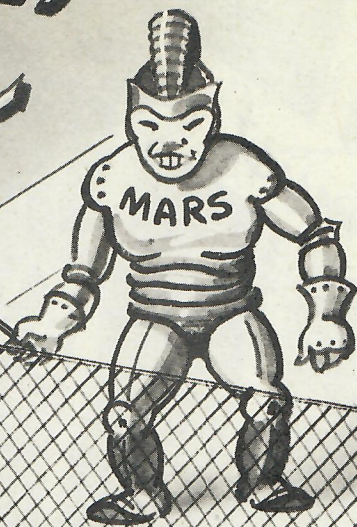


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"A CHALLENGE TO A. B. A. WAR-TIME SERVICEABILITY"

By W. Harry Vaughan

There are many ways in which the American Badminton Association has and can serve the player. During the short history of the association, this service has been projected principally through the holding of the Nationals. This emergency should make us examine the service channels of the association to the player and vice-versa.

And this examination must take into consideration priorities on equipment and time; restrictions on travel; the shift of players from peace-to-war-activities, and the economic stress of war. A National Association exists to serve your interests. It is responsive to powers delegated to IT by YOU. Hence, effectiveness must ultimately be expressed through YOU and YOUR CLUB.

Are YOU convinced that badminton

1. Is of significant value to YOU in war and peace?
2. Is of significant value to your family and friends?
3. Is of significant value to your club members?
4. Is of significant value to young and old unacquainted with play?
5. Organization has and can be of service to those who do play, ought, or want to play?
6. Is of competitive and recreational significance, mentally and physically, to members of the armed services and civilian producers, NOW?

(We think so, too!) Then--IT IS UP TO EVERY MOTHER'S SON AND DAUGHTER TO PREVENT A BLACKOUT!

The Membership Committee is formulating suggested plans to aid you, but these can be nothing more than helpful guides. YOU are on the SPOT; not Badminton! And the SPOT is this -- YOU must prove to others that the game means more to YOU than the GRATIFICATION OF YOUR OWN DESIRE TO PLAY IT!

YOU CAN:

- a. Extend play to others nearby
- b. Form new clubs among your neighbors and associates
- c. Help the Membership Committee with suggestions
- d. Buy "Bird-Chatter" and associate with other players and their doings
- e. In short, make a LIGHT-UP of an impending BLACK-OUT!

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Write to the one nearest you and give him your suggestions, or tell him of your problems. He will appreciate your help and will be glad to reciprocate.

Our purpose is to keep our favorite sport alive and growing in spite of the adverse conditions.

You'll help, won't you?

BADMINTON IN NEW CALEDONIA

We have started a new hobby--collecting stories of badminton in far-off corners of the world. The game, which history tells us, was started by soldiers in India, is now being played by soldiers in every land.

Marjorie MacDonald of Cambridge, Mass. received the following letter from Staff Sgt. Dave Donnelly, stationed at New Caledonia with the Field Artillery, which she has graciously contributed to our readers:

"The game of badminton has travelled some 12,000 miles with me, and between hops, skips, and jumps, you can witness me keeping an edge on my game by endeavoring to convey my slight knowledge of the game to fellows in my outfit. If you can imagine a tropical clearing, heat so intense that after half a game, the bird is roasted like a good old Yankee turkey, swatting mosquitos with one hand, and trying to serve and volley with the other, there you have the game as it is played in these parts. By a strange quirk of fate, birds and racquets were included in the athletic equipment sent to our outfit--and I must confess that there were many who wondered what the hell they had sent those children's tennis racquets over here for, and not even a single ball to go with them.

"However, it was not long before I had enlightened the boys somewhat, and from then on, the game really progressed. I get quite a kick out of thinking back to the times when I didn't want to play with a bird if one feather had been broken--the few birds we have look like a mallard duck after running through a gauntlet of anti-air fire, and we still bat them around. Of course, we are very lenient as far as rule enforcements are concerned; but at the same time, we try to make it as near being "cricket" as possible. I wish I could take some pictures of our playing, but unfortunately, it is practically impossible to have films developed here, and it is impossible to have them printed. You might tell the gang that I am actually bathing in the glory of being unbeaten on the court this year.

"Thanks a million for your offer to send over a racquet, but I think the "net" that I am using now is only too good for this part of civilization. The sum and substance of the above is merely proof that such mere difficulties as war, jungle country and thousands of other hindrances can never stop the forward progress of "our pet"--Badminton."

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BIRDS

In these days, we should do everything possible to conserve. We should strive to get the maximum service out of everything we possess. This is especially true in the case of BADMINTON SHUTTLECOCKS since the supply of raw materials entering into their construction is not unlimited.

As most of us know, the better grades of cork and goose feathers are becoming more scarce each day. Little or no cork has come into this country from Spain for several years. Supplies on hand are apt to be dried out. This means the cork is not as pliant and resilient as fresher stock would be.

Because of methods used on the Central European Continent in the raising of geese, most of the top-grade shuttlecocks have been constructed from these imported goose feathers. They are oilier and more desirable from a size and serviceability standpoint. The war has practically stopped the exporting of these feathers to America, and shuttlecock manufacturers are being forced to use the domestic type of feather. Lead shot used for weighting the birds correctly is getting harder and harder to secure, and the Scotch tape used for trim around the top of the cork base is now being denied shuttlecock manufacturers. Finally, the supply of top-grade kid leather used to cover the base of the birds is also on the priority list.

MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT YOU NOW HAVE. TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR SHUTTLECOCKS.

The greatest enemy of a well conditioned shuttlecock is a steam-heated building. Artificially heated atmosphere usually takes the temperature to well over 70 degrees, with the humidity as low as 15% to 25%.

Your club supply should be stored carefully, away from excessive heat. They should be humidified adequately before play. The average temperature of your storeroom should not be more than 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit, with the humidity of the atmosphere from 70% to 80%. Individual players who purchase in small quantities and keep them at home should store them in their refrigerator. Be sure, however, that they are kept in a container that is fitted with a moistener and keep it moist.

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FROM NEW ENGLAND

CONNECTICUT

Thirty of the top-flight stars of the east coast participated in the 6th Annual Westport Men's Invitational Doubles on Nov. 28. They came from five states to battle each other for top honors, and there wasn't a soft spot on the draw sheet. We have never seen as many close three game matches in any one event. It was an exciting day for both players and spectators. The field included: Carl Loveday, Doc Giblin, Sonny Oppenheim, the Massey Bros., Lea Gustavson, Fred Fullin, Harry Hackett, Frank (Pop) Hinds, Johnnie Garrod and others. Play started at 2:30 with a two hour recess for supper and continued until 10:30. Suitable prizes were awarded, after which the "Hot Stove League" held a meeting in one of Westport's famous old inns.

Carl Loveday and Doc Giblin were at the peak of their game and bested Johnnie Garrod and Bob Wright in a three-game thriller that will be talked about for many days to come. In the third game, with the score, 13 all, one down and Doc serving, Johnnie and Bob elected to play 2 points. You could hear a pin drop and two spectators fainted holding their breath. With a mighty rally, featured by several impossible "gets" by Carl, he and Doc ran off two points for game, match and title. Pass the adrenalin!

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Satisfactory progress is reported on the organization of the junior groups. A junior match between Stamford and Westport is planned for the latter part of January. We will report results in our next issue. Stamford reports over 50 children playing in club.

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A friendly mixed doubles challenge match between Westport, Conn. and New Rochelle, N.Y. was held at Westport on Dec. 19, 1942.

In spite of the fact that Ken Davidson and Hugh Forgie played on the New Rochelle team, the final score was 4-4. We think this was a moral victory for Westport. "Curly" Davidson was terrific. No one could serve to him and make it stick. His partner, Rose Herbert, was worked overtime, but she stood up under the pressure and put them away when the opportunity came. A return match will be held in New Rochelle this month.

Shortage of heating oil and gasoline and war work are making inroads on the league schedules. The Men's League is moving along fairly well, but the ladies are having difficulty arranging dates that are mutually agreeable. Most everyone is doing war work and at odd hours.

MASSACHUSETTS

From a very interesting article by Ed. Earle, appearing recently in the Boston Herald, we quote the following:

"The league season in Boston carries on. To cope with the transportation problem all the games are played at the University Club, with teams named after major league baseball teams. The players of the various clubs are evenly distributed among the teams. The lesser lights have a chance for more wins and this is true especially in the singles. Like last winter, it is hoped that some of the stars in the service may have an opportunity to compete in the big tournaments. The women's league will have the deck Friday nights at the University Club.

"The WAVES have taken over the sport as the most popular, and counting in Smith College, 2,000 girls will be in badminton competition at Northampton alone.

"Badminton carries on in a greater degree than ever, helped by the influence of the army and navy. Jack Brewer and his assistant, Cornie Kane, keep on their toes developing the big army of future badminton stars and polishing up the game of future officers and present army and navy strippers."

AN APOLOGY

The A.B.A. regrets that the page advertisement of R. S. L. Shuttlecocks Co., Ltd. was inadvertently omitted from the first issue of "Bird Chatter."

FROM WASHINGTON

Who said you can't hold a successful tournament in wartime?

In Seattle, where "black-outs" are blacker and "dim-outs" are dimmer and where you stumble over an anti-aircraft gun, pointed at a potential Jap Zero on every corner, the annual handicap tournament was successfully concluded, Saturday, December 12. The meet opened on Wednesday, the 9th. In spite of the fact that about 75% of the players from the Seattle area are in the service, there were 149 entrants on hand to contest the six events.

Sgt. Paul Vancso, Jr., former New York champion, ranked #7 nationally in 1940, is stationed in Seattle with the 212th Anti-Aircraft Company. He and his charming wife were both entered in several events. Apparently, a hitch in the army hasn't affected Paul's game, as he breezed through the singles field, all the way in two game matches. It wasn't quite as easy as it looks on paper; there were some tough spots. For instance, in the first two rounds, Vancso had to eliminate Paul Blugard and Dick Hayden, --no small order. Guess the Sarge has developed "eagle eyes" from looking through those AA sights for yellow men with wings.

In the upper bracket, Fred Walck upset Rupe Topp to confound the dopesters. Rupe was ranked #10 in 1940 and everyone expected to see him cross bats with the Sarge in the finals.

The Ladies' Singles provided some fine material for the "Hot Stove League". It was won by Mary Jean Bushell, who really isn't a bushel, only about a half a peck. Tim writes that "she is about twenty years old, and no bigger than a cake of soap after a hard day's wash, but how she can pound that shuttle! She is right on top of it all the time, --none of this late stuff".

The field was small, but she was outstanding and was only extended as far as 9 points once.

Virginia Heaton did not compete. She was in Texas with her new husband, Corporal Suggs of the Air Corps. The reporters say, "Mary Jean would have crowded her--and not a little bit either."

The Ladies' Doubles was won by Gladys Mallory and Marjorie Gieldseth. They defeated Ruth Nelson and Marge Crow, 15-12; 15-14.

Gladys teamed up with Rupe Topp in the Mixed and won that event. They defeated Sarge and Betty Vancso 15-7; 15-11. Gladys and Rupe really deserved to win, as they came up to the top the hard way, being forced to three games in the second round, quarters and semi's.

Vancso teamed up with Henry Schulthers in the Men's Doubles and defeated Horace Hell and Arthur Kirkpatrick, 15-6; 15-13.

We note, with interest, that a Novice Mixed Doubles event was included. This should prove popular in many sections, particularly where the young married set is taking up the game. It was won by Jewell Williams and Dave Thomas over Eleanor McNae and Jack Fuller, 15-6; 8-15; 15-10.

We note, from our score sheet, that our "star-reporter", Tim Royce, succumbed in the first round of singles after a tough three-game match. He bounced right back in the mixed, though, and was in there pitching up to the quarters. That's better than "yed" has ever been able to do, Tim. We've learned a long time ago that you can't 'politik' and play too.

The Seattle papers gave this event plenty of space and some snappy pictures. All in all, it was a huge success and the boys are now thinking of a city tournament.

ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP CANCELLED

Bill Shreve, Badminton's "spark plug" in the nation's capitol, has just announced the cancellation of the Sixth Annual Atlantic Coast Championship.

We shall miss this event. It has been a sort of a "sounding board" for the Nationals. It always attracted a large entry list from the entire eastern section of the country and many players from as far inland as Chicago. It was inaugurated in 1938 and has been a success every year. It has always been held the first week-end in February.

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The Executive Board of "The B.C. of the Dist. of Col." will meet soon to arrange competitive play for the season. The Kensington Club reports an enthusiastic and full membership, but all play up to this date has been of an informal nature.

FROM OREGON

The tournament committee of the Oregon State Badminton Ass'n., headed by Ralph Marlatt, is now busy getting plans under way for the first tournament of the season. The second week in January, they are sponsoring a double feature tournament,—ladies doubles and mixed doubles in both A and B divisions. This combination should bring out every enthusiastic feather artist in the Association. The tournament will be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon.

We hope to see a lot of new faces in this tournament and expect to crown new and heretofore unknown champions. We are going to miss seeing the "Old Gang" who are now in the service. We will miss Sam Lee, holder of the Oregon State titles in all events, (Sam is now in England); Chet Van Houten, another champion in both state and city events; Dick Hoard, the boy who fought every point to the last feather and still didn't give up; Franny Andrews; Lou Glass; Miles Murdock and a host of others. We miss them all and wish them the best of everything.

We still have with us some very outstanding players, such as Stan Cicerich, who, if we may make a prediction, will probably walk off with the major share of the trophies. Stan is already a champion, having won the city singles and doubles last season. There are others who will also give a good account of themselves: Dick Newton, Earl Tarango, Billy Amburn, Gordon Murphy, Chuck Dolph and others.

The Ladies Doubles event will be wide open and terrific. In this event, you can place your bets on any one of six teams and then sit back and see the fun. We have champions to spare in this division: Dolly Hoaglin, winner city singles, doubles and mixed doubles, teamed with her partner, Helen Philips, who helped in winning the city doubles last season; Mabel Brandom, winner Oregon State handicap singles, doubles and mixed doubles. She is teamed with her partner, Ila Marlatt, who ably assisted in helping win the Oregon State Ladies Doubles crown last season; Gladys Lensch, winner of city and state championships; Marianne Hansen, winner of the city B singles championship teamed with Louis Wolfe, another outstanding player from whom we are going to hear more before the season is over; Mana Amburn, many times winner in city and state events.

All of these girls will be on hand to fight it out to the last point, so watch for the next issue of "Bird Chatter" to see "Who does what to Whom."

We send our very best wishes for a Happy New Year to all of the rest of the Badminton players everywhere.

FROM MARYLAND

The Badminton League of Maryland held its annual election of officers at a meeting during the month of December. This meeting was held at the home of Mr. Raymond Scarlett, who called the meeting to order in the absence of Mr. Joe Ogle, the president.

The league is pleased to announce that the following officers have been elected:

President: Mr. Paul MacKie
 Vice-Pres: Mr. William Gildea
 Secretary: Miss Virginia Lee White
 Treasurer: Mr. Howard Herbert

The league feels that it is fortunate in having Mr. MacKie for president, as he has long been one of the leaders in promoting badminton; and is a player of distinction. Badminton is assured of a good season under his able leadership.

Mr. Raymond Scarlett, A.B.A. director, has been elected Permanent Honorary President of the association by unanimous vote. Mr. Scarlett well deserves this honor for he has given his time and energy in developing the standard of play and interest in the game. The success of the Badminton League is due mainly to his efforts.

Great interest is being shown in the Junior department. Many plans are being laid for this division for the coming year. With a great many players away in the armed forces and many activities engaging the efforts of others in the war effort at home, this part of the organization will receive concentrated thought.

The program for 1943 will be under the direction of a committee, appointed for this particular purpose, headed by Miss Virginia Lee White as chairman, with Mrs. William B. Hurst, Jr., Mrs. Charles Cromwell, Mrs. Charles H. Boehm, Mr. J. Frank Devlin and Mr. Frank Roberts as members of her committee. The program calls for the organization of groups by ability rather than by age.

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FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Badminton on the West Coast? Sure, many restrictions but nevertheless, interest is still bright. Our clubs are reduced in numbers and memberships are smaller, but those who can find time still play with the same old pep-

Our problems are that many of the tournament caliber players are in or steadily entering the armed forces. The shipyards and war industries with their odd hours, also prevent play. Civilian defense also takes up a few more of our free hours, not to mention the newly acquired gas rationing, which is just one more hindrance.

In view of this imposing array of obstacles, one would think there would be no play, but regardless of this, our old members keep things going.

Lt. E. LeClereq is president of our Northern California Association, and finds time, besides his many naval duties, to ably run our association, cook up tournaments and generally pep things up.

Frank Bruheim and his Crockett Club are willing to go to any amount of trouble, or rather, effort, even to travelling to play inter-club games--nice spirit, Frank; this is the kind of co-operation that nurtures our sport in these trying times.

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Right here, a cheery "Hello" to all our members in the service and a very Happy New Year to you all--We are anxiously awaiting your return so that we can bat the bird around with you again.

One word of caution, though,--beware of the vets when you return, because they are really working on their game hoping to take you on before you get your eye on the bird again. Our ever youthful Bill Morrison is a flagrant example of this type.

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The California Club ran a very enjoyable Turkey Tournament that was well attended and enjoyed by all, especially by the newly-weds, Norm and Shirley Blanchett (Miss Landers) who won the gobbler.

FROM TEXAS

In order to keep the game of badminton on a competitive basis, the T.B.A. has voted to sponsor some thirty district tournaments. Participation in these tournaments will be limited to clubs within one hundred miles of the city where such tournaments are to be played. The tournaments must be run off in two days. The State Association will furnish the awards for the winners in the six standard events, and all players reaching the semi-finals will be invited to the State Tournament in March. The State Tournament will be played for some service benefit.

Badminton players located in any of the service camps or schools in Texas are invited to participate in these tournaments. San Antonio, Austin, Denton, Dallas, Waco, Houston, Galveston, San Marcos, Bryan and Abilene have already asked for such tournaments and the dates will be set at once.

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The Fourth Annual Baylor Open and Intercollegiate will be run off Feb. 4, 5 and 6. The Intercollegiate Division will start Thursday, the 4th, while the Open will start the following day. These tournaments combined have attracted over four hundred entries in each of the last two years, and it is expected that this year's tournament will be almost as large. Last year, players from eight states participated. There is a special YMCA team cup, won by Okla. City last year, and a Service Cup awarded to the camp making the best showing in the tournament. Those interested in this tournament should contact Dr. Lowell N. Douglas, Director of Physical Education, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

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Badminton enthusiasts visiting or living in Texas are urged to contact local clubs, and play with them. The game is played all over the state.

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One of the finest six-man badminton teams in the country is located at Abilene Christian College.

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The Women's Physical Education Dept. at the University of Texas plans to open its 12 courts to the district tournament to be played there in February.

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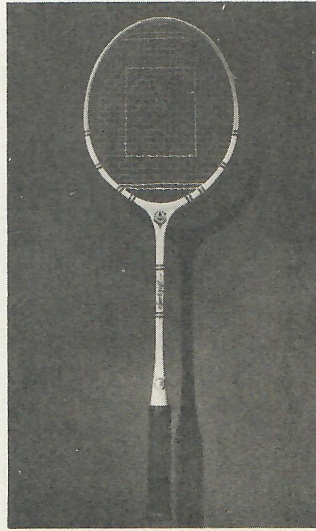
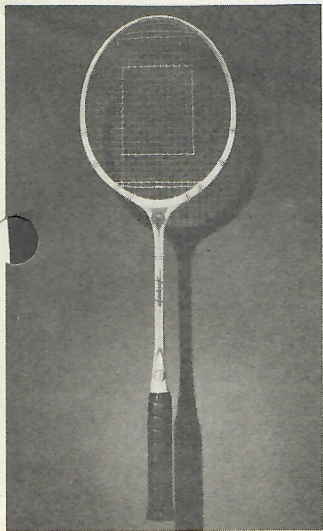
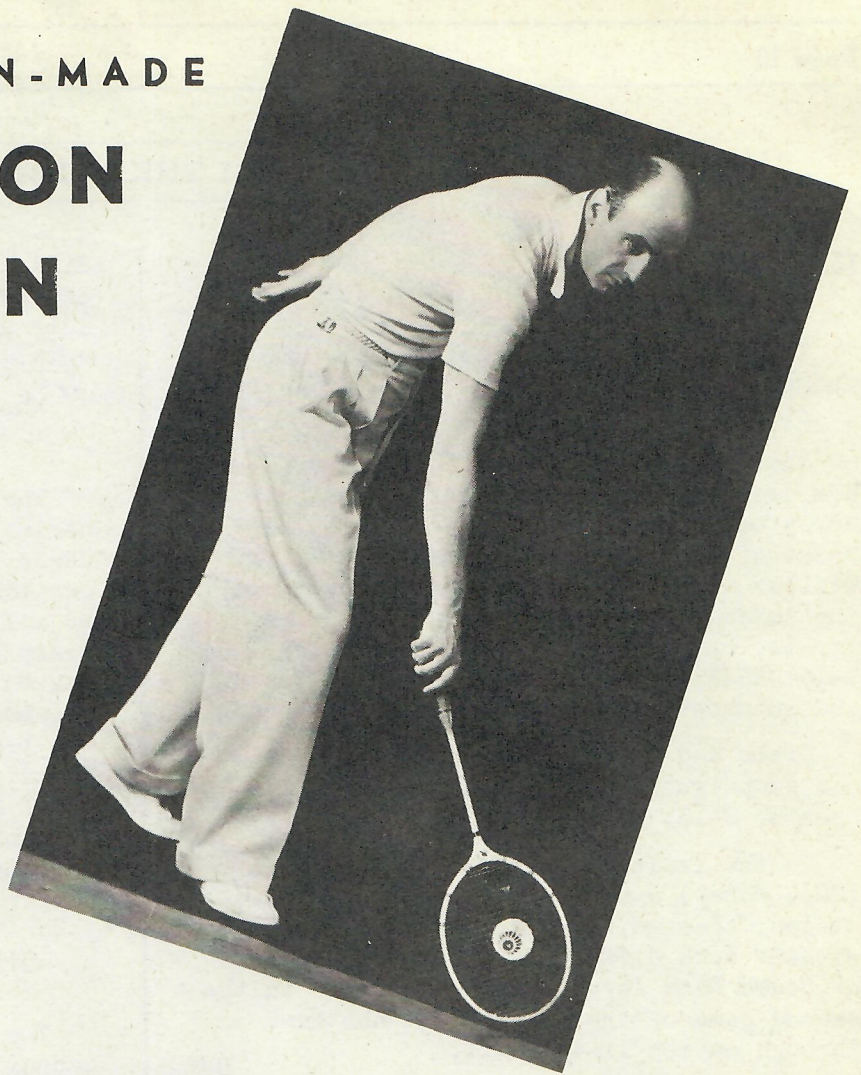
Many of the Army Flying Schools in Texas are organizing badminton clubs.

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FROM THE MIDWEST

ILLINOIS OPEN

The first annual Illinois State Open Championships were held on November 28 and 29 at the Evanston High School.

The entry list was small, but star-studded and every match was well contested. Morey Lewis of Evanston provided the biggest upset of the event when he eliminated Dr. William Gibbs, Chicago District Champ, in the second round. Morey went on to the finals, but was upset by Clayton Haley, 9-15; 15-3; 15-5. Haley was at his best and outmaneuvered a tired but game opponent.

Gibbs and Haley teamed up to beat two old campaigners, Harry Conlon and Lyle Shortz, 9-15; 15-11; 15-7.

In the ladies' department, Baba Lewis (Mrs. Morey) a newcomer to tournament badminton, breezed through the small field without much difficulty. Catherine Wolf of South Bend forced her to overtime in the second game of the finals, but she came through on top 11-4; 12-11.

The two friendly rivals in singles, Wolf and Lewis, teamed up in doubles. They fought through to the finals, but lost there to Eleanor Coombs and Thelma Burdick in a three-game thriller, 15-9; 12-15; 17-14. That last game brought the house down.

The mixed doubles event saw the "old fox" Harry Conlon at his best. Teamed with Eleanor Coombs, always a heady contestant, they formed an unbeatable combination. They took the measure of Thelma Burdick and Joe Tiberi in the finals, 15-5; 15-8.

The attendance was small, but as good as could be expected, considering the remote location of the gym.

ST. LOUIS

Hats off to the Merimac Club for a very thoughtful gesture. They have asked us to issue an open invitation to all players stationed at nearby army posts, air fields, etc. or just passing through, to join them on their playing nights, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Just phone Mrs. Jo Reger, Hudson 2257, for further information as to time, place, and

directions. They say their badminton is not of championship caliber, but they do have lots of fun and will make the boys feel at home.

Who's next?

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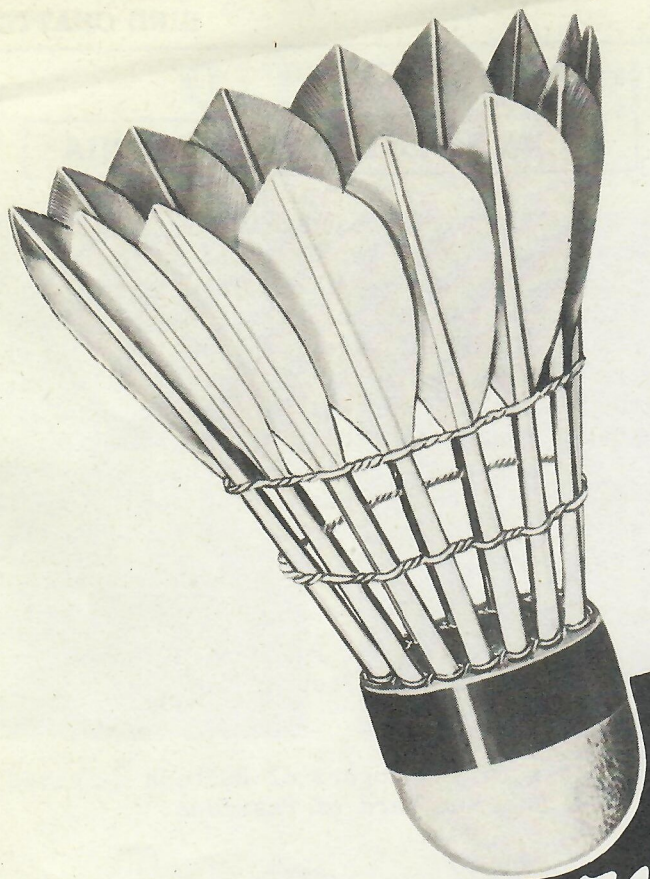
The Merimac Club has been arranging a series of inter-club challenge matches. These have provided some interesting and exciting contests and have been enjoyed by all. They held their annual Christmas party on December 26. The guest of honor was Sgt. Roland J. Schumacher of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Force. He has been attending the Northwestern Traffic Institute at Evanston and was home for a brief holiday visit. He was formerly president of the Greater St. Louis Badminton Association.

CHICAGO B. C. XMAS PARTY

The Chicago Badminton Club held its annual Christmas party, December 17. The Social Committee decided that inasmuch as we were all returning to the simple way of life, an old-fashioned box social would be appropriate. This was a happy thought and there was much spirited bidding for the gaily decorated boxes. Santa Claus distributed presents to all from a grab bag.

The Games Committee joined forces with the Social Committee and arranged a mixed doubles elimination match after supper. The highest bidder for each box, not only won the girl who "brung it" for a supper partner; she was also his playing partner.

Endurance contest would be a better name for the game. When one couple made five points, the losers left the court and went to the consolation court to continue to play. A fresh couple came on to contest the winners. The newcomers received first serve. There were no warm-ups, no rests, no stopping for drinks, etc. You just kept playing as long as you could stand up. The survivors were, of course, the winners. To help matters along, "no holds were barred" as far as razzing, booing, cheering, etc. were concerned, so the whole club lined the courts and "raised the roof". Some fun!--but not recommended for hysterical people or those with weak hearts.



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FROM OHIO

In spite of the fact that nearly everyone of the leading players from Ohio is in the armed services, the game still flourishes in this section.

There are a great many clubs, particularly in the Cleveland area, that are operating with a full membership. The game is attracting many new players from the ranks of the young married set.

Transportation difficulties will, of course, curtail the usually long list of tournaments held in this section. No plans have been announced, as yet, for the Annual Ohio Open. This popular event will probably be postponed for the duration. It will be missed by everyone in the middle west.

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Cleveland is inaugurating a series of "Round Robin" inter-club matches for Sunday afternoons. It is hoped by this expedient to keep the competitive spirit alive so that a City Championship may be held later in the season.

C. L. (Nick) Nichols, who has been one of the "main springs" in the Ohio State Association for years, has taken a full time war job. Unfortunately, he doesn't have much time to devote to the game.

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Ye Ed was delighted to receive a letter from "Dynamite Jack" Campbell. He is on the engineering staff of a powder plant in Ohio. He has been playing with quite a large group in Port Clinton, Ohio. They have a lively club in the gym of the Episcopal Church. Jack says that have never had professional instruction, but do quite well under the circumstances. This club is quite a social center and meeting place for that area.

It seems that a Rector, originally from Canada, started a group off on the fundamentals some 15 years ago and they have been playing regularly since.

Several officers stationed at Camp Percy and the Erie Proving Grounds, who have been playing elsewhere, are drifting in to join this group.

We were surprised to learn that this up and coming club is not a member of the Ohio State Association. How about it, Bud Warner?

FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Manhattan Beach Doubles tournament was held on November 7 and 8. It requires a lot of maneuvering to hold a tournament in southern California these days, as most all the playing space has been taken up by the armed forces. After several postponements, the Manhattan Club was finally successful and went through with the complete schedule.

There were 120 entries in the three events, --quite a turnout considering conditions. We weren't given the scores, but here are the final results:

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Noble and Rahm of Pasadena defeated Zweiner and Boldrick of San Diego.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Lockwood and Rogers of Burbank defeated Erikson and Ward of Pasadena.

MIXED DOUBLES

Erikson and Noble of Pasadena defeated McKay and Rahm of Pasadena

FROM MARYLAND - Continued

In this way, it is hoped that the players will want to reach for the better class and better badminton.

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The Women's Badminton League of Baltimore is carrying on in spite of transportation and other problems; and it is a remarkable tribute to the enthusiasm for badminton that each session has been fully attended. There are six teams active in the league with four teams meeting each other at one session. Two meetings have been held in December with more to come in the new year. These teams are on a war bases as it has been necessary to split some of them in order to keep teams in the league. In some respects, this makes for a more even distribution of play and promises an interesting and almost unpredictable struggle to find the season winner. The standard of play may not be up to par as it is difficult to retain that delicate deceptive touch without much practice but there is plenty of trying and the spirit is high, and competition keen.

FROM NEW YORK

NEW ROCHELLE TOURNAMENT

In spite of gas rationing, food shortages and Mayor La Guardia, the New Rochelle B.C. conducted a highly successful First Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Hats off to Miss Eleanor Ross and Mrs. Helen Shanksother and their very efficient committee who not only provided an excellent buffet supper, but arranged for the entertainment of all guests and contestants.

We hope the success of this event will encourage them to repeat it next year. Those who attended were loud in their praise, and will certainly return again.

Ken Davidson and Hugh Forgie were present and were not only entertaining; but were helpful to the girls in handling the tournament. (New Rochelle is Ken's "Home Grounds".)

There were many leading eastern players present: Claire Mitchell and Harry Hackett came over from Philly; Lea Gustavson and Helen Gibson of Westport were there; Carl Loveday of Montclair, N.J. was on hand. Several service men from other parts of the country, but stationed in New York, were entered including Russ Grant of Cleveland and Pittsburgh, Larry Howard of Cleveland, Harold Gooch of Detroit (National Veterans' finalist in 1938); Glen Markt, formerly of Chicago, was teamed up with Mrs. Ken Davidson; Billie Markt was laid up with a bad throat and had to withdraw.

Carl Loveday and Theresa Bellizzi were the winners, defeating Lea Gustavson and Helen Givson, 15-1; 18-17. This match was featured by sparkling net play by both girls. Lea is still in there pitching, but couldn't quite cope with Carl's fast court covering and endless repertoire of shots.

The consolation was won by Harry Hackett and Helen Shanks. They defeated Tom Hilton and May Helwig, 15-7; 15-2.

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The Metropolitan Badminton Association Class "A" and "B" team match tournament play started during the week ending December 20, 1942, with the teams hereinafter listed competing:

<p><u>MEN'S CLASS "A"</u> Central B.C. Garden City Casino Manhattan B.C. Montclair Athletic Club New Rochelle B.C. Old Sixty-Ninth B.C.</p>	<p><u>LADIES' CLASS "A"</u> Carroll Club Central B.C. Garden City Casino New Rochelle B.C. Plainfield B.C.</p>
<p><u>MEN'S CLASS "B"</u> Central B.C. Downtown Athletic Club Manhattan Badminton C. Old-Sixty-Ninth B.C. Yonkers B.C.</p>	<p><u>LADIES' CLASS "B"</u> Carroll Club Central B.C. Manhattan B.C. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. New Rochelle B.C. New York B.C.</p>

METROPOLITAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION RANKINGS 1941-'42

<p><u>LADIES - CLASS "A"</u> 1. Mrs. John Ackermann 2. Mrs. Glenn Markt 3. Miss Theresa Bellizzi 4. Miss Bernice Maignan 5. Miss Sophie Dickson 6. Mrs. John Teeter 7. Mrs. George Pfann 8. Miss Margaret McAgdon 9. Miss Eleanor Ross 10. Miss Kay Sitterly</p>	<p><u>MEN'S - CLASS "A"</u> 1. Carl Loveday 2. Stig Larson 3. Charles Wagner 4. Adolph Sack 5. Jack O'Connell 6. James M. Beall 7. Henry Van Osten 8. William Spearrin 9. Elliott C. Baker 10. Warren Stephens</p>
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**TAKE CARE OF YOUR BIRDS
- Continued**

It is easy to tell if your shuttlecocks are being kept properly. If the quills of the feathers are regularly breaking off above the stitching, you know the shuttlecock is dried out and brittle. The quills on a properly humidified shuttlecock will not snap off (except occasionally when clipped off an by ill-timed attempt at a smash). The quills may crease or bent, but they can be straightened out with the fingers. Avoid abusing shuttlecocks by improper handling, and excessive rough treatment. Be sure to straighten and smooth out the feathers before each service.

We should all co-operate in every way to help keep the game of BADMINTON alive for the duration.

TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR BIRDS!

"WHO'S WHERE"

Harold R. Anderson, singles champion of St. Paul A.C. is now a Lieut. J.G. in the Navy. He is training as a Signal Officer at Harvard University.

Lieut. A. B. Rowland of St. Louis, Mo. is at Lowery Field, Denver, Colo. with the Air Corps.

Stig Larson, for several years leading contender for national honors, is in the Army Medical Dept. at Camp Walters, Texas.

Corp. R. C. Bottarini, formerly of the Crockett Club of San Francisco, is training with the Signal Corps in San Diego.

H. L. Carpenter, Jr. of the Crockett Club is with the Air Corps at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Dr. Robert Francis, formerly of the University of Wisconsin and very prominent in badminton circles in that state, is now a Lieut. in the Navy and is stationed at Washington, D. C. in the Office of Commander Gene Tunney.

S. P. Knudsen of San Francisco is with the U. S. Engineers "over there".

Christian Lyle Planje of San Francisco is a Seaman, First Class, and is stationed at Balboa, Canal Zone.

Howard B. Holman, former Secy. of Northern California Badminton Association, is a Lieut. J. G. with the Naval Reserve, in training at Hueneme, Calif.

John F. Holman is a Seaman, Second Class, stationed in San Diego.

Ben B. Ross of San Francisco is with the Army at Anchorage, Alaska.

Lieut. O. H. Hilton (J.G.) is with the U.S. N.R. at San Francisco. Old-timers will remember him as the doubles' partner of Ong.

Norman J. Blanchett is a yeoman in the Navy, stationed at San Francisco.

Russell J. Grant, popular champ from Ohio and Pittsburgh, is with the Coast Guard, stationed at the Manhattan Beach Station at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Corp. E. L. Oehlschlaeger is with the Signal Corps, stationed at Kearns, Utah.

Norman G. Atchison, city champion of Cleveland, and one of the most popular players in the mid-west, is a Corporal in the Ordnance Dept. and is stationed in England (or Africa).

Ken Quigley, top flight national singles player, who has finished among the top four for the past several years, is in Officer's Candidate at the Governor's Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.

Gertrude M. Schroeder, Cleveland city champ, has just joined the WAAC's and is in training at Ft. Des Moines.

W. Basil Jones, former All England Champion; of late, popular professional of Boston and Chicago, has returned to England. Basil was a Lieut. in the Royal Air Force during World War I. He is to be re-commissioned a Captain. He plans to return to America and resume his badminton activities after the war. Cheerio and good luck, Basil!!

Lieut. Col. Hal Cartwright, first president of the Midwest Badminton Association, one of the organizers and first president of the Chicago Badminton Club, was home for the holidays. Hal is on sick leave as a result of a sprained ankle, sustained in a parachute jump at Ft. Benning, Ga. He is a member of the General Staff of the Air Borne Command. This branch includes all parachute soldiers and glider troops. As soon as his injury permits, he will rejoin the General Staff at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Winchester Kelso, former Vice President of the A. B. A. is now a Lieutenant Colonel and is stationed in Washington, D. C.

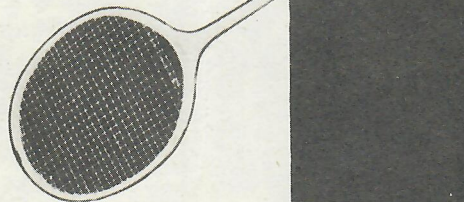
Staff Sgt. Dave Donnelly, formerly a top player of the Belmont (Mass.) B.C. is with the Field Artillery in New Caledonia. Dave's letter, reproduced in this issue, was the "high spot" in our last month's mail. Hope some of the other boys in the service will tell us of their interesting experience. "Bird Chatter" readers will all enjoy hearing from them.

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"WHO'S WHERE" - Continued

From San Francisco, we received the following list of service men:

Lieut. John Addleman, Capt. Ira Coburn, Sgt. Donald McCaughan, Dr. H. L. Monsey, Ross Newman, Jack Boegle, Corp. Robt. Eisner, Lieut. Geo. Connolly, Ray Phelps, Charles Reardon and George Shenson.

Lieut. Emerson Le Clercq, president of Northern California B.A. is stationed in San Francisco. Fortunately for the N.C.B.A., he can still find time, in addition to his many Naval duties, to efficiently handle the association affairs.

Charles R. Brown of Westport is in the Atlantic Fleet School in Norfolk, Va.

TO OUR READERS

We are very grateful for the warm and hearty response we received from many sections in answer to our appeal for news items. From some, we were greeted with a cool and frosty silence.

We are not surprised, as we have learned, from many years' experience in club and association work, that people are like bees. There are drones and workers. Are you a drone or a worker?

Our thanks to those who have sent us subscriptions. We are still short of our goal and could use some more "bucks".

If you like "Bird Chatter" let's hear from you. If you don't, throw it in the waste basket.

The deadline for the next issue is February 15. Make a note of it on your calendar pad and drop us a line.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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