

years have been larger than last year's.

The fact is an all-time record has been broken by almost 2,000 more admissions than were paid for through the same date last year. Mrs. W. H. Hazel, ticket seller and bookkeeper has 11,703 paid admissions on the books with the season not quite half over.

The paid admissions, as reported in The Leader last July 4, were 9,742. C. E. Johnson, grounds manager last year, stated that that attendance figure was far and away greater than the best record of pre-war years.

Twice this year there have been greater crowds at the games than last year's first half high. The June 24 double header between Detroit and Holly Grove, Hyde Park and Owen brought 848 cash customers through the gate.

#### Ahead Of Last Year

The June 13 games between Garland and Hyde Park, Charleston and Owen brought 840 paying guests to the field. Last year's biggest crowd at this date was 750 at a double header between Charleston and Garland, Hyde Park and the Stragglers.

Despite larger crowds, and more expensive tickets the kitty is not quite so fat. Like everything else, the costs of the league are up, too. Officiating is more expensive, the improvements on the field are costing 16 per cent of the gross. Uncle Sam gets a bigger cut.

Managers of the teams moved Saturday night to assure the customers more for their money. Mooney Boswell was asked to serve as umpire. Comments thus far indicate the fans approve the managers' choice.

Competition seems a little keener this year. Detroit has a very precarious perch at the top of the ten-rung ladder.

#### League Lead Doubtful

The Detroiters must tangle with two tough foes before they can safely say they led the league at the halfway mark. They meet Brighton Monday night. Tuesday they have a return engagement with the Charleston club which told them even for 11 innings June 3.

A win for Brighton Monday would put the newcomers to the league in a tie for first place. It could be a three-way tie if Charleston tripped the Detroit aggregation Tuesday night.

Mason is tied with Owen just a rung or two down the ladder. Anyway it's figured, there are seven definite contenders among the 10

Knights has two acres of D. P. L. which was planted April 27.

## BULLETS END LIFE OF FIGHTING NEGRO

### Scott's Bullets Stopped Writer Of Letters To White Woman

Four bullets from the pistol of City Marshal Jim T. Scott put an abrupt end to the life of Jimmy Wade, 36-year-old negro, Sunday evening. The negro had turned from an assault on Mr. Scott's companion to fight with the law enforcement officer.

The negro's death followed his accusation by the two men. Mr. Scott and his companion had charged him with the authorship of letters to a white woman living near Covington. The letters had suggested the woman meet Wade for a date.

Several of the letters were in Mr. Scott's possession at the time the men confronted the negro. The latest of them was dated June 27 and included instructions to the woman for getting in touch with the negro.

Mr. Scott stated in a hearing before Judge R. H. Erwin Wednesday afternoon that he had observed the man going to the place he had told the woman to leave a note for him. Finding no note, the negro stayed in the immediate vicinity for several hours.

After the hearing Mr. Scott was dismissed with a verdict of justifiable homicide.

It was after the negro left the spot that the officer confronted him. The man admitted authorship of the letters. The letters were written in poor English, with bad spelling. All were printed. Some were in pencil, some in ink. The woman had received the first of them several months ago but all were unsigned, had not been able to identify the author.

In the letter dated June 27 the negro gave a clue to his identity. The woman recalled the episode and the negro told her husband and Mr. Scott.

Mr. Scott stated that the negro had a knife in his hand as he suddenly attacked his accusers. He had opened it before bullets ended his life.

## ARCHITECTS TO OPEN

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ver Moody, young Covington matrons, informed The Leader Wednesday they had solicited the aid of 20 community leaders. Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Noell are Dr. J. S. Ruffin's chief assistants in the campaign for \$800.

The women sent letters to Mrs. Edward McDaniel, Mrs. B. W. Kinney, Mrs. Ashley Tanner, Mrs. E. Evans, Mrs. Mott Gray, Mrs. Glenn Mills, Mrs. Earl Dolan, Mrs. Fair Roby, Mrs. R. C. Hartsfield, Mrs. Aubrey Dickey, Mrs. M. E. Wiley.

Mrs. J. M. Crigger, Mrs. Connie Cooper, Mrs. Kinchen Faught, Mrs. Brown McQuiston, Mrs. R. E. Weir, Mrs. J. M. Sanders, Mrs. Leslie S. Thompson, Mrs. Bailey Lee Clifton and Mrs. Claude Gray.

### Women Lead In County

"We chose to ask the presidents of Women's Home Demonstration Clubs to help put the drive over because we felt sure the women chosen by their friends to head their community clubs had the goodwill and respect of everyone in their communities.

"A few may be compelled to decline the opportunity for service because of urgent family business. If anyone cannot serve, we sincerely hope she will find another member of her club to take the responsibility," said Mrs. Moody.

Mrs. Moody is the wife of Oliver Moody, secretary-treasurer of Hughes Grocer Co. and a member of the Covington Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Vice chairmanship of the cancer drive is Mrs. Moody's first major assignment in county-wide drives, though she has served ably in Covington civic activities.

Mrs. Noell is the wife of Robert Noell, partner with his father and brother in C. P. Noell & Sons, grain

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## BLUE CROSS TO BE EXPLAINED JULY 9

### Public Invited To Hear York At Farm Bureau Meeting Here

Clyde M. York, authority on mutual hospitalization insurance, will explain the Blue Cross Plan to directors of the Tipton County Farm Bureau Wednesday night, July 9, in the county agent's office.

Roy Turner, Farm Bureau president, called The Leader last night to announce that the public is cordially invited to attend the meeting. "Mr. York has been

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board appro

## DANCE JUNE OFFER

### Veterans Bring 10-Piece

First 'live' in ears of the dance since pre-out from Walk July 9 when the reign Wars press his Orchestra pleasure of T

The veterans the project for D. Beasley, on V. F. W., contricular Memphis a dance.

Mr. Stoltz' of 10 pieces and nine vocalist summer party has been a social function years.

"We're looking and the nicest a dance in Tipton "good old days" dour, chairman

Mr. Walker a big, new Chevy Ray-Pinner position some time plenty big enough all the people

"We're hoping couples and for that many floors if we ne has said he'll cooling the crowd will help us looking us with 25

Assisting arrangements at Sam Melton, Charles Lind

A bandstand soft lights are plans for the will be in the more veterans through the cotton drug store them for sale

"We're reser dance because one of the in affairs put on time," said Mr.