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## NOT VERY SPORTING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

L. H. Gregory, who qualifies himself as the "Sporting Editor" of *The Oregonian* rather than its Sports Editor, was not very sporting in his treatment of the Kahut-Gordon fight in Roseburg last Friday.

Gregory, who usually takes a rather dim view of any sports events outside Portland, writing in Tuesday's sports section of *The Oregonian*, was critical of Kahut's backers, the fight promoters, the boxing commission setup and the whole incident in general.

Said Gregory:

What are Joe Kahut's backers trying to do to him? Kill him off by getting him licked in small-town fights? But even his defeat at Roseburg the other evening by a supposedly unknown "Babe Gordon" before about a \$1,400 house wasn't the worst feature of an all-around sour affair: "Gordon" was just the alias-for-the-occasion of Babe "Hard Rock" Edwards, a gent who has been fighting around Spokane with indifferent success.

If Oregon had a state boxing commission this alias business would undoubtedly get Edwards and all others mixed up in it, including Joe's backers if they know about it (and they must have, though we don't say Joe himself did), barred for a good long time. Anything gets by in this state, however, where the commissions are municipal only, with no authority outside their own small areas.

Running in a phony "alias fighter" is an offense comparable to racing a "ringer" horse or playing an ineligible college footballist under an assumed name; it's "betting coup" stuff for the come-on suckers, though that angle doesn't seem to have been played in Roseburg.

As to the ethics of the situation, which seemingly is of much concern to Mr. Gregory, which is worse—to match two good men in an open fight, even though one is under an assumed name, or to send East a fighter with a reputation built on "push overs" as a come-on for Eastern bettors? Gregory seems to think Kahut should be packed in cotton until he gets back to Madison Square Garden. Kahut, however, who appears to be of the type of material from which champions are made, seems to be more sporting than *The Oregonian's* Sporting Editor; willing to prove his ability wherever it might be challenged, rather than taking only sure shots.

As to Gordon, or Edwards, being an "indifferent" fighter, it was far from an indifferent left hand that he kept in Kahut's face during the torrid encounter.

Use of an alias in the fight game is nothing new. Many reasons—some valid and others inexcusable—are offered for this practice. Occasionally a fighter, who has had a string of bad fights, will change territory and name simultaneously to get away from his record. In other cases managerial troubles are involved. Occasionally the "ringer" charge is true.

The Gordon alias had reasonable justification. The facts were known by promoters. Kahut and Gordon had appeared together on previous cards and were acquainted. They met several days in advance of the local fight, giving ample time for withdrawal had Kahut and his backers found that the match was not on the up-and-up.

Advance publicity gave fans a true picture of Gordon's ability—ability amply demonstrated in the fight. Consequently there was no influencing of any betting that might have occurred.

It would seem from here that Gregory went off half-cocked and, having no information on the true facts, leaped to a conclusion casting unwarranted aspersions upon two good fighters and the local Boxing Commission.

There may be sound reasons for a state commission to safeguard the "purity" of the fight game. Had a state commission been in existence a few years ago, when a stable monopoly wrecked boxing in Oregon, steps might have been taken to save the sport.

The Roseburg Commission, however, has, in our opinion, handled its affairs well, controlling both boxing and wrestling in a manner assuring fans of good entertainment.

It is unfortunate that Gregory has permitted his interesting column to belittle small-town efforts to produce top entertainment for sports fans.

## Nation's Second Largest Family, Rineharts, Holding Annual Reunion

SEATTLE, June 23.—(AP)—Here's a family that's grown so large it elects a board of directors and holds an annual family reunion.

It's the Rinehart family, which currently is holding a three-day "convention" at Idylwood Park at nearby Lake Sammamish.

Old-Timers among the family will tell you it all started back in 1748 when the Rinehart brothers—Robert and Lewis—arrived in North Carolina from Germany.

They little knew what they'd started. But by the time branches of the family had moved westward, first to the Tennessee Hills, and later by wagon train to Oregon Territory, there were Rineharts from coast to coast.

Three hundred and five invitations were sent out for this year's get-together. Ninety showed up, the others being unable to make the trek.

W. E. Wilkins of The Dalles, Ore., historian for the family, says it's the largest family in the nation to hold a three-day gathering.

"There's one larger family—the Ellises—in Pennsylvania," he said, "but they only hold a one-day annual meeting, which makes us champions of some sort."

## Earl Hatfield, Former Roseburg Resident, Dies

Word has been received here of the death of Earl Hatfield, former resident of Roseburg, in Salem June 20.

The Hatfield family resided here from 1928 to 1937, when it moved to Salem.

Surviving are the widow and three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Orval Cooley of Roseburg, who went to Salem to be with her father during his last illness.

## 'Hey! Wanna Lift, Mister?'



## Scissors from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

Do you know a young man who thinks it "takes pull to get an appointment for West Point or the Naval Academy?"

Please make some good news known to him. I heard it over the radio during a discussion between two Oregon Representatives in Washington: Representative Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, and Representative Walter Norblad of Astoria.

Both speakers agreed that "DOES NOT TAKE PULL to get an appointment," and wished that fact to be widely publicized. Both agreed too that they were surprised and disappointed that they had not received more letters requesting authorization to take the examination!

However the good news is that there is STILL TIME to receive that authorization. The examination at specified local postoffices is to be JULY ELEVENTH.

(I suggest an airmail-special delivery letter! They receive such stacks of mail.)

Write to Rep. Harris Ellsworth if in the southern area of Oregon; Rep. Walter Norblad if in the northern. Hurry! Address: House Office, Washington.

Both speakers also agreed that they rarely knew the appointees or their families. They are guided by the examination itself which is forwarded to the ones having power to appoint. When the successful ones are chosen, there is a "quick local checkup" before final decision. After all, the men who choose the candidates do have a responsibility not only to their own office but to the lads themselves.

They wished it understood that the postoffice examination is only to help in selecting candidates for admission; further tests are made, of course, by West Point and the Academy.

They stressed again that the only consideration is the fitness of the applicants, scholastically and otherwise.

So—there's still time to get that letter in! But hurry!

## International Tension Eased At Paris Huddle, Soviet Paper Says

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Moscow's Communist party organ Pravda reaches the general conclusion that the Big Four foreign ministers' conference in Paris has aided in "easing" the international atmosphere.

We may accept that appraisal guardedly as correct, I believe, although we reach the conclusion by a different route than Pravda. Moreover, this easement would seem to have been achieved more because of what the conference proceedings imply than because of what they specifically carry out.

The atmosphere of the conference was that of a truce marking a forced halt to the great offensive which the Muscovites have waged since the end of the World War to extend Communist domination westward towards the English Channel. The counter drive by the Western Democracies (the Marshall Plan, the Atlantic Pact, aid to Greece and Turkey, and so on) have been effective. The dangers of another global war have receded.

Doesn't End Isms Conflict  
So the world does breathe easier. At the same time it knows—that this isn't the finish of the conflict of the isms. That will continue, perhaps long after your time and mine. But so far as the Western World is concerned, the Red drive is likely for at least the immediate future to be confined largely to fifth column activities which are aimed at crippling non-Communist countries economically and spreading the Red lam.

And meanwhile, as Secretary of State Acheson told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Russia intends to hold onto the gains she has made.

President Truman in his statement about the conference Tuesday found that "genuine progress" was made toward the conclusion of a treaty with Austria. He pointed out that during the four years since War's end Austria has been under a regime of occupation, although at the first Moscow conference in 1943 it was solemnly declared that she was to be regarded not as an enemy country, but as a liberated country; the first victim of Nazi aggression.

Certain Soviet claims placed obstacles in the way of speedy conclusion of a treaty.

Selection of the Democratic ex-governor by the Liberal Party's Policy Committee was announced last night by State Chairman Adolf A. Berle Jr.

Lehman, former director general of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, was endorsed on the basis of "his record, his character and his long service both to labor and liberal measures."

Lehman also has many backers in Democratic ranks as a successor to Wagner.

Wagner, New York's 72-year-old senior senator, has not answered a Senate roll call since 1947.

5,000 Agents To Seek Tax Evaders Favored  
WASHINGTON, June 23.—(AP)—The Senate Wednesday voted for a crackdown on federal tax evaders by demanding that the House agree to the hiring of 5,000 additional internal revenue agents to search them out.

The unusual action came on a 77-0 roll call vote rejecting a conference report on the \$3,000,000,000 appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments.

## Ballet Program Of Lind Troupe High In Artistry

By LEROY INMAN

A mere handful of people saw Monica Lind and her troupe of ballet dancers perform Wednesday night. The rest of Roseburg missed a good show. The Umpqua Chiefs' baseball game proved the drawing card in that part of town.

But what few persons turned out—numbering but a scant few over 100, including children—saw comedy, drama, pathos, love, dancing girls and dancing of a quality uncommon to this community.

The performance of Monica Lind shows clearly how her dancing talent took her to Broadway before infantile paralysis interrupted her career. She was ably supported by her dancing partner, Joel Benway, by Vanda Benson, Moria Miranda and the other members of her troupe.

The show in general, except for lagging moments between changes of scenery, seemed to excel that of last year. But that may have been due to the fact Miss Lind was able to perform to her fullest ability at this appearance. Last year she injured her ankle in an automobile accident on her way from Portland to Roseburg, so performed under a considerable handicap.

As a dancer Miss Lind is outstanding. She has grace and charm. Her movements are definite and expressive. Her emotional makeup makes her an actress as well as a dancer. Her performance in "Concerto" gave her ample opportunity to display fully her dancing talents. Likewise, her dancing parts in "La Luna Verde" (The Green Moon) were highly applauded by the small and appreciative audience.

Not to be overlooked were the dancing roles of petite Vanda Benson and pretty Moria Miranda, soloists in several of the numbers. The leading male dancer, Joel Benway, was a fitting partner for Monica and the others with whom he had supporting roles. Other dancers included Jay Allen, Teresa Moreau, Donna Showalter, Gerylyn Donald, Gayle Gann, Don May, Lauren Allen and nine-year-old Rosalie King.

Plenty of comedy was provided in "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue," a jazz ballet with the setting in a tough saloon on New York's Tenth Avenue. There was humor also in "La Luna Verde," which lent itself more to a display of artistic dancing.

The first program number, "Romanza," was performed in traditional ballet dance form, without story. Miss Lind's part in "Concerto" was one of the most difficult parts to portray by a dancer because of the necessary emotional expressions.

The program featured two Roseburg performers, Joan Rutter, guest soloist who danced briefly in "Romanza," and Gertrude Starmer, pianist. The latter's musical accompaniment throughout the show added definitely to its receptiveness. She also played two musical selections, "Indian War Dance" and "Tango Moneka," which were

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## Active Club Members Discuss Picnic Plans

Plans for an interclub picnic of Active Club members from this area were discussed at the Roseburg Active Club meeting Thursday morning. Frank Webster, Bill Gilman and Clarson Chitwood were named on the committee to arrange the affair sometime in August at the Rod and Gun Club grounds.

A party for wives and members in connection with installation of officers was discussed. Details will be worked out at next week's meeting. This meeting, coming on the fifth Thursday, will be held in the morning at the Shalimar.

Officers elected at last Thursday's meeting include: Clarson Chitwood, president; Roy Barnhart, vice-president; Jay Clark, treasurer; Larry James, secretary; Jim Oakley, activator; Bill

highly applauded. The Roseburg appearance of the Monica Lind company concludes its appearance in a Pacific Northwest tour. Miss Lind will now go to New York to teach ballet.

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