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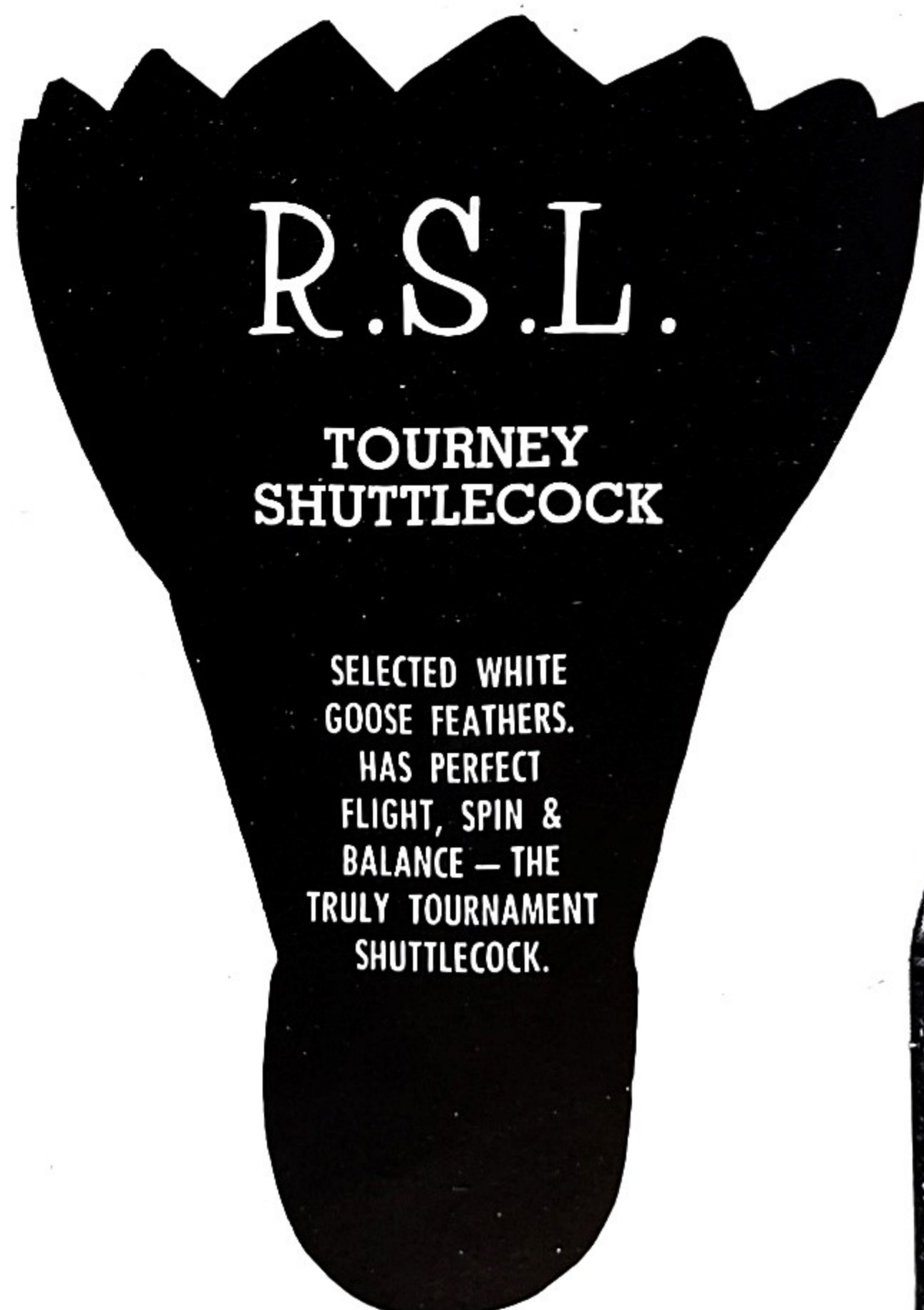
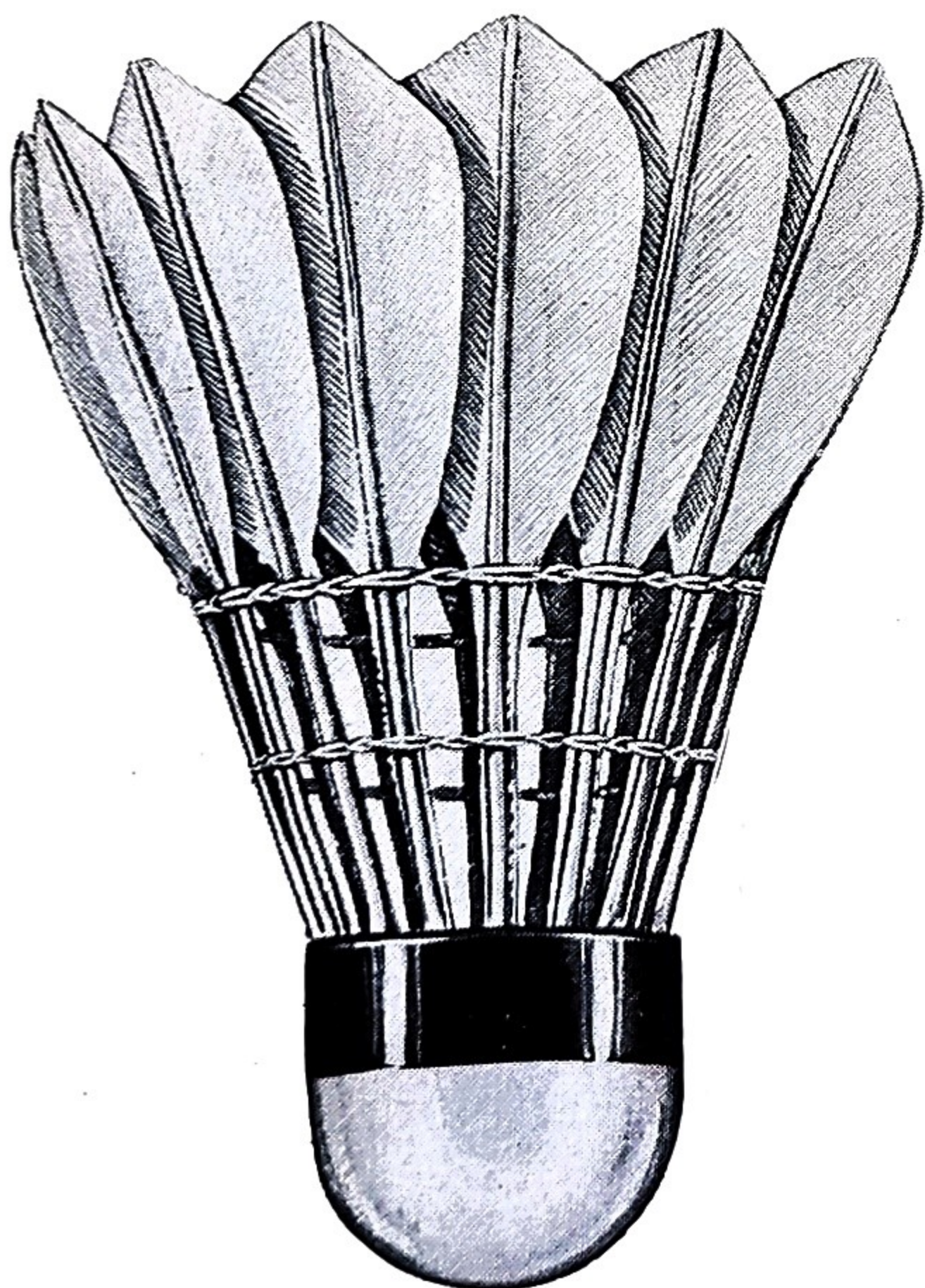
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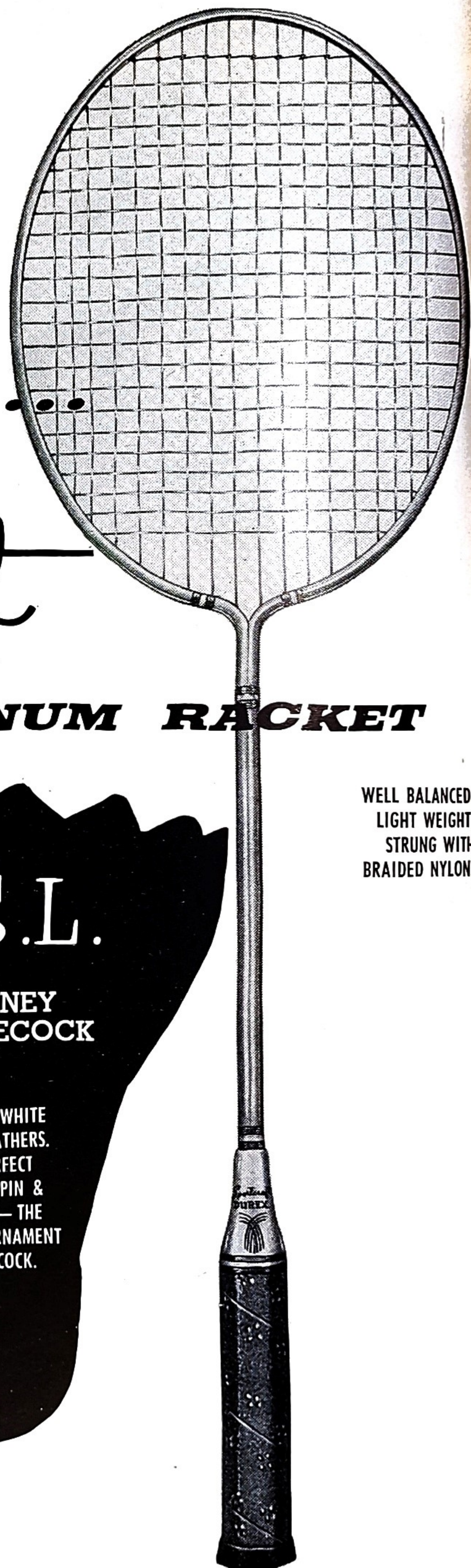
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- District of Columbia Badminton Club (1 club)

It would seem from the above small list (5 associations out of 17) that Club Presidents should call the Secretaries of their Associations and urge them to pay their dues so club members may legally enter closed badminton tournaments in their areas as well as the National Tourney in April.

## U.S. Players Invited To England

Five United States badminton players have been invited to participate in the 46th Annual All-England Championships to be held at Empress Hall, Earl's Court in London on March 14, 15, 16, and 17, 1956.

Those invited are Lois and Joe Alston, Margaret Varner, Judy Devlin and Sue Devlin. The group will return to the United States in time for the Third Open Badminton Championships in Philadelphia the first part of April.

Joe is the present U.S. Singles champion and former Mixed Doubles champion having teamed with his wife to win in Niagara Falls two years ago.

Margaret Varner is the present Ladies' Singles champion of the U.S. and will be defending her title of Ladies' Singles champion of the All-England. Margaret and Lois are teaming together for the tournament.

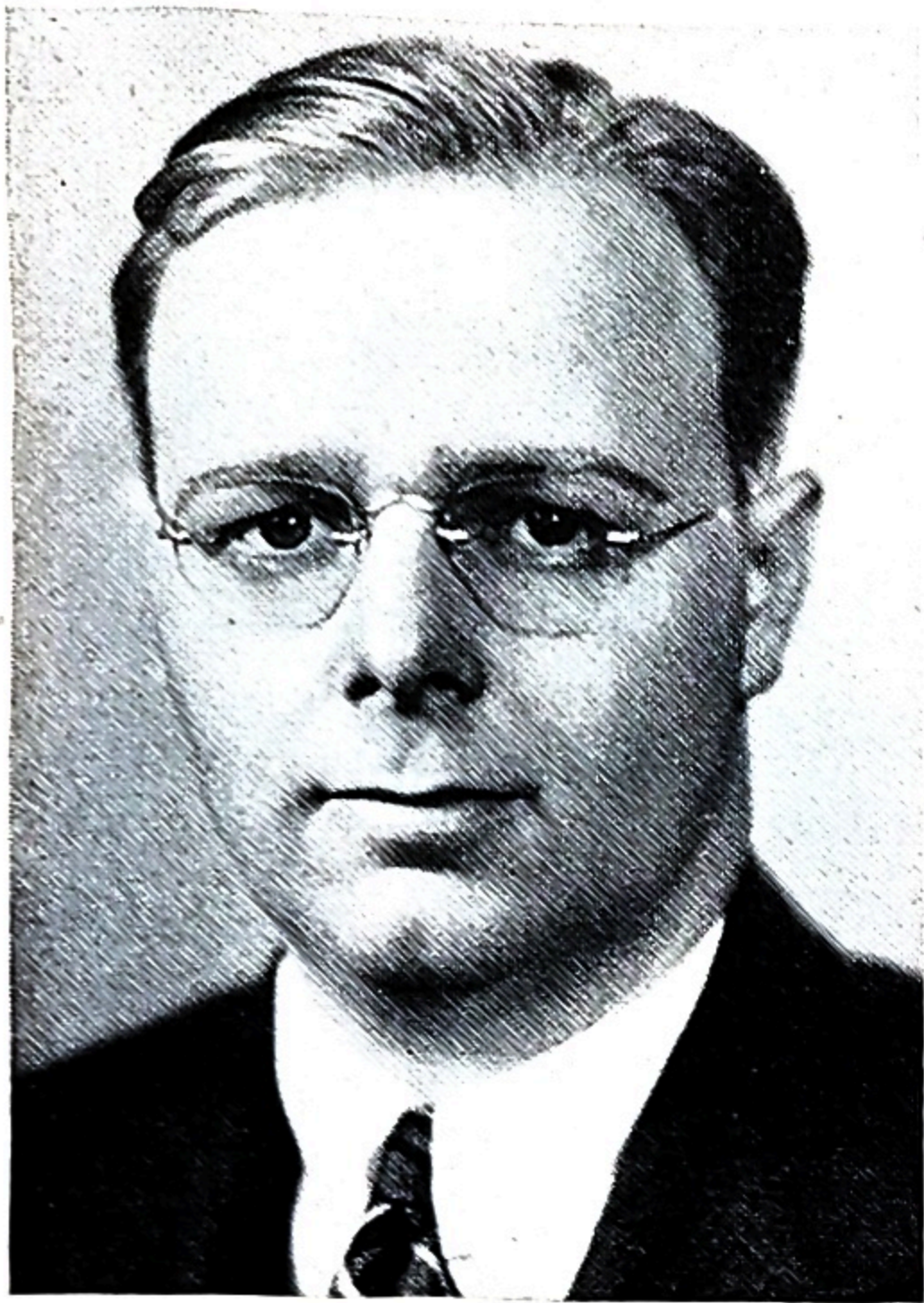
Judy and Sue are U.S. Ladies' champions and were runner-up in the All-England last year.

## ABA Sanctioned Tournaments

Mar. 2-3-4	Mason-Dixon Tournament	Baltimore, Md.
Mar. 3	Md. Jr. Championships (under 15)	Baltimore, Md.
Mar. 3	Michigan League	Flint, Mich.
Mar. 9-10-11	Mass. State Championships	Boston, Mass.
Mar. 9-10-11	Western N.Y.	Lewiston, N.Y.
Mar. 10-11	Md. Junior (under 18)	Baltimore, Md.
Mar. 16-17	Ohio Open	Shaker Heights, Ohio
Mar. 16-17-18	21st California State	Burbank, Calif.
Mar. 19-24	Maryland State	Baltimore, Md.
Mar. 23-24-25	Southern Championships	Memphis, Tenn.
Mar. 23-24-25	Connecticut "B"	New Haven, Conn.
Mar. 23-24-25	Kodak Invitation	Rochester, N.Y.
Mar. 24-25-26	U.S. Jr. Championships and under 15	Grosse Pointe, Mich.
Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Niagara Falls C.C.	Lewiston, N.Y.
Apr. 4-5-6-7	U.S. Open Championships	Philadelphia, Pa.



## ABA PRESIDENT



### Are YOU a "Badminton Booster"?

As my term as President rapidly approaches its close, I want to express my deep appreciation for all that has been done during my tenure of office by those who, in my books, have earned the title of "Badminton Boosters." By a "Badminton Booster" I mean a person who, in some way or other, has been affirmatively doing his share (and often much more) for the game of badminton. To me, the term "Badminton Booster" reflects the unselfish approach toward the game of doing something so that others will come to know the game and appreciate how much it has to offer by way of enjoyment. It seems to me that it would be entirely appropriate for special annual awards to be made to those who have made the greatest contributions during the year in this regard!

Among those who would clearly be entitled to such an award this year are the key personnel for the 1956 Amateur Championships of the ABA at Philadelphia on April 4 through April 7. From a recent visit of mine to Philadelphia, I can personally attest to the fine job which is being done by the extremely competent and experienced committee. I have no hesitation in saying that the playing conditions at St. Joseph's Field House Gymnasium and the other arrangements in connection with the Championships will fully meet, if not surpass, the high standards set by National Senior Tournaments in past years. The annual meeting of the ABA will take place at the Hotel

Penn Sherwood at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 6. Matters of vital interest to the Association will be discussed. We urge each member association, as well as each of the members of the Board of Directors of the ABA, to give particular attention to the importance of this year's annual meetings.

Among others who would likewise be entitled to a special award this year are the outstanding group at Detroit who are running the 1956 National Junior Championships on March 24, 25 and 26. Every detail has been efficiently and meticulously worked out, including housing accommodations of all out-of-town contestants, in private homes. We are indeed fortunate to have such enthusiastic and competent management. I am personally looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to the three days at the Grosse Pointe High School Gymnasium, to say nothing of such side trips as the ones to the Ford River Rouge Plant and to Ford's Greenfield Village and Edison Institute.

It seems to me that the greatest badminton need in the United States at the present time is for many, many more "Badminton Boosters." This does not necessarily mean running a National Tournament, or any other tournament. There are many other ways of giving a helping hand.

It is true that we do not need to worry about next year's National Junior Championships, with the prospect that two separate bids will be made to hold the same, each from an Association able and anxious to do an excellent job. However, we are sadly lacking in the number of players who are willing during the course of the badminton season to give even a small amount of their time to the carrying on of junior badminton clinics or playing groups in schools and elsewhere.

It is also true that real progress has been made in the promotion of badminton play at the college level under the able leadership of Peg Varner, Chairman of the Intercollegiate Activities Committee, who for her efforts would be entitled to an ultra-special award this year. But much more help to this committee by badminton players is needed to accomplish what remains to be done in the colleges throughout the entire country.

Although Marguerite Miller and her staff have done a remarkable piece of work with *Bird Chatter* and Jack van Praag has accomplished a great deal with respect to publicity at a

national level (as in connection with the establishment of the Helms Athletic Foundation Badminton Hall of Fame), and for their efforts would likewise be entitled to ultra-special awards this year, we still have a great distance to go to bring badminton to the place in the public eye where it should be. We need people who are willing to give time and thought to furnishing material for *Bird Chatter*, as well as to increasing the *Bird Chatter* subscription list. We need people to make contacts with the sports departments of their newspapers and to furnish interesting material to such newspapers, either in connection with their local tournaments or in connection with outstanding national or international badminton events.

We need more people who are willing to furnish aid, either through exhibitions or donations in some other way, in connection with the raising of necessary funds for our top women players to take part in the Uber Cup International Competition, as well as for our men players to participate in the Thomas Cup Competition, and for the bringing of foreign champion players to our Open Amateur Championships. All of this, through publicity and otherwise, should be of substantial aid to the promotion of badminton in this country.

There is an urgent need for more badminton enthusiasts to work on the problem of gaining more member clubs for the Member Associations of the ABA, so as to increase the number of people we can reach through our badminton activities.

The continuation of Ralph Mathews' conscientious work in connection with the Umpires' Association requires more people who are willing to devote time and thought to the task of building up a country-wide adequate supply of properly trained umpires.

There are numerous other jobs which must be competently filled in connection with our National Association if we are to have a successful organization. Examples are the Shuttlecock Committee, the Amateur Status Committee, the Rules Committee and the Tournament Committee, as well as various Special Committees.

My recent contacts, both at Singapore and elsewhere, with leaders of badminton throughout the world, convince me that this country will have to take a back seat in world badminton unless more of us are willing to exert real efforts as "Badminton Boosters."

CHARLIE NEWHALL



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Preliminary Rounds—Men's & Ladies' Singles  
Men's & Ladies' Doubles

Thursday, April 5—10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Preliminary Rounds—Mixed Doubles  
and Veterans' Doubles

Thursday, April 5—7:30 p.m.—Quarter finals  
ALL EVENTS

Friday, April 6—7:30 p.m.—SEMI-FINALS

Saturday, April 7—7:30 p.m.—FINALS

### PRICE SCHEDULE OF ADMISSIONS

Wednesday—Preliminary Rounds, \$1.00, plus tax

Thursday—Preliminary Rounds, \$1.00, plus tax

Thursday—Quarter Finals \$1.00, plus tax

Friday—Semi-Finals \$2.00, plus tax

Saturday—Finals \$2.00, plus tax

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## Welcome Mat Is Out

Pat Cornell

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is looking forward to seeing you this year at the 3rd Annual Open Amateur Championships of the United States to be held on April 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1956. And WAIT until you see the beautiful St. Joseph's Alumni Memorial Field House. We are planning to have six playing courts and two practice courts. This huge, modern new building has all the facilities for a terrific tournament and that's exactly what we plan to have.

Our tournament headquarters will be at the Penn Sherwood Hotel which is just a hop, skip and a jump from the gym. This is also a new building and the hotel has been most cooperative in helping us to make arrangements for your comfort and convenience and the various activities we are planning.

As many of you know, Philadelphia is a wonderful central location for East Coast badminton. From our geographical position we expect to draw players from the New England area, New York area, Maryland and Southern areas with little persuasion. We are also attempting to get as many

players from all over the country as is humanly possible. We have already contacted a great many foreign players and this includes Canada and Mexico.

Here in Philadelphia as we now look out of our windows, we see a world of whiteness, otherwise known as snow to those of you who never see it. However, we hope to afford you better weather in April when you come to Philadelphia. Early April, though, can be a variety of different weather conditions. Usually we are through with the bitter cold and snow but it could be quite chilly. Therefore, we suggest that you bring semi-spring and winter clothes such as suits, light top-coats, etc., and even rain-wear might be desirable as April is often rainy in these parts.

Well, badminton enthusiasts, each and every one of you, try to come to the Nationals. We guarantee you a good time even if you don't last past the first round. If anyone wants to ask any questions or offer any suggestions, please contact Mrs. Patricia Cornell, Conshohocken, R.D. No. 1, Penna.

Incidentally, you all should be receiving your entry blanks and other information very soon in the mail.

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For those healthy badminton appetites there is the dining room, the Persian Room (cocktail lounge), the Chess Bar and Grill for a late snack until past midnight or the Coffee Shop which is open from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

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Gloria Dei (Old Swede's Church), oldest church in the city.  
The Old Shot Tower, where the bullets were made.  
The grave of Ben Franklin and his wife.  
The Historical Mansions in Fairmount Park.  
William Penn's summer home in Pennsbury.  
Brandywine Battlefield, just restored.  
Washington's Crossing Park, on the Delaware.  
Historical Houses in Germantown.  
Elfreth's Alley and its historical homes.  
The Philadelphia Zoo, oldest in the U.S.  
U.S. Mint, where your money is being made.  
Pennsylvania Dutch Country where horse and buggy still reign supreme.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

We learn from the Singapore Straits Times that one of the biggest upsets at the Singapore Badminton Championships was the defeat in the semi-finals of Ong Poh Lim at the hands of the Singapore Junior champion, Robert Lim, 17-16, 15-8. It looks as though Malaya will have several strong junior players competing for the berth which will be left vacant on the Malayan Thomas Cup Team by the retirement of Wong Peng Soon.

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From the same source we also learn that Wong Peng Soon has been signed to a three year contract as coach to the Singapore Youth Sports Center. However, all Malayan youths will have a chance to benefit from Peng Soon's coaching as he is making a series of instructional films for the Malayan Film Unit which will demonstrate the grip, stance, balance and the many other attributes that made Peng Soon a world champion. Copies of the film will also be sold overseas and should prove of benefit to young hopefuls as well as experienced players all over the world.

### OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The 1956 National Tournament Committee has come up with a wonderful plan (bargain price) for you to entertain your friends. They are offering **SIX RESERVED BOX SEATS** for the *entire* tournament for only \$20, including tax. Why don't you take advantage of this wonderful

offer to entertain your friends and even relatives and you will be doing something for the game you enjoy so much as well as seeing some good badminton. A single reserved seat for the entire tournament is \$6, including tax. Order yours early so you will get the choice seats.

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From results of the Danish Open Championship recorded in the columns of the Badminton Gazette of England it would appear that the Danish ladies are serving notice that they will be heard from in the competition for the Uber Cup which will start this year. The English ladies' doubles champions, Miss Iris Cooley and Mrs. June Timperly, were defeated in the first round by the Danes Fru Aase Winther and Fru Inger Birgit Anker Hansen. In the semi-finals of the singles, Miss Cooley was defeated by Frk Aase Jacobsen, 10-12, 11-1, 11-6. Ultimate winners were Miss Jacobsen in the singles and Miss Kirsten Thorndahl and Miss Anni Jorgensen in the ladies' doubles. Entries for the competition for the Uber Cup to be held over 1956-57 have been received from England in the European Zone and from New Zealand in the Australasian Zone.

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Brian Brownlee, who played for South Africa against the United States team last summer, is studying in England and will probably remain there for sometime.

## Badminton

(From a pamphlet published by  
Wilson Sporting Goods Co.)

Badminton, more than any other racket game, provides all of the thrills and enjoyment of competitive play, not only to expert players but to beginners as well. Anyone can play and enjoy this game at the first attempt, regardless of age, and it will continue to fascinate you no matter how many years you play it.

The game of badminton is reputed to have started in India the latter part of the 19th century, though some records appear to show that a game of similar nature was played earlier in China and there is also some mention of the game as far back as the 12th century at one of the courts of the reigning English king.

Its origin is based around a story of English army officers, after a somewhat convivial dinner, placing quills in champagne corks and batting them back and forth over a table.

On the return of some of the officers to England it was expanded into an outdoor game at the castle of the

Duke of Beaufort. The ancestral hall of the Duke was called "Badminton Hall," hence the name the game bears today. Badminton was played on a small scale in the British Isles until 1898 when their first National Championships were held. The game then began to grow by leaps and bounds and spread to other countries, including America.

We all know there is no "royal road" to athletic success in any sport. No one can become a champion without diligent work and practice. To derive the most enjoyment from your chosen sport, a good background of fundamentals and a reasonable amount of practice are necessary.

Helpful suggestions appearing in this issue of *Bird Chatter* are from the Wilson Sporting Goods Co. pamphlet on badminton.

The serve must be an underhand serve; that is, the shuttle at time of service delivery must not be struck above the waist. All other shots can be played in the regular way with the shuttle being struck above or below the waist.

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## For Ladies Only

Dick Slauer

Tuesday, Feb. 18th, was Ladies' Day at your secretary's home. Not for the usual reasons associated with cupids and hearts, but because the mail brought a new kind of Valentine—a formal invitation from the International Badminton Federation for the badminton ladies of the United States to enter a challenge in the first Ladies' Invitational Championships.

Since the first Thomas Cup match in Copenhagen on November 2, 1948, the attention of badminton players has been directed toward this competition with simple but formidable title "The International Badminton Championship." Actually such attention goes back an additional nine years when the IBF accepted the trophy from Sir George Thomas in 1939 and established its rules of play at that time. World War II interfered and the cup remained in seclusion until after the war and Malaya was proclaimed the first champion in Preston, Scotland, on February 26, 1949.

While such attention was universal, it was un-directional. The championship involved men players only, yet badminton is a sport in which women have been interested and have made outstanding records. Hence it was only a matter of time before the IBF went through the necessary formalities to establish rules of competition and an outstanding sports individual offered to donate a trophy to symbolize the ladies' team champion. The offer was accepted and plans are complete for Mrs. H. S. Uber of England to present the trophy to the IBF at its annual meeting in July.

The first competition will take place in the 1956-57 playing season with entries permitted in four zones—Asiatic, Australasian, American and European.

India and Malaya have already challenged in the Asiatic Zone; New Zealand in the Australasian, and England in the European. A fifth starter is the United States whose entry will be forwarded to IBF headquarters by your secretary before this article appears in *Bird Chatter*.

This results from action by the Executive Committee in approving certain specific items which appeared in a report issued by a special task committee which has been studying the project for several months. This committee is headed by Helen Gibson and includes Grace Devlin and Dottie Hann. The entire report will be re-

viewed at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on April 6th.

One other item approved in the report was that the Nationals should provide the first tryouts for places on the Uber Cup team even if it became necessary to ask certain players to stay over Sunday, April 8th. It was recognized that such tryouts would be early (our first match, possibly against Canada, would certainly not take place until January, 1957) but it must be remembered that April to October is a non-badminton period in many parts of our country.

Why tryouts? One might always fall back on national rankings but these are not conclusive. One reason is the importance of doubles in the scoring; another is the matter of stamina since any specific tie is to be completed in a single day unless mutually agreed otherwise. A maximum of six players is permitted, which means that one lady at least must play three matches. If, because of economy reasons, only four players are selected (the minimum), three players will each have to play three matches.

Getting back to the scoring, a point is scored for each match won by three players. For doubles, two teams are chosen who must play each of the two doubles teams of the opponents. Hence, a singles player can only contribute one point to the team total; a doubles player must take part in two matches and hence may affect two points. Carried to the extreme, two outstanding doubles teams might lead their country to victory even if it conceded all the singles matches. With our country so large, we must be sure that those ladies representing us in doubles are not only the best players but have the experience together to get the best results.

Was the word economy mentioned above? It (or its nemesis—money) must always be mentioned. It will cost about \$5,000 to send a team to England (the site of the first finals), including some allowance for a zone tie against Canada. Beating Canada is by no means a foregone conclusion, but at least the money problem is acute only if we win from Canada. Some money may be returned as a result of the attendance at the various ties, but this cannot be estimated. First of all, no one knows what the total may be; secondly, no one could guess what any one country's continued showing through each tie would be.

The Special Uber Cup Committee has already written to many associations and individuals, receiving real assurance of interest and assistance. Nevertheless the goal is high and everyone's cooperation is needed to put across this activity. We know the players are interested and will make sacrifices of time, attention, and even financial if it is possible for them to do so. But in the final analysis, only the American Badminton Association can enter a team from the United States, and this means that the Association, its clubs and members, must decide that it wants an Uber Cup Team.

"WANTING" implies wholehearted support in every possible way. If this suggests money to you, I am sure a check made out to the American Badminton Association and mailed to our treasurer, Helen Gibson, 6 Bridge St., East Norwalk, Conn., and marked for the Uber Cup Fund, will help start this activity properly.

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### LADIES INTERNAT'L MATCHES

Helen Gibson

It has been officially decided that the American Badminton Association will enter a Uber Cup Team in the Ladies' International Competition in February-March of 1957. Our entry must be received by the I.B.F. before June 15, 1956.

Our minimum estimated budget is approximately \$4600. We will deeply appreciate any amount you may care to contribute or pledge.

All funds will be specifically entered in a separate Uber Cup Fund.

All checks should be made payable to: American Badminton Association Uber Cup Fund or (A.B.A. Uber Cup Fund) and be sent to the treasurer, Helen L. Gibson, 6 Bridge St., E. Norwalk, Connecticut.

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## UBER CUP

Since the Executive Committee of the ABA have approved of entering a team in the Ladies' Invitational Competition in 1957, the Uber Cup Committee have gone ahead with plans for raising the necessary minimum budget of \$4600.

A letter was sent to each Association asking for its interest and support. Since that letter went out the budget has been cut from \$5400 to \$4600. The budget in brief:

American Zone Tie in Canada	\$ 637.00
European Zone Tie in England	3684.00
Partial Uniforms	350.00
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	\$4671.00

Results from the letters sent out: Mr. Cephas Monnett, President of the Rahway Badminton Club in New Jersey will sponsor an exhibition next month and guarantees \$150 for the Uber Cup Fund.

Mr. Carl Andersen, President of the Washington State Association, has appointed Donna Connolly and Gladys Mallory as co-chairmen to raise \$250 from their association.

Mrs. Naomi Bender from the Delaware Badminton Association has expressed interest and willingness to raise some money.

Mr. Hal Webb, President of the Maryland Association has also expressed interest in helping the cause.

Mrs. Virginia Hill, Secretary of the Southern California Badminton Association informed me that the mat-

ter will be taken before their Executive Meeting on February 19.

Connecticut Badminton Association is interested and Mr. James McNamara, President, is bringing it before his Executive Committee this week.

Mr. Bob Warren, President of the Massachusetts Badminton Association, sent in his Association's approval of having the Ladies' Team and promise to give it support.

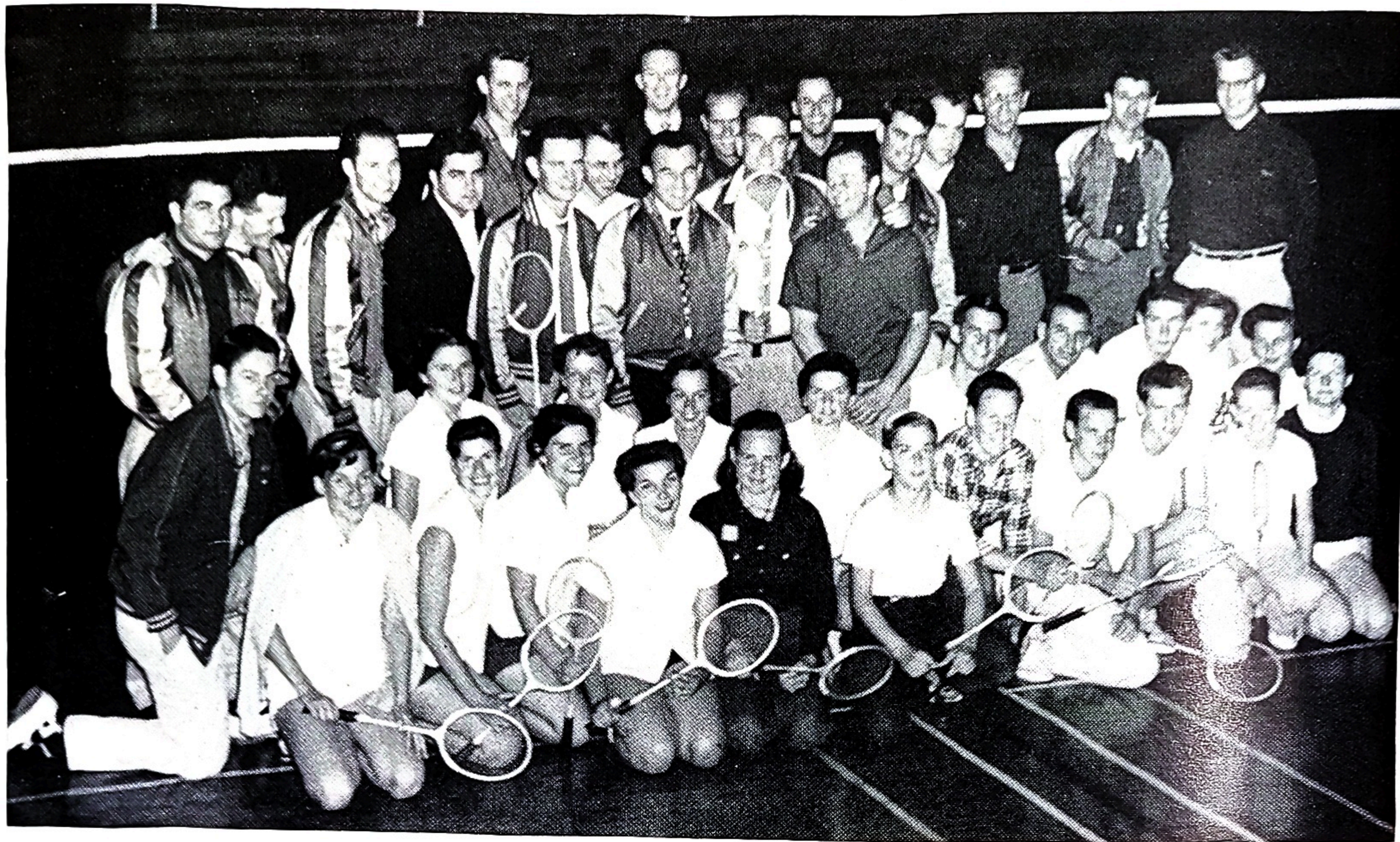
Mr. Bobby Williams of the Western New York Association has volunteered to campaign for the Uber Cup Fund in his area.

Mr. Don Hersam, a member of the National Publicity Committee, and also a publisher, has printed the Uber Cup letters for soliciting funds, as his contribution.

**Next Deadline For Bird Chatter April 10, 1956**



# JUNIOR BADMINTON IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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## Compton Pushes Junior Badminton

George A. McCook

Former U.S. Nat'l. Veterans Champion

When you think of badminton for juniors in the Southeast Los Angeles County area, you automatically will think of Mr. Ches Isaacs, Assistant to the Director of Recreation, Health and Athletics of the Compton Union High School District.

In 1949, Mr. Isaacs, a badminton player of no mean ability himself, realized and foresaw that there was a need for this fine sport and great game to become better organized and developed in the adjoining secondary schools. Accordingly, he prepared a very comprehensive, far-seeing, and meticulous report for a "Community Badminton Program for Juniors," and submitted it to "the powers that be." It was adopted, and organized play got underway.

One of the greatest needs was to develop a "Clinic" to show the physical education teachers in the local areas about the technique of the game, how it should be properly played, and to develop potential junior champions. In other words, "teach the teachers."

Consequently, some of the greatest championship players in the United States and the world were contacted. They only too gladly approved of the scheme and donated freely of their time and talents. A "Badminton Workshop" of the Los Angeles County Teachers Institute No. 551A came into being. Among the above-referred to players were: Mr. Joseph Cameron Alston (Joe), Mrs. Joseph Cameron Alston (Lois), Mrs. Hulet Smith (god-mother and sponsor of recreational Junior Badminton in Southern California), Mr. Wynn Rogers and several others, including Virginia Hill and the late Ken Davidson.

All of these peerless players have been, or are, National, International, State and Sectional Champions in all events, time and time again. Their official titles are terrific, galore and too many to accurately enumerate here.

The results of all of this preliminary work was that there was a tremendous increase in the number of junior players, and at the end of each scholastic year a South Area Junior Badminton Tourney was held which was co-sponsored by the Compton 20-30 Club and the Recreation, Health, and Athletic Department of the

Compton Union High School District. There were three divisions or age groups: 18 years old and under; 15 years old and under; 13 years old and under. There have been over 600 players participating in each of the last several years in over 650 matches annually.

The winners at Compton then go to Pasadena to compete against the winners in that area, and the eventual winners become the Southern California Junior Badminton Champions. The over-all aspect of these activities in the South Area Tourney show that there is a noticeable increase by high school girls in the "18 years old and under" group in both singles and doubles. Also there is a much broader representation of schools than ever before, including 20 secondary schools and two collegiate entries still under age.

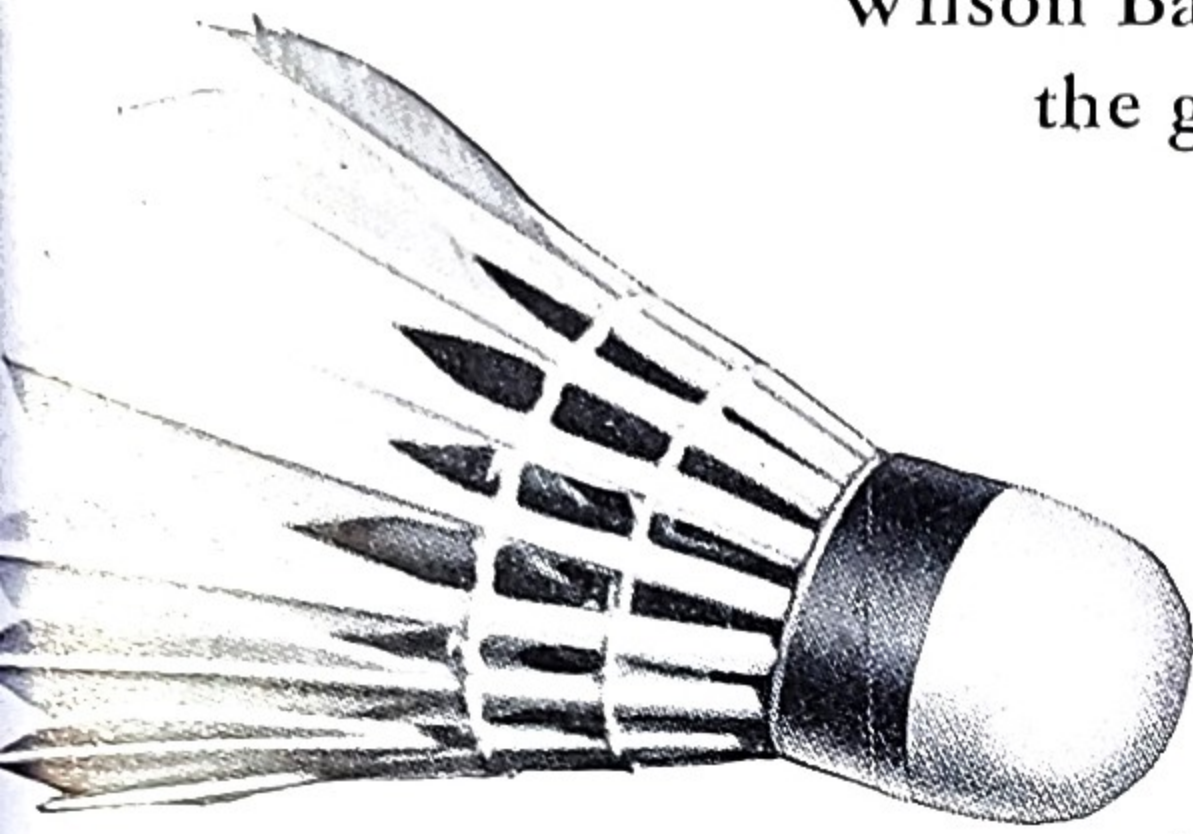
Some of these players have won the crown of Southern California Junior Badminton Champion, and this area hopes to be able to see several of its best players back at the United States Junior National Championships held at Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on March 24-26, 1956.

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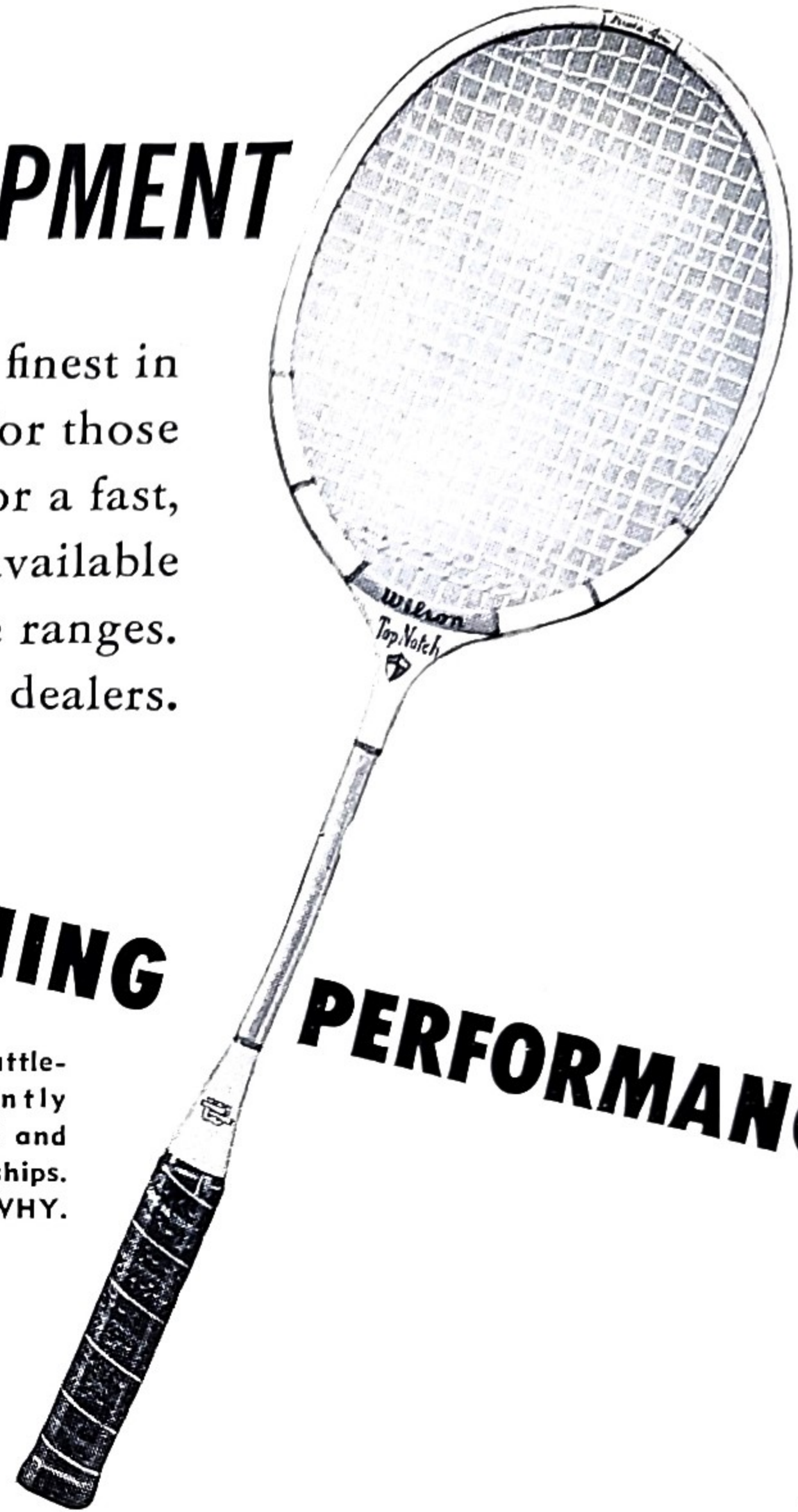


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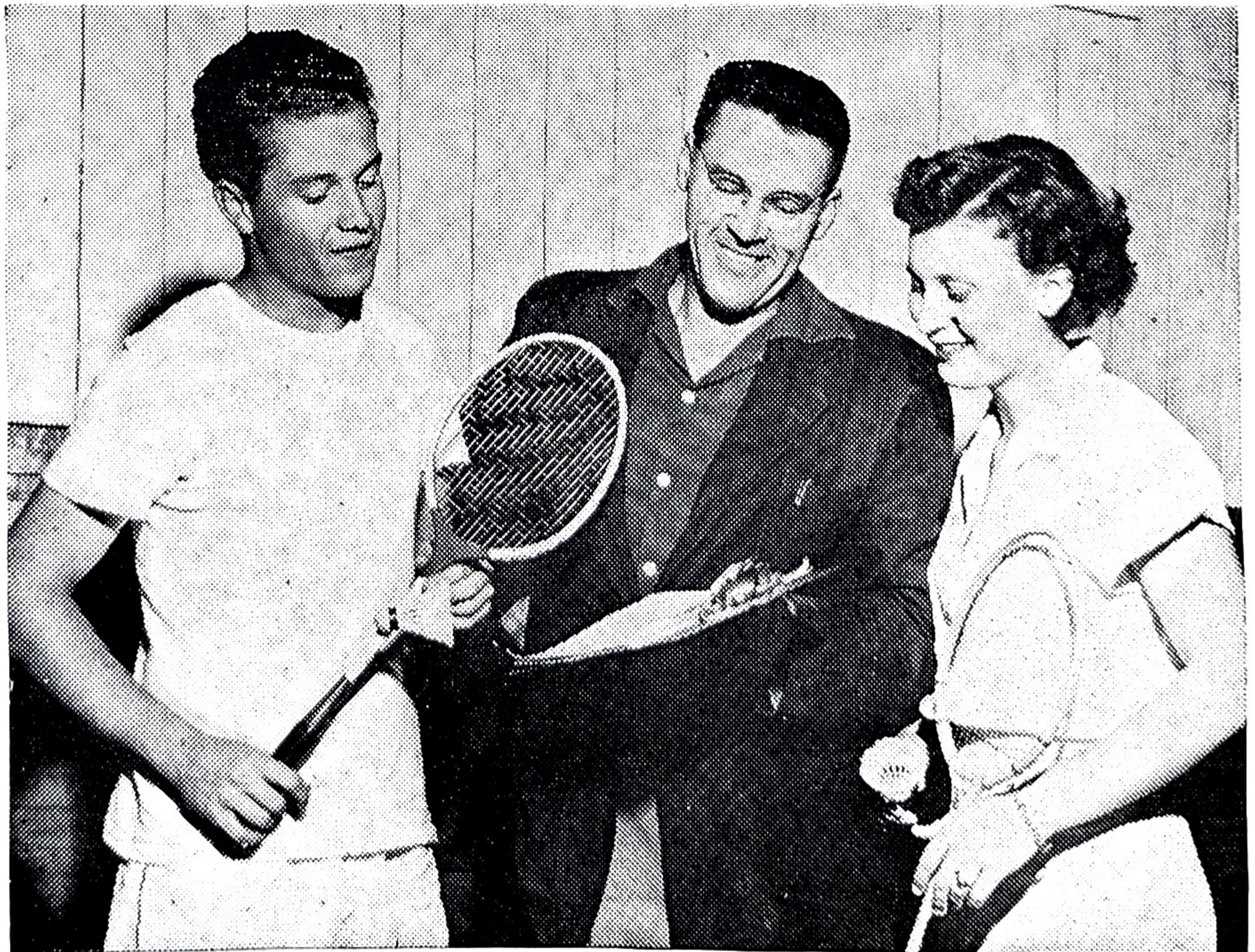
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A reminder! Housing for all contestants in the 1956 Junior Nationals will begin Friday, March 23rd, and include Monday night, March 26th. Housing will be in private homes and transportation to and from airport, train or bus will be arranged IF you have carefully filled out your entry blank. IF you did not indicate the time of arrival and where, write immediately to Hans Rogind, 1360 Seward, Detroit 2, Mich.

A blanket fee of \$10 has been set up for food and should have been sent in with your entry. Parents may avail themselves of this blanket fee if they wish. However, the committee must know in advance.

Parents are urged to stay at the WHITTIER, Burns Drive at the River, Detroit 14, Mich. The Whittier is within walking distance of the Grosse Pointe High School and is the official hotel for the tournament.

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM—**  
Friday, March 23rd: Registration of players and parents for both tournaments (the under "15" and Junior National) at the High School between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. Housing will be assigned at this time, and each player will be given the time of his first two scheduled matches.

A practice session and a get-acquainted party is planned for the evening.

**SATURDAY, March 24th:** Play starts at 9 a.m. with the last match scheduled at 9 p.m. An informal party featuring movies and music will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from 9:30 to 12 p.m.

**SUNDAY, March 25th:** Play is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. The Annual ABA luncheon will be at 12 noon. All contestants are urged to attend this annual affair of fun and information.

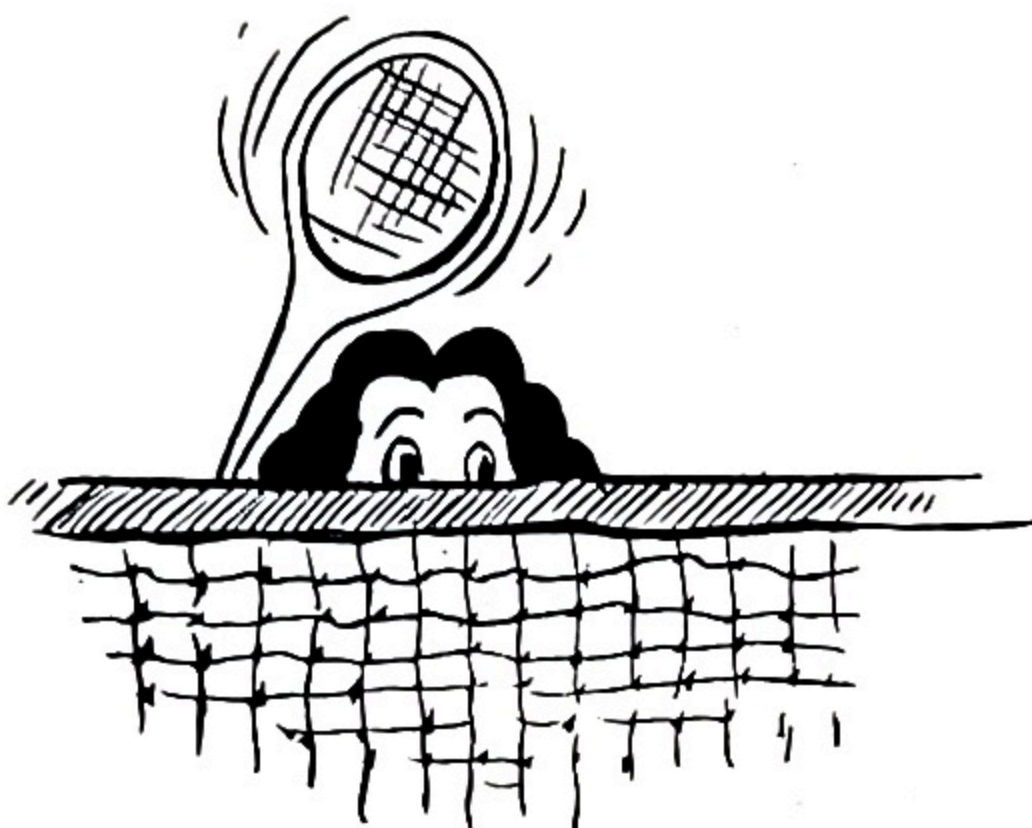
A sight-seeing trip is planned for 1:45 p.m.; at 4:30 the finals of the 15 and under tournament will be played off. At 6:30 p.m. the semi-finals of the junior tournament will be played.

**MONDAY, March 26th:** 9:30 a.m., a bus leaves for a tour through the Ford River Rouge Plant. Play for fun time will be between 3 and 5 p.m., dinner from 5 to 6:30, and the finals will start at 6:30.

**TUESDAY, March 27th:** A bunch of tired, but happy, kids will thank their hostesses and head for home via buses, trains, airplanes and private cars.

### REMEMBER

- The blanket fee for your food!
- The contestants are to wear all white clothing!
- Have a good time!
- To be a good sport; win or lose!



## Travel Plan For Juniors

Helen McLeod

The plan which we have used with considerable success in the Minnesota District Association in transporting our entrants to out-of-town tournaments—namely, driving them in private cars—was a device somewhat forced on us by necessity rather than the result of a preconceived plan. It doubtless stemmed from interest in badminton aroused when we had the National Tournament here in Minneapolis some six years ago.

At that time we had no players above very mediocre caliber—and naturally none of national rank. All we had was a fairly solid nucleus of interested kids who had little else but enthusiasm for the game.

By the time the following year's tournament rolled around, we were in much the same position with a fair sized group of interested hard-working youngsters—all anxious to take

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The player serving first serves from the right court to the service court diagonally opposite and if serve is won the server moves to the left court and serves to the diagonally opposite service court. This alternating of court sides for serving continues throughout the game.

In doubles both partners serve before a side loses service, *except on the first service of the game*, in which case only one partner is allowed to serve and he continues serving until a service is lost. In ensuing play each partner retains the service as long as he continues to win points before passing the service on to his partner. When the service is lost, partners stay on their respective sides as they are at the time, regardless of where they were when the game began.

In doubles, the first serve in *every* inning is made by the player in the *right* hand court. In singles, only the first service of the game must be made from the right hand court. Thereafter, the player making the service delivers it from either right hand or left hand court, depending on the score. If it is

Odd or an even number he serves from the right side; if odd or uneven he serves from the left.

*If a service is good, play continues until the bird falls to the floor outside the court dimensions or touches the floor inside the court.*

REMEMBER, in badminton, unlike tennis, you only make points while you are serving. When your opponent is serving, your object is to win the serve from him so that you can serve and score.

The server and the player served to must stand within the limits of their respective service-courts (as bounded by the short and long service, the central, and side lines), and some part of both feet of these players must remain in contact with the ground in a stationary position until the service is delivered. A foot on or touching a line in the case of either the server or the receiver shall be held to be outside his service-court. The respective partners may take up any position, provided they do not unsight or otherwise obstruct an opponent.

If a player has a chance of striking the shuttle in a downward direction when quite near the net, his opponent must not put up his racket near the net on the chance of the shuttle rebounding from it.

A player may, however, hold up his racket to protect his face from being hit if he does not thereby block his opponent.

**COMPTON JUNIORS**

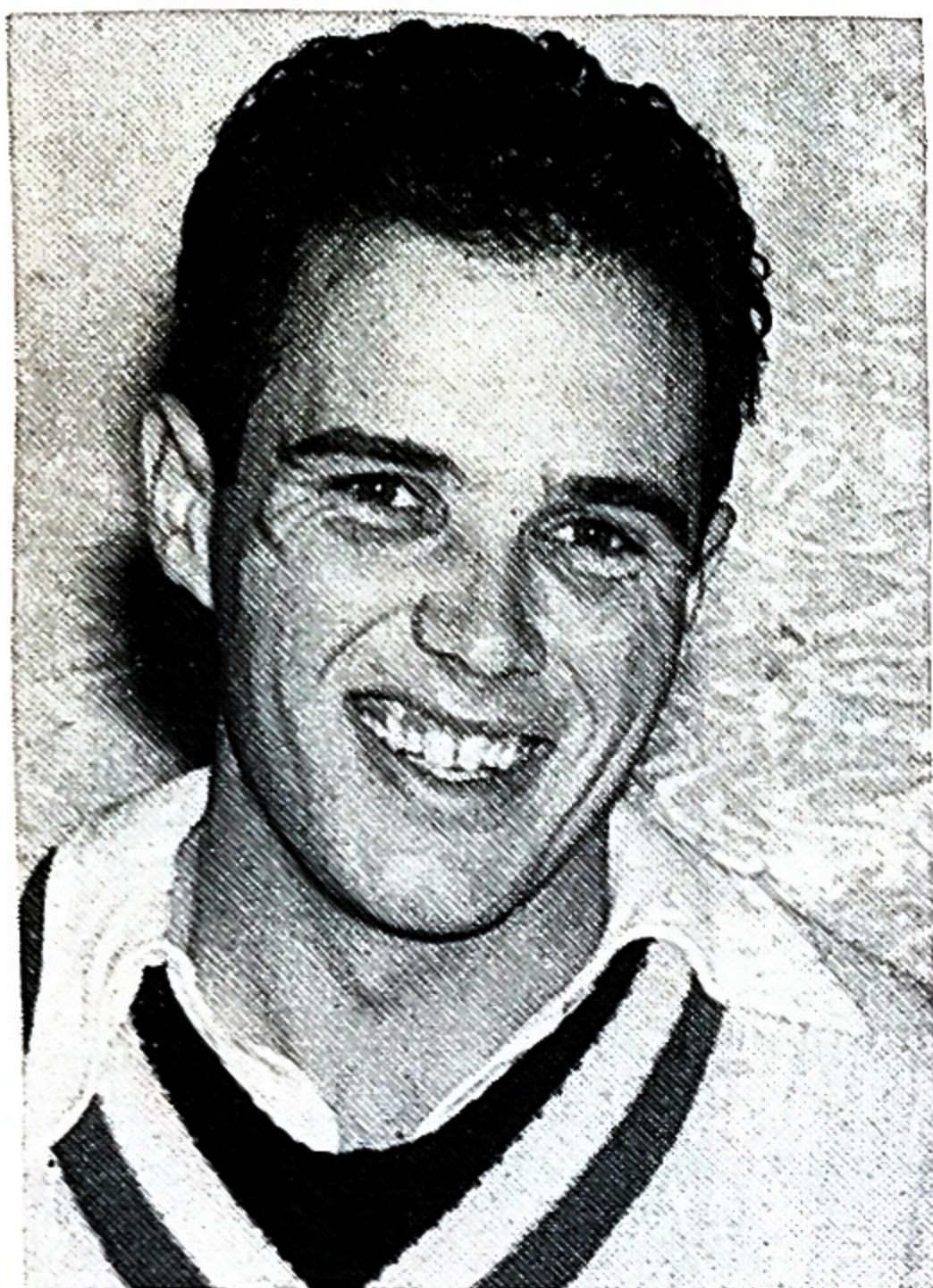
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Facilities for playing are available every Tuesday evening under the direction of Mr. Ches Isaacs at the Compton High School Gymnasium in Compton, Calif. During the summer months the courts are also available during the daytime with other activities going on simultaneously.

It is from individual groups and organizations such as these that will develop our future State and National champions and will eventually make it possible for us to gain and retain the Sir George A. Thomas Trophy which is emblematic of victory in world-wide international competition.



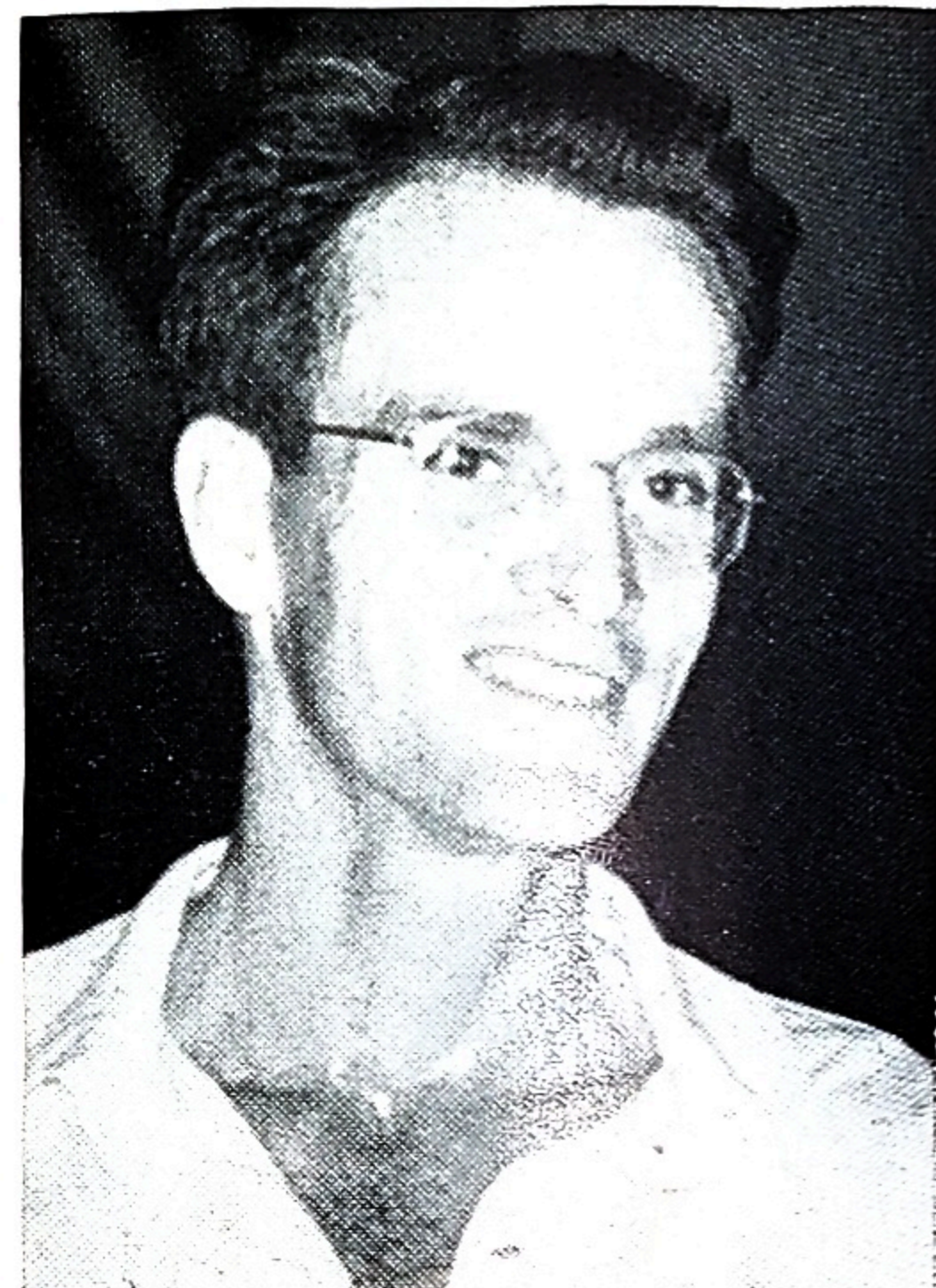
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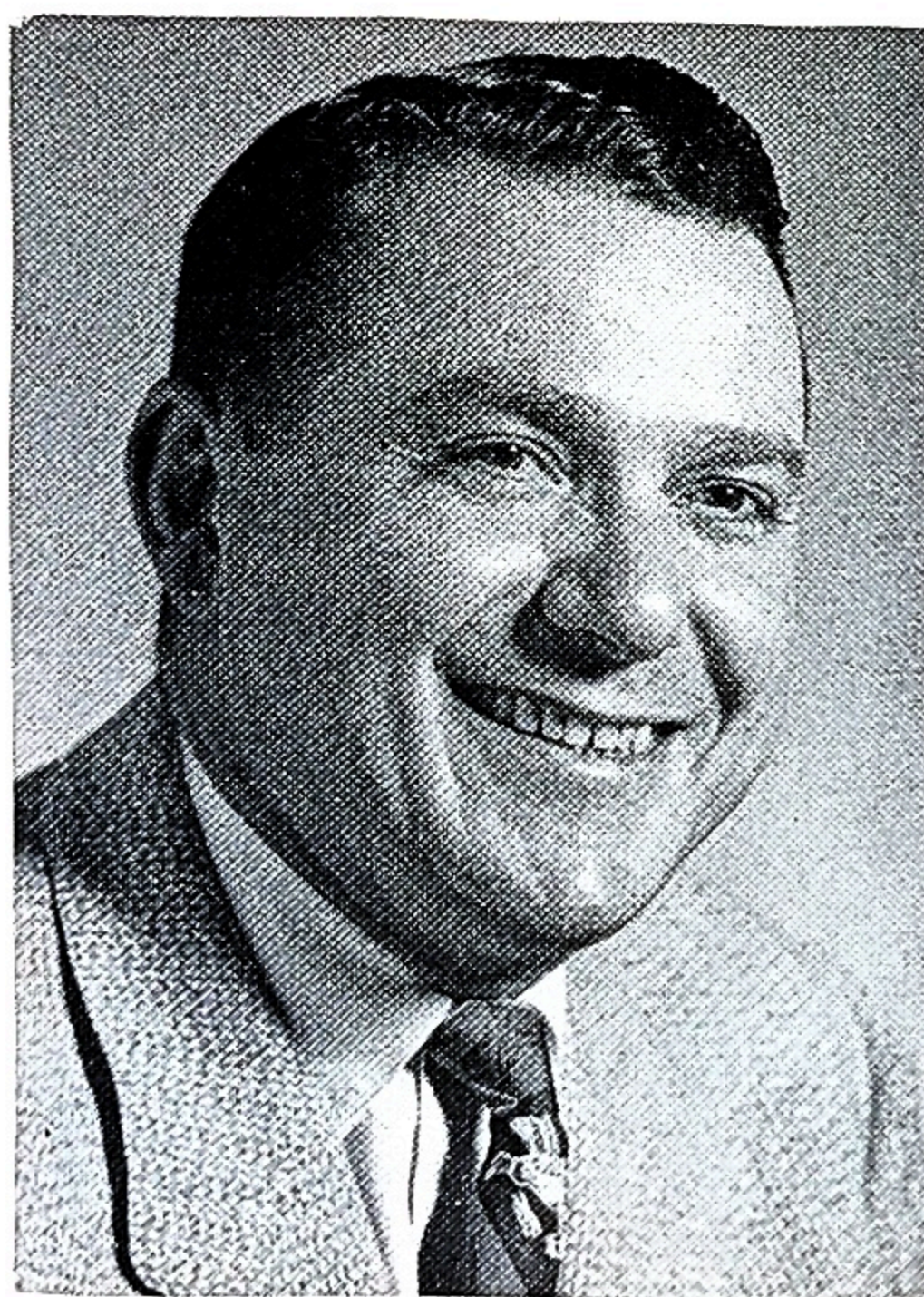
WYNN ROGERS

## Helms Hall of Fame Awards

Jack van Praag, Chairman  
National Publicity Committee

All of us who have the best interests of badminton at heart were thrilled at the announcement that the Helms Hall Board had decided to create a Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame, thus placing badminton with the many other sports so honored. This recognition came about after long and patient efforts on the part of your publicity committee and very kind cooperation on the part of W. R. "Bill" Schroeder, managing director of the Helms Hall Athletic Foundation. First recognition came last May when Joe Alston was chosen Athlete of the Month by the Helms Foundation which has so honored top athletes from all parts of the United States. Joe was chosen for his outstanding achievement in bringing the United States singles title back to this country by defeating Eddy Choong, defending champion, at Long Beach, California, last April.

At that time information regarding the top U.S. badminton players of all time was furnished by the National Publicity Committee to Bill Schroeder in the hope that badminton might find its way into the Helms Foundation "Hall of Fame" along with such big time sports as baseball, football, basketball, etc.



WALLY KRAMER

May 25th a letter was received from Bill requesting a personal interview to discuss the possibility of creating a Badminton Hall of Fame to honor four or five outstanding badminton champions. After much discussion among the officers and the executive committee of the American Badminton Association it was decided that there were seven outstanding all-time United States badminton champions worthy of being included in the initial awards should the Helms Foundation see fit to create a Badminton Hall of Fame.

After months of correspondence and personal phone calls the Helms Foundation Board of Directors heartily approved of the seven names selected by the American Badminton Association Board of Directors. The creation of the Badminton Hall of Fame was approved and the names of the seven original selections have been engraved on the perpetual Badminton Hall of Fame Trophy. Awards to each individual have been made at appropriate ceremonies.

The Helms Hall Board which so signally honored badminton consists of Paul H. Helms, Chairman; W. R. "Bill" Schroeder, Managing Director; Ned Cronin, L.A. Times; George T. Adams, Sports Editor, L.A. Herald and Express; Rube C. Samuelsen, Sports Editor, Pasadena Star-News; Al Santoro, Sports Editor, L.A. Examiner; Sid Ziff, Sports Editor, L.A. Daily Mirror; Paul B. Zimmerman, Sports Editor, L.A. Times, and the late Grantland Rice, honorary member of the Board.

Four men and three women were cited in the original elections to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame. The seven famed badminton champions thus honored were Joseph C. Alston, South Pasadena, Calif.; Dr. David G. Freeman, San Diego, Calif.; Walter Kramer, Moscow, Idaho; T. Wynn Rogers, Arcadia, Calif.; Mrs. Bertha Barkhuff Byerly, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Miss Ethel Marshall,



# HELMS AWARDS



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Buffalo, N.Y., and Mrs. Thelma Welcome, Glendale, Calif.

The outstanding records upon which the original (1956) selections were made follow:

Joseph C. Alston—U.S. National Singles champion, 1951, 1955; U.S. National Doubles champion, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955; U.S. National Mixed Doubles champion, 1953, 1954; Member U.S.A. Thomas Cup Team, 1952, 1955.

Dr. David G. Freeman—U.S. National Singles champion, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1947, 1948, 1953; U.S. National Doubles champion, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1947, 1948; All-England Singles champion, 1949.; U.S. National Mixed Doubles champion, 1940, 1941, 1942; Member U.S.A. Thomas Cup Team, 1949.

Walter Kramer — U.S. National Singles champion, 1937-1938 (a top player prior to the establishment of the National Tournament).

T. Wynn Rogers—U.S. National Doubles champion, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955; U.S. National Doubles champion, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1955; Member of U.S.A. Thomas Cup Team, 1949, 1952, 1955.

Mrs. Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham—U.S. National Singles champion, 1937, 1938; U.S. National Doubles champion, 1937, 1939; U.S. National Mixed Doubles champion, 1937, 1938.

Miss Ethel Marshall—U.S. National Singles champion, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953; U.S. National Doubles champion, 1952.

Mrs. Thelma Kingsbury Welcome—U.S. National Singles champion, 1941; U.S. National Doubles champion, 1941, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950; All-England Singles champion, 1936, 1937; All-England Doubles champion, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936; All-England Mixed Doubles champion, 1937.

Subsequent yearly elections will be held at which time one or two names will be considered to be added to those originally selected. We heartily congratulate these seven great champions who have been honored and sincerely hope that these future yearly awards will serve as an added incentive to our present outstanding top players.

If in service or during a rally, a shuttle, after passing over the net, is caught in or on the net, it is a "let." When a "let" occurs, the play since the last service shall not count and the player who served shall serve again.

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## National Publicity Committee News

Jack van Praag

Hardly of earth-shaking importance but it is interesting to learn that there is a Badminton Street in Whittier, California. Oddly enough, quite a few people living on this street have badminton courts and use them.

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In locating some of the seven people who have been elected to receive the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame awards, Tim Royce, former ABA president, writes that our first ladies' singles national champion, Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham, was married last summer to Oliver Byerly and is now living in Santa Barbara, Calif. With her also are her two children.

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S.O.S. Your publicity committee chairman is very anxious to try to complete his file of *Bird Chatter*. Urgently needed are copies of *Bird Chatter* dated prior to February, 1946. If any of you accumulators have earlier copies that you are willing to part with for a good cause, please send to Jack H. van Praag, 905 So. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, Calif. Will gladly reimburse you for postage. Many thanks.

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The Encyclopedia Britannica and the American People's Encyclopedia both contain a very interesting ac-



count on Badminton. Information is furnished yearly for their Yearbooks to bring records up to date. The World Almanac is another of many periodicals which are kept up to date on Badminton records and accomplishments.

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John Poong, a valued member of the National Publicity Committee, is hard at work organizing a Chinese Badminton Club in Chinatown in San Francisco. Johnny, incidentally, is an interpreter for the United States Government, where his knowledge of the Oriental language is invaluable to Uncle Sam.

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Five of the seven All Time United States badminton champions elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame were present at the Southern California Open Badminton Tournament at Long Beach, California, on February 19th to receive their Hall of Fame Awards. Personally present to make the presentations was Bill Schroeder, managing director of the Helms Athletic Foundation, who also exhibited the beautiful Badminton Hall of Fame Trophy which will remain permanently in the Helms Hall of Fame. Those receiving their awards were Joe Alston, Dr. Dave Freeman, Wynn Rogers, Bertha Barkhuff Byerly, and Thelma Kingsbury Welcome. Walter Kramer and Ethel Marshall will also receive their awards at suitable ceremonies. Congratulations to these fine champions who have been honored and who have brought honor to badminton.

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Page 37 of the January, 1956, issue of Coronet Magazine contains a very interesting badminton quote by Dr. Dave Freeman in connection with an article on "Low Pressure Sports." It makes interesting reading and provides good food for thought.

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The Pasadena Sports Ambassadors, a very fine civic organization, chose Valentine's Day to honor feminine celebrities of the sports world. Inasmuch as this is an Olympic year they decided to give their guests a preview of some of our country's representatives. Among those honored were Lois Alston, accompanied by her husband Joe, to represent badminton. As one of badminton's favorite couples, Lois and Joe have done much to build good will and to give favorable publicity to badminton.

## TRAVEL PLAN FOR JUNIORS

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part in the tournament—but few having means to pay his or her own expenses on an extended trip and none of sufficiently high standard of play to justify individual financial backing by our association.

Facing this situation, the idea of using private family cars—on a shared expenses basis was born and the results of the first such venture were so good that we have used this plan ever since and expect to continue it this year.

The advantages of such a plan, as we see it, are many. Among the most important are:

1. *Reduced Expenses.* The cost of sending one or two top ranking participants by plane or railroad is far greater than taking a carload lot by the plan we have developed using family automobiles.

2. *Increased Number of Participants.* By using family cars, the number of participants can be increased materially—and most importantly promote the game more widely among the junior group.

3. *Increased Interest and Incentive.* This fact of itself creates interest and stimulates incentive for improved play in a relatively large junior group as all know that a reasonable degree of application and proficiency—rather than individual and outstanding star performance—will at least assure consideration for the trip. Such incentive has disclosed several players of otherwise hidden potential.

4. *Broadened Participation Base.* This idea has also served to cause interest in badminton to spread beyond any one school, group, or club to become somewhat city or inter-city wide. The group which we hope to send to Detroit this year will be representative of several Twin City schools.

5. *Sportsmanship.* The width of participation base and lack of supporting individual star players only tends, we feel, toward the democratic and sportsmanship principles for which badminton stands.

6. *Parental Interest and Support.* This plan, by its nature, necessitates interest and participation on the part of parents and parental groups—sometimes on the part of those who previously have known nothing about the game and who have never played themselves. It is amazing how much support can be assured from parents interest in the activities of their kids. We feel that adult, and particularly

parental interest is vital to bringing the sport along.

7. *Character and Friendship Building.* We have found that the plan we have used has enabled us to broaden the travel experience, improve the character and build lasting and varied friendships for our youngsters wherever they have gone. We believe that this is important.

If you have been patient enough to bear with me this far, you will doubtless be interested in some of the technical aspects of this form of transportation. Among these are the following:

A. *Adult Attendants.* We insist that one or more parents or interested adults ride (or preferably drive) in each car at all times.

B. *Group Travel.* Unless there is some good reason to the contrary we like to have the cars drive together—within sight of each other in case any car trouble develops. This is not imperative but we have found it desirable.

C. *Shifting Loads.* In order to avoid the formation of cliques and assure a thorough mixing of participants, we have made it a rule that about every 200 miles—or at some convenient stop—the riders are juggled around or shifted so that no one except the drivers ride the whole trip in the same car.

D. *Quiet Periods.* If you have ridden any extended time with a load of high school kids, I don't need to tell you that things get pretty wild and hectic. Hence, for the benefit of both the youngsters and drivers, we insist that if the trip involves a full day's travel or more, there be a quiet period for one full hour mid-morning and mid-afternoon. During this the kids must simply relax or snooze, but must not talk, sing, or make any noise.

E. *Early Arrival.* In spite of its advantages, travel of over 1,000 miles in a strange private car is sometimes exhausting. We have found it advantageous for that reason to have our gang arrive at the tournament city a full day before they are expected to play. This may be a little hard on their hosts but, after all, it happens only once over several years.

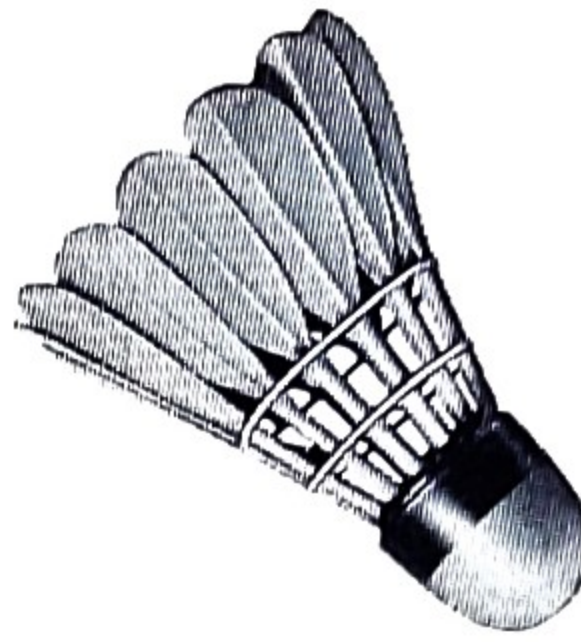
F. *Meals, Travel Accommodations, en Route.* Youngsters are permitted to take some food with them if they wish. This is usually in the form of sandwiches or fruits. They are not, however, to litter up the cars or eat while driving. Other than that an attempt is made to see that they get a



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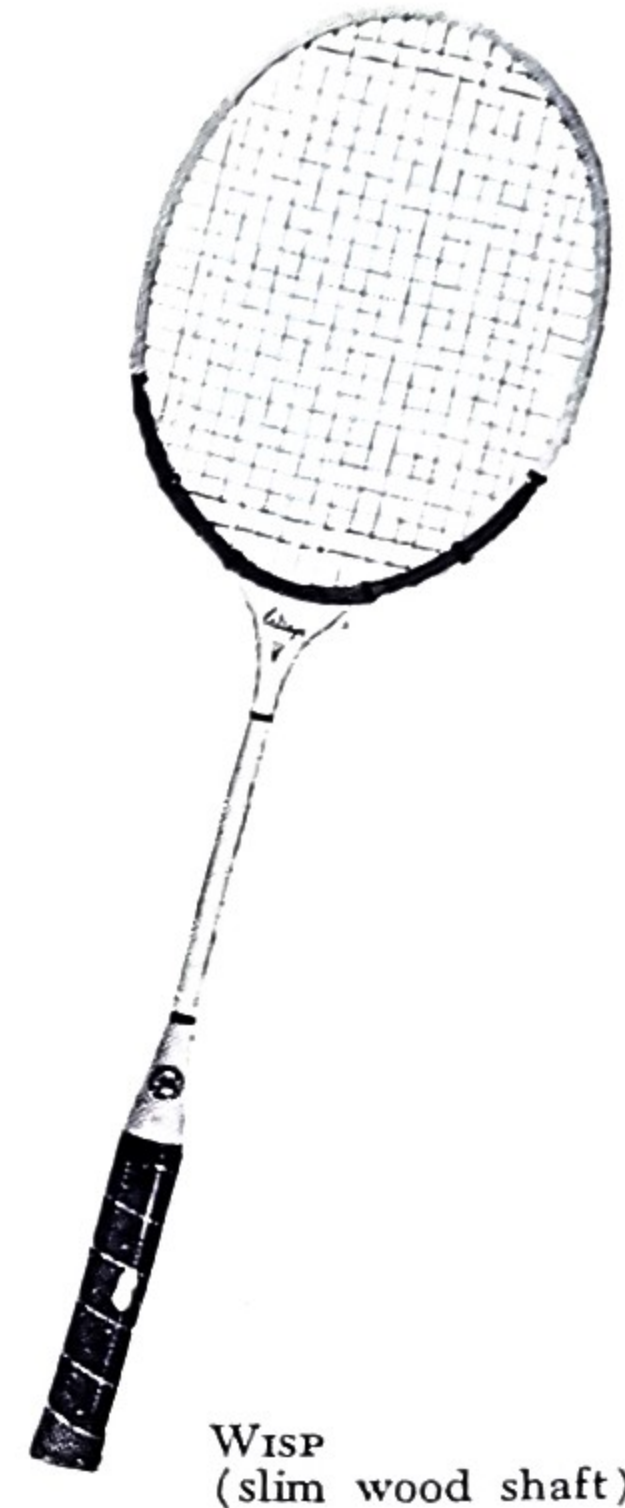
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If overnight stops are involved, the travel plan is laid out in advance with each night's destination pre-arranged, and clean inexpensive accommodations provided. Generally we have found that expenses can be reduced by sleeping four persons per room.

*G. Travel Expense.* The cost of the trip and the method of paying for it is worked out in the following manner:

First, the total mileage involved is calculated. Using this as a base, a reasonable figure is developed as to the quality of gas and oil which will be consumed per car. This cost is then divided by the number of riders—each of which is charged his share. This is paid to the car owner at the outset (no payment is made to the car owner for depreciation or any unforeseen contingencies such as punctures, etc.) That is chargeable to good will.

Meals and accommodations en route are paid by each rider who can spend as much or as little as he wishes. Parents or adult attendants pay all their own expenses.

After this plan has been started, it becomes somewhat self-perpetuating. This is because the enthusiasm, sparkle and interest of the youngsters is highly contagious and spreads to the adults as well. As a matter of fact, we have often had "repeaters" among the adult drivers—but we have tried to spread the chaperoning and driving among a fairly wide group also to broaden the interest still further.

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## Baltimore Badminton and the Ball Family



MRS. "B"

Few things are more interesting and rewarding than taking part in the Junior Development program of any sport, and few, if any, officers or organizers work harder, and none work more successfully, than does Mrs. Richard L. Ball, Junior Chairman of the Maryland Badminton Association.

Organizing four classes in two gyms every Saturday, the State Championships in the Under 18, Under 15, and Under 13 divisions, a Girls' Interscholastic Champion Tournament, and the large and important Eastern Open Tournament held during Christmas week, are only the parts of Margaret Ball's work which show on the surface. For weeks before the season starts the Ball phone rings constantly with inquiries about the classes, then applications must be mimeographed and mailed out, and replies filed. Committees are formed, briefed and set in motion, and the classes with their supervisors and volunteer coaches organized and smoothly run. This is Margaret Ball's contribution to Maryland badminton, and one which she has been giving whole-heartedly and with the greatest efficiency for the past four years. Every tournament is run with low entry fees, but with a snack-bar (to which most of the food has been donated) in the lounge or lobby, so that every tournament makes a profit. During the last four years the Junior Fund has gradually grown so that it now sends the better Juniors to the Nationals, representing a strong and healthy Junior movement.

Margaret Ball is a member of the Baltimore Badminton Club and plays "congenial" badminton once a week. Never a star badminton player, she was a first-class swimmer in her youth and only became interested in badminton when her daughter Virginia, also a fine swimmer and horse-woman, started playing the game at Notre Dame of Maryland School and joined the Saturday morning classes, some ten years ago. Virginia graduates from Sargent this year and will teach physical education at the Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore next Fall. Incidentally, three girl Junior champions claim Bryn Mawr as their Alma Mater, and so does Mrs. Ball herself. Virginia has played very little badminton during the past few years but was a nationally ranked Junior, and her friends hope to see her taking up the game again seriously next season.

Son, Dick, is a sophomore at Loyola College in Baltimore, where he is majoring in Physics. He, too, is an excellent swimmer and also plays tennis, but badminton is undoubtedly his best game. A serious threat to the leading East Coast players, we all expect to see Dick's name on the list of Maryland champions in the near future.

And how about Dick Senior? Playing football and basketball at school but never having tried his hand at badminton, nevertheless Dick, Sr., takes a great interest in Margaret's work and his offspring's activities. A member of the General Services Administration, he commutes to Washington, D.C., every day, and has brought an inspiring orderliness to the Junior proceedings. He schedules the play for all Junior tournaments, and has worked out a fool-proof method for the drawing of the Interscholastic tournament (in which each school enters a team of four girls, no girl can meet a schoolmate before the quarter-finals and the best players are seeded). He has also perfected an "order of play" for the Under 13 Round Robin State Tournament.

While Margaret Ball is the Junior Chairman she is backed by her entire family. She protests that without Dick, Sr.'s help and advice she would be an inefficient chairman—which we doubt, though his contribution has been as great as hers. Young Dick not only helps at the Junior tournaments, but finds time to coach some of the boys' classes on Saturdays and is prob-

ably partly responsible for the recent great increase in the number of boy players, and the high standard of many of the younger ones. When she is home, Virginia also lends a helping hand, particularly during the Eastern Open Tournament, when the Ball home on Falls Road Terrace is the meeting place for all out-of-town contestants, where they are immediately made to feel welcome and as like as not fed—some forty-five strong. Virginia helps with all this, meets trains and even takes care of some of the umpiring and shuttle sales at the gym.

It is difficult to define the appeal of the Ball family. They are a closely knit family unit, thoroughly efficient in all they do, yet never officious. They give whole-heartedly of their time and talents, yet never talk about it. Margaret and Dick, Sr., are always gracious, impartial, and see the humorous side of many little incidents which occur during the season, and are able to laugh with the children and never at them. Their judgment when handed down is always fair.

Junior Badminton in Baltimore has flourished under the Ball chairmanship and all the Juniors, both past and present, will want to join with the Seniors in saying "Thank you, Mrs. B., well done!"

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## CALIFORNIA

The Twenty-First Annual California State Badminton Tournament will be held on March 16, 17 and 18, at the Olive Recreation Center in Burbank. For information write to Virginia Hill, 460 Spencer St., Glendale 2, Calif.

### Odds and Ends from California

#### Helen Tibbetts

It looks as though California will be well represented at the National Tourney in Philadelphia in April. Making plans for the trip are Lois and Joe Alston, Thelma and Claude Welcome, Dottie Hann, Beulah By-master, Connie Davidson, Jean Gibbs, Wynn Rogers, Mannie Armendariz, Jack van Praag, Mike Hartgrove, and Dick Fleming and Roy Lockwood, the National Veterans Champions. Some non-playing representatives will be Helen van Praag and Spencer and Marguerite Miller, the *Bird Chatter* slaves. (Helen Tibbetts will be there, too.)

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... The February outbreak of exhibitions is on—even Skeeter Erikson is out playing in them again.

... Oregon's Russ Hill is said to be heading south for the California State Tourney in mid-March.

... Have you noticed the abundance of chess games between (and sometimes *instead of*) badminton games? If chess fever hasn't hit your club—be glad.

... Ronnie Miller, now at Occidental College on an athletic scholarship, is doing some badminton coaching around school.

... The story has gotten around that Chet Goss may take up badminton again.

... Have you tried the new game called "Smash"? Dave Freeman introduced it to the Pasadena area.

... San Fernando has gained a citizen, Frank Gaylord, an avid shuttle fan from Spokane, Washington.

... Claude and Thelma Welcome are about to move into a beautiful new home in Glendale, 954 Rosemount Road (with swimming pool yet).

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### WEDDINGS in January:

Betty Cook and Alan Mahaffey were married in Pasadena on January 21. Marlene Gregory became Mrs. John Noble on January 28, in Reno, Nevada. Warren Peterson and Marlene Hansen tied the knot in Los Angeles on the 21st. Congratulations all around.

### CLEAN SWEEP FOR ALSTONS

Lois and Joe Alston won six events as the Fourth Annual Dr. Dave Freeman Tournament closed in San Diego recently.

The tournament was run in three flights, A-B-C, with local Birdie Busters earning the lion's share of the trophies in reacing the finals in all events. Results follow:

L.S.—Lois Alston def. Thelma Welcome 11-7, 12-11. M.S.—Joe Alston def. Dick Mitchell, 15-9, 15-8. L.D.—Alston-Bymaster def. Hann-Welcome, 15-3, 15-7. M.D.—Alston-Rogers def. Berry-Mitchell, 15-13, 15-11. Mx.D.—Alston-Alston def. Rogers-Hann, 8-15, 18-17, 18-17. Vet.D.—Kirby-Erkila def. Janes-Giles, 17-15, 1-15, 17-14.

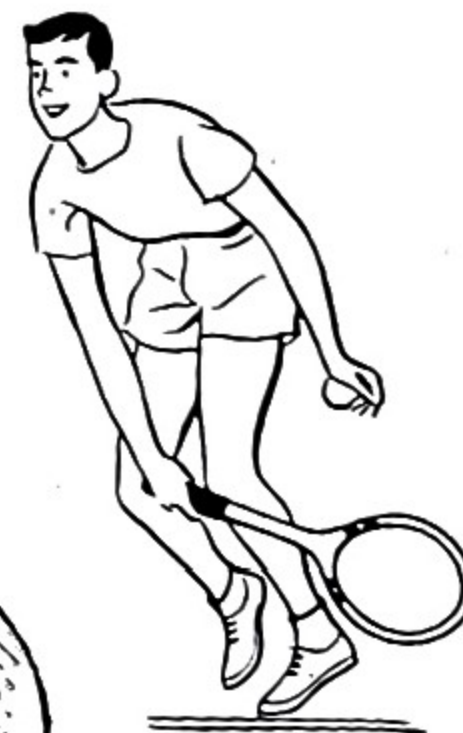
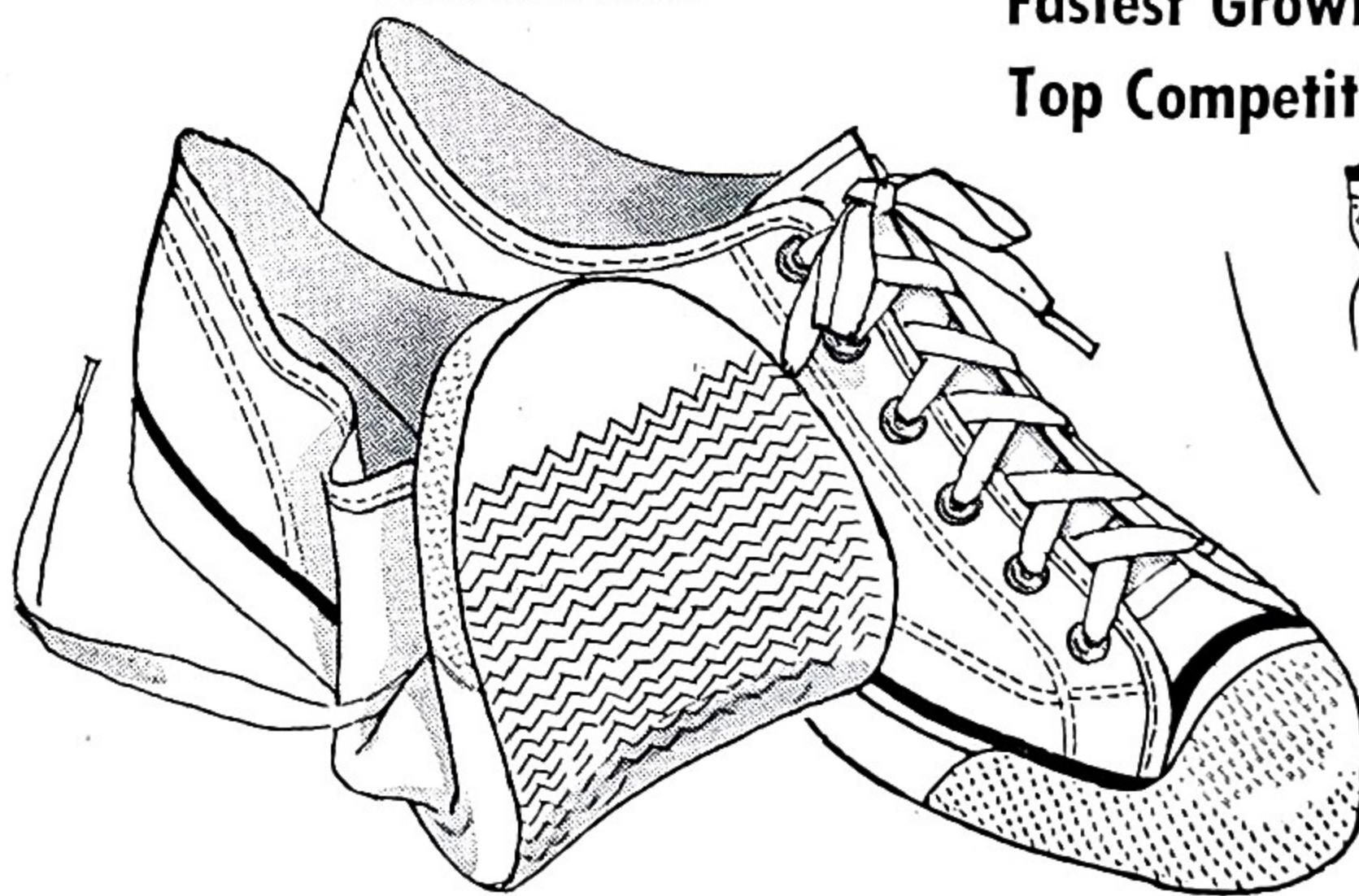
### "B" Flight

L.S.—Diane Ivie def. Ramona Gunner, 8-11, 11-7. M.S.—Don Connors def. Dick van Praag, 15-7, 15-9. L.D.—Ivie-Phillips def. Gwinnett-Tucker, 15-11, 18-13. M.D.—Paup-Ebenkamp def. van Praag-Connors, 11-15, 15-2, 15-7. Mx.D.—van Praag-Cook def. Searle-Knight, 15-12, 15-11. Vet.D.—Giles-Janes def. J. van Praag-Conn, 15-10, 15-12.

### "C" Flight

L.S.—Ardyce Carr def. Virginia Greene, 12-11, 7-11, 11-6. M.S.—Alfred Hales def. Ken Conn, 15-4, 15-9. L.D.—Shaw-Shaw def. Carr-Greene, 15-12, 18-15. M.S.—Janes-Moore def. Lyon-Wilson, 15-5, 15-3. Mx.D.—Baker-Gwinnett def. Auxier-Greene, 15-1, 15-6. Vet.D.—Poong-O'Meara def. Auxier-Widstrup, 15-14, 15-6.

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## Mass. Encourages Tournament Entries

(From the News Letter)

Of special interest to all players is the announcement by this Association of a tournament team trophy to be awarded to the club winning the greatest number of points in the D, C, and B tournaments combined. The rules governing the awarding of such a trophy are as follows:

### Rules

1. One point for each entry. Individuals entering more than one event shall receive points equal to the number of events entered.
2. One point for every singles match won.
3. One point for every doubles match won. Split entries, a team made up of players from different clubs, shall divide the point.
4. Points shall be given for wins in all rounds of play.
5. The club accumulating highest point total in the State B, C, and D tournaments shall be declared winner of the team trophy.

### Awards

1. The tournament committee will add up points gained by each MBA member club.
2. A tournament-by-tournament report of standings will be mailed to MBA member clubs by the tournament committee.
3. A perpetual trophy will be supplied by the MBA to be retained by the winner for one year.
4. A permanent trophy will be presented to the winning club. This trophy will be purchased from tournament receipts.
5. The tournament committee shall review the above rules at the end of the 1956 season.

(From News Letter)

Dick Slauer, Vice-President of the Massachusetts Badminton Association, has obtained from England some excellent instruction and general information on badminton charts. If your club hasn't one as yet, contact Dick and make arrangements with him for one. Charts will also be sent to schools and colleges upon request to MBA.

Al Warner has over fifty enthusiastic juniors playing in Needham, Don Richardson over twenty at Waban,

with Tedesco and Gut'n Feathers also contributing many youngsters to this important and interesting part of the game.

You can help the juniors in your club — encourage them to play and play with them. As an incentive for juniors to improve their game, the MBA has voted to award a Massachusetts Junior Emblem to those juniors who reach the semi-final rounds of the Massachusetts Junior Championships.

Warren Brooks, president of the Wisconsin State Badminton Association, last year, is now residing in Cambridge, Mass. He hopes to renew serious play as a member of the University Club of Boston. He ranked No. 3 in his association but smilingly wonders if he can be a good "B" player in this new area. Massachusetts can use him not only as a player but as an administrator for he is a good one.

## WASHINGTON

(From the Badminton News)

The Inland Empire Tournament will be held in Spokane again this year. The dates have not been definitely set but will probably be in late March.

Tacoma is certainly active in badminton this year, having many new players to its credit. Tacoma looks like a good spot for the Washington State Closed Tournament this year. How about it?

The Washington Athletic Club has a badminton group of about 30 members who play each week at Helen Busch School. Some of the players are Clarence and Olive Panzica, Joe and Norma Johnson, Bill Carlyon, Dion and Louise Routh and Dick and Eleanor Hayden. (How about some subscriptions to *Bird Chatter* from this group?)

## MARYLAND

Results of the Maryland State Open Class "C" Tournament held in Baltimore January 16th through the 21st are as follows:

L.S.—Sally Coulter def. Linda Windsor, 11-1, 11-6. M.S.—Bill Hedrich def. Ed. Dunning, 15-3, 15-10. L.D.—Windsor-Coulter def. Dryden-Watson, 15-2, 15-5. M.D.—Hedrich-Bartholow def. Dunning-Wilson, 15-11, 15-3. Mx.D.—Hessey-Hessey def. Dryden-Bartholow, 15-11, 15-11.

## NEW YORK

The Metropolitan Badminton Association Championships were held at the Westchester County Centre in White Plains, New York, the last of January. Ralph Davidson of New Jersey took the Men's Singles event by defeating Ted Jarrett of New York, 15-6, 15-1. The Ladies' Singles were cancelled due to insufficient entry. Doris DeLord and Rosine Capehart defeated Eleanor Ross and Stella Taral in Ladies' Doubles, 15-1, 10-15, 15-5. Sandy Hammel and Ceph Monnett defeated Ed Shields and Larry Howard, 15-8, 15-12, to win the Men's Doubles title.

Doris DeLord and Ralph Davidson teamed together to win the Mixed Doubles event by defeating Eleanor Ross and Max Schirmer, 15-8, 15-11. Veterans Doubles found Ed Shields and Pop Hinds the winners from Larry Howard and Max Schirmer by a score of 15-11, 17-14.

## RHODE ISLAND

Doris Cooper

The Annual Rhode Island Junior Badminton Tournament will be held at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School, April 13, 14 and 15. The Under 15 tournament will be the same week end at Lockwood Junior High in Warwick. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Downs are the chairmen and a record number of entries is expected. Each division will have the usual five events with all the finals being played at the high school.

The Fifth Annual Rhode Island Open Badminton Tournament was held this year on January 14th at the Warwick Veterans Memorial High School. Jack Cooper and Alex McWhirter were co-chairmen.

A consolation round in both ladies and men's doubles proved popular and a welcome addition to the tournament this year. Results follow:

L.D.—Doris DeLord-Rosine Capehart def. Wanda Bergman-Helen Gibson, 15-7, 15-11. M.D.—Robert Warren-Donal OCallaghan def. Phil Blanchard-Bill Goodman, 15-10, 15-8. Mx.D.—Helen Gibson-Noel Fehm def. Capehart-Warren, 14-17, 15-10, 17-14.

### Consolation

L.D.—Janet Emeneger-Judy Seitz def. Edna Perry-June Tinglof, 11-15, 17-14, 15-5. M.D.—Howard Hopkinson-Sam Smyth def. Frank Conley-Jack McNeil, 15-3, 15-9.



# ... to Coast

## OREGON

(From the OBA News Letter)

The Oregon Closed Tournament was held February 14-16 and 19 with seven events being run, including a "Ladies' Veterans" event — 38 was the age for the gals. Seth George acted as chairman and Flo Weidel as secretary of the tournament committee.

In recent balloting at Reed Badminton Club, Maryanne Wolfe, Chuck Corbin, and Odessa Reinke, were elected President, Vice-President and Secretary, respectively.

George Clinton provides trophies for the Oregon Closed. As if he hadn't already done enough for Oregon badminton with support of the News Letter and active participation in OBA tournaments, George has now donated two beautiful Veterans perpetual trophies for the Oregon Closed Tournament. They were contested for at the tournament of February 14-19 for the first time. George is media expert for the Joseph H. Gerber Advertising Agency.

Tentative dates for Oregon Open are March 9-10-11. Look for more news on this event soon. There will be a handicap event in conjunction with the Open.

Club News: Betty Rankin is on crutches. News Letter and Bird Chatter extend sympathy.

Russ, Jr., was born on October 17. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Russ Hill, naturally; the Don Sunderleafs had a baby girl on November 8th, and according to Rita Muntz, that is all the news from Portland.

## MARYLAND

Another highly successful Eastern Open Junior Badminton Tournament was held the last of December at Goucher College in Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Ball ably directed the affair with assistance from Virginia and Dick Ball, the Devlins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDavid, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood, Mrs. Elmer Rudy, Linda Black, Jay Tischinger, Ed Schmeiser and Norman Windsor.

Fifty out-of-town entrants brought the entry to 105. Included were Allan Massey and Ed Hreljac who is ranked second in junior events in Canada. They come from Sudbury, Ontario.

Hreljac upset Russell Paquette, seeded number one in the tournament after a most exciting duel with Gary McFarlane, seeded second, in the semi-finals.

In the "under 13" event two unseeded girls made an exceptionally fine showing. Puss Pritchard of Marblehead, Mass., defeated Patsy Hitchens in the finals and in the "under 15" event, Marilyn Marchant, Mass., defeated Faith Ferris in the finals. It would seem that all of these girls will bear watching in the future.

G.S.—McGregor Stewart def. Norma Slauer, 11-0, 11-7. B.S.—Ed Hreljac def. Russ Paquette, 15-11, 11-15, 18-13. G.D.—Slauer-Stewart def. Barbara Prince-Martha West, 15-7, 15-8. B.D.—Paquette-Bill Bryant def. Glen Hackett-Gary McFarlane, 15-18, 15-10, 15-4. Mx.D.—Marcia Dotson-Bryant def. Stewart McFarlane, 15-7, 12-15, 15-6.

### Under 15

G.S.—Marilyn Merchant def. Faith Ferris, 11-5, 12-10. B.S.—John Schultz def. Gary Nippes, 15-3, 5-15, 15-6.

### Under 13

G.S.—Puss Pritchard def. Patsy Hitchens, 11-5, 11-2. B.S.—John Snead def. Bruce Steinwald, 15-5, 15-4.

## INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR

The United States lost to Canada by a score of 8 to 7 in an International Junior badminton match at the University of Minnesota Armory, Saturday, January 28. U.S. players were from Detroit and the Twin Cities; Canadian players came from the western provinces. Results:

Noreen Wicks (Can.) def. Joan Nelson (U.S.), 11-5, 7-11, 12-10. Milton Hess (Can.) def. Ken Jackson (U.S.), 15-3, 15-7. Bernice Cahoon (Can.) def. Marian Meagher (U.S.), 11-9, 11-6. Jim Roy (Can.) def. Ken Oberg (U.S.) 15-5, 17-14. Virginia Hubbard (U.S.) def. Judy Borland (Can.), 11-5 11-6. Bill Bryant (U.S.) def. Brian McNamara (Can.), 15-0, 15-2. Marcia Dotson (U.S.) def. Ann Murray (Can.), 11-3, 11-10. Russ Paquette (U.S.) def. David Thompson (Can.), 15-12, 15-3.

### Doubles

Cahoon - Stuart (Can.) def. Dotson-Meagher (U.S.), 17-14, 15-11. Roy-Abra (Can.) def. Oberg-Johnson (U.S.), 15-10, 15-5. Murray-Borland (Can.) def. Hubbard-Christensen (U.S.), 15-5, 13-18, 18-16. Paquette-Bryant (U.S.) def. Thompson-McNamara (Can.), 11-15, 15-2, 15-1. Borland-Abra (Can.) def. Johnson-Christensen (U.S.), 15-9, 15-8. Paquette-Hubbard (U.S.) def. Murray-Thompson (Can.), 15-1, 15-7. Bryant-Dotson (U.S.) def. McNamara-Stuart (Can.), 15-8, 14-18, 15-12.

## ILLINOIS OPEN TOURNAMENT

L.S.—Abbie Rutledge def. Thelma Burdick, 11-4, 11-5. M.S.—Ted Moehlmann def. Vic Pritula, 15-12, 10-15, 15-1. L.D.—Marshall-Massman def. Burdick-Coombs, 15-4, 15-8. M.D.—Boston-Moehlmann def. Anderson-Pritula, 15-10, 15-3. Mx.D.—Rutledge-Moehlman def. Connor-Anderson, 15-8, 10-15, 15-8. Vets.D.—Robinson-Tiberi def. Gibbs-Prest, 15-9, 15-12.

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## WHY?

Thelma Kingsbury Welcome

WHY DO I PLAY BADMINTON? This is the nearest thing to a \$64,000 question I have ever been asked! The problem is not because I don't know the answer, but because I am not sure of expressing myself adequately or affirmatively enough. Of course, there are moments when I ask myself "why do you STILL play badminton?" !! but the answer immediately hits me with considerable force, because having once been faced with the strong probability of forced retirement from the game, I realize that badminton represents a vital concentration of all the elements which constitute my happiest self.

Badminton has been an education to me, in some ways far beyond the reach of academic studies and degrees of learning. Fortunately I have only experienced the game in the light of what it has done FOR me, and can honestly say that it has caused me no heartbreaks or tears—on my own account. I have yet to overcome the emotional strain of *watching*—with bias—a badminton match. This I seldom do, as the ultimate result of that match will invariably bring forth tears of joy or tears of condolence—uncontrollable and very embarrassing.

Playing badminton has given me the utmost pleasure, not to be meas-

ured in a few glorious moments of "sweet success" (good as it tastes!) but through almost three decades of my life, during which my defeats were many.

In the first place, twenty-nine years in the game have provided me with a wealth of friends from many parts of the world—the greatest of these being a devoted husband! My correspondence is always in a state of tardy neglect, but *friends* remain patient and understanding. Some of the finest of these do not even play badminton, but the game has been responsible for many delightful associations.

In its mildest form, badminton yields me healthful exercise and mental relaxation—the perfect mood in which to indulge a fine thirst and a healthy appetite! More intensely applied, badminton challenges my competitive spirit and strengthens my powers of concentration; and at its most strenuous, is the acid test of physical endurance, acumen, and those most difficult of qualities to possess—patient and self-control.

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### EXHIBITION MATCH

The San Fernando (Calif.) Tennis and Badminton Club were hosts to members and guests with an exhibition featuring several of the top players in the badminton world.

Participating in the matches were Lois and Joe Alston, Mike Hartgrove, Helen Tibbetts, Mannie Armendariz, Ronnie Palmer and Wynn Rogers.

Wynn Rogers held a short clinic on the basic points of badminton.

The program was introduced by Lee A. Wakefield, local club president, and organized by George R. McCall. Other club members participating were Lester Goldberg, Harry Colton, Mary Arndt and Richard Beaulieu.

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Dear Ed:

I nourish a great ambition to complete my collection of "Bird Chatter" issues. The following are the ones which are missing: Vol. 1, issues Nos. 1, 3 and 4; Vol. 2, No. 3; Vol. 3, Nos. 3 and 4; Vol. 4, No. 4; Vol. 6, No. 2; Vol. 7, No. 1. Thought some of your subscribers might have these issues and be willing to part with them.

Virginia Hill  
460 Spencer St.  
Glendale 2, Calif.

## From the

### Bird Chatter Helps Player

Dear Ed.:

Here is a story worth printing, I am sure, and it should be a stimulus for selling "Bird Chatter."

A little over two years ago I received a letter in an unusual feminine handwriting. The party said she had been a member of a St. Louis Badminton Club, also had been a member of Clubs in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and San Antonio, Texas. She had recently moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, and wanted to know if there was any badminton activity in that area.

In answering her letter, I told her that the Recreation Department in Charlottesville sponsored a badminton club and that if she could contact Mr. William J. Linkous, Jr., who was taking a postgraduate course at the University of Virginia, he would welcome her into the club. (Bill is a member of Roanoke Badminton Club.)

Several months later when some of us attended the National Capital Tournament in Washington, D.C., I had the pleasure of meeting this young lady. I asked her how she got my name and address. She replied that she had gotten it from "Bird Chatter" while still living in Texas.

So you see, "Bird Chatter" helps those who must move from one part of the country to another to keep in contact and keep alive their interest in badminton.

Byron W. Settle  
Roanoke, Virginia

(We sincerely appreciate this letter and are happy to know that our efforts are not in vain.)

Dear Ed:

Let me be one of many to inform George Ingram that the pro in Pasadena "about 1938" was Guy Reed. He coached all over Southern California for years, even driving regularly to Santa Barbara, San Diego, etc., to give lessons. Without his teaching, the calibre of play in this area would not have advanced as it did.

He now lives in Kelowna, B.C., and we miss him!

Helen Tibbetts

BIRD CHATTER



# MAIL BAG . . .

Dear Marguerite:

I enjoyed the articles by Lea Gustavson and particularly the one about Ken Davidson's early years in America, and to call attention to the work they put in in writing "Winning Badminton." I know that they worked over three years in preparation.

One of my prized possessions is a folder, used to advertise Kenneth's exhibitions. It contains, I think you call it a melange, of photostats of newspaper clippings, from England, Scotland and the United States, dated in 1935 and 1936. Some do not show the dates.

One Scottish paper wrote:

"The loss of Davidson will be well nigh irreparable to Scottish badminton, as the international team will be like a ship without a rudder. Many good wishes will go with Davidson when he leaves to take up his appointment, and new friends in plenty will be assured by his strongly developed native wit."

How accurate the man was who wrote that.

Kenneth was right about his having won singles matches.

One article states:

"Kenneth R. Davidson, Yorkshire's exponent of badminton who has been giving American players lessons in the game for the past week, routed the metropolitan singles champion, Kenneth J. Ridgway of the Garden City Casino, in their final round match to win the first Eastern New York tournament yesterday on the courts of the Tudor City Tennis Club in the 165th Infantry Armory.

A crowd of almost 500 spectators, probably the largest to witness tournament play in this area, saw the visiting player win by 15-8, 15-4. Davidson, representing the Manhattan Badminton Club while here, proved far too experienced for the local star and never had any trouble.

Ridgway played a splendid game but was unable to cope with the superior repertoire of the English player. Davidson was equipped with strokes and strategy which brought exclamations of amazement from the gathering. His speed afoot and sense of timing were bewildering. His delivery, which soared at time to a height of thirty feet, was an invaluable weapon.

But, topping all this, Davidson showed deceptive play which left the game's enthusiasts cheering. Deftly

masking his smashes, as well as his drop shots, he was complete master from start to finish. Even so, some of the duels at the net were spectacular and thrilling."

Another article tells of his winning the Ohio State over Walt Kramer:

"Before 400 spectators, Kenneth R. Davidson of England again demonstrated his superiority over players in this country by defeating Walter Kramer of Detroit in the Ohio State Championships by the score of 15-6, 15-13. Kramer is the top ranking amateur in this country and has been the runner-up in the New England Open for the past two years."

This brings another idea. Kenneth had some very wonderful scrap books. He let me see one or two of them a few years ago. Perhaps Connie could use them as a basis of an article that she could write about Kenneth's career. Maybe it could be written in such a way that it would have an appeal beyond the badminton world.

With best wishes.

Tim Royce, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Your issue of January - February brought back more memories than usual and made me feel quite nostalgic for the 'old days.' It was Lea Gustavson's remarks about Ken Davidson that did it. I would like to add a few of my own.

At the time of Ken's arrival in this country in 1935, I was trying to decide whether or not to continue the publication of "SQUASH - BADMINTON," or incorporate a badminton section in "American Lawn Tennis," or forget about badminton entirely. A "subscriber from England" was announced, and it was not long before I was under the personal spell that Ken cast on countless thousands of people during the next few years.

The decision with respect to a badminton publication for 1935-36 was made: I decided—with the approval of the late S. W. "Pop" Merrihew—to discontinue a publication which was more productive of psychic income that take-home pay (as if YOU don't know), devoting several pages of A.L.T. to badminton, and take up the game myself!

Lea's memory fails him, I believe, as to Ken's note "winning a singles

match." One of my fond recollections of him and of his first season in this country is of a tournament played at the "Old 69th Regiment Armory." It was either the Metropolitan or Eastern or New York or some such championship, and I feel certain that Ken won it with ease. My most hallowed recollection of it, however, was that I (playing in my first real tournament) "took" more points from Ken than anybody else. He thereby used the occasion not only to do some subtle teaching, but also some successful proselyting (Squash had been my game).

Ken's love of badminton did not, however, deter him from keen enjoyment as both spectator and player in any number of other sports. He was anxious to observe the other winter racket games, and New York had more of them than any other place. We haunted the various university clubs to watch Squash Tennis and Squash Racquets, and we even "snuck in" the back door of the Racquet Club during a Hard Racquets Tournament. On the same occasion, we wandered over to the Court Tennis area and watched the great Pierre Etchbaster in action.

During Ken's several visits here in Laurel, he, as usual, gave freely of his time and talent by appearing in badminton benefits. I am sure that one of his most popular and hilarious performances ever was a night when the New Orleanians, who were to be his co-players, failed to appear and local talent stepped into the breach. On these visits we settled many a championship in lawn tennis, golf, table tennis, and even bowling. His adeptness at lawn tennis was amazing; this was true on what I think was his very first experience with the game—at Gracie Park Tennis Club in New York.

Ken was always to me the true embodiment of the amateur spirit; he played games for the pure unadulterated joy of them.

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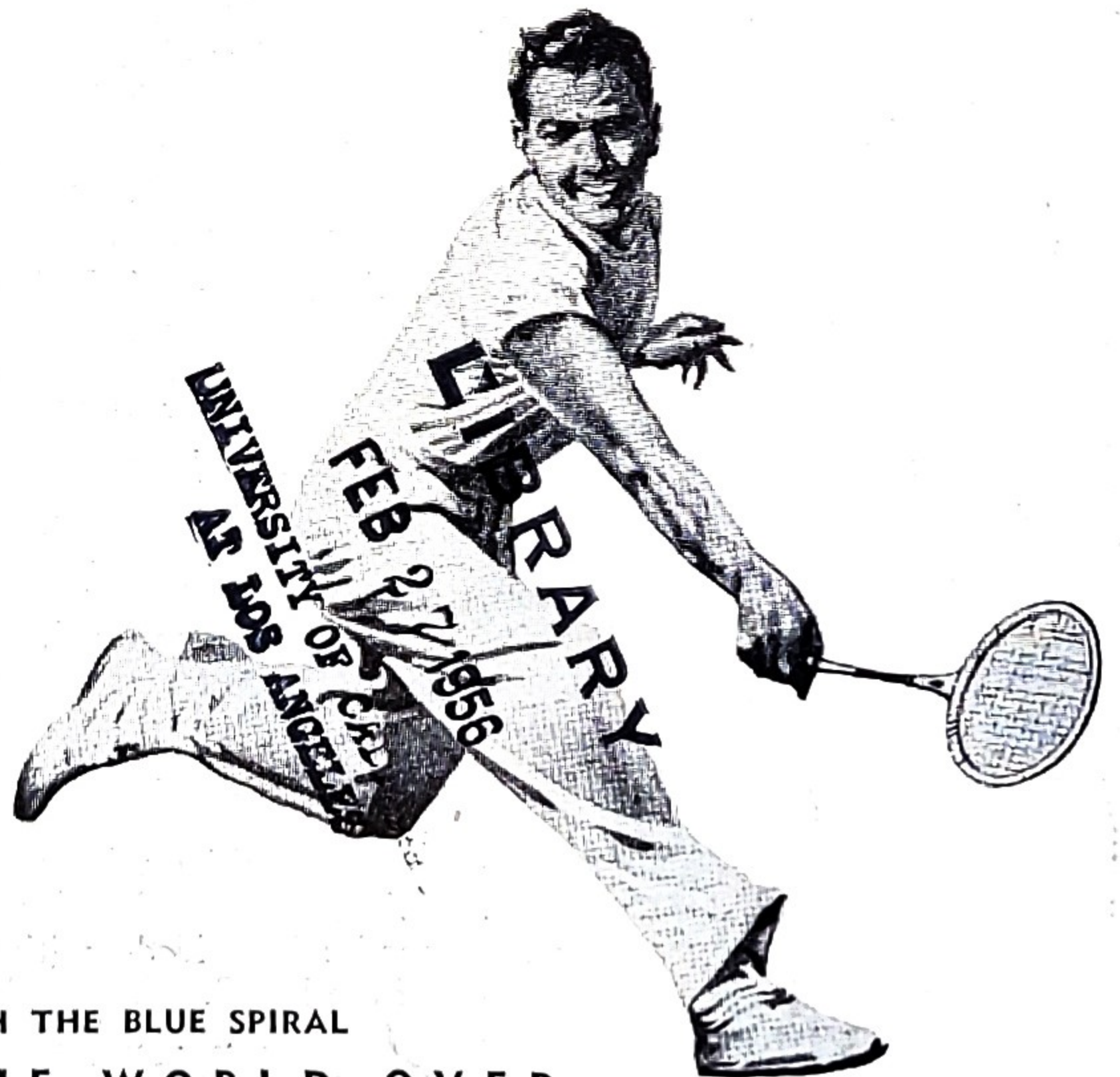
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