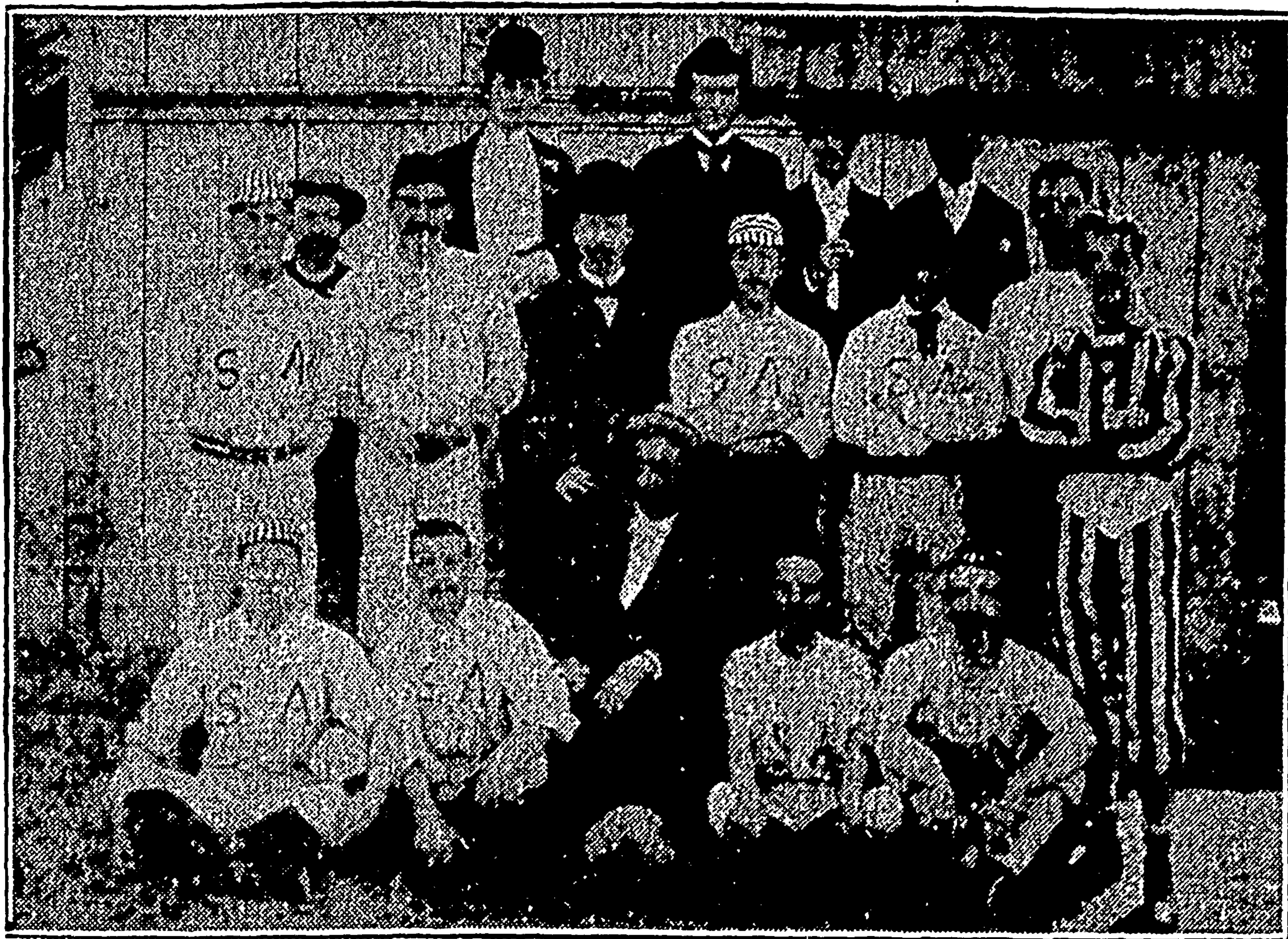


San Pedro Springs Is Cradle of Sports in San Antonio Dating Back to Civil War



These oddly interesting pictures represent the first two football teams in San Antonio, really the first football teams in Texas. On 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.

By FRED MOSEBACH

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 shortly upon the close of the Civil War and staged the first baseball game in San Antonio. Here the first fair and exposition was held with a program of horse races as the sport feature, run on a half-mile track that used to extend along San Pedro Avenue down past Evergreen Street, turned westward and back north to the place of beginning, forming an oval on which the fastest ponies in Southwest Texas showed their stuff.

jege always had turning poles or horizontal bars and parallel bars in its large yard on College Street, where the pupils used to perform with Herman Seng and Paul Klesling as stars, two youngsters of those days who could have taken their places with the topline of any circus because of their lithe-some agility and daring, given the opportunity of proper training.

that it is today and made very slow headway down here as a popular sport. The papers gave very little space to the game, as they did with all sports, and one report of a game was covered with a few lines without a head: "There was a game of football at the San Pedro Springs yesterday between the San Antonio and the M. A. C. Clubs. The score was 1 to 0 in favor of the San Antonio Club."



THE COMMENTATOR

By ALEX NEILL BOWERS

Now, let's talk turkey! For gracious sakes! What's the hurry? Speeder.

If you want to find a youth who can smile while everything around him is going wrong, stroll out to Brackenridge Park golf course and watch some of the caddies. Brave.

To order a real ham sandwich these days one must have a good sized bank roll. Expensive.

That old adage, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," is again making the rounds. Now the apple is mighty good food, a healthful food. Eat it and enjoy it, but it will not keep the doctor away.

Here's a happy thought—if you have some spare cash, buy some Christmas cards and address them to the kiddies in the different orphanages. The matrons will, perhaps, be glad to give you the names of youngsters who would appreciate a small card on the big day.

A first-class liar in the Sports-men's Club can stretch his imagination profitably. If he can tell three good whoppers, beating all other contestants he wins a big silver cup. The club is said to be strictly evoked by Diogenes, ancient Greek cynic. Falsehoods.

Two Americans, Captains Albert W. Stevens and Orvil Anderson have broken the altitude record for balloons, beating the sensational record made by Russian scientists last year. The Americans went up 74,000 feet. Probably the stratosphere will be used for long distance flying some day, but not yet. Scientists.

The birth of Rome took place 2688 years ago. Since that time Rome has ruled most of the known world, only to slip back to being a second rate power. Mussolini is making a big effort to put his nation again to the fore. Ethiopia is the beginning. Can the Italians dominate again? The next few months, perhaps the next few weeks will tell the story. Victory or bankruptcy?

Anyway the P. W. A. didn't spend any money on a great wall as is seen in China; nor Hanging Gardens as mentioned in Babylon, or anything like the huge pyramids in Egypt. Practical.

Put on a pair of skates and, by George! you don't own your feet. It's funny, too—to the other fellows. Slating rinks are interesting. The exhilarating movements of experts; men in colored sweaters; the pros in tights and the pro women in short skirts, as short as those

LIBRARY TO HONOR CARNEGIE MEMORY

San Antonio Institution Will Join Rest of World in Honor

The week beginning Monday, Nov. 25, will be set aside by San Antonio Public Library along with other libraries of the nation to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Carnegie who was responsible for gifts totaling \$65,000,000 to build, endow and equip nearly 3,000 libraries throughout the English-speaking world.

On the initial day of the celebration San Antonio Public Library will emphasize libraries as educational institutions, their value to the community well-being. Nov. 26 the library extension committee will present a program on which M. M. Harris, president of the library board, will speak on Carnegie's activities. Library progress and development will be emphasized on the following day. Nov. 29, books and libraries for children will be stressed and on Nov. 30 the benefits of endowments and gifts will be brought out.

Caracole 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 promoting the library idea in many ways.

A 10-year library program for America has recently been completed by the Carnegie Corporation which included grants to the American Library Association for the promotion and improvement of library facilities; the founding of the Graduate Library School at the University of Chicago; aid to college libraries and library schools; grants for rural library extension; library surveys, studies and demonstrations; grants for library fellowships and scholarships and aid in promoting adult education through libraries.

In Great Britain, the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, by means of grants to aid in establishing county libraries, has made library privileges available to almost 100 per cent of the population when only 60 per cent were served before. This has set an example for American library activity.

Volumes given the library by friends during the recent months are appreciated both as to number and quality. Miss Julia Grothaus, librarian, announced Saturday. Useful and greatly needed volumes were presented in large numbers by Austin Tims, Mrs. W. A. Black and Mrs. R. Z. Furnish in whose collection were many children's books. M. M. Harris, Mrs. Alex Pomerantz and numerous others presented really worth-while books, it 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. Bartlett entitled "Manual of Instruction for the Volunteers and Militia of the State of Texas, 1861"; rare classics printed before 1800, donated by Mrs. Robert C. Foy; statement and memorial in relation to political affairs in Texas in 1863, given by Dr. Walter Stuck; and autographed copies of Mary Aubrey Keating's book on interesting places in San Antonio and Gertrude Harris' tale of "Men Who Knew No Fear," "Hymn to Texas," a Centennial song, by John M. Steinfeldt, copies of songs by Oscar Fox, San Antonio composer, and a survey of historic American buildings by the West Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects were among receipts.

METHODIST CONFERENCE TO BE HELD MONDAY

The workers' conference of the San Antonio district of the West Texas Methodist Conference, will be held Monday in Travis Park Church, Rev. N. M. Freeman, presiding elder, in charge, it was announced Saturday.

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

Dr. W. W. Jackson, president of Westmoorland College, will represent the school at the three conferences.

At Mason and San Angelo conferences to be conducted by Rev.

DR. MONTGOMERY WILL SPEAK HERE

Federal Economist on 4-Day Trip to Texas

Dr. R. H. Montgomery, formerly at the University of Texas and now chief economist of the Federal Planning Division in Washington, will lecture in San Antonio at the Y. W. C. A. Nov. 25 at 8 p. m. His subject will be "Planning the New Deal."

The public affairs committee of the Y. W. C. A. is sponsoring Dr. Montgomery's visit and patrons are Henry Hirschberg, Guy Borden, Congressman Maury Maverick, Ed Sibley, Smiley White, Walter Godart, Rabbi Ephraim Frisch, Don Tobin and Perry Kallison.

Dr. Montgomery is well known in San Antonio, having given several series of lectures here while at the university. He has been chief economist in the planning division since last summer.

His trip to Texas is for a four-day stay. During three days he will give a course at Kingsville, and on the fourth evening he will be in San Antonio.

PARKS MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY

United States Forestry Service Lecturer to Attend

Bexar County park sites will be discussed at a meeting in the east room of Municipal Auditorium at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday, according to Mrs. Alex Adams, chairman of the citizens' beautification committee of Bexar County. Mrs. Adams, chairman of the meeting, will be assisted by Mrs. Frank Sorrell, State chairman, and Mrs. Marcus Clark, chairman of division 15, which includes 13 counties in the San Antonio area.

Herbert N. Wheeler, chief lecturer in the United States Forestry Service, will speak on "The Preservation and Conservation of Plants and Animals."

Mrs. Adams said that every nature lover, as well as all agencies and individuals interested in beautification of parks and roads, is invited to the meeting. No admission will be charged.

Among those expected here for the meeting will be D. E. Colp, former chairman of the State Park Board, and Wendell Mayes, recently appointed to succeed Colp.

BANKRUPTCY REFEREE ALLOWED TRAVEL COSTS

The bankruptcy fund for a number of years has been living in Mexico, whose husband is a physician and a developer of large mining interests in the State of

World War Makes Game

About 1905 football was gaining ground in the schools of San Antonio and soon an academic league was organized composed of teams representing the High School, San Antonio Academy, Peacock Academy and West Texas Military Academy. Perhaps the most notable game played here up to that time was on Thanksgiving Day, 1907, when the High School defeated Peacock, 11 to 6, in what was then known as Electric Park, now Tech Field. The lineup of this game was followed:

Table with columns for School, Pos., and Player Name. Lists players from various schools like Peacock, Burchell, Schurz, etc.

Football was then making steady strides and it came into its own in 1916-17, when the troops were mobilizing here for the World War. This was due to the winter sport activities among the troops. The famous Second Texas Infantry was organized here at the time and included many football stars. Every organization in camp here had its football team and the Second Texas cleaned up the entire outfit, clinching its achievement by trouncing a picked team of crack Eastern players, 69 to 0, in a game played in League Park, then on South Presa and Garden streets, on Jan. 20, 1917, before a crowd of 15,000. The starting lineup of this game was as follows:

Table with columns for Pos. and Player Name. Lists players like N. York, Kendricks, R.E., Duff, etc.

ST. HEDWIG WOMAN DEAD

Mrs. Hedwig Tudyk Kosub, 68, died at her home at St. Hedwig early Saturday. She was a native and lifelong resident of St. Hedwig. Funeral services will be held at the Church of the Annunciation 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 brothers, Casper Tudyk of San Antonio, Stanley Tudyk of St. Hedwig

Shooting matches in Gravel Pit

Here the old Alamo Gun Club, of which August Thele was a charter member, used to shoot clay pigeons, and Dr. Carver, Dr. Penrose and Captain Bogardus used to engage in competitive shooting matches in an old gravel pit, near the car barns, before San Pedro Avenue was extended northward.

Willie Ivy Baldwin used to walk a high wire and make balloon ascensions here. Walking matches in which Dan O'Leary took part, and dancing contests used to be staged in the old pavilion and tub races were held on the lake. Competitive drills were staged in the old ball park, near the car barns, during the Volksfest, in which the Belknap Rifles won first prize against a field of crack militia companies from over the state. Dr. W. F. Carver exhibited his famous diving horses here, one of which was white, mounted by a girl in fringed tights, diving off a platform 30 feet above the ground into a tank of water, and Jack Prince staged pursuit races here in a wooden saucer with Louis F. Birdsong among the participants.

With these activities in sports 50 years ago or more, the enthusiasm was no less than it is today, and the sponsors were equally as ardent as those of today in the perpetuation of their particularly favored branch of sport as a means of healthful recreation and physical development.

The old Turn Verein was the pioneer in this field and later came the Mission Athletic Club and the Young Men's Christian Association. St. Mary's College was the first educational institution to encourage sports among its pupils. The Turn Verein went in mostly for gymnastics, ladder work and trapeze performance, for which it had a well equipped gymnasium in its hall on East Houston Street where the Empire Theater now stands, and previously in the old Central Garden on Bowen's Island, where the Smith-Young Tower now stands.

Pioneers in Football

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 leading athletic clubs of the