

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Social Happenings

From the Blue-Grass Region



There certainly is a lot of beauty in the Kentucky blue grass country. And here is a sample of it. Meet Kathleen McKelroy, who will be "Miss Paducah" in the Atlantic City Puccini National Beauty Tournament, opening Sept. 2.

Lenglen Is No Quitter Says Miss Helen Wills

American Champion Much Impressed With Charm of French Player Whom She Believes Was Genuinely Ill This Season

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Berkeley, Calif., Aug. 23.—Suzanne Lenglen, French tennis motorist, is not a quitter. She was really ill and unfit to play when she dodged a meeting with Helen Wills, America's premier woman tennis ace, first at Wimbledon last June and later in the Olympic championship at Paris.

Furthermore, had temperamentally Suzanne been able to meet the youthful and demure American champion in Wightman Cup play at Wimbledon she probably could have beaten the latter. Had they played at Paris, however, well that's a different matter.

All the foregoing may be set down in American sport annals as statements of fact, for they come from the highest authoritative source—from Miss Wills herself.

Unspoiled by European plaudits of the multitudes, handshakings with crowned heads and all the adulation heaped upon her—just as winsome and even more diplomatic when being interviewed than when she left—Miss Wills was back in Berkeley today with her nose buried in a stack of school books, more intent upon making up two weeks of lost time in college than in being America's premier tennis star.

In her homecoming, it seems that Miss Wills reserved something for her home folks which a lot of people in the East and abroad would have liked to start her talking about—Miss Suzanne Lenglen.

Ever since before she left home early last May with a hope at a chance at the French girl's title



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Bill Tilden once turned loose after he had been beaten by "Little Bill" Johnston.

Miss Wills, however, does not say things in interviews she does not want to say. Among other studies at the University of California she is taking a course to apply psychology—which may account for it. For weeks before she left Berkeley, all the time she was abroad, and during the days she was in the East, before her return home, she adroitly dodged saying "something" about Miss Lenglen.

Arriving home nobody thought it worth while to press her on such a hopeless subject. Who was the use? So Miss Wills, thoroughly womanlike, decided to open the subject herself. What she has to say of one opponent whom she hoped most to meet but did not might form an interesting treatise on sportsmanship for some of our best known athletes, both amateur and professional.

"Please, oh, please, try to correct any impression that Miss Lenglen defaulted at Wimbledon and did not enter the Olympic tournament because she was afraid of me," begged Miss Wills. "Nothing is further from the truth or more ridiculous.

"Miss Lenglen was very ill—I am certain of that. I saw her right after she withdrew from the Wimbledon tournament and it was easy to see she was in no condition to play tennis. Also I know she had not recovered sufficiently to participate in the Olympic tournaments although she tried herself out on private courts in the hope that she might have recovered sufficient form to participate.

"In the Wimbledon competitions, had Miss Lenglen been able to participate at the same top form which she showed earlier in the same tournaments, she undoubtedly would have beaten me.

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I was unable to get into proper stride and she easily beat player who beat me.

"At Paris, however, I was at top form and think it would have been a great match. Naturally I am disappointed that I could not play against Miss Lenglen but that will come later. I met her several times socially and found her a very fine woman. It is unjust for anybody to think she is a quitter."

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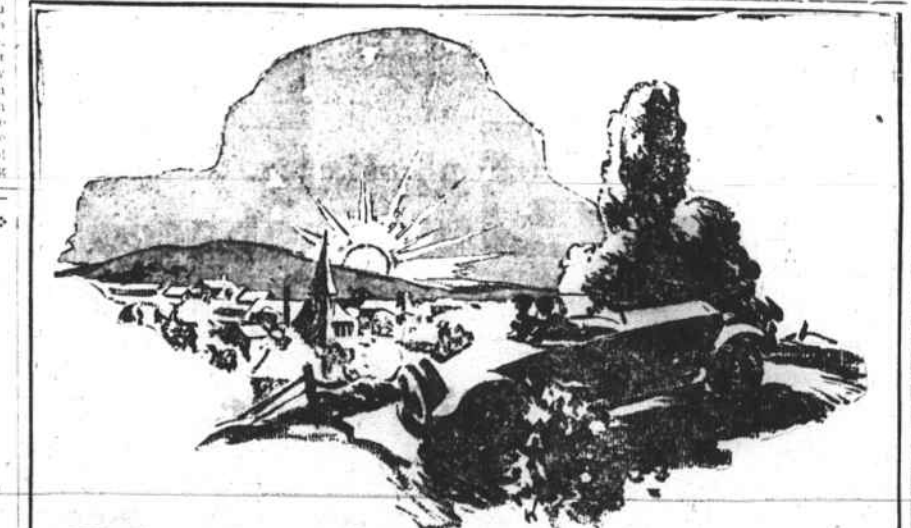
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