

First Field Meet Held at Leipsic on Saturday

Five Schools Represented

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We hardly know how to begin to tell the story of the first Putnam County Field Meet., but believe we will start by telling how this athletic event was made such a success and this can be told in a very few words. The secret, if it could be called a secret, lies in the united efforts of Prof. Edw. R. Johnson and Prof. Harry L. Kerns who through many hours and days of hard and concentrated labor made preparations for staging this pleasing event.

All due credit must be given these gentlemen for their efforts without which the meet of last Saturday would not have been the great success it was. They spared neither time nor expense to make the initial Field Meet for Putnam County an affair which was thoroughly enjoyed by the thousand spectators from every section of the county.

Five schools were represented in the meeting and every one of them departed themselves with credit. Every school showed superiority in at least one event, by winning first place and we predict that next year a track team will be developed in every school in the county which will be a credit to the institution they represent.

This year the contestants numbered probably fifty, including both boys and girls. Another year should see the entry list more than double this number. Now is the time to begin to boost for the next year meet. Don't let your enthusiasm lag and leave it all up to Johnson and Kerns to arouse enthusiasm next spring. Practice should continue throughout the whole year so when the time comes contestants will be able to put forth their best efforts.

Don't think that because we have not mentioned the costume drill until this late date, it was not a very pleasing affair. It was what the majority would call scrumptious. It was very pretty indeed. We overheard one party say he did not know Leipsic High School had so many pretty girls. Guess that is some compliment and we might add that there is about a hundred more just like them in old Leipsic High.

The drill as presented by the girls was under direction of the Misses Wise, Sebern and Bird entitled "Old Sweet Hearts of Mine". Bob Henry being the one who laid claim to the "Sweethearts" who passed in review, as follows: Ruth Leeson, his first affinity; Ruth Parker, a skating pal; Janet Edwards, the milk maid; Dorothy Cruikshank, his college steady; Kathryn DeVore a dancing partner; Genevia Bake, the Japanese belle; Goldie Wise, from the land of the Sultan, the Spanish dancer; Lucile Richelderfer, the Irish Coleen; Florence Burkholder, bonnie lass; Marty Wagner, the merry widow; Dorothy Ludwig, femme gallant, (some vamp); Mary Edwards, the Southern Belle; Clara Henry, a daughter of the west; Lucile Evers, a red cross nurse; and lastly the bride, herself, Charlotte Zahrends. Sic enut fata hominum.

The entry list was not as large for the athletic event as might have been, but considering the fact that this was the first of kind in the county, the showing made by the different schools was very good. The entire list of contestants were:

Pandora – Jesse Lehman, Schneck, F. Hilty, R. Hilty.

Continental – Simon, Corkwell, Claren Wright, Galen Watterson, Harris, Madden, Ridenour, Neighswander, Misses C. Hersh, B Purnell.

Ottawa – Ralph Roose, Orville Wehinger, Don Beach, Harold Scherger, Misses Delilah Crawfis, Harriet Beckman and Martha Sandles.

Vaughnsville – Hunt, V. Thomas, Griffith, Rohrer, Smith, Lemley, Myers, Falty, Misses Auchmuty, Bogart, Collar, Jameson.

Leipsic – Harold Weaver, Forest Berger, Ralph David, Russell Alder, Miller, Dale Hummon, Clifton Preble, Maxwell Slaybaugh,

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McDougle, Elah Deck, Glay Meyers, Dale Franklin, Smith, Misses Ona Hummon, Singer, Vivian McDonald, Edna Henderson, Cecil Hickerson.

BOYS

*NR 50 YARD DASH: Jesse Lehman (Pandora) 1st 6.2. Ralph Roose (Ottawa) 2nd. Harold Weaver (Leipsic) 3rd.

*NR 100 YARD DASH: Jesse Lehman (Pandora) 1st 11.6. Ralph Roose (Ottawa) 2nd. Forest Berger (Leipsic) 3rd.

*NR 220 YARDS: Ridenour (Continental) 1st 30.6. Ralph Roose (Ottawa) 2nd. Forest Berger (Leipsic) 3rd.

*NR 440 YARDS: Ralph Roose (Ottawa) 1st 1:09.2. Hilty (Pandora) 2nd. McDougle (Leipsic) 3rd.

*NR 880 YARDS: Don Beach (Ottawa) 1st 3:58.8. Maxwell Slaybaugh (Leipsic) 2nd. Hilty, Pandora 3rd.

*NR RELAY RACE: (Ottawa) 1st 1:27.2. (Pandora) 2nd. Simon, Harris, Purnell and Ridenour, (Continental) 3rd.

RETIRED *NR CHARIOT RACE: (Leipsic) 1st 3:20. Harris, Claren Wright, Purnell, Ridenour, Madden and Shirley (Continental) 2nd.

*NR BASEBALL DISTANCE: Galen Watterson (Continental) 1st 271'8". Lehmly (Vaughnsville) 2nd. Miller (Leipsic) 3rd.

*NR RUNNING BROAD JUMP: Harold Weaver (Leipsic) 1st 16'11½". Jesse Lehman (Pandora) 2nd. Claren Wright (Continental) 3rd.

RETIRED *NR STANDING BROAD JUMP: Galen Watterson (Continental) 1st 9'. Dale Hummon, (Leipsic) 2nd. Clifton Preble (Leipsic) 3rd.

*NR HIGH JUMP: Claren Wright (Continental) 1st 4'10". Galen Watterson (Continental) 2nd. Don Beach (Ottawa) 3rd.

*NR POLE VAULT: Harold Weaver (Leipsic) 1st 7'9". Galen Watterson (Continental) 2nd. Thomas (Vaughnsville) 3rd.

*NR SHOT PUT: Lemly (Vaughnsville) 1st 35'3". Dale Hummon (Leipsic) 2nd. Miller (Leipsic) 3rd.

GIRLS

*NR 50 YARD DASH: Bogart (Vaughnsville) 1st 7.8. Delilah Crawfis (Ottawa) 2nd. B. Purnell, (Continental) 3rd.

*NR BALL THROWING CONTEST: Cecil Hickerson (Leipsic) 1st 127'5½". Jameson (Vaughnsville) 2nd. Collar (Vaughnsville) 3rd.

The points scored by each school were: Leipsic 41, Continental 33 1/3, Ottawa 32 1/3, Pandora 22 and Vaughnsville 18 1/3. Five points were awarded to the winner of events, 3 points for place and 1 point to show.

The high individual winners were G. Watterson, Continental, 16 points, winning a gold medal; Roose, Ottawa, 14 points, winning the silver medal; Lehman, Pandora, 13 points winning a bronze medal. Weaver, 11 points custodian of the banner presented to the Leipsic for winning the most points in the entire meet.

The officials of the day were: Referee, W. B. Coughlin, Toledo, YMCA; Starter, O. E. Snyder, Coach, Defiance College; Judges, Earnest R. Godfrey, Coach Wittenburg College, G. H. Garwood, Supt. Schools, McComb, J. Frank Hoffman, Supt. Schools, Bradner, Timekeeper, Harry L. Kerns, Agricultural Instructor, Leipsic; Clear, Edw. R. Johnson, Prin. Leipsic High School