

# CURT COMMENTS

"Steamer burns Delaware River," declares headline in C-J of December 3, 1927, which newsboy delivered to us yesterday. Some service. Also, page Roosevelt, lawyer of nature fakers.

Whew! It's been a warm football season, taking everything into account. The old typewriter is pretty nearly burned out again from the rigors of this gridiron campaign, but we can't hustle it off to the repair shop, because season or no season, we've got to fill up this space.

Anyway it's not quite all over yet, because here come bobbing up the All-American and All-Coast selections and what not. We don't pretend to know a blooming thing about whether they're right or not.

The scribes seem to be doing better than they used to, for we note Merle Hufford of Washington named on two All-Coast teams and one All-American; a halfback on a tall end Coast conference squad.

Lom and Schwartz also get pretty close to unanimous mention, along with Roy Kiegels, Tappan, Muller and Marrager. Some others are chosen by two separate groups for places on the second team.

Now here's a question. Would Roy Kiegels have been so sure of a place on that All-Coast if he hadn't pulled that prize bonus of running the wrong way and scoring for the other team a year ago?

All the sport writers had their eyes on Riegels this year, because he had achieved so much fame in so brief a time. If he broke through the line and made a tackle, it was sure to be noticed. If he floated back and broke up a pass, that was sure to be noticed too. If he snapped the ball without one bad throw in any game, the scribes noticed it because they knew about Roy Riegels.

If Riegels had been a halfback, that wouldn't have made so much difference, but in the middle of the line, it's the man with a reputation who is watched. Sport writers haven't any business picking all star teams in the first place, and they're especially weak on picking linemen, because the sport writer's business is to watch the ball, who carries it and where it goes. They may notice who makes the tackle, but they never know who takes out the linemen or who upsets the secondary.

If that's why, in two All-Coast selections, there's pretty near unanimity in naming the backs and ends, and total lack of it in naming the guards and tackles.

And in the last place, all-star teams aren't what they used to be. The idea was really originated when Yale, Harvard and Princeton ceased being the "be all and end all" in the football universe. Picking the best center rush and the best two tackle smashes out of those three teams was almost a possibility. The picking of eleven "best" out of the masses by a group of men whose business is writing and not coaching, none of whom has seen even half of the bigger teams play, is so absurd we can't describe it.

## REPORT ON SCHOOL WORK IS REQUESTED

R. W. Tavener supervisor of Salem secondary schools, has asked teachers at the Salem high school to submit a report of the manner in which the home room system is working and of the possibilities that may be expected from the system. Tavener may also submit the same question to the students themselves.

The most recent innovation in connection with the home rooms is step in the direction of athletics for all students, with the 20 home rooms in which boys are enrolled preparing to organize an intraschool basketball league. A game or two may be scheduled this week to give the plan a trial. Should the league materialize, it will mean that more boys will have advantage of coaching and direction in the sport, as Luke Gill and Coach Huntington will have charge of the league. Tavener looks for the girls also to form a basketball league through the home rooms.

## SWIMMING POOL IS GIVEN BY VETERANS

Carrying out plans formulated at its last meeting, Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, Tuesday offered to the city, funds up to \$2000 for the construction of a concrete swimming pool in the municipal auto camp ground. The offer was made by a committee consisting of Dr. W. Carlton Smith, Douglas McKay and Carl D. Gabrielson, and accepted by the mayor and members of the city council park committee and the park board. The legion post already has some of the funds which it will devote to this purpose, and plans to raise the remainder in connection with the Fourth of July celebration which was also discussed at the last post meeting, the probable nature of the celebration to be announced within the next two weeks.

# Portland Pro's Win Over Walsh Is Tourney Upset

## NEIL CHRISTIAN IS WINNER 6-5

First Round Completed at Los Angeles Tourney Yesterday

By RUSSELL J. NEWLAND Associated Press Sports Writer LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 3.—(AP)—In a first round crowded with all the thrills in golf—upsets, comebacks and a new course record—the "big guns" of the professional ranks moved through today's opening 36-hole matches in quest of the 1929 championship of the Professional Golfers' association.

The most dazzling round ever clubbed out of the rolling fairways and tricky greens of the Hillcrest Country club course saw Leo Diegel, of Agua Caliente, defending champion, post a morning card of 64, seven under par, to eliminate P. O. Hart of Wheeling, W. Va., by the top-sided score of 10-9. Diegel's 64 bettered by one stroke, the former competitive record set yesterday by Fred Morrison of Los Angeles, medalist.

"The Hag" Stages Great Comeback Hardly less spectacular than Diegel's scoring feat, was the great "comeback" of Walter Hagen, present British champion and holder of the P. G. A. title five times in the past. Hagen overwhelmed Bob Shave, Aurora, O., 9-8 today. Yesterday he barely squeezed into the qualifying class with a poor 78. Tied for 32nd place with four others, "The Hag" was forced to play off the deadlock, for the remaining two places in the qualifying list. Two dropped out before darkness compelled a halt. Last night, Harry Cooper of Buffalo was ruled ineligible for pay and his withdrawal enabled Hagen and his partner in tie to continue in the tournament.

Horton Smith and Frank Walsh Beaten Championship hopes of two strong contenders were scattered over Hillcrest's fairways. Horton Smith, who has blazed a sensational trail since he came out of Joplin, Mo., last year, was toppled over by Craig Wood, Long Island, New York youngster and "winner" of the recent Hawaiian "open."

Three down at the 27th, Smith made a "garrison finish" to square the match at the 36th but lost out on the next hole. Wood snared a birdie 3 to win. In the other upset, Neil Christian of Portland, Ore., defeated Frank Walsh of Chicago, 6-5. Christian, hardly figured to take the measure of a campaigner of Walsh's caliber, toured the course in 66, for his morning round to hold a 5 up lead at the halfway point.

Sarazen and Farrell Missed Win Matches Gene Sarazen and Johnny Farrell, former national open titleholders, advanced to the second round. Farrell was pressed a bit to beat out John Golden, Patterson, N. J., 1 up while Sarazen had less difficulty in eliminating Jack Hendry, St. Paul, 3 and 2.

The medalist, Morrison, removed Joe Kirkwood, Philadelphia, from the ranks of contenders, 5 and 4, and William Melhorn, New York, had an easy time with Guy Paulsen, winning from the Chicago entrant, 7-6.

## PHYSICAL DEFECTS CORRECTED FOR 648

Six hundred and forty-eight students of the two junior high schools are known to have had defects corrected in the past year and 747 grade school pupils have had defects remedied, according to the report submitted to the city school superintendent on the health inspections in the junior high schools and in the nine grade schools.

In both junior highs and grades 3, 192 pupils were inspected; 76 were excused from inspection, 1,289 showed no defects; 385 were ten per cent or more underweight, 325 had defective eyesight, 124, defective hearing; 252 were mouth breathers; 1,049 had defective teeth; 1,125 were unvaccinated; and 1,395 defects were known to have been corrected. At Parrish junior high, 436 pupils were examined, 27 excused, 305 showed no defects, 131 had defects, 21 were ten or more per cent underweight; 23 had defective eyes; none defective ears; two were mouth breathers; 82 had defective teeth; 199 were unvaccinated; and 413 known defects were corrected. The Leslie report showed: 226 pupils inspected; three excused; 140 without defects; 15 10 or more per cent underweight; eight, defective eyes; one mouth breather; 86 defective teeth; 76 unvaccinated; and 236 known defects corrected.

## Chapin Family Enjoy Reunion

MISSION BOTTOM, Dec. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Chapin entertained at a large family dinner Thanksgiving day at their home in South Bottom. Guests present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Piler and Ruth of Vancouver, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Miller, Miss Lois Miller of Dallas; Mrs. Glen E. Norris and two children Luree and Dan from Orofino, Idaho; Mr. and

## Football's Featured Rovers

By HARDIN BURNLEY



Walt Heinecke - STANFORDS ALL-AMERICA CENTER CANDIDATE.

FOOTBALL in recent years has featured the roving center and stocky—conspicuously exemplifying that fact. Many insist that this so-called "backbone of the line" is no longer eclipsed by dashing ends, the slashing tackles, and bulwark guards. On defense, the center usually roves just to the rear of the line, ready to plug gaps made by opposing offenses, cut in behind the other line to make tackles from the rear, intercept forward pass, and swoop on all fumbles. A strong snapper-back is vital on offense and—as always—the ball passing key of a good attack. No longer are huge centers the rule. Comparatively small pivot men are not uncommon. Capt. Tony Siano of Fordham—studied

as coach of various Davis cup stars. On the basis of the tennis they played in the national pro final, Kozeluh and Richards belong on any man's list of the five best tennis players in the world. There may be some difference of opinion about the order but this is probably as good as any: 1. Cochet, France. 2. Kozeluh, Czech-Slovakia. 3. Richards, U. S. 4. LaCoste, France. 5. Tilden, U. S.

## PRO TENNIS KINGS WANT OPEN MATCH

By TED VOSBURGH Associated Press Sports Writer NEW YORK (AP)—Open competition between amateurs and professionals in tennis cannot come too soon to suit Karel Kozeluh and Vincent Richards, the world's foremost pros. There is nothing of the shrink-violet about most professional athletes in any line of sport and these two great players who have chosen frankly to make their living out of tennis are no exceptions. They think they could hold their own with the best amateurs in the world. They might even go so far as to dispense with a prize and play just for the competitive thrill if given a chance to meet the top ranking amateurs, Henri Cochet and Rene LaCoste of France. It was freely remarked by many of those who saw Kozeluh win a hair-line decision over Richards in the final of the United States professional championship at Forest Hill that either of them could have beaten Bill Tilden and Frank Hunter, the finalists for the national amateur crown a few days before.

Beating the French is something else again. Both Kozeluh and Richards have the highest respect for the playing of Cochet and LaCoste. Yet there is some ground for the belief that if open tournaments were permitted Kozeluh and Richards would cause trouble for the famous musketeers. When Richards and the French were climbing the ladder together back in 1924, Vinnie trimmed LaCoste, Cochet and Jean Borotra as well on the way to the Olympic singles crown. Kozeluh never played any of the three but has swapped strokes with them in the line of his duties

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## BOOTH NO SURPRISE TO OLD HOME FANS

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Alphonse Booth, Yale's sensational sophomore, didn't step into the national spotlight until his brilliant three-touchdown spurt against Army, yet he is an old story here in New Haven where he has been a gridiron hero since grammar school. New Haven, seat of Yale, in the past has supplied relatively few athletes to the Elis, but its contribution in Booth seems of the highest order for as a football player he is mentioned in the same breath with Hinkey and Heffelfinger and Coy and other Yale immortals. Albie's first toy was a football and he has been playing since he first was able to toddle. He put the Ivy street school on the map locally in the public school league. Later he played on the boys' club teams coincident with his attendance at Hill House high school. For the local school boy hero Yale was the logical school, but there were certain barriers yet to be hurdled in the way of college board examinations. He spent a year at Mildford school preparing for those and entered Yale last fall. Booth captained the Frosh griders. He played basketball, was elected captain of that group and when last spring he was named baseball captain he achieves what had never before occurred in a school where tradition has an especially strong play—captained three teams in the same year.

Both cases of diphtheria which developed in Marion county last week are practically all right now, according to report yesterday from the health center. The last case, that of a girl from the Liberty district who was attending

## OREGON TEAM IN FINE SHAPE

Webfoots Practice on Field At Atlanta, Georgia, On Trip East

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 3.—(AP)—The University of Oregon football team making the trip from Eugene, Ore., to Miami, Fla., in easy jumps stopped at Atlanta today and worked out on Grant field this afternoon.

The Webfoots showed plenty of dash as Major John McEwan, head coach, sent them through a spirited drill in preparation for the game with University of Florida Saturday. Weather which had Atlantans shivering suited the westerners and Major McEwan hoped they would encounter the same kind of temperatures in Florida.

The Atlantans were much impressed with several of the westerners, notably Austin Colbert, tackle who was given a berth on the Associated Press all coast eleven. Members of the party were jubilant when they learned of Colbert's selection and also cheered the selection of Christensen and Shields on the all-coast second team.

The 28 players were reported in good condition. They have several faculty members along and classes are held enroute. Prior to the drill the players were guests of the Georgia Tech athletic association at a luncheon. They entrained tonight for Jacksonville where they will work out tomorrow and Thursday, leaving Thursday night for Miami on the same train with the Alligators from Gainesville, Fla.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT SENDS GREETINGS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3.—(AP)—President-Elect Pascual Ortiz Rubio, on the eve of his departure for the United States, tonight gave an exclusive statement to the Associated Press, sending friendly greetings to the people of the United States and promising to make his government one of reconstruction and concord.

"I accept with pleasure the invitation of the Associated Press to send to the people of the United States on the eve of my trip, a message of friendship. I have been for many years a sincere admirer of that great nation which, due to the high stage of civilization it has reached, is the pride of all inhabitants of this continent. "I believe it indispensable for the prosperity of both countries that the bonds of friendship which happily tie us, be further strengthened on a basis of mutual respect. I desire with great earnestness that the prosperity of the United States continue to develop as brilliantly as heretofore, because the prosperity of the United States will contribute to the prosperity of America, and the prosperity of America will mean sooner or later the prosperity of human kind."

## Joe Blackwell And Kileen to Do Battle Here

An old favorite who hasn't fought in the Salem ring for considerably more than a year, will be peered at between the ropes by ringiders at the armory once more a week from tonight, when Terry Kileen, whose ancestors went by the name of Wattenberger, will meet Joe Blackwell in it, six round semi final. The main event, as announced Tuesday, on that occasion will feature Pat Dundee, local favorite, and Del Allen of Pendleton.

## Princeton Center Is Secretly Wed



When the referee's final whistle ended the annual Yale-Princeton football game in the bowl at New Haven Saturday, William G. Caldwell, varsity center for the Tigers, revealed to his teammates that he has been married since October 12. He has sailed for Bermuda with his bride, the former Miss Mary Polk, of New Rochelle.

## 3 BOWLING TEAMS ARE STILL IN TIE

The three cornered tie for first place in the Commercial bowling league still prevailed after Tuesday night's series, the Bagr Plumbers, Capital City Bedding company and McKay Chevrolet teams winning two games from Gasco, General Petroleum and Valley Motor respectively. Henry Barr rolled high series, 619, and his team mate, Johnny Nathman, scored high game, 222. Handicap doubles will be rolled Saturday and Sunday, and a large entry list is expected.

## Lane County Is Experiencing Bad Diphtheria Scare

Lane county and Cottage Grove in particular, is experiencing an epidemic of diphtheria, according to report of Miss Beth Konkel, executive secretary of the Lane county public health association who was in town from Eugene yesterday to make inquiry of the county health demonstration here of the procedure in handling diphtheria contacts and carriers. Miss Konkel reported that four deaths, all of second grade school children, have occurred recently from that disease at Cottage Grove, that 20 cases are under quarantine in Cottage Grove and four cases are being watched in Springfield. Cottage Grove has secured a temporary school nurse to help in the emergency. Lane county has only a part time health officer and one county nurse.

## Winner of Cooley Hat to be Decided

The final match for the Cooley hat will be bowled at the Winter Garden Thursday at 8 o'clock. The finals are bowled by the three men who have scored the three highest series in the past month, and these three for November were Risenbrandt, King and Kargman. Christmas cards with or without engraving or printing, at The Statesman.

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