

# CURT COMMENTS

**Ha! Ha! Keneaw Mountain** Laddis suggests that school children be admitted to major league games at two-bit a throw "except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays." He must be worrying about a dearth of employment for truant officers. Of course, it will mean something to the kids in the summer time. Let's see, is it \$75,000 a year they pay Keneaw for bright ideas like that?

That Dundee-Allen scrap was the best study in ring tactics we've enjoyed for a long time. You have to hand it to this boy Allen, both as a fighter who will trade wallops when necessary, and one who doesn't let himself in for any punishment that isn't necessary.

You may not agree with us, but wouldn't there be some point in matching Allen with Art Akers? Allen's sideling defense was expressly manufactured for a southpaw to overcome, and even though Akers was beaten by Dundee, that difference in style might mean a lot.

But in the meantime, we renew our nomination of Chuck Forden for another main event here.

Allen won a lot of favor by his clean style and smiling ways, even though he didn't show a world of aggressiveness except in the ninth round.

And Pat showed his sportsmanship, too. When Allen kicked the bucket so that his corner was flooded and he had to sit on the ropes, Pat got up and did likewise. The handlers finally shifted the seats to the opposite corners.

Young Firpo was the first fighter we've ever seen get so steamed up he couldn't remember which was his corner. 'S'all right, he wasn't a guy to spend too much time worrying about a place to sit down.

No question about it, Terry Kileen has improved.

We're still wondering if maybe Joe Blackwell didn't have a bet up that he would win without putting up his hands in defense. Some of the fans explained that Joe was "an open fighter," and it's sure enough the truth.

Here's a neat point in the prize ring rules that we would like to have explained to us in connection with the Steele-Firpo fight. The rules say you mustn't hit the other fellow while he's down, but what are you going to do if he hits you while he's down? Firpo was on his knees and slugging at the same time, on more than one occasion in that fight.

Three bouts completed in less than 25 minutes is, we suspect, a record. The biggest disappointment was the sudden ending of the Kuhn-Young scrap, when Kuhn took some advice from the ringside and stayed down beyond the ten second limit. There was no question but that he was unhurt. Some of the fans thought the Indian could lick Bernie, but he hadn't proved it yet.

It was a fine tribute to Ralph Thompson, a member of the boxing commission, when the fight crowd stood at attention while a bugler sounded "taps." As Harry Levy said, announcing the memorial demonstration, Thompson was a square shooter and a real sportsman, a man who had about as many friends as any man in Salem.

**GERVAIS DISPLAYS**  
GERVAIS, Dec. 12.—Some eight or ten men went to the E. W. Manning place south of town Tuesday afternoon and brought in the large community Christmas tree and placed it on a vacant space between the S. P. station and Main street. Lights and decorations will be placed and the tree will be lighted the first time on Thursday evening when the big school play, "The Arrival of Kitty" is presented at the city hall. Small trees have been set all the way along Main street, and with the individual decorations in the business houses Gervais is well dressed in holiday attire.

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# Hoop Season Opens Here; Yearlings Beat Dallas

## HIGH SCHOOL LOSES 38-19

**Preppers Look Better Than Last Season; Nutter High Point Man**

The interscholastic basketball season was opened here Thursday night when the Willamette freshmen defeated the Dallas high school quintet 38 to 19 in the Willamette gymnasium.

Coach Lestle Sparks' yearlings outclassed the visitors from the start and led by approximately a two to one margin all the way except in the third quarter, when the Polk county boys made a slight gain.

Two separate lineups were used by the freshmen. There were no outstanding players visible, but the Willamette babes gave indications of developing into a team almost as strong as the one which went through last season undefeated.

Dallas high appeared to have a stronger team than last year, with Jim Nutter, freshman forward, performed an unusual feat in scoring seven points as a result of two successive tries for field goals. Each time he was fouled, the field goal counted, and the first time he converted one free throw and the second time two.

Dallas high appeared to have a stronger team than last year, with Webb and Uglow the outstanding performers. However, it had the same fault as last season of trying for too many long distance goals.

**FURNITURE BOWLING TEAM TAKES THREE**  
The Stiff Furniture company quintet again set the pace in the

## BEARCATS TAKE PRACTICE EASY

**Late Season Staleness Will Be Avoided by Willamette Mentor**

With its schedule still largely an unknown quantity, the Willamette university basketball squad is proceeding at a leisurely pace in getting into condition.

Coach Spec Keene figuring that it will do no good to bring his men along too fast at present and risk staleness later in the season.

Practice will be discontinued after next Thursday, the Christmas vacation starting the following day; but the squad will return Monday, December 30, and it is probable that several games will be arranged for the early part of that week.

Friday and Saturday, January 3 and 4, games will be played with the Oregon State College quintet, Friday at Corvallis and Saturday here. Coach Keene does not expect his squad to make much of a showing against Slats Gill's orange players, in view of the holiday layoff and the lack of strenuous practice previously.

During the week the squad will be under the direction of Assistant Coach Sparks, as Coach Keene will be in California. He has been invited by the chairman of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses association to attend the New Year's football game at Pasadena and he will leave here in time to see Stanford and the Army play at San Francisco December 28.

The Northwest conference schedule will be made out at the conference meeting next Thursday in Portland.

## DOLAN KAYOES PENDLETON LAD

**Willie Murphy Put to Sleep In 4th Round of Mill City Fracas**

MILL CITY, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Boxing fans from Mill City and surrounding towns gathered Tuesday evening to witness the best smoker ever presented here.

The main event was between Jimmy Dolan of Portland, 152 pounds, and Willie Green Murphy of Pendleton, 165 pounds who substituted Jack Kentworth of Salem. The bout was scheduled for ten, two minute rounds, but Dolan ended it in the fourth with a knockout. Both boys gave the audience something to talk about.

SI Flock of Mill City and Jackie Woods of Salem, fought in the semi-finals. A grand battle, with both contestants doing their best was brought to a close in the sixth round when SI Flock received the decision.

Other bouts of the card were Bill Murphy of Salem against William Poole of Mill City with Poole winning the decision. Specs Fitzgerald won a decision over Herman Clock, both of Mill City.

Kid Summers won a decision over young Fisher, both from Salem.

The curtain raiser consisting of Hollis Turnidge, Lewis Ellsworth, Art Harris and Lewis Gregory was a source of merriment for the entire crowd. Each boy wore a glove on one hand and carried a cowbell in the other after being blindfolded they proceeded to box. Hollis Turnidge proved winner after dodging all the blows of the other boys.

The smoker was the most successful of any ever presented and Manager Bogess as well as fight fans are looking forward to another in the near future.

**FLAMING CROSS FORMED**  
LAS CRUCES, Mex., Dec. 12.—(AP)—A huge flaming cross,

## DALLAS DEFEATS RICKREALL 16-11

**DALLAS, Dec. 12.—(Special)**  
December 11—Dallas high opened its basketball season Tuesday night when it defeated Rickreall there 16 to 11. The game was close and hard fought throughout. In the second half the teams fought so evenly that there were only eight points scored.

Rickreall scored four and Dallas four. There were many fouls called but most of them were accidents due to lack of experience and practice on the part of both teams. Capps, Rickreall forward, was put out of the game in third quarter for four personals. Rickreall and Dallas play their second game at Dallas next Tuesday, December 17.

Dallas (16) Rickreall (11)  
Moser (0) .....G..... Hyde (4)  
Uglow (6) .....G..... Capps (3)  
Webb (0) .....C..... Morrow (1)  
Quiring (6) .....F L Hafterson 0  
Vaughn (4) .....F R Hafterson 1  
Humphreys (0) .....Allen (2)  
Plett (0) .....Hamilton 3

The Dallas substitutions were Humphreys for Quiring in second quarter. Humphreys for Vaughn in third quarter and Plett for Moser in the fourth quarter.

**18 BEARCATS WILL BE GIVEN AWARDS**  
Sweaters or certificates will be awarded to 18 members of the Willamette university football squad which played through the season just ended and won the Northwest conference championship. It was indicated Thursday

## PHELAN SIGNS WITH HUSKIES

**Expected Appointment Made Of Purdue Coach by Washington**

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 12.—(AP)—James M. Phelan, who brought to a climax eight years of football coaching at Purdue university by winning the Western Conference championship of 1929, announced today that he has signed a contract to coach football at the University of Washington for the next four years.

Phelan was reluctant to discuss the salary he will receive at the Seattle, Wash., university. "The amount of money," he said, "will be announced from the other end of the line."

From persons who have been closely associated with Phelan, came information indicating that his salary in the new position will be close to \$15,000 a year.

A year ago Phelan signed a three year contract with Purdue university athletic officials. Major Nelson A. Kellogg, director of athletics, declared there was no disposition on the part of Purdue to hold the football coach to his contract.

Kansas City is planning a municipal university to be known as the University of Kansas City.

## HOME GAMES MANY UPON SALEM'S SKED

Plenty of home games are provided on the basketball schedule which has been worked out for the Salem high school quintet this year. Following the alumni game which will be Friday night of next week, the first interscholastic game will be with the strong Aberdeen, Wash., team, Saturday of the week following.

The schedule is as follows:  
Dec. 29, Alumni, here.  
Jan. 4, Aberdeen, Wash., here.  
Jan. 8, Woodburn, there.  
Jan. 11, Eugene, there.  
Jan. 14, open.  
Jan. 17, Oregon City, there.  
Jan. 23, 24, and 25 at Astoria.  
Jan. 29, Woodburn, here.  
Feb. 1, Eugene, here.  
Feb. 6, 7, and 8, Medford, Ashland.  
Feb. 14-15, Astoria, here.  
Feb. 19, open.  
Feb. 22, Chemawa, there.  
Feb. 25, Oregon City, here.  
Feb. 28, Silverton, there.  
March 4, Chemawa, here.

Clay Osborne, 90, of Clark county, Ohio, has attended every national reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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