athletic Club.

Ladies' Singles

Miss Ruth Kohler, Belmont Badminton Club 11-5; 11-4 from Miss Marion Brown, Reading Badminton Club.

Men's Doubles

Walter Hannigan & Warren Knapp, Watertown Badminton Club, 9-15; 15-9; 15-6, from H. Ferguson and Robert Peel, Shady Hill Badminton Club.

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Donald Davis & Miss Marion Brown, Reading, Badminton Club 15-13; 15-3, from E. Kimball and H. Archibald, Dedham Badminton Club.

Mixed Doubles

Dr. and Mrs. H. Bristol Nelson, Badminton & Tennis Club 15-3; 15-8, from Miss C. Francke, Shady Hill B. C. and Warren Knapp, Watertown, B. C.

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Mass. "B"

Was played at the University Club on February 9 to 14, but we couldn't get the scores in time for this issue. Will include it in our next.

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FROM NEW ENGLAND (Cont'd)New England Championships

Entry blanks are in the mail for the Ninth Annual Invitational New England Badminton Championship.

They will be played at the University Club in Boston on March 27, 28 and 29. Inasmuch as this is just one week before the Nationals, many of the players from the west and middle west are planning to go to Durham by way of Boston. Advance indications are that this will be a "full dress" preview of the Nationals, so don't miss it!!!!

1941 winners were:

Ladies' Singles:

Mary Whittemore, Boston, Mass.

Men's Singles:

Carl Loveday, Montclair, N.J.

Ladies' Doubles:

Wanda Bergman and Helen Gibson  
Westport, Conn.

Men's Doubles:

Richard Birch and Leonard  
Schlemn, Montreal, Que.

Mixed Doubles:

Wanda Bergman, Westport, Conn.  
Kenneth Quigley, Cleveland, O.

Entries close on March 23 with John E. Garrod, 47 Colburn Rd., Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Accommodations at special rates are available at the University Club for all contestants.

ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is becoming one of the most popular events in the east. The Fifth Annual Meet was held Feb. 6, 7 and 8 at the Kensington Armory, Kensington, Md. It was the most successful yet held, and attracted a large and enthusiastic gallery from the Nation's Capital.

Entries were received from all up and down the Atlantic Seaboard and from as far west as Chicago. Ohio sent a large contingent and won the ladies' singles event when Shirley Fry defeated Patsy Donovan 1-11; 11-3; 12-11.

Other final scores were as follows:

Men's Singles:

Carl Loveday defeated Stig Larsen 15-10; 15-9.

Ladies' Doubles:

Helen Gibson- Mary Hagan defeated Patsy Donovan- Shirley Fry 18-17; 11-15; 17-15.

Men's Doubles:

Endsley Fairman- Harry Conlan defeated Harry Hackett- Bill Warner 11-15; 18-14; 18-16.

Mixed Doubles:

Carl Loveday- Mary Hagan defeated Stig Larsen- Helen Gibson, 15-11; 7-15; 15-11.

It will be a long time before a series of final matches provide that much excitement. Wow!!! 4 out of 5 matches going to 3 games, and 5 of those 12 games were deuce games. There were very few fingernails left in the audience, and several were seen leaving the Armory talking to themselves in hoarse, strained tones.

## FROM THE MIDWEST

Chicago District Championships

The Ninth Annual Chicago District Championships were held at Concordia College, River Forest, Ill. On February 12, 13 and 14. As in the past, they were under the auspices of the Chicago Badminton Club; and as usual, the event was smoothly handled and well attended.

There were 224 entries in five events. The early rounds were hard fought and produced many close games. As the field narrowed down, however, last year's champions were breezing right along.

The finals were practically a duplicate of last year; although with the exception of the two women's events, were more evenly matched and provided more thrills. Wilma Shortz is still tops in the women's division and shows no sign of relinquishing her crown.

The men's singles was a dog fight between John Prest and Bill Gibbs, teammates from C.B.C. Although only a two game match, it was a thriller. The boys brought the crowd to its feet with a roar several times, with volleys of 20 to 25 shots each. They were both in top form, with all their trick shots working. It was just a toss-up, Gibbs winning 15-12; 17-14.

Prest came back strong in the men's doubles with his new tournament partner, Bill Tewksbury. They extended Shortz and Conlan, seeded No. 1, to 3 games; but finally succumbed to the more experienced team.

The real thriller of the evening was the mixed doubles. For the first time in several years, the No. 1 seeded team of Shortz and Shortz were on the losing end of the score. Betty Agnew and John Prest played faultlessly and with supreme confidence. They made every shot count.

From the middle of the first game, there was no doubt as to the outcome. It was written in a happy grin on their faces.

If there had been goal posts, they would surely have been torn down. As it was, the ushers were hard pressed to keep the rabid fans from working on the nets and supports.

Final results in all events were:

Women's Singles:

Wilma Shortz defeated Eleanor Coombs 11-2;11-3.

Men's Singles:

Bill Gibbs defeated John Prest 15-12;17-14.

Women's Doubles:

Shortz and Coombs defeated Burdick and Grant 15-4;15-6.

Men's Doubles:

Shortz and Conlan defeated Prest and Tewksbury 14-17;15-7;15-10.

Mixed Doubles:

Agnew & Prest defeated Shortz and Shortz 15-8;15-5.

Chicago Park District

The annual Chicago Park District Championships will be held at Hamilton Park Field House, 72nd Street and Normal Blvd. on Feb. 22 and March 1.

Last year's winners were:

Men's Singles-Bill Gibbs

Women's Singles-Wilma Shortz

Men's Doubles-H. Conlan-L. Shortz

Women's Doubles-W.Shortz-I. Pollock

Mixed Doubles-Shortz-Shortz

All will defend their titles except Harry Conlan. He will be in Cleveland, shooting for the Ohio Open Doubles with Jerry Burns of Detroit.

## FROM THE MIDWEST - (Continued)

Missouri A.C. Invitational

We are indebted to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of Sunday, February 1, 1942, for as vivid a description of a badminton tournament as we have ever read. No feeble words of ours could improve upon it. We quote:

"A little game that had its origin (so we are told) when two boys met in an alley some hundred years ago and started batting a couple of bottle corks around, grew into man-sized proportions last night as the third annual Missouri Athletic Club Badminton Invitational came to a close."

"The tournament drew more of the ranking badminton players of the nation than the two previous ones, and the increased interest of these players and of a crowded gymnasium floor and gallery was substantial testimony to the sport."

"The crowd on hand for the finals last night were treated to quite a show, plus at least one major upset. In the men's singles, 31-year-old Dr. William J. Gibbs, lanky, sandy-haired Chicago representative and third ranking Midwest player, tripped up spectacled Jerry Burns, top-ranking Midwest and tenth ranking National singles star. The score was 9-15; 18-14; 15-9."

"Probably the match most appreciated was the men's doubles, in which Burns came back, paired with the veteran doubles player, Harry W. Conlan, Chicago, to upset Dr. Gibbs and John Prest, Chicago, the defending champions in straight sets, 15-4 and 18-15. This was the first time that Burns and Conlan had teamed together, Burns' former partner now being in the military service."

"A banquet was held last night for all the players and officials of the tournament, with Athletic Director Carl O. Bauer of the M.A.C. as toastmaster."

The results: Finals

Championship Singles- Dr. William J. Gibbs, Chicago, defeated Jerry Burns, Detroit, 9-15; 18-14; 15-9.

Missouri Athletic Club Closed Singles- Robert Warner defeated Henry Ganss, 15-6; 15-2.

Boys Singles- Joseph Helfrich, C.B.C. defeated Donald Rowland, Downtown Y.M.C.A. 11-0; 11-1.

Men's Doubles- Burns and Harry Conlan, Chicago, defeated Dr. Gibbs and John Prest, Chicago, 15-4; 18-15.

Father and Sons- M. Heinzelman and Stepson Herb Koberman, M.A.C. defeated W. H. Cowdery and Stepson M. Schoenfeld, Navy, 15-5; 11-15; 15-2.

Esquire Doubles- Dr. C. E. Eimer and G. H. Ruenzi, M.A.C. defeated Dr. M. G. Eggman and W. H. Cowdery, Navy, 15-7; 18-15.

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Basil Jones has just completed a very successful tour of the clubs in the Midwest area. He was very enthusiastically received in every locale and was quite pleasantly surprised at the sizable and eager crowds which greeted him. To quote him, in his own words, "I hav niver seen such inthusyasm." We hope he will return next year and stay longer.

## FROM THE MIDWEST

"Physical Fitness"

Harry Conlan, the popular and adept "shuttle shooter," has been appointed regional director of the "Hale America Physical Fitness Program" by President Ward Starrett.

As a curtain raiser for the badminton program, Harry has announced a Novice Tournament that will be city-wide in scope. Requirements for entry -- to have never progressed beyond the first round in a major tournament. The early rounds will be played in various locations throughout the city, with the quarters, semi's and finals at some central point.

The Chicago newspapers are co-operating 100%.

No definite date has been set-- will probably be about the middle of April.

Sounds like a splendid idea that will, without doubt, create many more badminton enthusiasts.

Other Metropolitan centers-- please copy!!!

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Indiana

Two tournaments have been announced by the Hoosiers, the Indiana Closed Championships on March 7 and 8 at the Indianapolis A. C. and the Indiana Open at the South Bend Y.M.C.A. on March 21 and 22.

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The new Indianapolis organization is functioning well, and it is hoped that with this as a nucleus, a strong state-wide organization will be developed.

The game is more interesting when and if intercity and interstate competition is fostered and developed. This can only be done, however, by co-operative effort on the part of all players and clubs through an association. Individuality only benefits one person. Teamwork never fails to benefit all.

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Basil Jones visited Elkhart on his western tour. He played before a large audience, teaming up with several local players. Catherine Wolf, of tennis fame, was his partner against Morey Lewis and Mrs. Barbara Duffy.

## FROM TEXAS

The Baylor University Open, held on January 15, 16 and 17 was a tremendous success. There were 331 entries - the largest turnout we have ever seen in the southwest. Entries were received from as far north as St. Louis and from Oklahoma, Louisiana and all parts of Texas.

With that much enthusiasm in this section, we predict that an Oklahoma Association will be formed before long.

If they can attract 331 entries, Texas would be a fine place for the National tournament next year. (Page Amon Carter, boy!!) How about it, folks? Do I hear a bid?

Winners were:

Women's Singles:

Mary Honaker, Baylor U. Club

Men's Singles:

George Harmon, University Club  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Women's Doubles:

Mary Honaker-Mary McCormick  
Baylor U. Club

Men's Doubles:

Eugene Tenney-Robert Favor  
Abilene Christian College Club

Mixed Doubles:

Irvin Stewart-Helen Larson  
San Antonio Club

Veteran's Doubles:

Winchester Kelso-Gib Denman  
San Antonio Club

Veteran's Singles:

Guard Marvin - Oklahoma City Y

FROM OHIO

Ohio Open

The Ninth Annual Ohio Open Badminton Championships to be played at Moreland School, Cleveland, Ohio, on February 21st and 22nd will, by all indications, attract several top ranking players both from this country and Canada.

Definite entries have already been received from Carl Loveday of Montclair, N. J. and from Evelyn Effmert and Glen Thompson of Toronto. Joan Warner, Junior Champion from Toronto has also indicated she will be present as have Mary Hagan, Helen Gibson, Doc. Giblin, Harry Hackett, Stig Larson and Bill Warner from the East. From the West will come Harry Conlan and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shortz (Chicago) and Detroit will be represented by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burns, Florence Howard and Pearl Peterson. A strong local entry is also expected.

Shirley Fry, winner of the tournament last year, will defend her singles title, and will also be defending her women's doubles title with Marguerite Wright from Warren, Ohio.

Ken Quigley will not be present to defend his title this year. He is about to enter Officers Training School at Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is now stationed.

Cincinnati

Plans are completed and all is in readiness for the Fifth Annual Greater Cincinnati Closed Championships to be held February 27, 28 and March 1st.

Entries close with Charles Schneider, tournament chairman, 3030 Junietta Avenue, Westwood, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The tournament will feature both Junior and Senior events with both singles and doubles for boys and girls as well as men and women, plus a mixed doubles event.

Defending champions in the senior division are:

Women's Singles

Mary Jane Tabeling

Men's Singles

Robert Stille

Women's Doubles

Mary Jane Tabeling and

Hazel Braun

Men's Doubles

Robert Stille and

Louis Rickert

Mixed Doubles

Robert Stille and

Mrs. William Pease

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Badminton was started in Cincinnati through the efforts of Ralph Goodwin. He was president of the Ohio Association in 1939- 40 and 41.

Ralph is also responsible for the specially constructed badminton building with 2 courts at the Camargo Club.

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## FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Badminton fans stood in the aisles and hung from the rafters to see the National Champions perform in the Southern California Championships February 13, 14 and 15.

There were 202 entries and plenty of "dynamite" in every bracket.

There wasn't much doubt about the singles events--Dave Freeman and Evelyn Boldrick won them handily.

The mixed doubles team of Mrs. Hulet Smith and Skeeter Erikson continue to confound the "dopesters." They repeated their Pasadena performance and topped the field in this event, beating no less than the National Champions, Dave Freeman and Sally Williams in two games, 15-8; 15-10.

We hope they come to Durham for the Nationals,--they must be "plenty hot."

Complete scores were:

Men's Singles- David Freeman, Pasadena, defeated Raeford Haney, Pasadena, 15-1;15-12.

Women's Singles- Evelyn Boldrick San Diego and UCLA, defeated Ruth Jett, San Diego, 11-1;11-10.

Men's Doubles- Dave Freeman-Chester Goss, Pasadena and Los Angeles, defeated L. C. Erikson-Raeford Haney, Pasadena, 6-15; 15-9;15-11.

Women's Doubles- Elizabeth Anselm Merida Cummings, San Francisco defeated Evelyn Boldrick-Sally Williams, San Diego and Pasadena Clubs, 18-13;2-15;18-16.

Mixed Doubles- Mrs. Hulet Smith and L. C. Erikson, Pasadena, defeated Sally Williams and Dave Freeman, Pasadena, 15-8;15-10.

Veterans- Hulet Smith and Everett Oliver, Pasadena, defeated Earl Pound-Howard Taylor, Los Angeles, 15-1;15-8.

The Southern California Association elected new officers at its annual meeting. The following will take office on June 1, 1942:

President: Hulet Smith, Pasadena B.C.  
Vice-Pres: Miss Frances Zweiner-San Diego B.C.

Secretary-)LeRoy C. (Skeeter) Erikson  
Treasurer )35 South Raymond Avenue  
Pasadena, California

(Hope Skeeter's "politikin" won't affect his game!!)

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John Amos Fleming, the new director from Southern California, is really taking hold. Although only in office about 30 days, he has proven very helpful to both the Executive Committee and the National Tournament Committee. Thanks for the co-operation, John!!

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## FROM WESTERN NEW YORK

Niagara Falls Country Club held its annual "Stag" night Friday, February 6. There was an excellent entry of 34 Men's Doubles Teams. The event was finally won by Harry Keating of Niagara Falls C. C. playing with Walter McBirnie of Niagara Falls, (Ont.) Badminton Club. They defeated Bob Williams and Rod Greig, one of the W. N.Y.B.A. directors, in a slashing 3 game match.

All member clubs are now engaged in inter-club B & C League matches. This competition has continued for 4 years without a lapse. This is an excellent way to develop ability, as it affords all who play in these leagues varied competition.

Western New York is extremely proud of its champion, Patsy Donovan who has recently added the Western Ontario and Middle Atlantic Titles to her long list.

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## FROM PHILADELPHIA

The Fourth Annual Penn A. C. Invitational will be held at the Penn A. C. in Philadelphia, Feb. 27, 28 and March 1. This event was formerly one of the first big tournaments in the east, but the club was forced to postpone it until the later date this year.

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The Philadelphia and District Tournament was held January 23, 24 and 25. No results yet- ?? Are the Quakers snubbing us?

Last year, Harry Hackett, ranked U. S. No. 8, won the singles, defeating Endsley P. Fairman, who had been district champion for the past five years.

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We understand the Philadelphia Association is conducting inter-club play through three leagues, one is a Men's Singles and Doubles League, another is the "A" Mixed Doubles League and the third is the "B" Mixed Doubles League.

The first league plays six singles and three doubles to a team match. Schedules are arranged in two halves on a home and away basis. Standings are computed on the basis of individual matches won and lost-- one point for each.

The mixed doubles leagues play four mixed doubles, two women's doubles and two men's doubles per team match. Scoring is the same.

Sounds like a lot of fun, and is an idea for other sections to follow.

Hope someone will loosen up and send us some scores, standings and newsy bits about this plan for the next issue. We know many people in other parts of the country will be interested.

How about it Wes, - or Bill Warner?

## FROM THE SOUTH

The reputation of the south for supreme hospitality is being demonstrated again. It looks as though Birmingham is trying to outdo Durham.

The Southern Championships will be played at the Birmingham A.C. on March 6 and 7. Very elaborate plans for the entertainment of visiting players are being made. Everyone is co-operating--Chamber of Commerce--City Commission of Birmingham, etc. Don't miss the event, as it will really be worth while.

Write C. D. Bruce, Chairman, 1518 North 23rd Street, Birmingham, for further details, entry blanks, etc. Entries are limited to members of the Southern Badminton Association.

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Ken Davidson and Hugh Forgie will be in Birmingham for the Southern Championships. They are on tour through the south, playing at various colleges, especially around Durham. A fine piece of promotional work for the Nationals!!

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Memphis is planning to send quite a group of players to the Southern--Nashville and Knoxville are practicing up-- New Orleans had always been represented-- looks like a "full house."

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Nashville defeated Knoxville in an intercity match on January 24. A return match has been arranged in the near future. Maybe the boys from Knoxville can get revenge in Birmingham.

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Atlanta will hold its annual City Championships soon. No dates announced yet.

## THIS AND THAT - FROM HERE AND THERE

Heard at the Atlantic Coast Championships:

"If you want to return to Washington, don't win the men's singles championship--- four years, four winners, and none have been able to return to defend their title.... Bill Markham of New York, the winner in 1938, turned professional at the end of the season and was thus ineligible... Walter Kramer of Detroit, winner in 1939, has played but little serious badminton since that year, the pressure of business keeping him out of competition... Clint Stephens, who took first honors in 1940, was inducted into the army less than a year later, and Ken Quigley, 1941 champion, is now at an air base in Albuquerque, New Mexico."

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In a recent letter, Jack Campbell warned Prexy Starrett not to let the Fan dancers in the Civilian Defense confuse him. "Stick to Badminton, Ward." says Jack, "You can't hit a bird with those things."

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Following are some more "stars" for our Service Flag:

Ralph Goodwin- Cincinnati-Navy  
Harold Seavey- Boston -Army  
Gene Drullard- Buffalo -Army

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In their latest issue, "Canadian Lawn Tennis and Badminton," have published a very interesting article by Ken Davidson, wherein he forecasts the National Championships.

We believe it is one of the most interesting and informative articles on Badminton that has ever been written.

We are indebted to Bob Rule, Secy. of Southern B.A. for the following:--

"Mixed" Doubles  
(Especially Married Couples)

Mixed doubles, in the opinion of experts, exploits all the talents of both sexes (badminton and language.) To those who have enjoyed the game a long time, the mixed doubles represents badminton in its finest form, competitively and socially. It is the backbone and "jaw-bone" of the sport.

The lady must "hawk the bird," exercise her quickness and deft touch, must analyze most quickly the strategy of every shot, and in fine play she scores most of the points (Ripley?)

The man races around, snorts, blows, puffs and smashes, playing through the opponent's weak spots. If he has any breath left, he shouts loud invectives at his partneress.

The culture of a badminton community may be measured by the number of couples who play as partners (while married.)

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We nominate Harry Conlan to the office of "Grand Imperial Visiting Doubles Partner." - In the east, he teams with Endsley Fairman and wins-- In St. Louis, he wins with Jerry Burns, - (maybe in Ohio, too)-- In Chicago, Lyle Shortz and Harry made a clean sweep of the Chicago District-- What a man!-- Who is it going to be in Durham, Harry?

J.H.C.

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