



Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

Ron's holiday wish list

Noel, Feliz Navidades, Glade Ule, and whether you're in France, Mexico, or Norway, the meaning is the same—Merry Christmas. And that's what I'm wishing to all my readers and all mankind. It is my fervent wish that the next year I can say, "Peace on earth to all mankind."

Today we can only hope for peace because as we know many of us are without it. I wish peace to such sportsmen as Willie Aiken, George Martin and Harvey Martin. These men are certainly without peace today. I wish peace to Bart Starr, after nine seasons as head coach of the Green Bay Packers, and so long as a great player, who was dismissed earlier this week. I wish peace for Darryl Stingley, who was severely injured and suffered paralysis from his neck down. Darryl will never catch another pass for the New England Patriots. I wish him peace. And peace to Billy Ray Bates as he battles to overcome his many personal problems. I wish peace to Detroit running back Billy Sims. After

signing contracts with two professional football teams, Billy will certainly need some peace. With our armed forces engaged in skirmishes throughout the world... we're certainly in dire need of peace.

I wish peace to John Lucas, who is trying to make a comeback in the NBA after a long bout with drugs. Lucas was recently signed by the Bullets. Peace be to you John. And to Vida Blue, who pitched so marvelously for the Oakland A's, only now to be jailed on a drug charge. Peace to you and yours Vida. And peace also to Bobby Harris, long-time coach at Jefferson High. Bobby, one of the better coaches in the state, has suffered year after year for lack of a big man. And Feliz Navidades to Dr. Jack Ramsay, as he dances successfully through the NBA. Noel to Sugar Ray Leonard as he prepares to wreak havoc on all the fighters in the welter- and middleweight divisions. And during this Yule season I wish to all "Good will towards men, women and kids."



Merry Christmas from the Portland Trailblazers. Shown here: The Trailblazers' Christmas tree from the first annual "Festival of Trees." See story on page 4. (Photo: Art Gee)



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Obituary

Charles Aubrey Fair 1883-1983

Charles Aubrey Fair died December 14, 1983, at Care West Plaza, a Portland nursing home. "Pappa Charlie," as he was affectionately called there, had reached his 100th birthday on November 1st of this year. The medical diagnosis was bronchial pneumonia. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 19th.

Known to many Portlanders as "Uncle Cholly," Mr. Fair had come to Portland first in 1893, as a child of ten, when he hitched rides on freight trains going west from Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was born. Little was ever known about his early life outside of Portland, but, while still very young, he had



traveled to Buffalo and was there on Sept. 6th, 1901, when President McKinley was shot. He saw the assassin, Leon Czolgosz, arrested by police.

Mr. Fair returned to Portland and

later had a part in arranging entertainment for the 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition. He worked closely, and successfully, with George Baker of the Baker Theatre and with Charlie Webb, a musician. Marriage to Beatrice (Kitty) Watson decided Mr. Fair to leave the entertainment business and to settle down.

When "Uncle Cholly" was 86 years old he was still vital, still at work, still possessed with a myriad of friends who hailed him with a smile, a clasped hand and admiration of his willingness to accommodate a friend in any way he could. Mike O'Brien, a Portland writer, said in an *Oregonian* article: "The man just won't quit," and O'Brien added words of Mr. Fair: "I have a horror of bein' old and broke."

"It seems," said O'Brien, "that for an 86-year-old man to say he has a horror of being old is a pretty

good indication of the kind of guy Charlie is."

Mr. Fair entered the nursing home several years ago and now he joins the "10,000 girls and guys" he once called friends. Surviving him is a son, Francis T. Fair, of Seattle; three grandchildren, Francis T. Fair Jr., of Urbandale, Iowa, Charles E. Fair of Federal Way, Wash., and Carrolle Fair Perry of Riverside, New Jersey; 10 great grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Edward Watson, of Portland.

Final services were conducted by the Rev. Arnold Farrier for the Caldwell's Colonial Mortuary. Interment was at Riverview Cemetery.

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