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MISS VINSON, MR. HILL AND THEIR PRIZES

The Gertrude Cheever Porter Trophy for the Ladies' Championship of the United States, stands at the left, beside it is the Henry Wainwright Howe Memorial Trophy for the United States Pair Championship. These two trophies are challenge cups which are never won outright. In front are two Howe replicas and the Porter replica, to be kept by the winners. Also in front are the U. S. F. S. A. gold championship medals, awarded the winners. Mr. Howe's own skates, with which he won the U. S. Waltz Championship in 1923, form the handles on the Howe Trophy.

The 1933 National Championships

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The Nationals, held March 17th and 18th, at New Haven, are now just a memory. There remain but two things to be done: spreading the record on the pages of skating history and telling the story. The first is comparatively simple, but the second is a more complicated task. In fact it is impossible to do full justice to all who competed and who are so deserving of the highest praise that is within our power to give. Space will not permit.

Boston is the "Hub of the Universe." Although most of us who do not reside in that fair city, may be somewhat reluctant to grant that such an appellation is true of all things, we must concede that it is a fact in the realm of figure skating. We are frank to admit that the Boston skaters stole the show. Placing first and second in the ladies' senior event, first and second in the men's senior, third in the ladies' junior, first and second in the ladies' novice, first and second in the senior pairs, second in the junior pairs, and first and third in the dance competition, is a record that would justly excuse any envy which we might be inclined to feel. On the contrary, we salute you, skaters of Boston, and quaff a toast to your future accomplishments.

The words future accomplishments are well chosen and not idle jest or mere pleasantry, for with thirteen year old Polly Blodgett skating off with first in the ladies' novice, and eleven year old Joan Tozzer taking second in this event, we have two young ladies of great promise. Skating in her first competition, Joan performed with the assurance and ease of a veteran. Both her school figures and free skating were a revelation to those of us who have been struggling patiently to do what these children have accomplished seemingly over night. Bernard Fox, who paired with Polly Blodgett to place second in the junior pairs, deserves a word or two of commendation for his rapid development.

LADIES' NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

	Judges	Rotch	Liberman	Van Name	Engel	Blanchard	TOTALS
1. Miss P. Blodgett <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School Free	26.5 19.6	28.3 20.2	26.2 18.4	27.5 19.8	24.0 21.0	132.5 99.0
	Total Place	46.1 1	48.5 1	44.6 1	47.3 2	45.0 1	231.5 6
2. Miss J. Tozzer <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School Free	26.0 19.2	26.3 19.0	26.1 18.2	27.0 19.2	23.2 18.8	128.6 94.4
	Total Place	45.2 2	45.3 3	44.3 2	46.2 3	42.0 2	223.0 12
3. Miss N. Prantel <i>The Skating Club, N. Y.</i>	School Free	25.2 18.8	30.2 18.0	24.7 16.8	27.5 20.8	22.9 17.8	130.5 92.2
	Total Place	44.0 3	48.2 2	41.5 3	48.3 1	40.7 3	222.7 12
4. Miss H. Wilmerding <i>The Skating Club, N. Y.</i>	School Free	24.8 16.8	27.7 17.4	23.7 16.2	26.4 18.4	21.4 16.6	124.0 85.4
	Total Place	41.6 5	45.1 4	39.9 4	44.8 4	38.0 5	209.4 22
5. Miss A. Kloss <i>Brooklyn Figure Skating Club</i>	School Free	25.4 16.4	28.0 17.0	23.9 15.8	25.7 18.6	23.1 17.0	126.1 84.8
	Total Place	41.8 4	45.0 5	39.7 5	44.3 5	40.1 4	210.9 23
6. Miss M. Weigel <i>Buffalo Skating Club</i>	School Free	23.2 16.0	25.3 17.8	21.6 14.8	25.2 18.0	20.3 16.0	115.6 82.6
	Total Place	39.2 6	43.1 6	36.4 6	43.2 6	36.3 6	198.2 30

MEN'S NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

	Judges	Rotch	Liberman	Van Name	Engel	Blanchard	TOTALS
1. Mr. W. McDonald <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School Free	28.1 18.0	29.6 17.0	26.1 16.4	23.6 17.6	25.1 18.0	132.5 87.0
	Total Place	46.1 1	46.6 1	42.5 1	41.2 1	43.1 1	219.5 5
2. Mr. O. Dallmayr <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School Free	22.9 16.8	22.3 19.0	23.8 15.6	21.9 17.2	23.4 19.2	114.3 87.8
	Total Place	39.7 2	41.3 2	39.4 2	39.1 2	42.6 2	202.1 10
3. Mr. H. E. Cook <i>Olympia Skating Club, Detroit</i>	School Free	22.0 16.0	20.3 14.0	20.3 15.0	17.5 15.2	19.5 17.6	99.6 77.8
	Total Place	38.0 3	34.3 3	35.3 3	32.7 3	37.1 3	177.4 15

MEN'S JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

	Judges	Rotch	Liberman	Van Name	Engel	Blanchard	TOTALS
1. Mr. W. Swallender <i>Twin City Figure Skating Club</i>	School	83.80	90.00	81.00	78.40	72.40	405.60
	Free	58.24	55.44	52.08	57.12	54.32	277.20
	Total	142.04	145.55	133.08	135.52	126.72	682.80
	Place	1	2	1	1	1	6
2. Mr. B. Mapes <i>Brooklyn Figure Skating Club</i>	School	79.40	89.50	76.80	75.60	67.90	389.20
	Free	49.84	58.24	52.64	56.00	54.88	271.60
	Total	129.24	147.74	129.44	131.60	122.78	660.80
	Place	4	1	2	2	3	12
3. Mr. L. Wakefield <i>Twin City Figure Skating Club</i>	School	80.00	86.30	73.40	71.60	69.70	381.00
	Free	51.52	54.32	49.84	50.96	50.96	257.60
	Total	131.52	140.62	123.24	122.56	120.66	638.60
	Place	2	4	3	7	4	20
4. Mr. R. Hapgood <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	75.20	81.40	69.00	72.70	68.00	366.30
	Free	52.64	54.32	51.52	53.20	56.00	267.68
	Total	127.84	135.72	120.52	125.90	124.00	633.98
	Place	5	6	6	4½	2	23½
5. Mr. G. Boltres <i>Brooklyn Figure Skating Club</i>	School	75.20	84.70	70.90	72.70	65.20	368.70
	Free	50.96	57.12	52.08	53.20	49.84	263.20
	Total	126.16	141.82	122.98	125.04	115.04	631.90
	Place	6	3	4	4½	6	23½
6. Mr. A. Vitvitsky <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	74.70	82.90	72.60	73.50	64.10	367.80
	Free	56.00	54.88	49.84	57.68	47.60	266.00
	Total	130.70	137.78	122.44	131.18	111.70	633.80
	Place	3	5	5	3	8	24
7. Mr. R. Janson <i>Brooklyn Figure Skating Club</i>	School	73.40	81.10	69.10	72.90	67.50	364.00
	Free	41.44	52.64	48.72	52.08	47.60	242.48
	Total	114.84	133.74	117.82	124.98	115.10	606.48
	Place	7	7	7	6	5	32
8. Mr. A. Janson <i>Brooklyn Figure Skating Club</i>	School	64.00	78.30	66.50	70.70	66.50	346.00
	Free	42.00	51.52	44.80	49.84	47.04	235.20
	Total	106.00	129.82	111.30	120.54	113.54	581.20
	Place	8	8	8	8	7	39

Do not misunderstand me, for Polly and Joan had excellent competition in Nettie Prantel who finished a close third, with Helen Wilmerding fourth. In fifth place we find Ardelle Kloss making her debut in the Nationals and sixth place went to Little Mary, the youngest aspirant of the now famous Weigel family. It is my humble judgment that she will soon be crowding her older sisters for the enviable positions they have earned for themselves in the skating world.

You will forgive "your correspondent" if he appears to be a bit soft about the children in the Nationals, but I know you will agree with me when I say that it is here that we must look for our future champions.

There were other surprises in store. In the men's junior event, it soon became apparent that William Swallender, of Minneapolis, would place well when the judges cards were turned in. This proved to be the case for he took first place. Practically unknown to the laity, having taken up skating only a few years ago, he deserves great praise. Particularly so, because this is his first attempt in fast company.

What with thirteen year old Robin Lee's phenomenal improvement and the fine bid he made in the Seniors this year, Swallender winning the Juniors, with Cook of Detroit taking third in the Men's Novice, together with the appearance of other competitors from the mid-west, we easterners can look forward to keener competition. If their ability is any criterion of the quality of western skaters, those who now wear the crowns in their respective classes should look well to their laurels. The last issue of "Skating," with its reports on carnivals in the mid-west conveyed a realization of unusual growth in the sport. May I be so bold as to alter that memorable bit of advice of Horace Greeley, conceived in an early era of the Nation's growth. Used to the western skating fraternity of today it would be in keeping with the times to say, "Go east, young man, go east"!

In the Men's Novice, we find only three entries and the honors went to Wilfred McDonald of the Winter Sports Club, followed by his club mate Otto Dallmayr and H. E. Cook of the Olympia Skating Club of Detroit. We will watch McDonald next year, in the Juniors, for he is making rapid progress and should give a good account of himself.

The judgment and foresight of our Association officials in estab-

lishing a Novice class has been vindicated. This event is an inspiration and encouragement in the development of the younger talent, and provides a background of experience so necessary for those whose ambition it is to reach the heights in the figure skating art. As an instance which bears out this statement let us take the case of Miss Valerie Jones who won the Novice last year, placed second in the Ladies' Junior this year, and I am sure she will not stop there.

Inasmuch as we have moved on to the Ladies' Junior event, let us proceed. With the exception of first place, which was won by Estelle Weigel, this event resulted in a greater diversity of opinion among the judges than any other class. As previously mentioned, Valerie Jones was runner up to Miss Weigel, with Grace Madden of Boston third, and Audrey Peppe of New York in fourth position. A merry race it was and I was not the least bit envious of the sober faced judges as they squinted at the tracings laid down by these young ladies.

The Men's Junior was also a very interesting class, with eight entries. There was a lively discussion among the galleryites after the conclusion of the school figures, concerning the probable outcome of this event, but it was generally agreed that the choice would be between Bruce Mapes of the Brooklyn Figure Skating Club, last year's runner-up, and the unknown, unheralded William Swallender, with Lyman Wakefield of Dartmouth giving the leaders a great race. So we looked to the free skating to settle in our own minds the question of superiority. Swallender won as previously stated, with Mapes finishing second and Wakefield third, followed in the order named by Richard L. Hapgood, G. Boltres, A. Vitvitsky, R. Janson, and A. Janson. The "return to the wars" of Dick Hapgood was another pleasant surprise and although hard pressed by Boltres and Vitvitsky, he skated into fourth place by a narrow but safe margin.

If I have violated any of the ethics of precedent, in reporting the preliminary events first, which in the singles competitions precede the classics, please forgive me. It is with the idea of leading up to the climax, that I have written them in this order.

And now we come to the Ladies' Senior event. Who won? "Maribel, of course." All that has been said concerning her skating might well be said again, but repetition would not add one iota to her greatness. With first place resting quite securely in Miss Vinson's hands, the battle for second place occupied our attentions. Miss Suzanne

LADIES' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

	Judges	Rotch	Liberman	Van Name	Engel	Blanchard	TOTALS
1. Miss E. Weigel <i>Buffalo Skating Club</i>	School	87.1	95.8	88.2	88.0	78.9	438.0
	Free	55.8	61.8	58.2	61.8	55.8	293.4
	Total Place	142.9 1	157.6 1	146.4 2	149.8 1	134.7 1	721.4 6
2. Miss V. Jones <i>The Skating Club, N.Y.</i>	School	83.7	90.3	82.2	84.3	75.6	416.1
	Free	55.2	63.0	57.6	62.4	57.0	295.2
	Total Place	138.9 3	153.3 3	139.8 3	146.7 2	132.6 3	711.3 14
3. Miss G. Madden <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	81.5	88.2	82.3	83.7	74.1	409.8
	Free	60.0	57.0	55.8	60.0	60.0	292.8
	Total Place	141.5 2	145.2 4	138.1 4	143.7 3	134.1 2	702.6 15
4. Miss A. Peppe <i>The Skating Club, N.Y.</i>	School	80.9	88.6	85.2	81.6	73.8	410.1
	Free	55.2	66.0	62.4	59.4	57.0	300.0
	Total Place	136.1 4	154.6 2	147.6 1	141.0 4	130.8 4	710.1 15

UNITED STATES PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

	Judges	Hapgood	Liberman	Van Name	Engel	Blanchard	TOTALS
1. Miss M. Y. Vinson Mr. G. E. B. Hill <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	Pro.	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.8	28.1
	Per.	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.8	28.5
	Total Place	11.8 1	11.2 1	11.0 1	11.0 1	11.6 1	56.6 5
2. Miss G. Madden Mr. J. L. Madden <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	Pro.	5.7	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.6	27.3
	Per.	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	27.9
	Total Place	11.6 2	10.8 2	10.7 2	10.9 2	11.2 2	55.2 10
3. Miss G. Meredith Mr. J. K. Savage <i>The Skating Club, N. Y.</i>	Pro.	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.2	25.4
	Per.	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.4	25.4
	Total Place	10.0 3	10.3 3	10.0 4	9.9 4	10.6 3	50.8 17
4. Miss N. Follett <i>Quincy, Mass.</i> Mr. F. Parmenter <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	Pro.	5.0	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.0	25.0
	Per.	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.3	25.4
	Total Place	9.9 4	10.1 4	10.1 3	10.0 3	10.3 4	50.4 18

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNITED STATES

	Judges	Rotch	Liberman	Van Name	Engel	F. Goodridge	TOTALS
1. Miss M. Y. Vinson <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	131.1	131.1	130.3	125.7	126.0	644.2
	Free	89.6	92.0	85.6	86.4	88.8	442.4
	Total	220.7	223.1	215.9	212.1	214.8	1086.6
2. Miss S. Davis <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	124.5	128.5	126.4	123.1	118.8	621.3
	Free	88.8	88.8	83.2	84.0	85.6	430.4
	Total	213.3	217.3	209.6	207.1	204. 4	1051.7
3. Miss L. Weigel <i>Buffalo Skating Club</i>	School	117.9	121.5	125.8	119.6	111.6	596.0
	Free	83.2	85.6	82.4	82.4	81.6	415.2
	Total	201.1	207.1	208.2	202.0	193.2	1011.2
4. Dr. H. Berger <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	115.6	117.2	124.4	118.1	104.9	580.2
	Free	71.2	76.0	74.4	79.2	72.0	372.8
	Total	186.8	193.2	198.8	197.3	176.9	953.0
	Place	4	4	4	4	4	20

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNITED STATES

	Judges	Rotch	Liberman	Van Name	Engel	Hapgood	TOTALS
1. Mr. R. F. Turner <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	107.60	104.60	105.80	98.60	101.30	517.90
	Free	69.96	63.36	69.96	67.32	64.68	335.28
	Total	177.56	167.96	175.76	165.92	165.98	853.18
2. Mr. J. L. Madden <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	102.10	104.40	102.40	95.60	97.50	502.00
	Free	74.58	73.92	70.62	70.62	66.66	356.40
	Total	176.68	178.32	173.02	166.22	164.16	858.40
3. Mr. R. Lee <i>Twin City Figure Skating Club</i>	School	105.90	99.80	103.50	96.10	96.40	501.70
	Free	70.62	67.32	69.30	69.30	65.34	341.88
	Total	176.52	167.12	172.80	165.40	161.74	843.58
	Place	3	3	3	3	3	15



Photo by Mr. H. Kloss, Brooklyn Figure Skating Club

MISS DAVIS, MISS VINSON, DR. BERGER, MISS L. WEIGEL

Davis displaying remarkable improvement, took second, closely pressed by Louise Weigel and with Dr. Hulda Berger making a game fight.

Roger F. Turner retained his title of Men's Champion for the sixth time. From my viewpoint, Roger displayed a commendable bit of sportsmanship in skating in defence of his crown, having been handicapped by an injury to his knee. James L. Madden, who took second, won the same honors as in the recent North American, with Robin Lee of St. Paul crowding him for the place. Just a brief glance at the judges marks will provide an interesting comparison. The result of Robin's first attempt at the highest honors this country can bestow in

figure skating must be very gratifying to him. He should be greatly encouraged to go on with the feeling of assurance that in the not far distant future the crown may be within his grasp. In this unspoiled example of American boy, I realize more and more what our English cousins across the pond mean when they speak of someone as "refreshing."

William H. Bruns and Eva Schwerdt, of the Winter Sports Club, were unanimously awarded first place in the Junior Pair event. Bernard Fox and Polly Blodgett took second, with third place going to E. A. Hellmund and Jane Nicholson. Seven pairs were entered which seemed to indicate the growing popularity of pair skating. It was rumored about beforehand that we would see some very fine pairs in the Juniors, and we were not disappointed.

G. E. B. Hill joined with Maribel Vinson, to win the Senior Pairs. We understand "Geddy" had the recent misfortune of a fractured leg. To him we extend our sympathy. But judging by his work in this event, I tremble when I think of what might have happened in the Senior Singles had he entered with two *good legs*! Jim Madden and his sister, Grace, found themselves in second place after the smoke of battle had cleared away, followed by Joseph K. Savage and Gertrude Meredith of The Skating Club of New York, and Fred A. Parmenter and Nancy Follett of Quincy, Mass.

The next event to chronicle is the Dance competition. Frederick Goodridge and Suzanne Davis, with their excellent timing and pleasing rhythmic effect won first place.* "Joe" Savage and Miss Meredith placed second, with Jim and Grace Madden taking third. It seemed to me that this comparatively new fixture has been justified and has developed a great variety of unique dance steps that were very pleasing to watch and appeared almost limitless as to possibilities. Seven couples competed for honors in this group.

Apparently the Fleischmann-Twarosch pair are making quite a habit of winning waltzing competitions, for they again came out on top. The versatile couple composed of Bruns-Schwerdt, who took fourth place in the dance with a very fine tango variation, came in second in the waltz, followed by Hartshorne-Dutton. There were seventeen couples entered in this increasingly popular and closely contested event. This brings to mind the only real criticism that I feel qualified to make. It

*We expect to publish the Goodridge-Davis Dance in November.

JUNIOR PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

	Judges	Rotch	Liberman	Van Name	Hapgood	Greene	TOTALS
1. Miss E. Schwerdt Mr. W. Bruns <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	Pro.	4.5	5.5	5.0	4.7	5.0	24.7
	Per.	4.3	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.5	25.4
	Total Place	8.8 1	11.0 1	10.2 1	9.6 1	10.5 1	50.1 5
1. Miss P. Blodgett Mr. B. Fox <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	Pro.	4.2	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.0	22.5
	Per.	4.2	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.0	22.7
	Total Place	8.4 3	10.2 2	9.6 2	9.0 2	8.0 4	45.2 13
3. Miss J. Nicholson Mr. E. Hellmund <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	Pro.	4.3	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.2	22.5
	Per.	4.3	5.0	4.9	4.1	4.7	23.0
	Total Place	8.6 2	10.0 4	9.6 3	8.4 3	8.9 3	45.5 15
4. Miss G. Dutton Mr. H. Hartshorne <i>The Skating Club, N. Y.</i>	Pro.	4.0	5.0	4.5	4.1	4.0	21.6
	Per.	4.3	5.1	4.7	4.0	5.5	23.6
	Total Place	8.3 4	10.1 3	9.2 5	8.1 4	9.5 2	45.2 18
5. Mrs. Wilkinson Dr. Wilkinson <i>Buffalo Skating Club</i>	Pro.	4.1	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.0	20.6
	Per.	4.0	4.9	4.4	4.0	3.5	20.8
	Total Place	8.1 6	9.9 5	8.9 7	8.0 5	6.5 5	41.4 28
6. Mrs. Salsinger Mr. H. E. Cook <i>Olympia Skating Club, Detroit</i>	Pro.	4.2	3.6	4.3	3.7	4.0	19.8
	Per.	4.0	5.0	4.7	3.9	2.0	19.6
	Total Place	8.2 5	8.6 7	9.0 6	7.6 6	6.0 6	39.4 30
7. Miss M. Davenport Mr. H. Davenport <i>Springfield, Mass.</i>	Pro.	4.0	4.0	4.7	3.9	3.5	20.1
	Per.	4.0	5.0	4.6	3.5	2.0	19.1
	Total Place	8.0 7	9.0 6	9.3 4	7.4 7	5.5 7	39.2 31

is this: that although the Nationals are first and foremost a truly competitive affair, it has become the general practice to admit the public and an admission fee is charged for the finals. Crowding all the necessary events into that last night makes a lengthy program which is a little tiresome to our guests, our judges, and other officials. Is it not fair that some consideration be given them? I am not alone in this viewpoint. A suggestion worthy of thought was made that would arrange for the preliminaries in the waltz competition to be held earlier, but preferably on the same day, with the survivors only, competing during the final night. This would allow more time for careful judging and should be more satisfactory to those competing. It is only with a sincere desire on my part to contribute some constructive criticism that I venture to mention this.

May I also contribute a suggestion to those who plan to enter future competitions, and are accustomed to skating their programs to some particular piece of music. Anyone whose job it has been to provide music for competitions, will agree that their very best efforts, together with the earnest coöperation of the musicians, will often result in music unsatisfactory to the competitors. How serious a matter this is! Music is the medium through which the program may succeed or fail. It would add greatly to the peace of mind of the committee, and increase your chances of success, if music with orchestration, carefully marked for tempo and rhythm, were forwarded with your entry. This could be done for a nominal sum and I am sure you would be pleased with the results. We at New Haven, gave considerable time, thought and effort to this phase of the competitions, even going so far as to check the timing of each selection, where the desired tempo was known, by means of a metronome. And although there was no serious criticism, there was still room for improvement.

The New Haven Figure Skating Club ushered in the finals with a simple and brief carnival number, consisting of sixty children in Russian peasant costume, drawing over the ice a boat laden with eight girls, to the accompaniment of the Volga Boat Song rendered by a male chorus of thirty-five voices. The idea of a peasant scene was carried on with a dance number by four of the Junior girl members, and a Cossack Dance by one of the boys.

During the intermission while the judges were making up their final computations, several specialty numbers were presented. Polly

Blodgett and Joan Tozzer as Mickey and Minnie Mouse, won a storm of applause. I am sure that Walt Disney himself would have had a hearty laugh had he seen the clever portrayal of his pet comics. The Diefendorf sisters, Misses Dorothy, Eleanor and Elizabeth, of New Haven, skated a trio number which was very well received. Following this the Boston Four, composed of Mrs. Theresa W. Blanchard, Miss Suzanne Davis, Frederick Goodridge and Richard Hapgood skated a program with some very novel features. Miss Gladys Lamb and Mr. Joseph Carroll, professionals at the Winter Sports Club of New York, appeared in their interpretation of the Baptie-Carroll tango.

The National Competitions were concluded by Dr. A. R. Diefendorf, President of the New Haven Club, announcing the winners and presenting the trophies.

I would like to mention all of those familiar to the skating fraternity who were not competitors in the Nationals this year, but this is not possible to do within the limits of this article. I feel however, that I would be remiss in my duty as well as ignoring my personal desire, if I neglected to mention one who has meant so much to us all. "Nat" Niles. We miss him.

To those of you who enjoyed the flush of success in this year's Nationals, we extend our congratulations; to those of you who hoped to do better we would say, may your fine spirit of friendly competition and sincere good fellowship never grow less.



Former Champions

BY THERESA WELD BLANCHARD

The Skating Club of Boston.

In March 1914 the first National Championships to be held in our present style of figure skating, took place at New Haven. This year's championships would have been the twentieth if they had been held every year, but no competitions took place in 1915, 1916, 1917 or 1919. The Championships in 1914, 1918, 1920 and 1921 were called