

PRO FOOTBALL TOPS SPORTS MAGNETS

Popularity Increase Noted by Experts; Decline in Boxing Recorded.

By ALAN GOULD NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Notwithstanding some confusion in the minds of our sports experts as to just where the sports scene stands in some respects, it is obvious they think the growth in popularity of professional football is the most striking development of 1937.

Of all the trends or cross-currents noted during the year, the pro gridiron boom attracted most attention, as well as a larger share of the sports page headlines than ever before.

No other trend or development was even close to pro football, which got the vote of 22 out of 23 experts participating in the seventh annual Associated Press poll.

Seven noted the growing popularity of football, and eight emphasized the parallel increase in gate receipts, while five more suggested that defensive grid maneuvers, such as the five-man line, represented the year's most conspicuous trend.

Otherwise the poll reflected nothing so much as a contrast of opinion or viewpoint. Five sports editors pointed to more liberal collegiate views on the substitution of athletes, including "more open recruiting" or "earn acceptance of professionalism in college football," but three others believe the trend in toward more "disciplined," "best recruiting," and increased demands for all-winning teams.

Boxing Interest Wanes Increased interest and gate receipts were noted in at least six sports — baseball, tennis, golf, polo, horse racing and professional as well as college football.

So far as boxing was concerned, the vote was 3 to 1 in support of decreased interest. One observer claim the death of big-time fight material can be traced directly to the slump in amateur boxing business, but another suggested the spread of amateur ring tournaments will help take up the slack.

The National league's return to a dealer ball, for 1938, and elimination of the center-infield in basketball also were listed among noteworthy trends.

By M. W. B. It will take two months for the Indian hoop squad to round out into any semblance of a smooth, quiet, quietable of going places, Coach Jim Watts predicted at practice the other night.

Upon reverting to the calendar I found that the squad should reach the point of perfection around the first of March just in time to win the district play-off at North Bend, if what Coach Watts says is true, and he certainly ought to know. One thing about the system used in this district—you can lose all your games, but if you keep on bubbling and improving, you can still come out on top by taking the tourney. I believe I see what Jim is aiming at.

It looks Pleasant Hill dumped Cottage Grove in their early game on 15. It appears that the A League teams are having considerable difficulty up in Lane county times to win, this time over Vida, 54 to 18. The three remaining Fox brothers scored 45 points between them—that's what you might call "out-foxing" them! (No sorry.)

Action will be the key word for the Couville careers this next week. Three games have been scheduled, one with a local independent five and others with Risterton and Arago. This is one of the outfits the Indians will have to beat out to win the tourney. The other standing block appears to be Myrtle Point at this writing.

Empire high mood on Oakridge in a fiercely contested game, 27 to 25 the other night. The score was 15 all at half time. Ross Kilbourn, formerly a student in Roseburg schools and a brother of Alden, who is well known here, led the Assenon to victory with five field goals and a charity toss to emerge high point man for the evening.

The largest squad in the history of Cottage Grove, 48 men, is turning out nightly under the tutelage of Donald Moore, a new member of the coaching staff at the lumber city, but who formerly coached in schools in Colorado. Twenty men will be carried through the season. Roseburg has games tentatively scheduled with The Lions for February 22, here, and other March 1 or 8 there.

Marshallfield seems to be finding the going plenty rough on the basketball court this season, losing again to a smooth running five from Arago, 17 to 16. The Pirates took 42 shots in the vicinity of the hoop and caught five for a shooting percentage of 21.6 per cent. Walt Smith again was high point man with 12 points, sinking four out of the five field goals made. Both teams played zone defense.

Today's "brush-up" on the rules!

FLAPPER FANNY By Sylvia



"Can you suggest something for a boy who's got everything?"

If it shall strike an official who is in trouble it is not a dead ball, but play continues as if the ball had not touched him.

After a field goal from the field, any player of the team scored upon shall put the ball into play from any point out of bounds at the end made. The official shall not handle the ball unless by doing so he can get the ball into play more quickly.

The basketball game was an unended affair. At half time Wilbur led Yoncalla 22 to 9. Coach Weber used his subs in the second half and the final score was Wilbur 38, Yoncalla 17.

Days Creek Girls Defeat Glendale. Playing their first conference volleyball game of the year Friday night, the Days Creek high school girls defeated the Glendale girls, 7 to 22.

Movie Comedian Ted Healy Dies. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Ted Healy, motion picture comedian, died suddenly this morning. He was 43 years old.

Ice Pick Welder Punctures 20 Tires. PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A man carrying an ice pick punctured 20 tires on 12 automobiles backed at the lumber camp today.

Fremont's Ball Saturday Night. Roseburg O. S. C. Club presents its "Big Apple" All College Dance.

With Jimmy Johnson's 7 Oregon Siders at the Roseburg Armory Thursday, Dec. 23. The Public is Invited.

BRITAIN PLANNING NAVAL GESTURE TO IMPRESS JAPAN

(Continued from page 1.) The alliance, however, is a card against Germany in any preliminary negotiations.

Japanese Menace Three. CHINESE COASTAL CITIES. SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Japanese troops and warship movements today aroused Chinese fears that three of the nation's great coastal cities would suffer the fate of fallen Nanjing.

Wilbur 5 Breaks Even in 2 Games. The Wilbur high school basketball team made an invasion of the coast section over the weekend and return to the local wars with one scalp hanging from their belts.

Yoncalla, Wilbur Split Two Games. A large crowd saw Yoncalla and Wilbur split a double-header Monday night in the last game on the local floor before the holidays.

Stock and Bond Averages. Compiled by The Associated Press, Dec. 21.

Table with columns for Stocks and Bonds, listing various indices and their values.

A Chick or Poultry Can Be No Better Than THE BREEDER'S MASH That Produced the Egg Umpqua Breeders Mash Gives Them Their Chance \$2.35 cwt. Douglas County Flour Mill

Foreign officials in Hankow arranged for evacuation of the 250,000 Chinese citizens from Hankow by an international train to Canton.

WAR FILM SHOWING IN JAPAN BRINGS CALAMITY. TOKYO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Eighty bodies of children and adults had been removed today from the blackened ruins of a village school at Tomita, Wakayama prefecture.

It was authoritatively disclosed today that the arrest of 370 pacifists and leftists since last Wednesday probably would be announced tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Senator Stetson said today he would press for early action on his resolution requesting the state department to supply estimates on the number of United States nationals, officers and enlisted personnel in China.

TERUEL BATTLE ENTERS 7TH DAY. (Continued from page 1.) west of the city where Generalissimo Franco's crack shock troops, rushed from Zaragoza and Soriano, tried to smash through the government siege ring to relieve their embattled comrades.

Insurgents Lose Heavily. (All of Franco's lines in Spain were reported to have been weakened by the drain in manpower from attempts to save Teruel.)

Hankow Crisis Impends. Four were expressed that Hankow would be cut off from other Chinese cities by warfare in Shantung province and in south China which would sever rail and air services to Hongkong and train services to Tsingtao.

Government reports indicated that the whole Las Cuevas quarter in the northern part of Teruel, separated from the rest of the city by an aqueduct over a deep ravine, had been taken by the attackers.

AFL-CIO PEACE EFFORT COLLAPSES. (Continued from page 1.) Stetson recently conferred with Mr. Roosevelt in an effort to obtain some action toward settlement of the dispute at Portland, where seven sawmills have been crippled or shut down by refusal of the AFL group to accept a decision by the national labor relations board naming the CIO employe representative.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Federal Judge James Alger Foe took temporary injunction of the petition of the Plywood corporation for a CIO injunction to restrain the CIO Plywood and Veneer Workers' union from picketing its plant at St. Johns.

CONGRESS TO VOTE ON HOUSING BILL. (Continued from page 1.) He said the committee had been told the houses were selling as fast as real estate developers offered them for sale.

Four Changes Advised. The senate banking committee worked all day yesterday in order to complete the housing bill, designed to stimulate residential construction. It recommended four major changes in the house measure.

Eliminated was the proposal to restore authority for modernization and repair loans up to \$2,500. The committee also extended the amortization period on loans for

small fraction of the American market. Findlay, Ohio, planned to have drunken drivers chop wood in public instead of sitting out their term in jail.

FOR KIDNEY IRREGULARITY. Do you think your kidneys are weak? Do you feel that you are not getting the most out of your life? Do you have backache, dizziness, or other symptoms of kidney trouble? If so, you need a course of treatment.

GET THAT SUIT CLEANED Now for Christmas. TELEPHONE 88. New Service Laundry. 324 W. Lane St. Let us take care of your washing during the Christmas rush.

WINTER FUEL PRICES. OLD GROWTH FIR. 4-ft. Green, per cord \$2.00. 4-ft. Dry Slab, per cord \$3.00. 16-inch Dry, per load \$4.50. 16-inch Green, per load \$3.00. Mill Ends, per load \$4.50. 2-ft. Green Slab, per load \$3.50. 2-ft. Dry Slab, per load \$4.50. Sawdust, per unit \$2.50. HARDWOOD, Oak and Laurel Block, tier \$2.50. HARDWOOD, Oak and Laurel small stove wood, tier \$3.00.

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FIREMEN'S ANNUAL BALL SATURDAY December 25th (Christmas). Music by Carl Roosen's Dance Band AT ARMORY. Couple \$1 Spectators 10c.

BASKETBALL ROSEBURG HIGH SCHOOL vs. ROSEBURG HIGH ALUMNI. First Basketball Game of the Season REDEEM LIGHTING CERTIFICATES. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p. m. Adults 35c, Students 25c.

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