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Beavers' Prospects For 1945 Are Good

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 24 (UP)—The Beavers won't admit it, but the Portland Beavers may be the "team to beat" to capture the Pacific coast league hunting in 1945.

Loaded with proven talent from the second place 1944 club, and getting additional pitching help from the majors, the Beavers can be counted upon to add

spice to the campaign which opens March 31.

General Manager Bill Klepper, as usual, will have nothing to do with predictions. But Manager Marv Owen, the former Detroit Tiger third baseman, opines that maybe he might have "quite a club."

In the first place, Owen will be able to field a good team composed entirely of men either "over age" or "service discharged." That's quite a feat itself in these days of instability.

The Beavers have 32 men in their training camp here and nearly all of these will be carried through the first month of play.

For first base they have capable Larry Barton, with Carl (Swede) Anderson, just out of the service, as understudy. At second the veteran Charley English, with Oakland and Los Angeles last year, is expected to get the call over the 1944 regular, Mel Nunes.

At the hot corner will be none other than Owens, himself—one of the finest fielders in the business, and at short, Johnny O'Neill.

Behind the plate is reliable Eddie Adams, who led the club in stickwork with 297 last year. And backing him up are Earl Norager and Hank Sousa, the latter a rookie.

On the outfield roster—at least to start—are Frank Demaree, Johnny Gill, Frank Shone, Spencer Harris, Sam Gluck, Charley Peterson and Ted Gullie.

The mound staff is going to miss Marion Pieretti, who won 26 games and was drafted by the Washington Senators. But to take his place such reliable men as Jack Tising, the former big leaguer; Jack Motz, a seasoned workman from Detroit; and Wendell Moser, another Detroit, were obtained. They should more than fill the gap.

The veteran Ad Liska is back again, and others on the hill corps include Clarence Federmeier, Syd Cohen, Don Palford, Bob Hardy and Duke Windsor. Roy Helsar also belongs to the club—but it is doubtful that he will report.

Owen is "high" on a couple of rookies in his camp. One is Pitcher Bill Carr, a Vallejo, Cal., product, who has looked exceptionally good; another is Curt Schmidt, who tried out with the Seals last year as a pitcher, but who is going great guns as an infielder.

Others who may stick include 17-year-old Jimmy McDaniels, Owen's understudy at third; Sam Latine and Charley Sousa, pitchers; and Frank Lucchisi and Reno Mennickell, infielders.

Gill, Gullie, Owen, Liska and Harris all are past draft age. Adams, Federmeier, Lucchisi, Gluck and Hardy are 1-C. Of the remaining crew, 11 are 4-F's.

Everything considered, it would appear that the Beavers are much better off than many of their competitors.

Portland Eagles Win Hockey Edge

PORTLAND, March 24 (UP)—Portland's high-flying Eagles today headed for Seattle and an ice hockey title series with the Icehawks after whipping the Seattle Stars last night, 7 to 3, in the final game of a four-day playoff.

The Eagles banged four goals in the last period to outplay the Stars. The first two goals were practically a handoff by the Icehawks after whipping the Seattle Stars last night, 7 to 3, in the final game of a four-day playoff.

The Icehawks won the division title in the regular season. The first game in the new series will be played Sunday night with the winners in the four-out-of-seven playoff being declared northern division champion of the Pacific Coast hockey league.

Old Rivals Meet In AAU Hoop Final

DENVER, Colo., March 24 (UP)—An old feud will be continued here tonight when the Phillips "66" basketball squad, a former champion, meets Denver's Ambrose Jellisoners for the national AAU crown.

The Phillips and Denver squads had been battling for the crown for the past six years. Phillips is making its third consecutive bid for the title.

Arkansas Knocks Oregon Hoopsters Out of Tourny

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 24 (UP)—A new NCAA basketball champion will be crowned tonight when the University of Arkansas and Oklahoma's Aggies meet in the finals of the annual tournament.

Oklahoma knocked Utah, the defending champion, out of the tournament last night with an easy 63-27 victory and the Arkansas Razorbacks won the right to oppose the Aggies in the finals by whipping Oregon 79-76 in a wild scoring spree.

A three-point scoring spree by Earl Wheeler, Arkansas guard, gave the Razorbacks their edge over Oregon. Arkansas jumped away to a lead early in the game and were 11 points up on their opponents at the end of the half when the score was 47-34.

The lead changed hands frequently in the second half, but with three and a half minutes to go, Ken Hava, Arkansas, scored a field goal to tie the score at 74-74. George Kok scored another a few seconds later but Arkansas came back to tie the score at 76-76 with 15 seconds remaining.

Then Wheeler sank the final three points. He was fouled as he tossed a short field goal and scored the final point from the free throw line just as the gun ended the game.

Baseball Ruling Of WMC Is Big Aid to Coasters

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24 (UP)—The recent WMC commission ruling on the status of baseball players is going to go a long way toward strengthening the 1945 entries in the Pacific coast league.

A survey of training camps conducted by United Press shows that at least 23—and probably many more—ball players will join coast loop teams as a result of the order which allows the men to return to their previous "occupation."

The Hollywood Stars will get seven men as a result of the order. Business Manager Oscar Reichow announced. Already Broder Holder has signed up, and another outfielder, Eddie Stewart will come. Catchers Bill Brenzel, a J. John LaFrance are expected to join and ease the desperate start backstop situation; Pitchers Jim Sharp, Bob Williams and Newt Kimball are the other affected.

The Sacramento Solons are next in line with six men gained. Gene Hambley, who only recently had been ordered by his draft board to return to a McCallan field job, is one. Gene Corbett, hard-hitting first baseman from Kansas City; Bill Cox, third baseman; Pitchers Jack Wilson and Steve LeGault, and Outfielder George Mandish are others.

The hard-pressed San Diego Padres will get a big boost if the veteran third baseman, Dick Gwosden, leaves his Seattle job. Lou Verdich, an outfielder, is now relieved of draft worries.

The San Francisco Seals are expected to profit with the return of Bob Joyce, who won 21 games last season, and there is the possibility that Larry Jansen, a big-league winner three seasons ago, also may return to the game.

Los Angeles Angels could have only one man—Tom Acord—affected by the order. But indirectly, the Angels are expected to get additional help from the Chicago Cubs as a result of the Phil McNutt order.

Pitcher Roy Helsar, who won 20 games for Portland last season and had been staying on a war plant job, is expected to join the Beavers staff now.

Manager Bill Skiff of the Seattle Rainiers may be able to add Catcher Bob Finkbe, purchased from the Philadelphia Phils, the veteran outfielder, Bill Maibach, also is expected to sign up. Johnny Babin, great relief hurler, now may get a clearance from his draft board.

The Oakland Oaks are expected to benefit by getting Pitcher Ramon Hayes as a full-time player. And the club assured a combination of a couple of major league deals, which will result in two more hurlers being sent to the Oaks from the Pirates and Phils.

TURNER GETS DECISION

PORTLAND, March 24 (UP)—Portland's Paulie Peters of the Portland Negroes was decisively beaten last night by Leo Turner.

The Oregon middleweight champion had clear margins in two rounds and a draw in the sixth. The 157-pound Peters was unable to land a punch.

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PRESENTING ARMS—While trainer Doc Wendler of Brooklyn Dodgers kneels infielder Bill Harris' arm into shape at Bear Mountain. Little Cookie Gerosa and Mickey Martin eagerly await turn to have their "soubones" rubbed down.

Mauriello Takes 'Rubber' from Oma

NEW YORK, March 24 (UP)—Tami Mauriello, Bronx heavyweight, won an upset victory over Oma in their \$101,918 "rubber match" before a sell-out crowd of 18,291 fans in Madison Square Garden last night.

Mauriello, heavier at 200½ pounds than for either of his two previous bouts, won the unanimous 10-round decision last night over Oma, who had pared down to the unexpectedly low weight of 181 and was overtrained and lacking in snap.

Draft Call Upsets Prospects of Yanks

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 24 (UP)—Just when the New York Yanks have their infield shaping up for 1945, the military draft began to function against them today. Infielders Oscar Grimes and George Stinewiss were ordered up for pre-induction physicals.

Hagg Is Winner in Cleveland Race

CLEVELAND, March 24 (UP)—Gunder Hagg, the Swedish distance runner, was a runner without much practice today.

He won his first mile race on an indoor track last night after three previous failures, but he did it without the man who had raced to triumph on each of those occasions—Rafferty of New York. His time last night for the mile at the Knights of Columbus relay was 4:17. He topped that mark in running record to Rafferty at Chicago last Saturday when his time was 4:15.5.

Forest Officials Analyze Area's Timber Situation

(Continued from Page 1) most part will be cut on a sustained yield basis to provide a continuous flow of timber to contribute towards maintaining permanent community industries.

These plans provide that the average annual cut of old growth timber in a working circle will be no greater than can be kept up until the new growth trees are reasonably mature and will be large enough to produce sawlogs. Thus, national forest timber will provide somewhat of a bridge across the gap between the time at which most of the privately owned old growth timber will have been cut and the second growth is ready to be harvested.

Obviously there will not be enough public timber available to supply all of the existing mills in the Unalakleet unit with timber in sufficient quantity to permit their economic operation. Many will emerge from the war period with little or no timber remaining and by reason of the limited supplies available must expect to get out of business.

The situation described has been brought about by the fact that the millage of sawmills in the unit is far in excess of the sustained capacity of the forest lands to produce logs. Trees are being cut down at three times faster than they are being replaced by growth. Now, when timber is so vital to the prosecution of the war, a situation of this kind is to be expected but unless quickly corrected when the war emergency is over, it must eventually lead to the complete collapse of local timber using industries long before the second crop is ready to be harvested.

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CHUTES-THE-CHUTE—Fire drill to these young school-children of Hindhead, England, is fun, for they take time out from studies for practice of fire drill at Amesbury school. Rigged through the third-story window, playmates hold one end and taut while boy "chutes-the-chute."

City News In Brief

Police reports today showed that cars driven by J. D. Huntstock, 508 M avenue, and Herbert Lowman, 2296 Oak street, collided on Adams avenue at 6 p. m. Monday, when Lowman backed from the curb. One car was slightly damaged.

Four cases of scarlet fever in Union county during the week ending March 17, are reported in the weekly bulletin of the state board of health. The remainder of the state reported 50 cases.

Civil air patrol classes on the subject of general service of aircraft will start Monday, March 26, and will be held from 8 to 10 p. m. in the high school building, 44 W. M. Pearson, CAP, will be the instructor.

Hearings on applications for birth certificates will be held March 30, at 10 a. m., by Circuit Judge R. J. Green.

Diphtheria Causes Death of Woman

MOLALLA, Ore., March 24 (UP)—The first fatality in the diphtheria epidemic that has closed the school and theater in this little Clatsop county town was recorded today.

The victim was the wife of the town's mayor—Mrs. Charles A. Wright—who died Friday after a week's illness.

Meanwhile the official count for the disease has reached 46, two higher than the last report, Thursday night.

DR. WASSILL DECORATED—LOS ANGELES, March 24 (UP)—Capt. Corvidon M. Wassill, Little Rock, Ark. navy doctor and hero of the film "Story of Dr. Wassill," has received the Canadian award for service, the 11th naval district disclosed today.

Allies Send Four Armies Over Rhine In Ruhr Attack

(Continued from Page 1) first and ninth, the British second, the Canadian first and the allied first airborne.

Opposition is Light
A third army front report said the Americans were pushing on against light opposition. Elements of the 12th corps, including armor, had crossed the Rhine, and one bridge thrown over by the engineers was in operation.

Four towns had been captured in the new bridgehead. By 10 p. m. Friday "hundreds" of troops already were over the river.

The broad Rhine barrier was along a front of perhaps 40 miles, stretched at four or more points extending south from the Rees-West sector to Dusseldorf in the Ruhr basin.

Massive armored and infantry forces of the American ninth, British second, and Canadian first army were smashing eastward across the burning plain against amazingly weak opposition.

Veteran amphibious assault teams of the United States navy were working side by side with the ground troops, manning hundreds of big invasion craft massed secretly behind the Rhine for the spectacular crossing.

Twenty hours after the first British shock troops plunged across the river into Wesel, the stunned Germans had failed to mount a single major counter-attack.

Their boasted battle screen along the east bank of the Rhine was shattered beyond repair, and a decisive allied breakthrough through that could knock Germany out of the war appeared a definite possibility.

Headquarters spokesmen said the Germans' main reserves had not yet joined the battle and it was indicated that the tremendous allied aerial bombardment of the past three days had crippled the enemy's main communications lines.

The allies were established solidly on a 12-mile stretch of the Rhine's east bank between Wesel and Rees and apparently had other footholds in the 300-mile area southward from Wesel to the Ruhr city of Dusseldorf.

Bislich is Captured
Bislich, almost mid-way between Wesel and Rees, was captured by British shock troops in the first wild rush across the Rhine. Scottish riflemen were mopping up a few diehard Nazis in the streets of the two flanking towns.

Montgomery sent his men into battle with a stirring order of the day hailing the Rhine crossing as the "final assault" of the western war.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 allied warplanes participated in the airborne strike behind the German lines. It was the greatest airborne operation in history and long field dispatches said miles-long sky trains were shuttling over the battlefield to unload their cargoes of men, tanks, and guns in the enemy's rear.

Shipyard Workers Quit Work in Row Over Job Shifts

RICHMOND, Calif., March 24 (UP)—Forty-four hundred members of the loftmen, shipwrights, joiners and boatbuilders union local 1149 stopped work at Kaiser Richmond shipyard 7 a. m. today in protest against asserted violations of their contract.

Yard No. 3 constructs 10,000-ton C-2 attack transports, which were given top priority in war industry.

The union alleged that the management transferred 19 various job assignments to other craft unions in violation of two agreements governing working conditions at the yard.

Union Business Manager Stan Lore claimed the controversy was not a jurisdictional dispute. This was challenged by the company and other AFL unions.

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Benjamin F. (Badge) Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Curtis of Union, who was killed in action August 11, 1914, while serving with the infantry in France.

He was born at Kuna, Idaho, May 13, 1919 and was 25 years old at the time of his death. With his parents he moved to Union at the age of five and had spent most of his life on a farm in and around Union, where he attended both elementary and high school.

Curtis was employed by the Union Pacific railroad in La Grande prior to his induction September 10, 1943. He was fatally wounded exactly 11 months after entering the service.

Bob Hope Picture Booked at Liberty

Bob Hope is starred in "The Princess and the Pirate," which will open tomorrow at the Liberty.

Hope appears as a cowering thespian who becomes involved with a pirate band on his way to the West Indies in 1740 with the princess, Virginia Mayo.

Walter Brennan, Victor McLaglen and Walter Slezak have the chief supporting roles.

The story reveals how boastful Sylvester the Great, who delights in telling what he would do if he should meet a pirate, meets when a buccaneer band captures the vessel on which he and the princess are traveling.

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OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Staff Sgt. Charles Byrne arrived Friday for a three week furlough with relatives in La Grande. He spent 31 months overseas, having participated in four major battles and served in both Africa and Italy. He was wounded twice and has received the purple heart.

His father, Mrs. Maude Byrne, arrived at the same time from Spokane, and they are guests at the home of his aunt, Mrs. C. E. Stalcup. The Byrnes are former residents of North Powder. Sergeant Byrne attended Sacret Heart academy and Central school in La Grande.

Elmer L. Beickel, seaman second class, arrived today from Los Angeles for a four-day leave at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. C. Ellis. At the termination of his leave will report to his ship.

Increased Poultry Prices Authorized

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (UP)—Stabilization Director William H. Davis authorized price increases for young chickens, beginning July 1, which he said would boost the cost to consumers an average of more than 1½ cents a pound.

Davis said the increase should also encourage farmers to produce more broilers, fryers, and roasters for marketing during the coming summer, thus helping to offset the shortage of red meats.

Clothing, Houseware Survey Is Planned

Experiences of Union county housewives in obtaining clothing and household equipment are the subject of a survey to be started Monday by representatives of the census bureau on behalf of the office of civilian requirements.

The purpose of the survey is to determine need for various types of merchandise as a means of equipping the supply and demand. The recent increase in children's apparel and work clothing was the result of a similar survey conducted by the census bureau.

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UNIVERSAL NEWS



WAR WORKER — Joseph C. Manning, 59-year-old Civil War and Indian war veteran, left his well-earned retirement to take a war job at Clearfield, Utah, naval depot because, said he, "There's not enough young fellows willing to do the work."