

WHETTING YOUR APPETITES

Some Pre-convention Observations

All of the old guard in the basketball coaching profession will be on hand in Chicago for the Ninth Annual Convention. Those who have attended former meetings would rather hitch-hike if necessary than miss these gatherings. They play their games over again and again, and try to scare each other with details of next year's prospects. Hotel cleaners have a hard time to remove pencil sketches of scoring plays that the master-minders draw on table linen, doors, walls, etc.

This year all members will be provided with lapel name cards so that we may become acquainted more easily. At a glance one can tell Nat Holman from Doc Carlson, and Piggy Lambert no longer will be confused with Harry G. Olsen.

The Loyola University Gymnasium is about 400 yards from our hotel. Loyola authorities have donated the use of the court for demonstration games, and Leonard Sachs, coach at Loyola, will see that each member has a splendid seat. This gymnasium is the site of the National Catholic High School Tournament, and is one of the best in the city.

The Officials' Panel headed by Coach Olsen is an addition to the program which is expected to be of tremendous value. With the large number of important intersectional games being played there is a need for coaches and officials to iron out the differences in interpretations of the rules. Many of the leading officials will be present. All season they have listened to abuse from the coaches, and will welcome this opportunity to obtain a measure of revenge.

Another interesting innovation concerns the showing of moving pictures of famous players and their stunts. Exciting moments in the recent Kentucky - N.Y.U. game in Madison Square Garden will be on the screen. One fine reel shows how the Original Celtics perform their fundamentals. Mr. Porter, of the National Federation of High Schools, will bring his reels showing confusing movements which cause some of the differences in interpretations.

Still a third new addition deals with the clinic idea. These discussions will be led by men recognized nationally as authorities in basketball. Secrets will be barred. Most of the important features of the game will be covered in detail. Inside stuff galore will be spread.

Nick Kearns and Dutch Lonborg have charge of the banquet and entertainment. This should be recommendation enough to insure some fine food and a classical show. Nick writes that some of the best entertainers in the Chicago theatrical field have been engaged for us. The fact that Nick is associated with the management of the Sovereign means that our accommodations will be of the best.

Room prices at the Sovereign for visiting coaches have been made very reasonable. Single rooms, two to a room, cost \$2.00 each per day while suites to hold four cost \$1.50 each. Meals also are low in price. Nick Kerans will attend to reservations for you. Write to him,

The fine swimming pool of the Sovereign will be at our disposal without cost. Bring your own suits and enjoy a dip. It is planned to have some of the A. A. U. champion divers show us how they plunged for their titles.

Attendance at meetings is limited to those who can show a paid-up membership card. These cards can be obtained at the registration desk. Tear off the last page of this bulletin and fill out the application blank. Bring it with you.

Every type of modern travel will be used by members to reach Chicago. The majority probably will motor, and most of them have planned to travel in parties to reduce expense. Road information may be obtained at all filling stations operated by the large oil companies. Low rates will be in effect on all railroads and bus lines.
