

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SEEKS NEW HONORS

Salem People Are Asked to Help Send Basketball Team to National Meet

The Salem high school basketball team, which won the Oregon state interscholastic championship, desires to participate in the national contests to be staged in Chicago next month, according to action taken at the associated student body. In a brief campaign put on while the students were in the auditorium resulted in securing \$195 to apply on the \$1700 necessary to send Coach Huntington and his team east. Local bus-

ness men have already sent that sum to \$215.

Members of the S club of the high school were responsible for the starting of the fund. Their activities resulted in the different organizations of the school pledging the amount given.

The benefit dance which is to be staged next Tuesday evening will be the means of clearing away the remaining barrier between the team and the trip. Tickets are sold for 55 cents each by the girl students of the high school. Every effort is being used to make this dance one of the outstanding ones of the season.

Already the Kiwanis club of the city have endorsed the move and have made motions signifying their approval of the plan. Moves are under way to secure the cooperation of other service clubs of the city. Efforts are being made to secure the aid of the Salem Chamber of Commerce on the grounds that the advertising to Oregon will be worth while, and would repay for the help given the team.

Members of the championship team are to be the guests of the Lions at their regular meeting Friday noon at the Marion hotel.

DISGRUNTLED FANS VOICE CRITICISM

Salemites Must Not Hold Officials Responsible Declares Rathbun

Coach Rathbun was a Portland visitor Wednesday and upon his return last night made the following statement: "Salemites must not regard school officials as responsible when a disgruntled fan voices a criticism. When Secretary McLaughlin of the state board phoned that Franklin was invited to the tournament, I went to the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, who made the drawings for the ten districts to be represented. Dean H. D. Sheldon of the school of education of the University of Oregon also witnessed the entire procedure.

"Coach Meeks of Franklin exhibited the ideals of sportsmanship during the tournament. He has manifested the same traits in his remarks to me since the final game.

"Salemites should not let anyone contribute to the further embarrassment of any school authority by being drawn into controversy through the statements of such a self appointed guardian as the disgruntled fan."

coal mine tipples were twisted into masses of splintered timbers.

With the arrival at unharmed towns tomorrow of further news it is feared that it will be found that other towns in Missouri suffered under the violence of the wind before it rose to leap the Mississippi river.

Before the twister descended on Murphysboro it had gained much more strength and it literally tore down solid blocks when it hit that city. Its energy continued for several miles while it raised havoc at Gorham, De Soto and Bush and surrounding territory and then seemed to be at its maximum violence when it struck the mining town of West Frankfort with a population of nearly 9,000. Reports tonight indicated that 1,000 inhabitants were killed or injured there along with frightful property damage.

A preliminary tabulation at 9 p. m. of towns that had made reports of their casualties gave a total of 850 dead and 2,099 injured with virtually no record of the damage that must have been done in rural regions.

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—Between 300 and 400 persons were killed at West Frankfort in today's tornado according to estimates received by telephone from authentic sources.

The heaviest loss of life occurred when the Joieiner public school was destroyed, 200 persons, the majority children, being killed or injured.

CARBONDALE, Ill., March 18.—A tornado that whirled across the western part of this county this afternoon claimed an estimated toll of between 100 to 150 dead, about 500 injured and rendered thousands homeless. No definite figures have been ascertained.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18.—Reports received at Indianapolis, Terre Haute and Evansville late tonight placed the casualty list in southern Indiana from a tornado at today at 300 killed and more than 300 injured.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—Scores of persons were killed and hundreds injured and almost a third of the residential section of this city was completely destroyed at 3 o'clock this afternoon when a terrific tornado swept over the city.

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—Approximately 700 persons were killed at Parrish and West Frankfort alone by the terrific tornado which laid waste to a large section of southern Illinois today, according to word received here tonight.

DE SOTO, Ill., March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—The number of dead and injured here in this afternoon's tornado was estimated late this evening to run between 150 and 400, most of the victims being children, caught under the crumbling debris of the two story school building of the town. The population of the town is 703.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—The entire southern section of Princeton, Ind., was razed by a tornado which struck that city late today and according to advices received here at 9 o'clock tonight 27 bodies had been recovered from the wreckage. Many other bodies were said to have been buried under the debris, and while the exact number of dead was not known, it was reported nearly 100 persons had perished.

While lack of communication and the wide area of the storm precluded checking on the reported deaths and injuries which experience has shown are frequently exaggerated during the hours of distress, reports each hour enhanced rather than decreased the total casualties. Persons who have reported tornadoes which are not uncommon in this region predicted that a final check of the dead and injured might cut the total in two, although the rural regions where many must have been killed or injured, had not been heard from tonight.

Relief was almost as quick in its action as were the elements in destroying so much property and so many lives. Relief trains bearing doctors, nurses, wreckers and goodly supplies of medicine and food were dispatched from Chicago and St. Louis, as well as other points within a few hours after the disaster became known.

Governor Len Small ordered troops and the medical corps of the Illinois national guard to proceed to the devastated regions at the earliest possible moment.

Almost in a moment the inhabitants of the towns struck were crushed to death or buried, maimed under the debris of buildings that crumbled like cardboard houses.

Citizens, after a period of bewilderment, quickly rallied in an effort to rescue those who had not been slain and attempts were made to get word to unaffected towns asking for aid.

It took considerable time to send out word from the distressed towns, but in the meantime citizens who escaped the storm went to the heroic work before them only to be handicapped in some places by an outbreak of fire in the debris.

Residents from surrounding cities hurried to the stricken areas in automobiles and by train as fast as possible, and although darkness fell shortly after the storm had passed, organized rescue work was in progress within a few hours.

Throughout most of the devastated area facilities were scarce for taking care of the injured and many were taken to Carbondale, Cairo and other places, where all hospitals were used, in addition to armories and other public buildings. In some cases residents of the damaged towns who had escaped injury became panicky and attempted to flee the scene of disaster the best they could.

At Murphysboro a number of frightened persons, grabbing a few articles, threw themselves aboard a passing train while in other points many ran into the fields far from the towns.

These panic stricken persons were comparatively few, however, and many of them returned later to aid in the rescue work. The wind made a jumble of all sorts of property in its path. While buildings were moved only a short distance wherever they withstood destruction, light objects were carried over a great space. Residents of a town on the edge of the storm path reported collecting paper that had been borne many miles by the wind from one of the stricken cities.

In some places where the twisting wind struck hardest whole buildings were moved from their foundations, a grain elevator at De Soto having been carried intact some 40 feet to the middle of a road. Churches and schools seemed to have suffered most outside of dwellings and less substantial farm buildings.

The storm was not so severe in Missouri, where it seemed to emerge from the Ozark mountains, owing to a low barometer pressure from Arkansas, but it laid waste a number of towns and many farms before it jumped the Mississippi river into Illinois.

There the tornado was at the height of its fury for several miles while it careened from Murphysboro to Parrish. The twister rose above the tree tops for a considerable distance but lapped the earth again just west of the Indiana line, creating more damage at

Carmi. The tornado lifted slightly once more, split into two sections and swept northwest and southeast, through Princeton and Griffin, Ind., before it stopped its havoc.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—The "west end of the Murphysboro is completely destroyed and is still burning," says a dispatch received late tonight by the Missouri Pacific railroad here from its dispatcher at Gorham, Ill.

"The citizens have organized fire fighting squads and are using dynamite in an attempt to stop the progress of the flames."

In a miners' settlement, east of Bush, Ill., 15 men are known to have been killed. A bridge over the Beauchamp river, between Gorham and Murphysboro, was wrecked but a crew is now repairing it.

"More than 200 of the injured have been taken to Herrin, Ill., where they are being taken care of in the Masonic and Elk clubs."

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 18.—At least 200 persons are believed to be dead as the result of a tornado that struck southern Indiana, razing the towns of Princeton, Griffin, Owensville and Poseyville between 4 and 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, according to conservative estimates available up to late tonight.

While the storm started shortly after one this afternoon from its Missouri lair and had terrific demolishing force, it did not reach Illinois until around 3 o'clock and it was nearly dusk before it took its last savage blow in Indiana.

Whirling and swirling with such irresistible energy that it crushed large buildings like egg shells and razed reinforced mine tipples like weeds, the punishment inflicted on the towns in its path was meteoric-like in its fury.

Relief Started SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 18.—(By the Associated Press).—A bill appropriating \$500,000 for the relief of those in the tornado zone will be introduced in the state senate tomorrow morning.

The bill, which will carry an emergency clause, will be rushed through the house and senate and the money will be available early next week.

At midnight the Chicago Tri-

bune, at the request of Mayor William E. Dever, started a financial relief fund. The newspaper gave \$1,000 and added subscriptions were reported in later hours despite the fact that a general circulation of the disaster had not been thoroughly spread in the city.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The American Red Cross tonight began mobilizing its disaster relief personnel for service in the tornado stricken territory of the middlewest and south and it was dispatched from Washington and other points as rapidly as possible.

Chapters in the affected territory were authorized to expend all necessary funds and efforts were being made to get in touch with Henry M. Baker, director of disaster relief, who was in Sullivan, Ind.

JONAH SINNER, POLING HOLDS (Continued from page 1)

right mean old hypocritical sinners in history. Our churches are full of folks that don't care any more about a lost world for whom Jesus died than did Jonah for those people to whom Jehovah had sent him. But just as surely as God settled Jonah's score, you can depend upon it that the judgment day is coming for all the Jonahs in our churches today," said the speaker.

"The wonder to me is that God ever could forgive such a lazy and cowardly sinner as poor old Jonah. But in God's mercy to Jonah there is a promise of mercy and forgiveness for the worst of Jonahs in our churches.

"Jonah was small enough to get angry because he thought his reputation was worth more than 120,000 Ninevites. Jonah died in obscurity. God can't use a little, mean man, so to get rid of him, he just forgets him and when God forgets a man, history does too."

The largest audiences of the week greeted Mr. Poling last night. Those who hear him once are glad to hear him again. His subject tonight is: "The Way of a Ship."

At 3 o'clock this afternoon he will address a prayer group at the church. Much emphasis is laid on the request that everybody who

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VOLLEYBALL SHARKS TO TRY SKILL HERE

Tournament to Start Monday Between Professional and Business Men

The volleyball tournament which is scheduled at the Salem YMCA between the ministers, doctors, bankers and business men of the city, will be started off Monday night with a bang. The schedule calls for six games to be played on six different days, as indicated: March 23—Ministers vs Bankers; Doctors vs Businessmen. March 25—Ministers vs Doctors; Bankers vs Businessmen. March 27—Ministers vs Businessmen; Bankers vs Doctors. March 30—Ministers vs Bankers; Doctors vs Businessmen. April 1—Ministers vs Doctors; Bankers vs Businessmen. April 3—Ministers vs Businessmen; Bankers vs Doctors. The players are as follows: Ministers—J. Evans, William Hertzog, W. W. Long, Hickman, Harry Johnson; Rickey. Subs:

TORNADO TOLL NOW 3600; HUNDREDS LOST

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mostly children, were killed when the elements ripped open the Joieiner school at Murphysboro. By a margin of only a few miles the tornado swept to the north of Herrin, Ill., where troops have been called so frequently to quiet fighting among its citizens. Hundreds of telegraph poles were twisted off and many orchards were rent bare of limbs while the

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