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THE AL HUEY STORY CONTINUES!

In 1929, Alfred Huey, as the 1928 winner of the National Marbles Tournament played an important role in the Akron District and National Marbles Tournament. These are the articles that describe his role.

NOTE: These file does not contain all the articles appearing in the 1929 Akron Times Press covering the marble tournament season.

Akron Times Press, March 18, 1929

HEY! YOU MIB TOSSERS, NEXT MONDAY IS THE DAY

Seventh Annual Times-Press Marble Tournament Officially Opens March 25

WHO'LL ACCOMPANY AL?

Two Champions to be Chosen, One From Akron, Second From Nearby Towns

By THE MARBLE, MAN

HERE you are kids: Knuckle down to this one.

Here's the most important news for you on Page One in a long time.

The seventh annual Times-Press Marble Tournament officially opens Monday, March 25.

Good news? You bet. And here's some more.

Two marble champions from Akron and surrounding cities will be sent by The Times-Press to the national finals at Ocean City, N. J., June 23 - 30. Of course, all expenses will be paid by this newspaper.

One champion will come from Akron. The second will come from the cities around Akron.

You remember last year Alfred Huey, representing Kenmore, won the local suburban tourney and then defeated 50 other champs from all over the country in the national games.

Al to be Guest

Al goes back to the national tourney this year — but not to play marbles. He will be a guest of the tourney for the week.

The tourney this year will be the BIGGEST and BEST ever held.

Last year 64 schools took part. This year there will be 115.

Summit-co will have 67 schools entered. There will be 28 from Portage-co. and 20 from Medina-co. This is the first time Portage and Medina counties have taken part in the tourney.

Robert L. Roose, Y. M. C. A. secretary for Portage-co, will have charge of the tourney there. Burton C Houseman, Y secretary for Medina-co, will have charge of that tourney. Hi-Y Clubs to both counties will assist the secretaries.

Will Co-operate

Milton Seitz, supervisor of physical training in Akron, and the physical training teachers will co-operate in the local games.

K.A. Kuntzelman will supervise the play in Barberton, and G. T. Munroe in the Kenmore District.

[unreadable words] as will [unreadable words] Parochial and Cuyahoga Falls Schools.

The tourney this year will be run off similar to that of 1928.

School champs will be selected by May 1. District games will follow and the finals will be held the latter part of May.

Medal Awards

Bronze medals will be awarded school winners. District champs will get silver awards, and gold medals will go to the city and suburban winners.

And then the two champs will get the great trip to Ocean City, with its wonderful sand and bathing beach, its million dollar boardwalk and its big hotels.

John Collier of Lane school year's city winner, will defend his title this year. He has been practicing a great deal the past year and it will take a mighty fine mib player to wrest the title from him.

Rules for this year are practically the same as last. They will be printed in The Times-Press this week.

Commies to be Used

Commies will be used in the ring. The mibs to be used in school tourneys were donated by the J.E. Albright Manufacturing, Co, of Ravenna. Nearly 15,000 marbles were given for use in the tourney.

A special marble edition of The Times-Press has been printed, and will be distributed to marble-players in Summit, Portage and Medina counties this week.

Knuckle down, you would-be champions and don't forget it takes lots of practice to win.

Who's going to accompany Al Huey and The Marble Man to ocean City this year?

Akron Times Press, March 19, 1929

HERE'S LIST OF MARBLE KINGS FOR LAST YEAR

City and Suburban Champs in Sixth Annual Tournament Named

Here is a complete list of the school champions in the 1928 annual Times-Press Marble Tournament.

Allen, Randolph Merriweather; Bowen, Alfonso Beltram; Bryan, Robert Bowman; Crosby, Arthur Knuckey; Crouse, William Collier; Findley, Harold Woodford; Firestone Park, Richard Hay; Forest Hill, Henry Peterson; Fraunfelter, Fred Brown.

Garfield, Orrville Wallace; Glover, Steve Kucyk; Grace, Andrew Torma; Harris, Arthur Smith; Henry, Otis Barron; Hotchkiss, Robert Spencer Howe, Austin Baker; Jennings, Patsy Fattico; Kent, Roy Potts.

Others Listed

King, Harold Krahl; Lane, John Collier; Leggett, Dominic LeParie; Lincoln, Fred Lamm; Maple Valley, Paul Simon; Margaret Par Peter Kasory; Mason, Joe Raitor; ; McEbright, James Williams, Miller, Abraham Saladie; Perkins, William Sturgeon.

Portage Path, Don Cranblatt; Rankin, Richard Cruthers; Robinson, Peter Chipner; Seiberling, Elwyn Chapman; Spicer, Charles Luffin.

The Parochial champs were:

Annunciation, Jack Williams; St. Bernard's, Ernest Azar, St. Hedwig's, Edward Stalarski; St. Vincent's, Anthony Flaso; St. Martha's, Paul Callahan; St. Mary's, Gerald Martell; Sacred Heart, Charles Steinmetz; Zion Lutheran, John Leidel. Suburban Champs

Suburban winners who played in the suburban finals last year Included:

Kenmore, Alfred Huey; Cuyahoga Falls, Robert Murray; Barberton, Cecil Troutman and Willis Betts; Copley, Joe Joyce; East Liberty, Howard Righter; Lakemore, John Kinzel; Mogadore, Joe Blackburn; E 1 1 e t, Claude Wise; Sanatorium, Gail Brimberry; Tallmadge, Kenneth Sorrick; Twinsburg, Randall Addison.

The city district champions were:

East Central, Roy Petts, Kent; North, Harold Woodford, Findley; West, William Collier, Crouse; Central, Austin Baker, Howe; South, John Collier, Lane; East, Joe Raitor, Mason; Southeast, James Williams, McEbright; Parochial, Ernest Azar, St. Bernard's.

Akron Times Press, March 20, 1929

Special Edition Issued For Marble Shooters

By THE MARBLE MAN

THOUSANDS of copies of miniature editions of The Times-Press will be delivered to marble shooters in Summit, Portage and Medina counties today.

The small editions contain columns of news regarding the seventh annual Times-Press Marble Tournament, which opens Monday.

Rules for the game, gossip from last year's tourney, names of last year's school champs, prizes to be awarded, and many other marble stories are contained in the paper.

Boys and girls thruout the three counties are starting to practice in preparation for this year's tourney, which is to be the biggest and best yet sponsored.

With 116 schools entered, as compared to 64 last year, thousands of mib players will knuckle down Monday.

School champs are to be selected by May 1. District games follow, and the big finals will be held the latter part of May.

Robert L Rocoe Portage-co Y. M. C. A., secretary, has charge of the Portage-co tourney, while Burton C. Houseman, secretary for Medina-co, has charge to that county.

Two champs will make the trip to the national finals at Ocean City, N.J. this year. One will be from Akron, and another from the suburban territory outside of the city of Akron.

In addition, Alfred Huey, Kenmore District youth who is the National Marble King, returns to the tourney in Ocean City as a guest.



[caption] On the beach at Ocean City. One of the big hotels may be seen in the right background.

Akron Times Press, March 21, 1929

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Here's Where Two Mib Champs Will Play in June

OCEAN CITY AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR MIB GAMES

Akron and Suburban Champions Will Have Great Time at Resort

Ocean City, N. J. scene of the seventh national marble tournament, is a great spot for the annual games.

Situated on the Atlantic Ocean in the southern part of New Jersey, the famed resort will be host to the national champs for the first time this year.

Ocean City is the peer of American seaside resorts. The sandy beach is proclaimed as one of the finest in the world.

Far out into the Atlantic Ocean the boys will swim and wade without danger, and they will have many pleasant hours of soaking up the health-giving sunshine that the seaside affords.

Just back of the famous beach is the new million-dollar Boardwalk, where the 50 marble champions of America will reign like kings for a week.

Play For Title

Fifty lads — and perhaps a lassie or two — will gather at Ocean City the week of June 23-30 to compete for the national marble title.

Among the 50 will be a boy or girl from Akron, and a boy or girl from territory surrounding Akron.

In addition, leading the daily parades be Alfred "Al" Huey, Kenmore District youth, who won the 1928 national title.

Al returns to the national finals, not as a seeker after the title, but as a guest of the tourney. He undoubtedly will play a few exhibition games to show his skill hasn't lessened.

Much to Do

There will be dozens of things for the champions to do and see in Ocean City.

Of course the ocean is the biggest drawing-card. If you don't believe it ask any of the seven city and county youths who have been there.

Al Huey and John Collier, who entered the finals from this district last year, spent most of their time swimming in the old Atlantic.

Then there's the famous boardwalk. Mile after mile of it — almost as far as the eye can see — winding along the beach beside the ocean.

Many Shows

And the shows — here will be plenty of them to see, and much to tell the folk back home after that trip.

During the mornings, the kings of marbledom will knuckle down on the beach for their marble games.

Afternoons and evenings will be devoted to ocean bathing, "sunning parties" on the beach, yacht rides, movies and fun on the Boardwalk.

The tens of thousands of pleasure-seekers from all over the world who have learned to flock to this beautiful watering-place, will comprise the gallery for America's great juvenile sporting event.

Who's going to Ocean City with Al Huey?

Akron Times Press, March 21, 1929

OFFICIAL RULES ANNOUNCED FOR 1929 MIB TOURNAMENT

Boys and Girls Who Want to Become Marble Champions Should Study These Paragraphs Carefully

Here are the official rules for the 1929 Marble Tourney:

The official game of the National Marble Tournament is RINGER.

RINGER is played in a ring ten (10) feet in diameter, with thirteen (13) marbles arranged to the center un a cross. The object is to shoot these marbles out of the RING. the player shooting the largest number of marbles out of the Ring in any game being the winner of that game. No less than two and no more than six tray play in one game to RINGER, except that 1n national championship matches two only play. .In preliminary eliminations as many as six may play in one game. All tournament plays for fair, and marbles must be returned to owners after each tame.

Rule 1. Equipment

Sec. 1.-The playing surface shall be a smooth level area of ground hard clay, or other suitable substance. The Ring is inscribed upon this area, 10 feet in diameter, and all play is within this ring. (Note: The outline of this Ring shall not be so deep of so wide as to check the roll of a marble.)

Sec. 2.-With the center of the Ring as a point of intersection, mark two lines at right angles to each other to form a cross, which shall be a guide for placing the playing marbles. Place one marble at the center and three on each of the four branches of the cross, each marble three inches away from the next one.

Sec. 3. The Lag Line is a straight line drawn tangent to the Ring, and touching it at one point. The Pitch Line is a straight line drawn tangent t0 the Ring, directly opposite and parallel to the Lag Line.

Sec. 4. Playing Marbles shall be round and made of clay. All marbles to any one playing ring must be of uniform size. The standard size shall be live-eighths inch in diameter. Slight variation may be allowed by the referee for manufacturing fault.

Sec. 5. Shooters shall be round and made of any substance, except steel or any other metal, and shall be not less than one-half inch nor more than six-eighths inch in diameter, as determined by the referee.

Rule 2.-Plan of Play

Sec. 1. The lag is the first operation in Ringer. To lag, the players stand toeing the Pitch Line, or knuckling down upon it, and toss or shoot their shooters to the Lag Line across the Ring. The player whose shooter comes nearest the Lag Line on either side, wins the lag.

Sec. 2. Players must lag before each game. The player who wins the lag shoots first, and the others follow in order as their shooters were next nearest the Lag Line. The same shooter that is used in the lag must be used in the game following the lag.

Sec. 3. On all shots, except the lag, a player shall knuckle down so that at least one knuckle is in contact with the ground, and he shall maintain this position until the shooter has left his hand. Knuckling down is permitted, but not required in lagging.

Sec. 4. Starting the game, each player in turn shall knuckle down just outside the Ring Line, at any point he chooses, and shoot into the Ring to knock one or more marbles out of the Ring, or to hit or knock out of the Ring the shooter of an opposing player, or players, if any remain inside the Ring.

Sec. 5. If a player knocks one or more marbles out of the Ring, or hits the shooter of an opponent, or knocks an opponent', shooter out of the Ring he continues to shoot. He ceases to shoot after his first miss, and then, is

credited with the marbles he scored.

Sec. 6. If, after a miss, a player's shooter remains inside the Ring, he must leave it there and his opponents are permitted to shoot at it. If the shooter rolls outside the Ring, he picks it up and on his next shot he is permitted to take roundsters and shoot from any point on the Ring Line.

Rule 3.-Playing Regulations

Sec 1. Marbles knocked out of the Ring shall be picked up by the player who knocks them out.

Sec. 2. Whenever a marble or shooter comes to rest on the Ring Line, if its center is outside the Ring or exactly on the Ring Line it shall be considered out of the Ring; if its center is inside the Ring, it shall be considered inside the Ring.

Sec. 3. A player hitting an opponent's shooter inside the Ring, but not knocking it out, shall pick up any marble he chooses, and shall proceed to shoot. However, he shall not hit the same opponent's shooter again until after he hits another shooter or knocks a marble out of the ring, or he comes around to his next turn to shoot.

Sec. 4. A player knocking an opponent's shooter out of the Ring shall be entitled to all the marbles won by that opponent, and the opponent whose shooter has been knocked out of the Ring is out of the game "killed." If the opponent who was knocked out of the Ring has no marbles, the player who knocked him out shall not be entitled to pick up a marble for the shot.

Sec. 5. If a shooter knocks out two or more marbles, or hits an opponent's shooter and a marble, or hits two opponent's shooters, or completes any other combination play, he shall be entitled to all the points scored on the shot.

Sec. 6. When a shooter slips from a player's hand, if the player calls "slips" and the referee is convinced that it was a slip, and if the shooter did not travel more than 10 inches the referee may order "no play" and permit the player to shoot again. The referee's decision is final.

Rule 4.-Scoring

Sec. 1. For each marble knocked out by a player, he shall be credited with the score of one.

Sec. 2. For each time a player hits the shooter of an opponent, and does not knock it out of the Ring, he shall be credited with the score of one.

Sec. 3. For each time a player knocks an opponent's shooter out of the Ring, he shall be credited with all the marbles previously scored by the hit opponent.

Sec. 4. The player having credited to him the largest number of marbles at the completion of the game shall be the winner of that game.

Sec. 5. In games where more than two players are engaged, if two or more players lead with the same score, those in the tie shall play a new game to break the tie.

Sec. 6. A player refusing to continue a game, once it is started, shall be disqualified, and if only two players are engaged, the game shall be forfeited to the offended player.

Sec. 7. The score of a forfeited game shall be 13-0.

Rule 5. - Officials

Sec. 1. The officials shall be a referee and a scorer, if a scorer is available, otherwise the referee shall also keep score.

Rule 6-Penalties.

A player shall not

Sec. 1. Lift his hand until the shooter has left his hand. This violation is known as “histing.”

Sec. 2. Move his hand forward until the shooter has left his hand. This violation is known as “*hunching.”

Sec. 3. Smooth or otherwise rearrange the ground, remove any obstacles. He may request the referee to clear obstructions.

Penalty: If any marbles were knocked out or dislocated on the shot they shall be restored to their place and the player shall lose his shot.

Sec. 4. Change shooters during the course of the game. He may choose a new shooter on each lag, provided he uses that shooter in the subsequent game.

Penalty: The player shall be disqualified from the game.

Sec. 5. Communicate in any way with his coach during the course of the game.

Penalty: Forfeiture of all marbles he has knocked out of the Ring, said marbles to be returned to the game and placed on the cross.

Sec. 6. A coach shall not give instructions to either his own or any other player engaged in the game.

Penalty: Coach shall be ordered from the playing field if, after being warned once, he continues this violation.

Sec, 7. Players must not walk thru the marble ring.

Penalty: After a player has been warned for violation, the referee may require the forfeiture of one marble on a second offense, said marble to be returned to the ring and placed on the cross.

Rule 7.-Age of Player

Sec I The tournament open to boys or girls of 14 years or under.

Sec. 2. A boy or girl who becomes 15 on or after July 1, 1928, is eligible to play, and one who becomes 15 any time before July 1, 1928, is not eligible to play.

Definitions: The term “marbles” to these rules [unreadable throughout the rest of the article]

Akron Times Press, March 21, 1929

HERE ARE THE PRIZES IN MARBLE TOURNNEY

HERE are the prizes in the seventh annual Times-Press Marble Tournament:

Every school champion gets a bronze medal.

Each district champion will be awarded a silver medal.

The City and Suburban champions will be given gold medals.

The City and Suburban champions will spend the week of June 23-30 in Ocean City, N. J., where they participate in the national finals, meeting champs from 50 cities thruout the nation.

All expenses will be paid by The Times-Press.

Akron Times Press, March 22, 1929

CITY CHAMP TELLS OF LAST YEAR'S TRIP

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This story by the 1928 Akron marble champion was written by himself at the request of The Marble Man.

By JOHN COLLIER Akron Marble Champion, 1928

When we first got off the train in Philadelphia on our way to the national marble tournament last year we went to marble headquarters to get our badges.

Then, after meeting some of the other champions, we all went in big buses to see the Liberty Bell, where the first Continental Congress met, the Navy Yard and Valley Forge.

Then we went to Atlantic City. When we arrived we put our baggage away, and then went to get our first glimpse of the ocean and Boardwalk.

After looking around, we came back to dinner, and after dinner we retired early, because we were tired.

Started to Play

Next day was the first to start to play marbles. First we went to the marble headquarters and got in line, and, with the band playing, we marched down to the marble rings.

Ringer Stadium is located along the beach, within about 200 feet of the ocean. There are 10 rings with five playing in each ring. Each of the five plays 20 games with the other four boys, and the one winning the most is made league champion.

These 10 are divided into two groups, and the winners of these two play for the championship.

The champs in my league were from Cincinnati, Columbus, Louisville and Cleveland.

Played Hard

The first day we played very hard because we were all anxious to win. After getting thru playing, we went back to the hotel to eat, and then went swimming in the Atlantic Ocean.

After our swim will rested a while and then went out for a walk. Then we went to the Steeplechase Pier, a place with all kinds of funny things, something like Summit Beach.

We stayed until dinner time. After dinner we went to a show and saw "Romona." Then to bed.

The league championships were decided after three days of play. I tied for the title with Eddie Grossheim of Cincinnati, but he beat me in the play-off. It didn't bother me, because I knew my pal, Al Huey, had won his league title, and I was pulling for him to win.

Al Wins

The next day we spent most of our time swimming. The following day was Sunday, and we went to church in the morning and for a walk in the afternoon.

The next day the semi-finals were played, to see who would meet for the title on Friday.

Al Huey of Kenmore and Dominic Cartelli of New Britain, Conn., were ones who won.

In the afternoon we went swimming, and then to a show.

Friday morning we all met at headquarters and marched down to the rings for the last time.

Thousands of people watched the games, and Al won. I sure was tickled. He won a gold watch, an Indian blanket and tomahawk and fountain pen and pencil.

After the marble games, we went back to the hotel to eat, but we were almost too excited. We had one last swim in the ocean, and then started for home.

Any one of you who thinks he wouldn't have a swell trip — well, just get the championship and see, because it sure is swell, and I hope I can win and go to Ocean City this June.

Akron Times Press, March 22, 1929

TEACHERS LIKE MARBLE PLANS

This Year's Tourney to be Great One, They Say

By THE MARBLE MAN

Physical training instructors in Akron schools say this year's Times-Press Marble Tournament will be the best yet sponsored by this newspaper.

The Marble Man met the teachers in Perkins School Thursday night and explained plans for the tourney.

Milton Seitz, supervisor of physical training, then explained how the tournament had been run in past years.

Marbles editions of the Times-Press edited in tabloid form, were distributed to school children in Summit, Portage and Medina counties Wednesday.

The 1929 tourney opens Monday, and will end when two Times-Press champions return from the national finals at Ocean City. N. J.

To Get Medals

Alfred Huey, Kenmore District, the national champ, will attend this year's tourney, but is not eligible to compete for the title.

Two champions will go to Ocean City with Huey and The Marble Man. One champ will come from Akron, and the other will represent the towns near Akron

School champs will get bronze Medals. Silver medals go to district winners, and the two tourney victors will be awarded gold medals, together with the trip to Ocean City with all expenses paid by The Times-Press.

About 60,000 boys and girls will play in this year's mib classic.

Akron Times Press, March 22, 1929

GAVE-DWELLERS SHOT MARBLES, SAY SCIENTISTS

Mibs Not a Product of This Generation, Learned Men Declare

Marbles and spring and boys!

The boys and girls of Summit, Portage and Medina counties who are preparing to compete in the city-wide marble tournament for the selection of a champion to get to the national tournament ' Ocean City are by no means engaged in a game that is the product of modern times.

Nobody knows exactly when marbles were invented.

But scientists claim that the little shaggy-haired cave dwellers probably were the first to play the game. These scientists have discovered in ancient rock formations little spheres which they believe were the playthings of boys in prehistoric times.

There are many evidences that the game was played while man was emerging into the early light of history.

The British Museum contains marbles used by the Egyptian and Roman children. The historian Suetonius relates that the Emperor Augustus used to have young slave boys come to play marbles with him.

Early Plaything

Poets and historians of all ages have held that the marble was mankind's earliest plaything. They have pictured the Chaldean children "knuckling down" — away back in the year 1901 B. C. Marbles, it is said, were found in the ruins of Rome after Nero had finished his tune.

With all the imperishable splendor of its history, the aged game continues today to fasten itself on the fancy of every boy. All over the world, irrespective of nationality or language, spring to most boys means the season of "mibs."

On sidewalk and playground, in the meager recreation retreats of large cities, young America pits its skill against young America in a game that is old and yet ever new. "Shooting mibs" has lodged itself deep to the being of every boy and the game will live as long as there are boys to play it.

Snow vanishes from the ground at the first promise of spring. Uncle Sam Junior gets that "itchy" feeling in his fingers. His clear eyes brighter, and his speech turns to "commies," "hoodles," "ducks," etc. A , glorious smile fills his face.

For in the spring a young boy's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of marbles.

Akron Times Press, March 24, 1929

MIB TOURNEY TO OPEN MONDAY

Thousands of Boys And Girls Will Knuckle Down at Rings

By THE MARBLE MAN

Thousands of potential marble champions will knuckle down Monday, the opening-day of the seventh annual Times-Press Marble Tournament.

School Children in Summit, Portage and Medina counties are entered in this year's contest.

Two mib champs, together with Alfred Huey, local youth who won last year's national contest, will make the trip to the finals at Ocean City, N. J., June 23-30.

One champion will be selected from Akron, and the second from towns surrounding Akron.

Huey will not play in this year's tourney. National tournament rules make the champ ineligible, altho he will attend the games as a guest of the tournament.

Many Entered

The 50 local public and parochial schools will enter nine district champions in the finals to be held the later part of May.

Portage-co's 18 schools will enter eight district mib kings in the suburban finals with Medina sending six district winners from 20 schools, and Summit-co entering nine champs.

School champs will be awarded bronze medals. Silver awards go to district champions and gold medals to the two who win the city and suburban tourneys.

Tourneys in Portage and Medina counties are sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. secretaries of each county. Robert L. Roose is in charge of the former, and Burton C. Houseman of the latter.

Akron Times Press, March 25, 1929

60,000 IN THREE COUNTIES OPEN MARBLE MEET

Seventh Annual Times-Press Tourney Gets Under Way in Ideal Weather

COLLIER DEFENDS TITLE

Two Akron District Champions to go to New Jersey For National Finals

BY THE MARBLE MAN

Sixty thousand boys and girls in three counties were knuckling down Monday as the seventh annual TimesPress Marble Tournament officially opened.

From these 60,000 mib shooters, two will be selected to represent Akron and surrounding cities in the national tourney in Ocean City, N. J., June 23-30.

John Collier, 1928 mib kings, is defending his title this year.

Alfred Huey, Kenmore District youth, who won the national title last year, will not compete this year, but will accompany the two Times-Press champs to Ocean City. He will be the guest of the national tournament during the 1929 games.

Weather Ideal

Beautiful marble weather greeted the youths as they knuckled down the opening day. A bright sun overhead put the ground in good condition, and enthusiasm was high at all schools.

For five weeks, the potential champions will battle, and by April 1 all school champions will be picked. The district games will follow, and the latter part of May the big finals will be held.

One hundred and sixteen schools have entered this year's tourney, against 64 last year.

Portage and Medina-co schools have entered for the first time. Eight district champs will be selected from Portage County's 28 schools, while Medina-co will enter six district mib kings from its 20 schools

Others In Finals

Other champions who will enter the suburban finals include two from Barberton, one from Cuyahoga Falls, one each from Springfield Sanatorium, Twinsburg, Ellet, Copley, Lakemore and East Liberty.

Fifty champions will be selected in Akron. This includes champs from 38 schools, seven from Kenmore District and eight from the Parochial schools.

The Hi-Y clubs in Portage and Medina counties have charge of the games in these counties. C. T. Munroe is handling Kenmore District, and R. A. Kuntzelman has charge in Barberton.

Milton Seitz, supervisor of physical training in Akron schools, is cooperating in the city tourney.

Bronze Medals

Bronze medals will be given school champions. District winners will get silver awards and the two who go to Ocean City will be given gold medals.

Approximately 50 city champions will take part in the big national tournament at Occan City June 23-30. Most of the other city champs will be watching the two Times-Press entrants.

No city has ever had more than one national champ, and if Akron can win another national championship this year, a record will be set.

For that reason, mib shooters all over the country are watching the local tournament.

Stories regarding the progress of the tournament will be carried daily in The Times-Press and Sunday Times.

Akron Times Press, March 26, 1929

PORTAGE-CO SET FOR GAMES IN MIB TOURNEY

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KNUCKLIN' DOWN

THE first 1929 school champion has been selected!

Peter Procaccio, 13, of 927 Lane-st, is the new mib king at St. Bernard's. He won his title by defeating other St. Bernard players Tuesday.

Peter defeated Alex Oberst three straight games to annex the title. He won the first two games 13-0, and the last one 9-4. Alex was "killed" in both of the first two games when his shooter was knocked from the ring by the champ.

The new mib king replaces Ernest Azar, last year's St. Bernards champ, and also distract winner.

MONDAY night's rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the marble shooters, and games were played Tuesday as usual. At least that's the word from the majority of schools reporting Tuesday afternoon. Ground is in pretty good condition, mib players declare.

Marble champions who go to Ocean City this year may go by way of Washington and stop over for a day. Altho this plan hasn't been definitely decided upon as yet, there is every chance it will materialize. More of this later — right now center your thoughts on winning the championship.

SPEAKING of Ocean City — the two Times-Press Champs who win the right to spend a week at the New Jersey resort will never forget that week. Ocean City offers amusements seldom seen in these parts.

For instance — the ocean. Swimming in the old Atlantic is a great sport. John Collier and Alfred Huey, last year's Times-Press champs, spent a large share of their time in the ocean.

Then there will be movies, shows, boardwalk rides, yacht rides and dozens of other amusements. It will be a week long remembered by the champions.

Kenmore District is anxious to produce another national champion. The first step, of course, is to produce a city winner, and that's the goal of every marble player in the district, according to C. T. Munroe, supervisor of the tournament.

Smith School, home of Al Huey, is especially ambitious to get a winner. Al's young brother, Henry, is under training and has a chance to cop the title at Smith, the national mib king declares.



KNUCKLIN' DOWN

THERE is a moment of intense silence. Then a mighty cheer goes up from the huge crowd. Men, women and children rush forward to surround a small boy. His right hand clutches a marble. Down his cheeks streak tears with happiness.

Little Al Huey of Akron; not very tall but every inch a champion, has won the title dear to every boy in America. He has been declared the champion marble shooter of the world!

This all took place last summer at Atlantic City where the 1928 National Marble Tournament was held. Little Al fought thru to the finals to meet Dominic Cartelli of New Britain, Conn. That match gave the thrill of his life.

"GEE, I can't tell you just how I felt," Al says. "Gee, I couldn't help crying. I was the happiest kid in the world, but I couldn't help crying.

"You see, I had looked forward to the whole thing for so long. When the Akron tournament started, I made-up my mind I was going to win and take that trip to Atlantic City.

"When I beat all the kids in Akron, I made up my mind I was going to Atlantic City and become the champion. Then when I won that final match I cried. But I was so happy I couldn't help it"

The champion thinks that luck plays little or no part in the winning of the title. The best thing, he says, is to develop your own style and let the luck take care of itself.

"Oh, luck may give you a game or two, but that won't keep you in the running," the says. "Sooner or later you will bump up against a kid who is using his head. and luck won't get you very far.

"I always planned out-think and out-play my rival. When he sloped a few shots, it didn't worry me. I knew in the end I'd get him"

THERE will be more about Al Huey and the thrills that come to a national marble champion in Saturday's paper. Don't fail to read tomorrow's column in The Times-Press.

Marble' games were halted temporarily Friday, because of the Easter Holidays. They will be resumed again Tuesday.

Wins Again

[photo of John Leidel omitted]

John Leidel 13, of 840 Kling-st. above, is a consistent marble champion. John made a new record this week when he won the mib championship at Zion Lutheran School for the third consecutive year. He's now practicing for the district games. Steve Radway refereed the Zion Lutheran games.



KNUCKLIN' DOWN

"GRANDSTAND" marbles is a real temptation when you're playing before a huge crowd for the world championship.

The spectacular shot brings the biggest cheers, but little Al Huey of Akron, 11-year-old champion, says cheers don't win championships.

"I tried my darndest to forget all about the crowd down there at Atlantic City last year," Al says. "I'm not saying that I did- forget all about it. There was a lot of people and a lot of cheering.

"But I kept my mind on the game, and that's what pulled me thru. I never made a shot without first looking over the ring and studying the way the ducks were lying."

PLAY your shots, the champion counsels; so you have a chance of hitting more than one duck. In this way you may pick off two or three marbles with one shot.

"Gee, in the tournament I was lucky in getting two mibs with one shot several times," Huey states. "But I sure was playing for them. I always shot in line with several ducks and aimed to hit the first one squarely.

"Oh, I know a lot of kids like the grandstand sharpshooting. Maybe this is all right when you've got a big lead. But in the big tournament I didn't take any chances.

"I just kept shooting away at one easy duck at a time. I went down there to Atlantic City with my mind made up to win. I knew if I took any wild chances I wouldn't win.

"I tried to plan each shot so that if I missed the mib, my shooter wouldn't be left in the ring in easy position for my opponent to kill it. Some kids forget about this. You can't afford to forget anything in a big' tournament."

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A group of crippled children knuckling down in preparation for the seventh annual Times-Press mib tourney.

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Marble Shooters Knuckle Down at Bowen

Crippled Children Will Get Vision of Fairyland

Bower Students to be Guests to Production of "Alice in Wonderland"

By ALICE EDISON

Braced legs, crutches, twisted feet and humped shoulders will be completely forgotten Saturday morning, April 6, when crippled children of Bowen School are guests of honor at the production of "Alice in Wonderland" being staged at Keith-Albee Palace.

Together with thousands of other school children, they will follow Alice thru the Looking Glass into the mysterious realm of Wonderland.

They will see 30 pupils of Rankin School in the cast impersonating the grotesque chimeras whom Alice meets on her adventures.

The production is being sponsored by Akron University under the direction of Professor Donald Hayworth, head of the department of speech, for their benefit.

Proceeds for Crippled

Proceeds from ticket sales will be put into the welfare fund of the crippled department at Bowen School. Then it will be dispensed thru various channels where it is most needed.

For one not familiar with activities of the crippled school at Bowen, a visit will probably prove enlightening.

There is no attitude of gloom or sadness as might be expected. Crutches and braces are in evidence to be sure, but they are sort of taken for granted. No special attention is paid them.

Crippled children are not in a class by themselves. They are not wept over or pitied. Instead they participate in all the activities of the school as far as possible. They have their orchestra their baseball and soccer teams, their domestic science and manual training classes.

Play in Schoolyard

On a Wednesday afternoon, the visitor will be apt to find a group of crippled children in the primary class out playing in the schoolyard.

Unmindful of their physical handicaps the boys are squatting about a huge ring practicing up for the annual Times-Press Marble Tourney.

Girls are doing some pinch hitting in a baseball game. Others are playing ninepins, still others just run, play catch, tag and all the other wholesome recreations enjoyed by the perfectly normal school child.

Inside in a classroom, a group of crippled children in the intermediate class are industriously studying under the supervision of Miss Mary McCormick.

Study Typewriting

In the typewriting room, one finds Grace Marks of 7B Grade and Vivian King of 7A Grade trying to quicken their speed on the typewriter keys. Both girls are happily absorbed in their work.

Upstairs in the Domestic Science Room, the advanced group of girls is just completing a cooking demonstration. They are washing pots and pans and tidying up the room so as to leave it in immaculate cleanliness. They have been working under supervision of Miss Irene Abendshine, domestic science teacher.

In this group we find Ids Mazur, Virginia Halfer, Katherine Eisenhart, Dorothy Wolf, Victorial Morelle, Rosalie Mader, Faustine Hicks and Katherine Bourke. -

Just as happy and industriously absorbed in their work are members of the advanced class in manual training. Working and under supervision of C. A. Henry.

Skilled Fingers

Busily fashioning bird cages, tables, cabinets and what not, their skilled fingers fly along despite crutches and crippled feet.

Today there are 67 pupils enrolled in the crippled school at Bowen, occupying three classrooms.

They are taught by Mrs. Gertrude Whitehead, who has charge of the advanced group; Miss McCormick teacher of the intermediate section, and Miss Helen Shugert, who has the primary department.

Eight years ago, when the crippled school was founded, under direction of Miss Minnie Spuller, who has been principal at Bowen since the new school was opened, there were only 22 pupils.

Three buses are furnished by the Akron Board of Education, which call for the crippled children, taking them to and from school and to their various school activities.

Part Paid by State

The normal cost of their education is borne by the local school board. All above this is reimbursed by the State of Ohio.

School hours are from 9 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon. The children are served a noonday lunch at the school, after which they have a half-hour rest period before resuming their work.

From one to two periods a week are given over to orthopedic treatments, administered by Miss Louise Bauman, nurse from the Children's Hospital

“We try to have the crippled children follow the regular school curriculum Miss Spuller explained.

“We want them to forget their handicaps as we do. In going to school they get the much needed personal contact with other children which brings out some very pleasing personalities, indeed.”

Miss Spuller called our attention to a little group in the auditorium engaged in an orchestra rehearsal. The crippled children have their own orchestra, we learned. They were rehearsing for an entertainment to be staged for the Rotary Conference in Akron to be held April 18.