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Indian Gridders Need Help Of Fates

Roseburg's chances of winning the District 5-A-1 football championship despite the disappointing loss to Marshfield last weekend are immensely better today than they were before Tuesday.

A good possibility existed that the championship, in case of a three-way tie, would be determined by a vote among the member schools in the district. If a vote were called for, Roseburg almost certainly would have lost out. The most likely selection would have been Cottage Grove.

A vote was held in 1960, and the representatives voted pretty much in geographic blocs. It seemed likely the same kind of coalition vote would occur this year. At the time of the last vote, the northern teams voted for the northern candidate in the tie, and the southern teams did the same for the southern representative. The vote at that time was a three-to-three split.

Since then, however, some more schools have been added in the district, and all of them are in the northern half of the conference. If the team representatives again voted in a bloc, neither southern school (Marshfield or Roseburg) would have a chance. The northern bloc (which would probably vote for Cottage Grove) includes Sheldon, North Eugene, South Eugene, Willamette, Springfield and Thurston.

Since the Tuesday meeting of District 5-A-1 representatives in Cottage Grove, however, the picture has considerably brightened for Roseburg. After going over a discussion in the minutes of a meeting last year, it was decided that a three-way tie would be determined by chance. It

may be by a flip of the coin, drawing straws or picking numbers from a hat.

At least by this method, the odds that Roseburg will be selected are improved considerably.

Of course, this decision by chance may never come about. In this year of staggering upsets, it is very possible that one or two of the three leading teams (Roseburg, Cottage Grove and Marshfield) will lose this Friday. If only one team is knocked off, Roseburg fans hope it will be Marshfield, because if it's Cottage Grove, the Indians will be all washed up. Marshfield and Roseburg would remain at the top of the heap, and the Pirates, by virtue of their win over Roseburg, would gain the title.

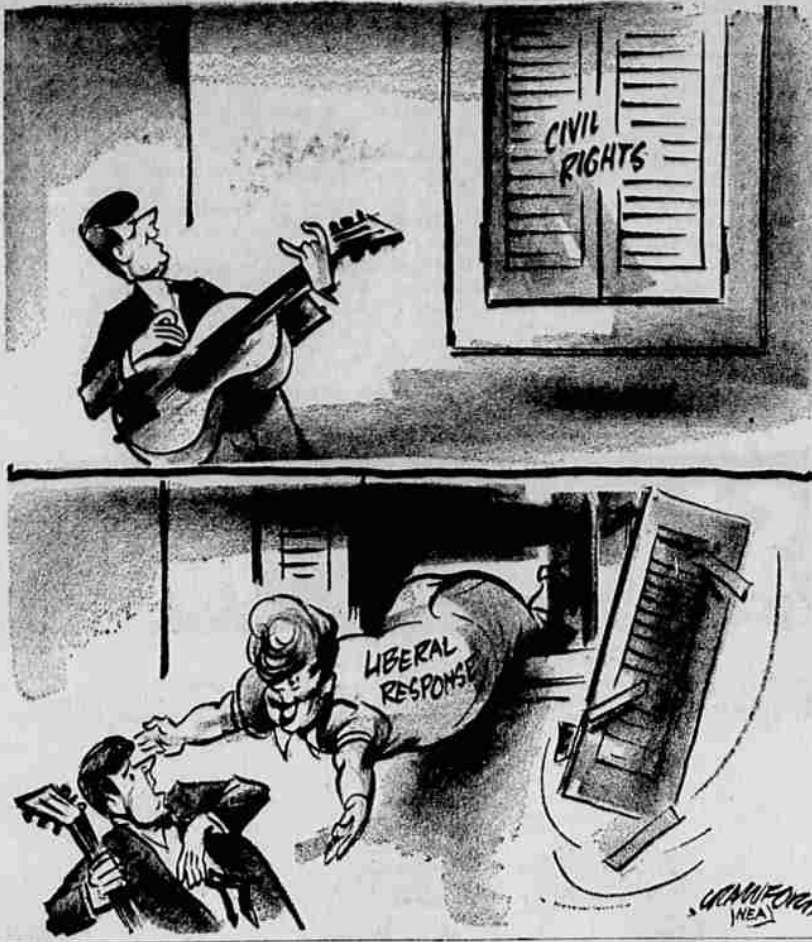
Under the new rules of the district, if a two-way tie occurs, the leading team which defeated the other leader during the regular season will be declared champion. Thus, if the tie is between Marshfield and Roseburg, the Pirates will be champs. However, if the tie is between Roseburg and Cottage Grove, the Indians claim the title.

Actually, the only sure way for Roseburg is for the Indians to beat Shelton (likely), North Bend to dump Marshfield (strongly possible in this traditional battle) and Willamette to trip Cottage Grove (extremely unlikely).

Musing on the subject of a Roseburg championship, Athletic Director Al Hoffman noted that this would be a good year for it. If Roseburg claims the crown, it will be host for both the quarterfinal state playoff (with either Medford or Grants Pass) and the semifinal playoff.

It's obvious this is the year we could use the Fates on our side.

Music Definitely Hath Charm



Boumedienne Is Dangerous Comer

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

Col. Houari Boumedienne is a blond, lean, mustached man who has been called the lancehead of the Algerian revolution. Backed by his army of 40,000 men, he put Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella in power and he has kept him there.

But from time to time there has been speculation that Boumedienne might tire of his secondary role and make his own move for power.

In recent days the speculation has been renewed by the sequence of events which accompanied the cease-fire agreement along the Algerian-Moroccan border in the Sahara.

The cease-fire agreement

signed in the Mali capital of Bamako by Algerian President Ben Bella and Morocco's King Hassan II was to have taken effect at midnight Friday. But five minutes after it began mortar shells began falling around the Moroccan border town of Figuig.

Former Battleground
Figuig is an old fortress town of around 10,000 population from which the French once fought the desert Arabs and the Berbers. It lies within admitted Moroccan territory.

Each side blamed the other for the cease-fire violation but the evidence, as gleaned by newsmen who later went into the town, seemed to be against the Algerians.

Ben Bella himself seemed to be surprised by the action and so the finger of suspicion pointed at Boumedienne who at the age of 38 combines the jobs of defense minister and army commander.

French sources closest to both sides had two possible explanations.

One was that the Algerians, whose noses had been bloodied in early stages of the desert conflict, regarded Figuig as a good spot to counter Moroccan pressure on the cases of Hassi Beida and Tinjoub. Figuig is on the border, which at that point juts into Algerian territory.

Deliberate Violation Possible
The other explanation was that, bolstered by Communist-built planes, tanks, heavy guns and other war material shipped from the United Arab Republic and Cuba, Boumedienne might deliberately have violated Ben Bella's orders. He is the one man in Algeria who might do so with impunity.

Boumedienne is about as far left politically as they come in Algeria without belonging to the outlawed Communist party. He once told interviewers he has no objections to being labeled a "Marxist, Socialist or Castroite."

Among Ben Bella's followers, he has been the one most impatient to carry out promises to seize land from the former European settlers and divide it among his own ragged soldiers.

"Why should these former co-

lonialists stay rich while my peasant army men, who fought and died for seven and a half years, stay starving in rags?" he has been reported as demanding.

Boumedienne is a man who has been used by Ben Bella but kept carefully in the background. Whether his soldiers would follow him against Ben Bella is anyone's guess. But he is supposed to be U.A.R. President Abdel Gamal Nasser's No. 1 man in the Ben Bella government.

And Nasser, an avowed enemy of Hassan, has no wish to see a Hassan-controlled Morocco prosper.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Big Beef Brews On Instant Beer

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Perhaps you have been dreaming of a brave new world where you can go to the kitchen sink, turn on a water spigot, open a box of capsules and mix yourself a glass of "instant beer."

If so, you are in for a rude awakening.

It is my sad duty to report that this type of home brewing, while theoretically possible, is not likely to come about any time soon.

For one thing, the Internal Revenue Service is against it on grounds that it would enormously complicate the collection of beer taxes.

For another, there are fears that turning the United States into a nation of do-it-yourself brewmasters would create further turmoil in the beer industry, which has enough troubles already.

Pros and Cons

It appears, therefore, that in the foreseeable future beer drinkers will have to be content to buy the stuff in bottles and cans.

The pros and cons of instant beer came up for discussion this week at a hearing by the House Ways & Means Committee on the taxation of beer concentrates.

Beginning next month, the revenue service will, for the first time, permit beer companies to ship beer in concentrated form from one place to another.

Under the new regulations, a brewery can whip up a batch of beer, remove a portion of the water by a freezing process, and send what is left to a bottling plant.

At that point the water would be put back again and the reconstituted beer would then be bottled and sold.

Like most innovations, the concept of instant beer has become both controversial. Even the use of the term "instant"

is an issue in the dispute.

Complete Overseas
At the committee hearing, spokesmen for the Union Carbide Corp., which developed the quick freeze process, and the Miller Brewing Co., which intends to use it, pictured instant beer as the greatest thing since sarsaparilla.

They contend that reduced transportation costs for concentrates would make it possible for American breweries to compete in overseas markets for the first time.

The committee was assured that reconstituted beer would be as tasty as ever, if not more so, and the flavor would last even longer.

On the other hand, spokesmen for the Pabst Brewing Co., and for an association of small breweries insisted that instant beer would create havoc in the industry and promote monopolies.

The way it looks now, this argument could go on for years. So I think I'll go out for a short beer.

NOW YOU KNOW

The first dollar bills carrying the words "In God We Trust" were placed in circulation Oct. 1, 1957, as provided for by a law approved some two years by then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower, according to the World Almanac.

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The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Immaturity Can Be Shown By Drivers Of Any Age

Recently in the editorial department of this newspaper there was a comment to the effect that "immaturity leads to auto accidents." This is a fact with which I have long been concerned. Not long ago I wrote in this column about the need for some way to ascertain "attitude" as a part of the test for a license to drive an automobile. I received a letter from an official in the license division of the highway department pointing out the importance of "attitude" in connection with the operation of motor vehicles but having at hand no suggested remedy.

"Attitude," in my opinion, embraces the "immaturity" concerning which the News-Review's editorial writer commented.

(In that connection it should be kept in mind by readers that this column, which bears my name, is not the "voice" of The News-Review. Anything in this column is definitely my own opinion and does not necessarily conform to all times to the editorial position of this newspaper and its publishers. Only in its editorial department does the newspaper state its opinion. On the editorial page, however, appear numerous expressions from individuals which may, or may not, be in conformity with the newspaper's opinion. Thus, while I occasionally may differ as an individual from the views expressed by other writers, in this particular case, involving "immaturity" as a part of the cause of auto accidents, I agree most heartily and completely.)

We are shocked by the great number of traffic accidents. By far the greater number of such accidents result from inexperience and/or immaturity. These factors are a part of "attitude."

The editorial appearing on this page recently reported that "fatal accident drivers in their 30s and 40s tend to have conviction patterns similar to those usually associated only with very young drivers."

It is my own belief that these drivers in the 30- and 40-year bracket are more to be feared than are the very young drivers.

Ability to drive an automobile, it seems to me, comes with experience. The vast majority of our very young drivers realize their inexperience. They drive cautiously and carefully as they improve their driving technique and their understanding of traffic patterns.

A few, however, fail to appreciate the responsibility that is theirs. They revel in speed. They are show-offs. They abuse the machinery they control. They risk accident simply for thrills. They race cars on roads, built and used for normal traffic. By this "attitude" they exhibit conclusively that they are

not deserving of the responsibility placed upon them by the granting of a license to drive cars.

The great majority of teenage drivers will become experienced, safe, qualified, able drivers. But the few who persist in "squirreling" are the kind who lack maturity. The sad part is that some never will grow up. Thus at 30 or 40 years of age they are just as irresponsible as 16-year-old show-offs.

How this "attitude" or "immaturity" can be identified and corrected, however, most definitely is a problem.

Perhaps one way would be for the state of Oregon to withdraw its license from any driver found guilty of driving in a manner indicating immaturity. Furthermore, if such severe penalty should be invoked, it should be used on drivers of any age, if it can be shown that the driver is lacking in ability or willingness to operate a motor vehicle in a prudent manner.

Obviously it is impossible to stop all motor vehicle accidents. One of the principal reasons for accidents, however, is that of a failure on the part of the driver to recognize or accept responsibility.

Teenagers especially, in my opinion, should realize that, though they have not yet reached their majority, they receive and accept an adult privilege when the state grants them a license to drive an automobile. Thus, at sixteen years of age they actually are treated as adults, insofar as operating a motor vehicle is concerned, and they should act as adults.

If some way can be found to identify those who fail to accept adult responsibilities, or if it becomes possible to identify adults who still act as teenagers, it then will allow us to remove one of the major causes of our heavy toll of highway death and accident.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1923

The proposed state income tax voted upon yesterday in the referendum was disapproved by such a large majority in Multnomah County that the favorable majority in the upstate was offset. Counties giving majorities against included Douglas and 10 others, according to early returns.

Salem dateline: Either the state of Oregon is more active than California in the registration of automobiles from other states or there were more tourists visiting Oregon than California in the recent spring and summer months, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state. Oregon and California are two of the few states requiring the registration of cars coming from the outside.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1938

SOUTH UMPQUA CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL BARBECUE — LIVELY PROGRAM STAGED — Fifteen hundred pounds of tender roasted venison, served free for the asking, was the chief attraction at Canyonville yesterday to lure a capacity throng of sportsmen and visitors who came from all parts of Oregon to attend the eighth annual venison barbecue sponsored by the South Umpqua Rod and Gun Club. The venison, which came from 12 large bucks obtained by the crack shots of the organization for the big event, was prepared for the visitors by the ladies of the community and made into delicious sandwiches, and along with hot coffee, home made salads, pies and cakes, rounded out the unusual repast served in the community hall during the noon hour. More than 300 pies, 100 cakes, 30 pounds of coffee and 20 pounds of butter were used to serve the huge crowd.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1953

How long before programs will be available to owners of television sets in Roseburg? That's the subject of a talk scheduled at the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce forum Monday noon.

Gen. J. T. Pierce will answer the question at the Hotel Umpqua meeting, according to Gordon Stewart, forum committee chairman. Pierce, with a number of associates, has been studying the ways and means of making TV programs available to residents of the community.

Education Fair Will Highlight Teachers' Meet

An "Educational Fair" at the Douglas County Fairgrounds will highlight the Douglas County Teachers' Conference on Nov. 12.

The general public is invited to visit the fair from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Over 50 exhibits by companies and agencies will show the latest in school equipment and services. Considerable audio-visual and other electronic equipment will be shown.

The exhibits are a major part of the conference to be held that day, and the representatives have been asked to stay over for the evening so that the general public will have an opportunity to visit.

Members of the Intermediate Education Board will be hosts for the evening.

The general assembly for teachers will be held in the Community Building from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The rest of the session will be devoted to the displays in the Exhibit Building.

Frank O. McIntyre, public relations director, California Teachers' Association, will keynote the assembly session with a talk entitled "Fasten Your Seat Belts."

Conference committeemen are William Hedrick, Winston Ruby Holloway, Sutherland, Marcella B. Chiavaras, Canyonville; Evelyn Mann, Riddle; Ella H. Hilkemeier, Drain; Don Fluke, Glendale; Al Neet, Myrtle Creek; Kenneth F. Barneburg and Leland P. Linn of the County School Office.

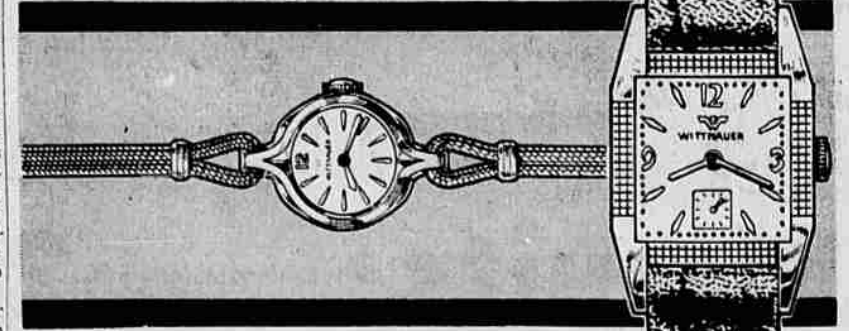
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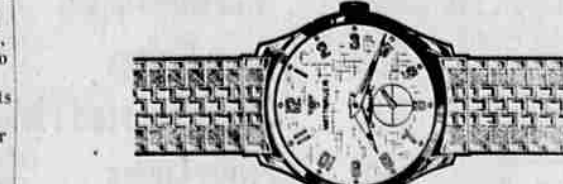


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