

# DUCK TRACKS

By PAT FRIZZELL

Football prognosticators in these parts are making themselves extremely scarce until after Saturday. Reason is that all the money is on Southern California and local "egg-sports" are loathe to start the season by picking Oregon to lose.

Practically no one, no matter how hopeful, has been bold enough to place Oregon on even terms with those touted Trojans.

And that very fatalism may be the sign of an upset.

Probably it isn't in the cards, but this year is as good a time as any for Oregon to break in there and bowl over the Jones boys. Don't forget that the day of 33-to-0 and 25-to-0 whitewashings is over. Webfoot teams have managed to score, at least, against U.S.C. for the past two seasons.

You can be doubly certain of one thing. Each Webfoot player will be out there doing the best he can. With a few breaks, for instance a good first quarter, anything might happen.

Some grid bugs have made the suggestion that Southern California is usually at its weakest in its first game. They recall the time the Trojans were tipped over by St. Mary's in their opening appearance a few years ago, after which they went on to win 'em all. They also remember last season, when Alabama bumped Mr. Jones' hearties, 19 to 7, the first afternoon out.

There are two possibilities along this line, psychologically speaking—and psychology means quite a bit in football.

A strong possibility is that the Trojans are still burning over the Alabama debacle that wrecked their '38 season and will therefore be determined to annihilate their opening opponent this time, Oregon being that opening opponent. Most of the present Trojans are veterans who were around a year ago to see the Rose Bowl championship not mean a national championship mainly because of that opening loss to Alabama.

On the other side of the possibility ledger, past failures on opening day may hinder the Trojans psychologically. They may get the jitters and actually be more vulnerable than later in the campaign.

Oregon's football season has been almost phenomenally devoid of serious injuries thus far.

The only major mishap to date was suffered on the first day of practice by Frank Boyd, sophomore halfback. Boyd wrenched his leg and has undergone an operation. Even this wasn't exactly a bona fide injury, for Boyd hurt the leg in spring practice and this was merely a recurrence.

Maybe a knock or two on wood is the advisable procedure.

All of Oregon's national basketball champs will be back in school again.

Bob Anet, Wally Johansen, Slim Wintermute, and Laddie Gale all have finished their collegiate eligibility, but have a term or two of school work to complete. John Dick, of course, has another year of varsity competition.

Anet, Wintermute and Gale worked in Eugene during the summer and Johansen was at home in Astoria.

New faces in the Webfoot football turnout: Ted Jaross, a transfer end whose home is in LaSalle, Ill., and Mel Olsen, a transfer half-

## Eugene Hills 'Pretty Large' Says Iowan

The hills surrounding Eugene are mountains as far as Dr. Wayne Massey, new instructor in the physical education department, is concerned. At least the quiet Iowan intimated as much yesterday in a short interview in his office in the physical education building.

"The Pacific is a pretty big body of water," Dr. Massey replied when questioned as to his impressions of this section of the country. He had already seen the Atlantic.

Dr. Massey is well qualified to take over his new duties since he was a three-year letterman at the University of Iowa in discus, shot and weight events. He received his BA, master and doctor's degrees at the university.

back from Eastern Oregon normal. Missing from the Oregon grid camp: Frank (Jack) Spratt, 186-pound quarterback from Pasadena, J. C., who made a good showing in spring practice but found himself a job and decided to forget about college and football.

Who's the heaviest key on the Webfoot grid entourage?

Seems to be some debate on the subject, for the weights vary a bit, and several of the big ones are close.

Latest scalings list Elliott Wilson, sophomore center, at 217 pounds, and Cece Walden, veteran guard, at 214. Jim Stuart, hulking tackle, has hit up around 220 but is now tabbed at 211. Then we have Marshall Stenstrom and Merle Peters at about 208 and Len Surlis, sophomore tackle, at 207.

Hank Nilsen, Oregon's "old reliable" quarterback of '36, '37, and '38, is now assistant coach at Linfield college. . . . John Yerby, the end, gave professional football a fling, but latest reports are that he has been released by the Cleveland Rams.

Bud Robertson, who played the end opposite Yerby, is coaching at Milwaukie. . . . Nello Giovanini is the new Toledo high coach . . . and coaching at Waldport is Stu Marsee, the red-headed basketball demon who made the intramural maple court all-star team four years in a row.

Elmer Mallory, whom some folks think is another Joe Gordon in the making, hit .397 with Payette in an Idaho semi-pro league during the summer. . . . he'll be at astop for Howard Hobson again next spring. . . . Pitcher Pete Igoe turned outfielder and clouted well above .400 in the State league. . . . Sophomore Bill Carney hit .385 and Sophomore Whitey Austin .324 for Eugene in the State league. . . . but Sophomore Dick Whitman went them all better by gaining little all-American honors as an outfielder for the crack Silverton team which placed third in the national semi-pro tournament.

They say the reason the Boston Red Sox sent Bill Sayles back to the minors after Bill was called up from Little Rock is that Sayles was too wild. . . . The former Webfoot righthander was shipped to Scranton of the Eastern league so that he'd be close to Boston and could be recalled at any moment. . . . Bill will get another chance next year.

Probably the most surprising showing made by any Oregon footballist thus far is that of Hymie Harris, sophomore end. . . . Not too much was expected of Hymie, but he's been putting up a great battle for regular duty at the left wing spot.

### As It Used to Be



A group of Oregon coeds during rush week in 1937. This year's system was designed to eliminate considerable of the confusion which existed then.

## Freshmen Hear Erb

### Welcome Speech Built on Theme 'This Is Not a Country Club'

A cosmopolitan life built on his pet theme of "This is no country club" was the welcome gift that President Donald M. Erb placed in the hands of Oregon's class of 1943 last night at the annual frosh assembly.

Introduced by Dean of Personnel Karl W. Onthank, the University head was greeted by a standing cheer from the more than a thousand freshmen who stayed to hear him long after there was standing room only.

That the University is a work place, that because it is a state institution it owes service to the state, and that new students are expected to keep intact U. of O. traditions, were named as the three principles of campus life which new freshmen "ought to know."

"We have outgrown the green lid days here at Oregon," President Erb declared, "and in place of hazarding we ask you to take the individual responsibility to so conduct yourselves that you will think always of the effects on those persons around you."

"Oregon's purpose is definitely not to turn out a crop of playboys of the Western world," he explained, "for that is not why the

people of Oregon give us a million dollars a year." Because that money is a gift, he suggested that the University owes the state a great deal of service in return.

As the keynote for the year he reminded students that the Oregon song is "Mighty Oregon," not "An Apple for the Teacher." John Dick, ASUO prexy, spoke briefly to the new additions to the student body, and invited them to tonight's ASUO meeting in their honor.

### Ninety-Three

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L. Shirey, Margaret Mae Spicer, Joy Louise S. Thunemann, Gordon Vern Bailey, James Martin Bailey, Wentworth Alfred Bowman, Robert Burnett Chilcote, Leonard Parker Clark, Harold Ellicott, Mona Faye Faus, Charles Thomas Frazee, Philip R. Gould, Hugh O. Hoffman, Martin John Hoffman, Norma Johnson, Rudolph Jerry Kalina, William R. Knight, Ruth L. Marguth, Gerald Jack Norville, Freeman K. Patton, Donald Henry Rockwell, William B. Rosson, Chester Shan, Jack Harry Shimshak, Paul Eugene Stivers, Wallace Arthur White, Lloyd A. Wilson, Alvera Elaine Brookman, Barbara Jean Campbell, M. Blanche Gustavson, Elvina Meacham, Nanette Schmuki, Gladys Mary Shelley, Zola Boyd, Phoebe F. Dean, Muriel Elaine Beckman, Eva Christina Erlanson, Anna Mae Halverson, Betty Keller, Betty Mae Lind, Stanley Minshall, Lyle M. Nelson, Edith Marie Oglesby, Barbara May Stallcup, Charles Floyd Delzell, Philip B. Lowry, Chester E. Trout, Paul Frederick Anderson, Mary Prescott, Both, Emile Beatrice

Chan, Eleanor Miriam Collier, Frederick John Dallas, Marian Louise Hagg, Catharine Miller, Helen Elizabeth Giddings, Helen May Howard, Warren E. Smith, Mildred Ann Snyder, Cecil Annand Crafts, Robert David Curtis, Albert Ezell, Mary Barbara Godfrey, Howard Cary Hall, Paulus F. McKee, William R. McMurray Jr., Raymond Oldfield, Mary Kathryn Taylor, Herbert Ewing Harper, Mary Marjorie Montag, Marjorie Montgomery, Joanne Patricia Riesch, Norman W. Sims.

Some 70 college and university presidents are graduates of Indiana university.

The federal government spends \$14,000 for every student graduated from the U. S. naval academy.

Each Hunter college (in New York) student spends an average of 1,650 hours riding subways during their four years in college.

## 'Doughboy of West' Award Won By ROTC

### Oregon Unit Outshoots Eleven Schools to Cop Honors in Contest Held at Camp Bonneville Range

The high-riding University of Oregon ROTC unit "went out and did it" again, it was learned this week, when it was announced the University upper division military students had won the "Doughboy of the West" trophy in summer camp shooting.

The University unit won possession of the trophy for a year for scoring the highest in a 12-school competition, covering nine western states. The competition round was fired three weeks ago at the Camp Bonneville range, 1 miles out of Vancouver, Wash.

This trophy is competed for annually by all the ROTC units in the ninth corps area at the several summer camps held throughout the west for upper division military students.

Have High Average The 44 men competing from the University fired the high average of 391 out of a possible 450 to take first place. At Camp Bonneville direct competition was supplied by Oregon State college and the University of Washington, which took fourth and sixth places, respectively. Second and third places went to Montana State colleges. Seventh went to Washington State; eighth, Idaho; ninth, UCLA; tenth, California; eleventh, Nevada, and twelfth, Pomona.

The three high scores for Oregon were made by Big Bill Rosson, Gerry Childers, and Dean Warren. Their score was 418.

Addition of the "Doughboy" trophy brings another scalp to the belt of Sergeant Harvey Blythe, coach of the Oregon trigger squeezers, who in April saw his 5-man small-bore team capture the national championship.

The doughboy award is the eighth unit in the local ROTC trophy case. It is no stranger to the campus, having made its home here in 1929, 1930, and 1936. Too big for the already bulging case, it is now on display in ROTC headquarters at the "barracks."

The trophy becomes the property of any institution winning it three

over the three-year mark, the University of Oregon having failed to win the third time after 1929 and 1930.

Next aim of Coach Blythe is a new trophy, not yet announced, for national outdoor ROTC shooting corps, sponsored by the national reserve officers' association.

Already holding down spots in the local trophy case are the huge silver cup for the national indoor five-man championship; Hearst trophies for placing first in the ninth corps area in 1935, 1937, and 1939; second-place trophy for the national competition in 1934. two Hotchkiss trophies for championships at Vancouver barracks summer camps, and the Governor's trophy, an award for high score in military competition between the University and the State college.

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