

Sandy pugilists made their mark

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For The Post

During the Great Depression of the 1930s when rugged individualism was such an admirable behavioral characteristic, a boxing team was organized at Sandy High School.

Boxing cards, sometimes called "smokers," were a very popular means of raising money for local organizations, both in and out of the schools.

Participants sometimes received prizes of money or merchandise, and when high school athletes participated, a problem of eligibility sometimes ensued. The Scenic Cannery in Pleasant Home was the scene of a number of smokers where a boxer might pick up a few bucks in those hard times.

The Sandy High School boxing team began with little encouragement from the administration who had mixed emotions about the sport. The coaches were non-school people who were well thought of in the community. Fortunately, they were competent boxing coaches.

In the beginning, the kids on the team paid for all expenses. According to Edison Mills, a member of the team, the school accepted no responsibility.

However, when the other teams in the Multnomah-Clackamas Interscholastic League (MCIL) sponsored boxing, the team was accepted as an integral part of Sandy High School athletics and received full support.

The coaching was still provided by outsiders, such as Dale Stewart, Cecil Daimler and Emil Reich.

At that time Sandy was a member of the MCIL which included Estacada, St. Stephens (now Central Catholic), Gresham, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Parkrose, Columbia Prep and Hill Military.



Members of the 1936 Sandy High School boxing team were, left to right, Elmer Eri, Chuck Bettis, Lloyd Dunn, Louie Reich and Joe Shelley. Dunn was the school's shop instructor and coached basketball. He now lives in Seaside. Of the boxers, only Shelley is still alive.

The Sandy High boxing team was very successful as the awards in the school's trophy case indicate. Sandy dominated the MCIL as the team won second place in 1935 and 1936 and first place from 1937 through 1940. Sandy also took second place in the state meets in 1939 and 1940.

Boxing ended at Sandy High School in 1941 when the MCIL discontinued sponsorship because of too many injuries, some serious.

Jerry Swails, who boxed on the Sandy team, said, "Some of the opposing coaches in the MCIL were so intent on winning that

they would allow or even force participants to compete, and when one kid was hospitalized after a serious head injury, the end of boxing was in sight."

High school boxing was never extensive throughout the state. Most educators disapproved of the sport and, although it had the approval of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) for some time, the association eventually dropped it.

According to Ed Ryan, executive director of the OSAA, the association is unadulterably opposed to boxing on the premise that it is the only sport that is

designed to do physical harm to an opponent.

The OSAA, as well as other state associations, will not approve of boxing in any high school. All known educational agencies oppose it and colleges have also dropped it.

Some of the boys who boxed at Sandy High School were Jerry Swails, Lee Gregson, Herman Johnston, Harry Berglund, Emmitt and Edison Mills, Joe Shelley, Chuck Bettis, John Apa, John and George Orr, Jim Howard, Elmer Eri, Louie Reich, Ray and Truman Huston, "Pee Wee" Radford, and Eldon Phelps.

Keeping posted

Chamber slates senior levy talk

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

Today is the final time that a representative from the Clackamas County Animal Control office will be at Sandy City Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to sell dog licenses.

The February meeting of the Dover Extension Study Group will be held at the home of Nancy Fenton, Rt. 1, Box 393, Eagle Creek. Guest speaker will be Clackamas County Assessor George Malin. A potluck luncheon will be held. For directions, call Lynda Burks, 668-8835.

The Sandy Golden Age Club holds its semi-monthly potluck at the Sandy Senior Center today at noon.

The Sandy High School Budget Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. at SUHS in rooms 50-51. The second and third meetings, also set for 7:30 p.m., will be Feb. 16 and 18.

The Sandy Parent-Teacher Club is sponsoring "Budget Awareness" in the Sandy Grade School gym-

nasium. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. with babysitting provided. The Sandy Rebekah Lodge meets at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Hall.

MONDAY, FEB. 15

The Cottrell School Board meets at 8 p.m. in the East Building.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

Sandra Potter Marquardt, Community Services director for the city of Sandy, will be the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce at the Tollgate Inn.

She will discuss the countywide serial levy to fund senior citizen services.

The Sandy City Council meets in adjourned session at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy City Hall. George Morgan, chairman of the city's Economic Development Commission, will present that group's final report.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. in the Sandy Community Action Center.

St. Jude's Home will host its annual Rock and Roll Jamboree, along with a

chili feed, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. Hall on Pioneer Boulevard. The event is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

The Sandy Business and Professional Women's Club fireside meeting will be held at the home of Lani Staab, 27353 SE Church Road, Boring.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

Immunization clinics will be held at Sandy High School for Sandy High, Boring and Bull Run elementary students. Call SUHS, 668-8011 extension 212, for more information.

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Couple set to discuss remarriage

The theme for this Monday evening's Jubilee will be "We're Together Again."

Bob and Bernita Kull will be the special guest speakers at the 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Living Way Fellowship, 17275 Strauss St. They will share how they built back their broken marriage.

The couple were married 27 years and then divorced. After a six-year separation, they remarried.

They have to learn to communicate, give loving assurance and trust each other.

Both men and women are welcome to attend this special evening of refreshments, music, fun and learning with Bob and Bernita Kull.

Masonry fireplaces OK'd for insert

For the past three years, Sandy Fire District officials had to tell residents interested in installing a wood stove insert in a masonry fireplace they couldn't do it.

Now the Oregon State Fire Marshal has approved

three inserts for masonry fireplaces with prefabricated metal air-circulating fireboxes.

The problem existed because a national testing agency had not given its OK for the installation. Recently, however, Under-

writers Laboratory gave its approval.

"This completely turns it around for us," said Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher. "It proves that some of our fears were not 100 percent."

The worry was that the

back of the firebox would crack, sending combustibles into the vent. Those fears were disproved.

Anyone who would like to install an insert in a masonry fireplace is asked to call the fire district.

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