

Girls'-Women's Basketball Teams To Have Busy Week

The High School Girls' League No. 1 have basketball games scheduled for the coming week. Monday, Dec. 11, the Galloping Gals play Sacret Heart at 7 p. m. and the Bobby Sockers play the Shamrocks at 8:00 p. m. at Girls Polytechnic school gymnasium. Arleta's team and the Devil Demos meet at the same place for a game Thursday night at 7. League No. 2 has games scheduled also. The Teddy Wonders and Comets meet Wednesday, Dec. 13, and the team from the Civic Recreation Center will play the Southerners. Both games are to be played in the gym at Girls Polytechnic school, the first at 7, the second at 8 p. m. Thursday's event will be the Thunderbolts vs. Tornados at Girls Polytechnic school at 8 p. m.

The City Women's Basketball league has games listed for Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 12 and 14, to be played at Grant High school gymnasium. Linnton Box and Wisco clash Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. At 8:30 p. m. the WAC team meets with the Red Wonders. Thursday's games are between Jantzen and Lind & Pomeroy, playing at 7:30, and Benny's Fine Foods team and Van Barracks at 8:30 p. m.

Swimming Meet Scheduled For December 27, 29

With the city-wide table tennis tournament played Monday and Tuesday at the Montavilla Center in the limbo of past-events, those who follow the sports events under supervision of the Bureau of Parks and Public Recreation are looking forward to coming events. Next Monday, Dec. 11, begin the elimination swims to determine entries for the city-wide tournament scheduled for Dec. 27, for girls, and Dec. 29 for boys. The Buckman school pool and the Civic Recreation Center's plunge are being used for practice.

Engineers v. Dental College Sunday

This coming Sunday, Dec. 10, the 7-man football teams of the 29th U. S. Army Engineers and North Pacific Dental college will play at the field at 80th and Tillamook sts., beginning at 10:30 a. m.

No gnashing of teeth over nuts this fall, Mrs. America, for OPA tells us the nut crop is expected to be 15 per cent above last year, and that's 47 per cent above the average.

LI'L ABNER GETS SECOND CHANCE



"LI'L ABNER"

Guyrinder Abner to you may mean absolutely nothing. To a lot of people, "Li'l Abner" may not mean a thing. But to everybody who visited the Civic Auditorium last Friday the words "Li'l Abner" mean 143 pounds of simon pure fighting guts.

When this paper went to press a week ago the name of this young fighter was practically unknown. To a few of his friends, most of East Vanport, where he lives, and a very few outsiders, he was just another "kid" with the desire to put on a pair of gloves. That chance came last Friday night at the Civic Auditorium when one of the principals in a preliminary bout, "Li'l Abner" was pressed into service against ring-wise and tough little Eddie Weller, as clever a puncher as ever fought in a preliminary. Eddie finally got the nod in the bout but before he won, the crowd had sensed the rising of a new star in the fistic heavens. "Li'l Abner" had hit Eddie everywhere but under the bottom of his feet almost at will during the first three rounds. Then Eddie's experience began to take the lead, but Li'l Abner made such a showing that he gets another chance to meet Eddie tonight.

This time we are looking for some real fireworks, if the "kid" has not let the praise he has received all week go to his head. If he forgets to duck, Eddie Weller will be right there to take advantage of it. But this time Li'l Abner will have had experience, this will be his SECOND time in the ring and he will have had all of a week to train. The last time—or should I say the first time—his training consisted of a walk from Vanport to East Vanport and not a fast walk at that.

There will be four other bouts on this Talent Show:

Bout 2. Sailor Jack Huber vs. Dave Johnston, heavyweights who tip the scales around the 200 pound mark. Huber has won three in a row here, while Johnston has been in hard training for this scrap. Huber is in the coast guard, Johnston is a rigger at Swan Island.

JOHN L. BACK

Bout 3. A "Natural" developed from the last card. John L. Sullivan fights Mike Terry, of Bagley Downs. The Irish boy from the Northwest Marine Works has a real fight on his hands with the young Negro who knocked out Don Montgomery.

Bout 4. Tre likeable "Speedy" Cannon swings into action again with Buddy Hoffman, of Seattle, as the opponent. Hoffman is no chump as he holds a decision over Eddie Weller.

Bout 5. Two new ones to Portland fight fans. Eddie Whartor, lithe young Negro, tangles with Sailor "Babe" Spanola, of the navy. They are welterweights.

All bouts are six-rounders.

NEGRO CB'S TOPS IN PERFORMANCE

PELELIU, PALAU ISLANDS, (Delayed)—Two hundred Negro Seabees, grimy and weary from 2 days of unloading ships under enemy fire, were lined up on the beach here.

"I want volunteers for stretcher bearing on the ridge tonight," an officer was telling them.

And 200 Negro Seabees stepped out as one.

The incident is typical of the record chalked up by the Seabee battalion, that landed immediately behind assault waves of Marines here and has been working night and day since. They unload ships, wrestle ammunition and heavy supplies to the beach dumps, carry ammunition to the front lines, and bring back wounded. On occasion they have filled in as frontline troops, and for more than a week they have been going forward to drag in wounded marines.

These Seabees had seen no action until Peleliu. Then they joined the assault. They had more than 100 casualties in the first week, many received during the landing when Japanese artillery and mortar fire was ripping the coral reef, others from mortar fire on the beaches and among the supply dumps, and still more from enemy fire at the front.

On the beach they had to handle the heavy ammunition and vast stores of other supplies to the various dumps. Here they were also endangered by mortars, by snipers, and, on occasion, by Jap machine gunners who came to life behind the front lines. Once, they were even charged by three enemy tanks.

When a mortar shell set fire to a large ammunition dump, 50 Seabees started moving the shells. They had to be called off when the exploding ammunition pinned down everyone on the entire beach.

When ordered to carry ammunition up to the front lines, volunteers took so many cases forward that a Marine infantry officer told them, "Knock it off. We just want enough ammunition for the night. We don't need the entire dump."

When a stretcher detail was needed to go down into a draw in front of a heavily fortified ridge to bring out wounded at midnight, 16 Seabees volunteered.

The Negroes are enormously proud of the record their unit has made. Individual feats are generously recounted by others. The battalion is high in morale and excellent in achievement.

Seaman First Class Edw. Scott, 20, 313 Dickenson Street, Fremont, Ohio, was on the lines four times as a stretcher bearer. The second night he was in a foxhole with a Marine officer when four Japanese started moving in. When the Marine fired, one Jap fell and played dead for a time. Then he attempted to flank the position while the other three came on. Seaman Scott got two of them, the Marine officer accounted for the others.

Seaman First Class Lemon Jackson, 26, of 712 East Alabama St., Florence, Ala., was pinned down in his foxhole near the front lines. He had ammunition to get forward and he was irked. He deliberately showed himself to draw Jap fire (this is the story of others—not Jackson).

Then "I just shot up in a tree and there he was," said the Seabee.

Seaman First Class Henry Hall, of 2215-A Cass Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., thanks an unidentified Marine for saving his life. A Jap was moving in on Hall and the Seabee's rifle jammed. A passing Marine knocked off the Jap, but shrugged away the Negro's thanks with "That's okay, you guys have been

saving us with the ammo you are carrying."

"Me, I just went on about my business of looking for a deeper foxhole," grinned Hall, who made nine trips to the lines in eight days.

Seaman First Class James Key Nichols, 20, of 5047 So. Parkway, Chicago, has a souvenir of one trip across the exposed airport. He was carrying one end of a stretcher when a Japanese machine gun killed the Seabee on the front end. Nichols' canteen was pierced by 2 bullets.

"Left me without water," he mourned at the dressing station where he delivered the wounded Marine by himself two hours later.

Seaman First Class George E. Jenkins, of 350 East 53rd Street, Chicago, was carrying ammunition across the airport when he saw a Marine fall, hit by a sniper, Seaman Jenkins brought in the wounded man. Moving an inert victim several hundred yards by yourself is a difficult task.

Seaman First Class Leo McDowell, of 588 East 53rd Street, Chicago, a neighbor of Jenkins, was another Seabee who had his companion shot while carrying a stretcher. McDowell simply placed his buddy on the stretcher with the wounded Marine and dragged it to the first aid station—an ordeal lasting more than an hour.

Mach. Mate 3rd Class Emory L. Jennings, of 586 Post Office St., Altus, Okla., heard there was a wounded man on the edge of the airport. Despite continuous sniper fire, he went and got him.

Seaman Second Class Leroy Moses heard a Jap in a foxhole yelling for help. Moses and two Navy corpsmen went out. One pharmacist's mate was shot by the screaming Jap who was in turn killed by Moses who then went down and helped in a wounded man.

Seaman First Class Jimmy Sheppard, of 200 Ray Street, Anderson, S. C., also heard Japs yelling.

"Sounded as if they were calling muster," he said. "Then one Jap called down: 'We see you throwing flares—we're coming.' But they didn't."

"I guess the boys have a right to be proud," said Lieutenant Commander Berry. "They got into the habit of volunteering so much that when we had to bury some long-dead Japs, two dozen Seabees stepped out before I had time to tell them what they were volunteering for."

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