San Pedro Springs Is Cradle of Sports in San Antonio Dating Back to Civil War



These oddly interesting pictures represent the first two football teams in San Antonio, really the first the left is the San Antonio team and on the right the Mission Athletic Club team, both organized in 1891 and left tied for the championship with a scoreless tie which was never decided. In the picture with the San Antonio team are shown a number of non-playing members in street clothes. As identified they are as follows, left to right: Top row, Con Boyle, John Kernel Boyle, Ed H.] Everett, Louis Degen; middle row, A. C. Lavelle, Frank J. Caldwell, Tom Frost, ______, _ ----, F. W. Rainbridge, A. McDonald; bottom row, Billie Simpson, Billie Thomas, -----, John Russell, A. E. Hellbron. In the Mission lineup are, left to right, top row: Mason Eckles, Herman Heuer mann, Caesar Cazell; middle row, Joe Erps, Jim Draper, Gabe Cazell, Billie Sohl, Walter Jones, A. Mc-Hurry? Speeder. Donald; bottom row, Adolph (Shorty) Phillip, Billie Koerps, Louis Heder.

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Old San Pedro Springs harbors many traditions, and not the least of these is sports. It is here that practically every branch of sport in San Antonio was born. San Pedro Springs used to be the logical center of recreation from the time the first Union troops arrived here any circus because of their lithe- yesterday between the San Antonio shortly upon the close of the Civil some agility and daring, given the and the M. A. C. Clubs. The score War and staged the first baseball opportunity of proper training. was 1 to 0 in favor of the San game in San Antonio. Here the first fair and exposition was held among the field sports and old-lalong 1900 that football began to west Texas showed their stuff.

center field; Sharp, right field known as the San Antonio Foot- Peacock, 11 to 6, in what was then months, perhaps the next few and yams. These descendants were This was on August 30, 1883, and ball Club. the score was 14 to 11 in favor of were organized.

Shooting matches in Gravel Pit. Willie Ivy Baldwin used to walk the manager. a high wire and make balloon ascensions here. Walking matches in

participants. years ago or more, the enthusiasm hands on the ball. was no less than it is today, and The line-up was as follows: the sponsors were equally as ar- Mission A. C. Pos. dent as those of today in the per- Jacks Goal Frost petuation of their particularly Sohl Back Hoefling (Reich Back Simpson favored branch of sport as a Langwell Halfback Brotze means of healthful recreation and Kinesle Halfback Thomas physical, development. The old Heder Halfback'..... Levelle Turn Verein was the pioneer in G. Cazell..Forward Center Slight this field and later came the Mis- P. Hehn .. Forward Center ... Russell sion Athletic Club and the Young Phillip Right Wing ... Shrimpton Men's Christian Association. St. C. Cazell Lest Wing Heilbron Mary's College was the first educational institution to encourage championship that year. The folsports among its pupils. The Turn lowing year the Missions were Verein went in mostly for gym- early, in the field and when the may nastics, ladder work and trapeze championship game was played on Sports in San Antonio. performance, for which it had a Nov. 14, 1892, it resulted in a well equipped gymnasium in its scoreless tie, which was never de- ST. HEDWIG WOMAN DEAD hall on East Houston Street where cided, so honors were even. A ST. HEDWIG WOMAN DEAD the Empire Theater now stands, change had been made on the and previously in the old Central teams whereby Ernest Reich went Garden on Bowen's Island, where over to the San Antonio team and died at her home at St. Hedwig ly appointed to succeed Colp. the Smith-Young Tower now A. McDonald played with the early Saturday. She was a native

stands. Pioneers in Football.

lege always had turning poles or that it is today and made very slow horizontal bars and parallel bars headway down here as a popular in its large yard on College Street, sport. The papers gave very little where the pupils used to perform space to the game, as they did with with Herman Seng and Paul Kiss- all sports, and one report of a game ling as stars, two youngsters of was covered with a few lines withthose days who could have taken out a head: "There was a game of their places with the topliners of football at the San Pedro Springs these days one must have a good ground of lustrous splendor. Moon-

with a program of horse races as timers still recall a memorable attract attention in the local public the sport feature, run on a half-|game that was played in the sum-|schools with Otto Pfeiffer and mile track that used to extend mer of 1876 between the Lone Louis Sien among the pioneer along San Pedro Avenne down Stars of San Antonio and the R. E. | boosters for the sport, and even past Evergreen Street, turned west-|Lees of Houston on the old Cotton-|then the progress was slow. ward and back north to the place yard grounds, on West Nueval Until then only the association of beginning, forming an oval on Street, back of the courthouse, in or soccer game was played down which the fastest ponies in South- which Tom Dunbar, who is still here, which was also the style of have some spare cash, buy some Bellamy, wasted on piffle. And tional institutions, their value to It is here the first polo match part as catcher for the Lone Stars. took up the game back in 1869. was played between a team of That was before the Southern Pa-The association game, however. cowboys and a crack English four cific Railroad had been built into was considered too tame to make and it is here cricket matches and San Antonio. The R. E. Lees went lany progress, and so the modern football games were played. The by rail from Houston to Luling American game was evolved from first golf links were laid just north and made the rest of the 50-mile Rugby and soccer. At that the of San Pedro Springs, as may be trip from Luling to San Antonio Rugby game had undergone recalled by William Aubrey and by stage coach. As baseball, how-Idrastic change from the game as Frank M. Lewis, both of whom ever, was only a summer sport, originally played in England. While men's Club can stretch his imagi- 1789, in the Pacific Ocean, most and libraries for children will be were among the early devotees. San Antonio's young athletes in the old rules confined the play to nation profitably. If he can tell of her crew driven to desperation stressed and on Nov. 30 the bene-The old St. Louis Browns under those days were without field ac- kicking, it was as early as 1823 three good whoppers, beating all by harsh treatment and worse food, fits of endowments and gifts will Charlie Comiskey with Yank Rob- tivities for the winter, and this that a player caught the ball in other contestants he wins a big under the leadership of a man be brought out. inson, Arlie Latham, Bill Gleason, brought on football. This was in- his arms and raced across the goal silver cup. The club is said to be named Christian mutinied, driving Curt Welch, Hugh Nicol, Tip troduced by a number of English-line with it, thus originating the strictly avoided by Diogenes, anc-the captain, officers and others O'Neil, Doc Bushong, Bob Car- men, headed by F. W. Bainbridge, distinctive running feature in Rug- lient Greek cynic. Falsehoods. ruthers and Dave Foutz in the who with William Corner had a by, although at the time such a lineup played an exhibition game | bookstore in the Grand Opera | flagrant violation of the rules was at San Pedro Springs 50 years House Building on Alamo Plaza, high treason to the sport. The W. Stevens and Orvil Anderson eers took possession of the island ago, and even before that the Mas- They organized a football club in running game, however, became have broken the altitude record for naming it Pitcairn. It is a small promoting the library idea in many cots, an outgrowth of the old comic the fall of 1,891, which included in popular because it brought life and balloons, beating the sensational island due west of Chile and immeopera of that name, produced here its membership John Russell, then action into play, and this eventual- record made by Russian scientists diately south of the tropic of Caat the time, as recalled the other a popular bartender at the Men- ly brought on the forward pass, to last year. The Americans went up pricorn. Voyaging to Tahiti they day by Billie Rote, played ball ger Hotel; Bill Thomas, son of which football owes the popularity 74,000 feet. Probably the strato- were joined by six Polynesian men pleted by the Carnegie Corporation here with Billie Tobin pitcher, R. G. Thomas, a plumber; Tom it enjoys today. Louis Nehr and Ed Seng, catchers; Frost, a baker, working for J. A. Howard, first base; Drenon, sec-| Bryant; A. McDonald, who operond base; Riely Gordon, third base; ated a paint and picture frame ground in the schools of San An-Billie Rote, shortstop; Stoneham, store; A. C. Lavelle, A. E. Hell-tonio and soon an academic league left field; Aaron Pancoast, center bron, Billy Simpson, Al Slight, was organized composed of teams 2688 years ago. Since that time Perhaps your Commentator is the University of Chicago; aid to field; Jim French, right field, Heinie Hoefling, Harry Wurzbach, representing the High School, San Rome has ruled most of the known the only person in San Antonio college libraries and library schools; against the Athletics composed of Oscar Brotze, Fred Stone, Ben Elwood, catcher; Reinhart, pitch- Newman, Louis Degen, Frank Cald- emy and West Texas Military a second rate power. Mussolini While a boy on a world's cruise library surveys, studies and demer; Cuttler, first base; Gus Kamp- well, Ed Everett, Con Boyle, John Academy. Perhaps the most notable is making a big effort to put his our ship stopped at the island for a constrations; grants for library felmann, second base; Hart, third Kernel Boyle, C. Richards, A. game played here up to that time nation again to the fore. Ethiopia brief visit. Several boat-loads of lowships and scholarships and aid base; Billie Anderson, shortstop; Shrimpton and John Gallagher, was on Thanksgiving Day, 1907, is the beginning. Can the Italians natives came aboard bringing large in promoting adult education Will Pancoast, lest sield; Lyons, who was the secretary. This was when the High School deseated dominate again? The next sew bunches of bananas, pincapples through libraries.

Soon the Mission Athletic Club Field. The lineup of this game was or bankruptcy? the Athletics. From the Mascot put a football team in the field followed: Baseball Club the Belknap Rifles with the following members: Gabe H Cazell, Adolph Phillip, Henry Kine- | S sele, Ernest Reich, Frank Hun-K Here the old Alamo Gun Club, tress, Emil Hehn, Max Becker, Ru- R of which August Thiele was a dolph Aue, Harry McFarland, S. Gi charter member, used to shoot clay Wilkie, Henry Langwell, Arthur B pigeons, and Dr. Carver, Dr. Pen- Storms, Mason Eckles, Joe Erps. R rose and Captain Bogardus used Billie Koerps, Louis Heder, Billie T to engage in competitive shooting Sohl, Jim Draper, Caesar Cazell, I matches in an old gravel pit, near Walter Jones, Pete Hehn, Al Jacks, the car barns, before San Pedro Ben Ferris, Adolph Toepperwein Po Avenue was extended northward, and Herman Heuermann, who was umpires, Altgelt an

San Antonio First in Texas. which Dan O'Leary took part, and teams in Texas. Later Dallas, Fort | mobilizing here for the World War. dancing contests used to be staged Worth, Galveston and Houston in the old pavilion and tub races placed leams in the field and the activities among the troops. The PARKS MEETING were hold on the lake. Competitive idea of forming a State football famous Second Texas Infantry was drills were staged in the old ball league was advanced, but it never organized here at the time and inpark, near the car barns, during materialized. St. Mary's College cluded many football stars. Every the Volksfest, in which the Bel- put the first school team in the organization in camp here had its knap Rifles won first prize against field and was followed with a football team and the Second Texas United States Forestry Ser- Federal Economist on 4-Day Bartlett entitled "Manual of Ina field of crack militia companies team by the fligh School on Main cleaned up the entire outfit, climfrom over the state, Dr. W. F. Avenue. The Missions and San An- axing its achievement by trouncing Carver exhibited his famous diving tonio teams played their first game a picked team of crack Eastern horses here, one of which was at San Pedro Springs on Sunday, players, 69 to 0, in a game played white, mounted by a girl in/red Nov. 29, 1891, which resulted in In League Park, then on South tights, diving off a platform 30 feet a score of 1 to 0 in favor of San Presa and Garden streets, on Jan. above the ground into a tank of Antonio. They played under what 20, 1917, before a crowd of 15,- room of Municipal Auditorium at chief economist of the Feu al to political affairs in Texas in water, and Jack Prince staged pur- was known as the Association Rules | 000. The starting lineup of this | 3:30 p. m. Tuesday, according to Planning Division in Washington, and autographed copies of Mary suit races here in a wooden saucer and used a perfectly round ball. It s with Louis F. Birdsong among the was strictly a kicking game, the same as soccer today, in which no With these activities in sports 50 player was allowed to put his F

The San Antonio team, won the

The Mission Athletic Club had San Antonio. Pos. Mission A. C. at the Church of the Annunciation ALLOWED TRAVEL COSTS

Baseball always ranked first Antonio Club." It was not until

World War Makes Game

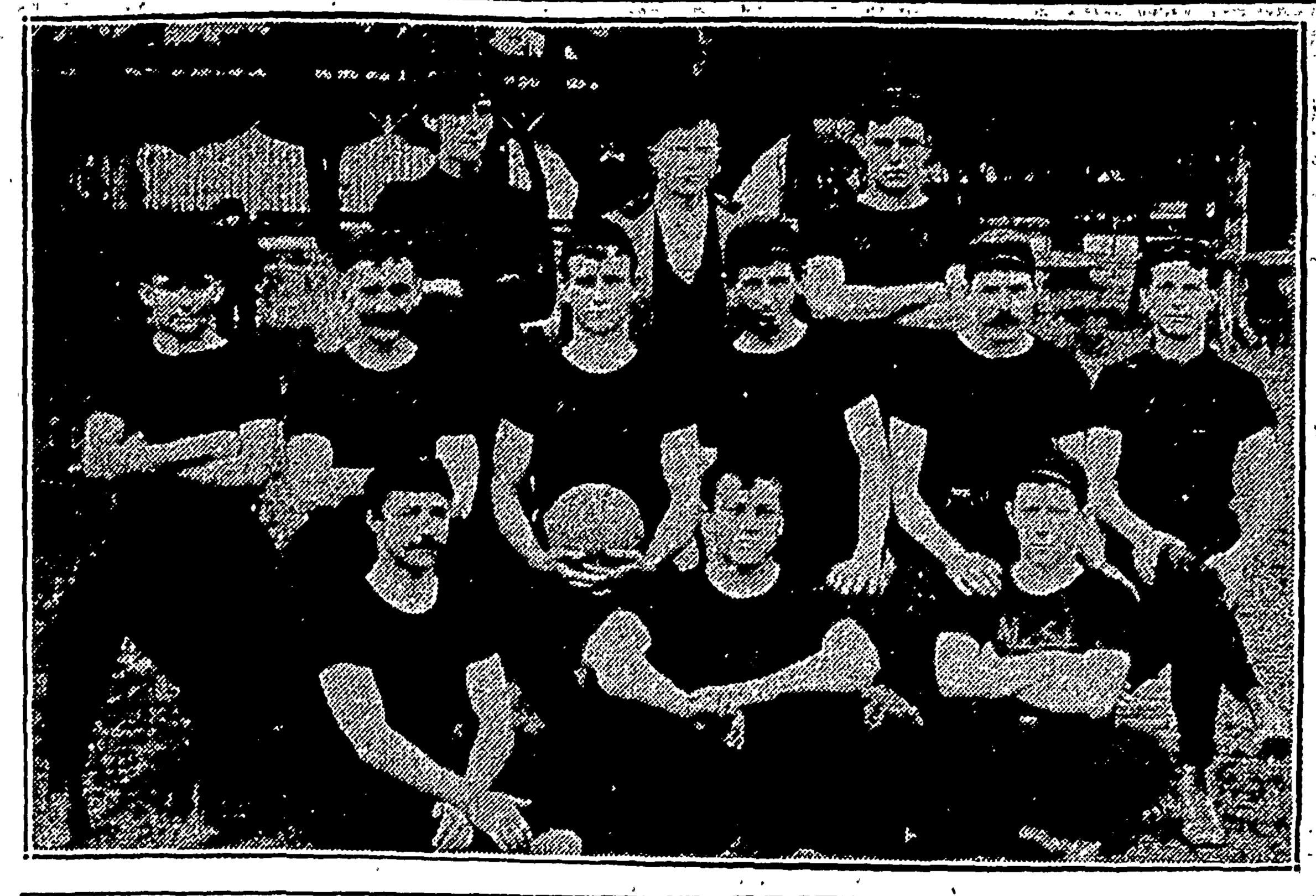
About 1905 football was gaining |Scientists.

Pos.	Peacock
	R. DeBone
R.T	Burtchell
R.G	Schurtz
C	H. DeBons
L.G	Sedgwick
L.T	Jernigan
L.E	Mills
Q.B	Cheney
	Stevens
F.B.	(c) McFaden
. L.H.B	Powers
High Sci	nool. Ogden
	. Maj. Hart:
	C. Smith.
	R.E. R.T. C. L.G. L.T. Q.B. R.H.B. F.B. L.H.B. ell; referee

strides and it came into its own

game was as	follows:	
Texas	Pos.	N. York
Kendricks	. R.E	Duffy
Simpson	$\mathbf{R}.\mathbf{T}.$	Driscoll
Birge (c)	R.G	Canlon
Diller		
Berry		···· Potter
Duncan		Jordan
Watson	. Q.B.	Anderson
Collins	R.H.B.	Miller
Dotson	F.B	Glass
Clark	L.H.B	(c) Wilkinson
		all has been
the reigning	winter or	itdoor sport
In San Antoi	nio, gettii	ng its start
from the as	sociation	or soccer
game as pla	yed by	the Mission
Athletic Club	and S	an Antonio
teams at old	San Pe	dro Springs
44 years ago	. San Pe	dro Springs
may truly be		

Mrs. Hedwig Tudyk Kosub, 68, The Mission Athletic Club had a gymnasium on Losoya Street, above the Joske Store, where Frank Brothers' store now is and under the guidance of the late Louis Heuermann, ranked as one of the 'eading athletic clubs of the 'eading athletic clubs of the 'Each Charge Internation ALLUVED THAVLL OUT IN ALLUVED THAVILLOUS The Charge at St. Hedwig, Sunday afternoon by Rev. V. S. Kloseck. Interment Will be at St. Hedwig, Sunday afternoon by Rev. V. S. Kloseck. Interment Will be at St. Hedwig under direction of the Riebe Undertaking Company. Survivors are the three courts was amended by Judge R. Wurzbach ... Half G. Cazell Wurzbach ... Half G. Cazell Storms of the 'eading athletic clubs of the 'eading athletic clubs of the 'Each Ferris tone of the Stanley Tudyk of St. Hedwig, Sunday afternoon at St. Hedwig, Sunday afternoon of the bankruptcy fund for the Signet Will be at St. Hedwig under direction of the Riebe Undertaking Company. Survivors are the three courts was amended by Judge R. Mexico, whose husband is a physician and a developer of large brothers, Casper Tudyk of San Angelo constitution of the Stanley Tudyk of St. Hedwig, Sunday afternoon of the bankruptcy fund for the Signet Will be at St. Hedwig, Sunday afternoon of the bankruptcy fund for the bankruptcy f



By ALEX NEILL BOWERS

Now, let's talk turkey!

If you want to find a youth great exercise. Skating. who can smile while everything [around him is going wrong, stroll] out to Brackenridge Park golf June. They should see the Nocourse and watch some of the vember moon in San Antonio to caddies. Brave.

sized bank roll. Expensive.

keeps the doctor away," is again the rule these days, but a cog making the rounds. Now the ap-|slipped, several cogs, when "Hands ple is mighty good food, a health- Across The Table," was made. Pic- \$65,000,000 to build, endow and it will not keep the doctor away. Itainment. "Hands Across" was a If you get sick, better send for him disappointment. Flimsy story, no

here at the age of 78 years, took play when the Eastern colleges Christmas cards and address them why did McMurray appear in short to the kiddies in the different or-shorts? Few men's nether limbs phanages. The matrons will, per- are beautiful. Unfavorable. haps, be glad to give you the names of youngsters who would appreciate a small card on the big jestic Theater, this week. The plot board, will speak on Carnegie's day. Cards. * * *

sphere will be used for long dis- and 12 women. Returning to Pittance flying some day, but not yet. cairn the white men married the

The birth of Rome took place Antonio Academy, Peacock Acad- world, only to slip back to being who has visited Pitcairn Island, grants for rural library extension; known as Electric Park, now Tech weeks will tell the story. Victory fine looking folks, brown-skinned, United Kingdom Trust, by means

spend any money on a great wall very religious. The most promi- per cent of the population when as is seen in China; nor Hanging nent building in the village was only 6) per cent were served be-Gardens as mentioned In Bablyon, the church. Another striking feat fore. This has set an example for for anything like the huge pyra. ture of these people was their American library activity. mids in Egypt. Practical.

George! you don't own your feet, toria of England made the island- and quality, Miss Julia Grothaus, It's funny, too-to the other fel-ers a present of a fine pinnace and librarian, announced lows. Shating rinks are interesting. Itoday the English government oc. Useful and greatly needed volumes The exhibarating movements of ex- casionally sends them supplies. were presented in large numbers Football was then making steady perts; men in colored sweaters; They are a remarkable clan and by Austin Tims. Mrs. W. A. Black the pros in tights and the pro wom- quite happy and content with their and Mrs. R. Z. Furnish in whose These were the first football in 1916-17, when the troops were en in short skirts, as short as those surroundings. Islanders.

worn by little girls of five years of Unit lage. Altogether it is overpower-For gracious sakes! What's the ling, like onions. When you once get into the swing of it and the

Poets may rave about a moon in put ectasy into their rhymes. Here To order a real ham sandwich bright and silvered with a back-

ful food. Eat it and enjoy it, but tures are mainly made for enter- equip nearly 3,000 libraries throughbefore you eat anything. Adage. photographic art, poor dialog, the whole feature fell flat. Good stars, tion San Antonio Public Library Here's a happy thought—if you Carole Lombard, McMurray and will emphasize libraries as educa-

is based on a true story of the sea activities. Library progress and |-the "Mutiny of the Bounty," an |development will be emphasized A first-class liar in the Sports-|English government ship. In April who declined to join the mutineers, into an open boat thousands Two Americans, Captains Albert miles from land. Later the mutinwomen. Their descendants live on the island today. Mutineers.

muscular, straight and clean in ap- of grunts to aid in establishing pearance and speech. They are county libraries, has made library Anyway the P. W. A. didn't healthy, virtuous, hospitable and privileges available to almost 100 speech. Pure English, good dic-

nether garment stops ripping its San Antonio Institution Will Join Rest of World In Honor

The week beginning Monday, is a beautiful hanging jewel, clean, Nov. 25, will be set aside by San Antonio Public Library along with other libraries of the nation to celebrate the 400th anniversary of That old adage, "An apple a day | Excellent motion pictures are the birth of Andrew Carnegie who was responsible for gifts totaling out the English-speaking world.

On the initial day of the celebrathe community well-being. Nov. 26 the library extension committee will present a program on which M. There's a great play at the Ma- M. Harris. president of the library on the following day. Nov. 29, books

Carnegie died in 1919 and the corporation which he founded in 1911 continued his library benefactions. No library buildings have been built since the World War, but the corporation has aided in

A 10-year library program for America has recently been comwhich included grants to the Amerlican Library Association for the promotion and improvement of library facilities; the founding of the Graduate Library School at

In Great Britain, the Carnegie

Volumes given the library by tion, and spoken with a Scotch ac- friends during the recent months Put on a pair of skates and, by cent. Some years ago Queen Vic- are appreciated both as to number Saturday. collection were many children's books. M. M. Harris, Mrs. Alex Pomerantz and numerous others presented really worth-while books, lit was reported. The City Federation of Women's Club made donations. Many single donations have enhanced the library shelves including an item donated by Gen. struction for the Volunteers and Militia of the State of Texas, 1861": rare classics printed before 1800. Bexar County park sites will be Dr. R. H. Montgomery, formerly donated by Mrs. Robert C. Foy; discussed at a meeting in the east at the University of Texas and 'ow statement and memorial in relation 1869, given by Dr. Walter Stuck; Mrs. Alex Adams, chairman of the will lecture in San Antonio at the Aubrey Keating's book on intercitizens' beautification committee Y. W. C. A. Nov. 25 at 8 p. m. His esting places in San Antonio and of Bexar County. Mrs. Adams, subject will be "Planning the New Knew No Fear." "Hymn to Texas," a Centennial song, by John M. State chairman, and Mrs. Marcus | The public affairs committee | Steinfeldt, copies of songs by Oscar Clark, chairman of division 15, of the Y. W. C. A. is sponsoring Fox, San Antonio composer, and a which includes 13 counties in the Dr. Montgomery's visit and patrons survey or historic American buildare Henry Hirschberg, Guy Bor-lings by the West Texas Chapter Herbery N. Wheeler, chief lec-|den, Congressman Maury Maver-|of the American Institute of Archi-

vice Lecturer to Attend

chairman of the meeting, will be Deal." assisted by Mrs. Frank Sorell, |San Antonio area.

Plants and Animals."

[will be charged.

Missions. The lineup was as fol- and lifelong resident of St. Hed- BANKRUPTCY REFEREE RESIDENT OF MEXICO.

Trip to Texas

turer in the United States Forestry lick, Clayton Scott, Oscar Powell, liects were among receipts. |Service, will speak on "The Pres- |Ed Sibley, Smiley White, Walter | ervation and Conservation of Godart, Rabbi Ephraim Frisch, METHODIST CONFERENCE Don Tobin and Perry Kallison.

ture lover, as well as all agencies in San Antonio, having given sevand individuals interested in beau-jeral series of lectures here while diffication of parks and roads, is in- at the university. He has been vited to the meeting. No admission | chief economist in the planning division since last summer.

the meeting will be D. E. Colp, day stay: During three days he Church, Rev. N. M. Freeman, preformer chairman of the State Park will give a course at Kingsville, siding elder, in charge, it was an-Board, and Wendell Mayes, recent- and on the fourth evening he will nounced Saturday. be in San Antonio.

Mrs. Adams said that every na- |. Dr. Monigomery is well known TO BE HELD MONDAY,

The workers' conference of the San Antonio district of the West Texas Methodist Conference, will Ameny those expected here for His trip to Texas is for a four- be held Monday in Travis Park

At the conferences to be held in the Yoakum and Uvalde districts. Rev. Horace M. King, executive secretary of the regional board of Christian Education; will be in