

Indians Hope to End Jinx in Battle With Junction City

The Roseburg high school Indians are hopeful of breaking their scoring jinx Friday night, when they meet Junction City on the Roseburg court in a league game. The Indians have yet to turn in a victory, but have played several very close games including a 24 to 22 match with the league-leading Eugene Axemen.

Fans who saw the Indians in the game against the Eugene team are convinced the Roseburg team has plenty of possibilities if it can once get under way and play the type of ball of which it is capable. It is felt that a victory would start the squad on the up-grade and fans are hopeful Friday night will mark the turning point, as there is still time for the Indians to get back in the league race.

Junction City has an even 500 standing, with one game lost and another won. Roseburg has lost three league contests and is awaiting its first victory.

Saturday night, the Coos Bay High school team will journey to Roseburg for a non-conference tilt.

Coach Mel Ingram is working this week to strengthen the squad's defensive strength and also to secure a better grade of basket shooting. The Indians in nearly all games have taken more shots at the basket than have their opponents, but have lacked accuracy. They have, however, improved in ball-handling and control of rebounds from the backboard.

Oregon State Hoopsters Defeat Cougars, 54 to 32

(By the Associated Press)

Oregon State's Beavers, hailed at the season's start as the team most likely to sweep the University of Washington out of the northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball throne room, got its first taste of triumph last night with a 54 to 32 victory over the Cougars of Washington State college.

The decision failed to affect the standings. Washington state in third place behind Washington and Oregon with one victory and two defeats, and Oregon State in fourth with one and three. Winless Idaho retained the cellar spot.

Tonight, however, when the teams again collide at Corvallis, W. S. C. will be fighting to hold its show position, as a win for the host quintet would force the two to swap rungs on the division ladder.

Sugar Robinson Snaps Tommy Bell's Win Streak

CLEVELAND, Jan. 17.—(AP) Another challenger to Ray (Sugar) Robinson's rating as unofficial ruler of the welterweights was relegated to the list of also rans today.

The latest aspirant to digest an unhealthy amount of sugar is Tommy Bell, the Youngstown, O., sharpshooter who mingled fire at the arena last night and had his string of 28 straight triumphs snapped by Robinson.

In the final heat of the 10-round Bell went down for a count of eight only to rise and be punched all over the ring by Robinson intent on a knockout. Bell somehow survived the onslaught but at the finish he was bloody and groggy.

The triumph was Sugar's 12th straight and his 52nd in 53 professional bouts.

Monthly Pension of \$60 Sought in Washington

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 16.—(AP)—A proposal for a \$60 a month senior citizen grant was before the Washington state legislature today in the form of a bill sponsored by Rep. Numamaker (D-Whitcom).

Income and resources of applicants would be deducted from the grant unless his needs were in excess of \$60, but in no event would the pension payment be more than \$60, the measure proposes.

Junior High Basketeers Will Battle in Prelim

The Roseburg Junior High school Paposes will play their first basketball game of the season Saturday night as a preliminary to the Roseburg-Coos Bay High school game, it was announced today. The Paposes will play the sophomore team from Senior High school, the game starting at 7 p. m.

Basketball Scores

(By the Associated Press)
Salem 20, Eugene 53.
University (Eugene) 41, Springfield 33.

Pet Puppy for Marilyn



(NEA Telephone)

Happiest little girl in New Jersey is 2-year-old Marilyn Diane Schwartz of Jersey City, who hugs the small brown puppy sent her by an unknown friend from Sydney, Australia. The pup, cared for by crewmen and Red Cross workers at bases half way around the world, flew his last lap from Long Beach, Calif., to Newark in a P-38.

Cpl. C. R. Luellen Commended For Airbase Service

HEADQUARTERS, XXI BOMBER COMMAND, Guam.—(Delayed)—Corporal Cecil R. Luellen, of Roseburg, Oregon, and other ground specialists of this B-29 organization, who took up the unfamiliar task of airbase construction in addition to their regular duties, have received a special commendation from Brigadier General H. S. Hansell, Jr., commanding general, XXI bomber command.

With aviation engineers absorbed in the priority task of completing the giant airstrip, ground echelons were called upon for the unusual assignment of building administrative and service facilities as well as living quarters. Men like Corporal Luellen, whose regular job is propeller specialist, moved in on the area of battle wreckage, and, in less than 20 weeks B-29 Superfortresses were bombing Tokyo from the completed base on Saipan.

"You carried on your official work with efficiency above the usual under rugged conditions," General Hansell said. "In addition, with hard labor, ingenuity, and a kind of stubborn will that typifies the spirit of American pioneering, you made with your own hands a place to live and a place to work, overcoming obstacles which were not foreseen."

Corporal Luellen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Luellen, live on Melrose street, Roseburg. He attended high school at Condonville, Ore., and entered the army in November, 1942. A brother, Alvin, is a corporal in the army serving in the southwest Pacific.

Warsaw, Polish Capital, Captured by Russians

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ing to report Russian forces "advancing in the area between Rominen and Pilsken" under cover of 1,500 aircraft.

Berlin yesterday reported Russian capture of the railway city of Schlossberg, 13 miles inside that junker province, but Moscow so far has limited announcements to offensives by the two armies in lower Poland.

"Nothing that has happened in the past five years of war can bear comparison with the masses of men and weapons the Russians have thrown into the winter offensive," said one German broadcaster.

German Panic Reported
Warsaw was the greatest bastion of the German line in Poland, and its capture probably will be followed by a great surge toward the German frontier, and perhaps beyond East Prussia, and a hot battle on the road to Berlin.

War-time Baseball Given Green Light For Another Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP) Oldsters, youngsters, rejected and returned players may carry on the professional baseball tradition this season with the blessing of President Roosevelt.

The chief executive gave the nod yesterday to a continuation of the sport during 1945 with the proviso that it must not interfere with the war.

Short of many of its top stars by the armed services, the profession faces the loss of additional men under War Mobilizer Byrnes' edict calling for re-examination of professional athletes.

And Mr. Roosevelt, in giving an O. K. to baseball, pointed out that he does not think any perfectly healthy young man should be playing baseball in these times.

All this means, commented Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, that the caliber of this year's clubs will "depend on the rejected and returned players that we get."

Most of the teams, he said, have a few men above the draft age limit plus a handful of "kids about 17 who will have a wonderful opportunity to play in the big leagues."

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Two Voter Bills Passed Amid Political Debate

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democratic candidate for the U. S. senate. The picture showed Mahoney walking down the steps of the White House.

Rep. Erwin, Portland democrat, said the bill is "uncalled for, untimely, and any characteristic photograph should be permitted."

Rep. Thomas, Dallas republican, said "the bill would help eliminate indignity of government, and if it would do anything to curb the activities of Willis Mahoney, then probably it is a good bill."

Laxity Charged
Speaking for the registration bill, Rep. Dunaway, Portland republican, said the operators of mobile units in Portland have been "loose and lax in investigating qualifications of voters," and that war workers could be registered at fixed places.

Erwin said the bill is "petty politics, most unkindly, unfair and discriminatory against the democrats." Rep. Brady, Portland democrat, said the bill would disfranchise thousands of war workers who wouldn't have time to go to register.

The legislative interim fish committee reported today that Oregon's fisheries face extinction unless something is done quickly to replenish and protect it.

It recommended the fish commission be given complete authority to deal with the problem.

Election Changes Asked
The senate elections committee announced it would sponsor a bill providing for more definite succession to the governor. The president of the senate is first in line of succession, but there is a gap between the November election, when he leaves office, and the convening of the legislature two months later.

The committee also favored paying election judges \$5 a day, compared with the \$8 proposed by Sen. Wallace, Portland, who said he would press for his bill on the floor. The judges now get \$3.

For Trained Assessors
Sen. McKenna, seeking to freeze industrial accident insurance rates, sponsored a bill to increase the accident fund from \$4,500,000 to \$7,500,000. He also had bills to provide for non-partisan election of county assessors, and that all candidates for county assessor must take examinations given by the state tax commission before getting their names on the ballot.

All written confessions in criminal cases would be signed by an

officer of a court under a bill by Sen. Hilton, Portland. Hilton said it would prevent charges that police obtained confessions by force.

The state interstate cooperation committee asked the legislature for \$2500 for its work in the next two years.

Salary Increases Asked
The Klamath county legislative delegation introduced a bill in the house today to give \$300 annual salary increases for 1945 and 1946 to the Klamath county sheriff, judge, assessor, clerk, treasurer and commissioners, and to Linkville justice of the peace.

Destruction Poured On Japanese Installations

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sey to roam the south China sea unchallenged by Japan's navy and unimpeded by her continental air power.

In a back-and-forth sweep along more than 1,200 miles of the Asiatic coast from Amoy, south China, to Saigon, French Indo-China, since Jan. 8, the Third fleet air arm has sunk or damaged more than 300,000 tons of enemy shipping, knocked out more than 250 enemy planes and smashed vital docks and defense installations.

Luzon Advance Slowed
A report from General MacArthur's headquarters on Luzon said that a small-scale Japanese counterattack slowed the left flank of the broad Sixth army sweep down the central Luzon valley, but advance units rolling along a central highway already are one-third of the way to Manila, still finding only token resistance.

Gen. MacArthur announced today the Yanks reached Moncada, 32 road miles from Lingayen gulf, Monday, but a headquarters spokesman conservatively placed the deepest point of penetration along the main north-south highway as 45 highway miles from the gulf and 83 from Manila.

Japan Display Caution
This campaign is unlike many previous ones in that the Japanese are not hurling any banzai charges or making any suicidal stands. So far, the enemy seems content to stay out of the way.

American warplanes, dominating the Luzon skies, supported the southward drive with destructive attacks on key enemy bridges, communication lines, assembly areas and airbases the length of the island.

Bombers damaged runways and airbase installations and destroyed many parked planes at Aparri, Clark and Batangas airfields. Only three Japanese planes were seen in the air, and all were shot down. One U. S. plane was lost.

Formosa, Borneo Raided
Night patrol bombers struck Formosa, Japan's big supply funnel for the Philippines, for the fourth straight night, hitting Okayama air base on the southwest coast.

Other bombers dumped 77 tons of bombs on airbases and rail yards at Jesselton, north Borneo, with excellent results observed. Two airbases and a supply depot at Wasile bay in the Moluccas were effectively bombed.

Mopping-up operations on bloody Leyte island resulted in a

two-day bag of 909 Japanese killed and 12 captured.

Japs Destroy Own Food
Associated press war correspondents at the Luzon front reported patrols sometimes as much as 25 miles in advance of the U. S. lines and that fleeing Japanese were dumping food in the rivers to keep it from falling into Yank hands.

The navy announced last night Rear Adm. Theodore E. Chandler and Capt. Robert Walcott Fleming were killed in the Luzon invasion. Chandler was the 11th naval officer above the rank of captain killed since the war started.

Allies Smash Score New Gains Over Nazis

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from the German border.

Battle Rages in City
In the Maginot line battle to the south, U. S. Seventh army troops fought house-to-house in Hatten, north of Haguenau forest, and made gains of a mile or more in the vicinity of Herlisheim, where the Germans have pushed a bridgehead across the Rhine north of Strasbourg. Dive-bombing planes supported the attack here. Nine miles north of Strasbourg, Americans and nazis fought for Gamsheim.

On the move inside Germany, south of the crumbling Belgian bulge, U. S. Third army troops captured Borg in a two-mile thrust east of the Moselle river. Nazis Digging In.

Only 310 prisoners were taken in the closing of the Houffalize pocket yesterday, another indication of the successful German retreat from the pocket.

Marshal von Rundstedt appeared to be attempting a new stand in the eastern end of the Ardennes salient. German troops were seen digging in feverishly and the enemy commander again deployed armor in some strength at strategic points, although no major tank clash developed.

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Mrs. Rudolph Heiden
Funeral Set for Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Rudolph Heiden, who died at her home in Roseburg Tuesday, will be held at 9 a. m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of the Roseburg Funeral home.

Labor Draft Urge Is Renewed by Roosevelt
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tion, and effect the rapid repair of damaged vessels."

Before June 30, they said, the army must provide 600,000 replacements for overseas theaters and during this period must maintain approximately 1,000,000 individuals in training for replacements.

School Exams Held
Paul C. Elliott, city school superintendent, states that this is the last week of the first semester with exams at the senior and junior high school. He reports that few exemptions will be given. At Senior high those making a "two" in all subjects will receive exemption.

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The wires hum. It's a "31" order—important instructions for a train soon to arrive and for which the conductor must sign. The station agent sets the semaphore. The red light flashes its warning. The train arrives and rumbles to a stop.

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