

# North and East Cagers

## EAST MUST HOP IF THEY ARE TO LICK EL DORADO

### Strong Wildcat Cagers See Chance of Overtaking the Leading Newtons

El Dorado is hot after the lead in the Ark Valley league, and will be tough opposition tonight for the East high Aces when the two teams collide on the East playing floor.

East has had strong offense through most of the season, and will count on power to upset their touted rivals

East has had an on-an-off season, with most of their victories coming when either Bill Ellis or Bill Jernigan, or both, were hitting the basket. When those two hot shots are off, the East team suffers accordingly.

Tonight they might win if both play well. El Dorado has a rangy team, complete with basket shooters, and fine guarding. They led Newton much of the way in a recent game between the two schools, and now see a chance to overhaul the league.

They will be going full out tonight, which means that the locals must match them stride for stride if they want to win.

## HOPPE CERTAIN OF AT LEAST A TIE

### Has Won Fifteen Out of Sixteen Matches

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—(UP)—Willie Hoppe entered the final round of the world's three-cushion billiard tournament today certain of at least a tie for the championship he has defended through 16 consecutive matches.

Only his opponent in the final match, Jake Schaefer of Chicago, had a mathematical chance of taking the winner's share of the \$20,000 prize money and even that chance would depend on the outcome of a run-off match. Hoppe, working on a hurry-up schedule that has put him on the schedule every night since he returned to the table after a severe attack of influenza, has won 15 of his 16 matches. Schaefer has won 14 of 16.



**SPY SERVICE**—Thursday night we drove to Newton to see Bethel tangle with Kansas Wesleyan. The game was interesting all the way, but we used intermissions for a bit of spy work.

We searched for the secret and now are prepared to tell local high school officials what they should do to build winning teams in their institutions.

There was an admission to the game, but it didn't keep the kids away. In all probability they pooled their total resources to buy one ticket, and that kid opened a side door to let the others in.

But that's guess work and beside the point. The main thing was their action, and the fact that every kid in town was on hand.

Like soldiers before a general, the kids paid strict attention to all detail during the playing time. During time out and intermissions, they played mock basketball, using a hat for the ball, along the sidelines.

Kids old enough to talk, called rules infractions before the referee could get his whistle to his mouth, and one infant, not yet able to talk, pointed and squirmed in his mother's lap when a player committed a foul.

Social standing among youngsters there depends entirely on their ability to toss baskets. At the age of six, to amount to anything at all, a kid has to be able to hit eight out of ten shots from the center of the court.

Newton is high school basketball nuts. Even the players on the Bethel team were making wagers on the high school game tonight while they dressed for their game.

The interest of the older folks, who reserve their tickets during the summer for the winter cage activity helps greatly. But the fact that the kids start learning the game early, and keep at it for years, seems to be the biggest factor in the continued successes of their teams.

**DIFFICULTY**—Coaches here who shout in loud terms about their difficulty in coaching conditions, would run a temperature with the situation faced by Coach Otto Unruh of Bethel.

His school is building a new

## PORTER'S CAP



**BEFORE** a crowd of 35,000 fans a Anita Derby, romping home four a close third. Porter's Cap is owned

## KANSAS-SHOCKER TILT NOT SIGNED

### Gebert Says Athletic Department Not Contacted

Kansas and Wichita university may meet here again next year if Dr. Allen is agreeable, but the game has not been signed yet, and no one in the athletic department at the local school ask for or suggested such a game, Al Gebert, director of athletics, announced today.

"We have thought about the basketball schedule for next year," Gebert said. "If we could come to an agreement, we would like to have the game again, but we haven't thought about it. No one in this department has seen Dr. Allen since the night of the Kansas-Wichita game."

Supporters of both the Kansas and Wichita team, however, are highly in favor of a repeat performance if such could be arranged.

Before the game could be assured, the two schools would have to make the arrangements, and the arrangements would have to be given the O. K. of the athletic committee and the regents at the local school, Gebert pointed out.