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## Matty Begovich, Top Basketball Referee, Is Dead

Star at St. John's Went on to Career as Coach

MIAMI BEACH, Nov. 21 (AP) — Matthew Begovich, former basketball player, coach and referee, died here yesterday. He had been believed to be recovering from a recent heart attack. He was 56 years old.

In recent years, he had been an executive salesman for the United States Steel Corporation and a member of the Westchester, N. J., town council.

### Referee for 21 Years

When Matty Begovich, well proportioned 6-foot-3, retired as a referee nine years ago, he estimated that he had called fouls in more than 200 arenas and gymnasiums throughout the country.

He officiated at college basketball games in Madison Square Garden for 21 years, and was considered by many the best referee in the country.

"Whenever I told my team that Begovich was going to work our game they felt relieved," said Lou Rossini, basketball coach at New York University. "They thought this Begovich was consistently the best referee in the business."

Refereeing was just part of Mr. Begovich's life. At St. John's University, he starred on the 1932 team that won 22 games, lost one, and became known as the "Wonder Five." Then he coached basketball at John Marshall College of Jersey City.

While he was coaching, he



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Matty Begovich

was also studying law—he was a member of the New Jersey bar—and writing two books on basketball. For ten years, he played center for the Brooklyn Nets of the American Basketball League.

In 1940, he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an agent, then left three years later to go to work for United States Steel.

He was best known as a referee.

"I thought a great deal of Matty as a player, but I thought even more of him as an official," said Ned Irish, the president of the New York Knicker-

Served in Madison Square College Games 21 Years

bookers of the National Basketball Association.

"What made a good referee? He must have an excellent knowledge of the rules, must always be in position to cover a play and needs good judgment," Matty once said.

"But those things won't mean a thing if an official does not have the courage of his convictions to make a foul decision and to stick to it. In order for him to do that, he's got to have it in the heart."

Mr. Begovich never made many calls. He was known as a referee who made a call only if it had a direct bearing on the game.

### Refereeing Carried Too Far

Throughout his years of refereeing, Matty had one particular story he delighted in telling. The incident took place about 30 years ago after a professional game in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The losing team was unhappy with some of his calls, and so after the game Matty went to the losers' dressing room to explain them and get his overcoat.

"I came out of that dressing room with my overcoat and the biggest black eye I ever had," he said. "From that time on I did all my refereeing on the court."

He leaves his wife, the former Maria Andrich; three sons, Peter and Matthew of Weehawken, and John of Point Pleasant, N. J.; his mother, and three grandchildren.

### FLORENCE SHATTUCK

Florence Shattuck of 393 West End Avenue, who wrote the advertising column, "Shopping With Susan," in the former Brooklyn Eagle from 1940 to 1953, died Sunday in University Hospital. Her age was 78.

Surviving are two brothers, Jack and Irving, and two sisters, Pauline and Mrs. Jack Marks.

### HARRISON W. PECK

Harrison W. Peck, owner of the Harlan Press, printers and engravers at 270 Lafayette Street, died of a heart attack on Saturday at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., where he had gone to attend a football game. He was 60 years old and lived in Fort Lee, N. J.

Mr. Peck graduated from

Lafayette in 1930. He was a former president of the Metropolitan Alumni Association of Lafayette and had headed many theater parties here for the association's scholarship fund.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ann Simonds Peck, and two sons, Joel A. and Roger A.

## RICHARD FINK, HEAD OF BAKING COMPANY

Richard Fink, president of the Fink Baking Corporation, 5-35 54th Avenue, Long Island City, Queens, died yesterday in Mount Vernon (N. Y.) Hospital, after an illness of several months. He was 50 years old and lived at 21 Buena Vista Road, Eastchester, N. Y.

Mr. Fink four years ago opened a new \$3-million plant for the concern, a large independent wholesaler of bread and rolls. He succeeded his late father, Emil, as president of the company eight years ago.

Mr. Fink was born in New York and attended Columbia University. He was a past president of Sinai Temple, Mount Vernon, and the Bakers Club of New York, and headed the bakers' division in drives for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and United Jewish Appeal.

Surviving are his widow, the former Beatrice Levy; three sons, Richard 2d, Stephan and James; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Livingston, and two grandchildren.

## Gen. Wladislaw Bortnowski, Polish World War II Leader

Special to The New York Times

SEA CLIFF, L. I., Nov. 21—Gen. Wladislaw Bortnowski, who commanded the Polish Army that unsuccessfully defended the maritime provinces of Poland in World War II, died today in Green Cove hospital. He was 75 years old and lived at 89 15th Avenue.

General Bortnowski was taken prisoner by the Germans. After his release, he went to England and in the late nineteen-fifties came to the United States. He was born in the Ukraine and served under Marshal Josef Pilsudski in World War I.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Wanda Bortnowski; two sons, Andrew and Christopher, and a sister.

## MRS. M'ANENY DIES; WIDOW OF OFFICIAL

Mrs. Marjorie Jacob McAneny died after a short illness Saturday in Norwalk, Conn., where she had been visiting friends. She was 87 years old and lived at 43 Spring Street, Princeton, N. J. Her husband, the late George McAneny, served the city of New York as a public official, city planner, traitor expert and civic leader.

Mrs. McAneny was born in New York, the daughter of Abraham and Mary Putnam Jacob, distinguished physicians, and was graduated from Barnard College in 1909. She had been active in the advancement of fresh-air camps, and in work for the Strykers Lane Community Center and the Community Service Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth McA. Loud and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Harrison; four sons, Herbert, Arnold, Ernest and David; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 3:30 P.M. in the Princeton University Chapel in Princeton.

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