

# Salem Hoopers Show Strength but Lose to Alumni 35-31



That guess wasn't pretty good—it was perfect. Guessing average .644; 47 right and 26 wrong. The boys have thrown away the black rules, but they can cut some new ones any time it's necessary.

Great pioneer pageant under way at Eugene and Corvallis. "Passing of the Couch and Four." The four referred to being four football games with California conference teams. Only one old spavined nag left in the paddock.

One of the best substitutes for Oregon mistletoe is a head of bobbed red hair. More convenient to carry around, too.

"Hitting pedestrians is a messy habit when Christmas brotherhood is in the air," advises Mrs. Slippy. Do your Christmas stopping early, in other words.

We are informed that the difficulty which set Columbia U. back a year in getting recognition by the Northwest conference, was simply its failure to send out eligibility lists before each game. Sounds technical, but that's where a lot of trouble starts.

Willamette has quite a batch of home basketball games scheduled. Oregon State will be here January 4, Linfield the 25th, Pacific February 7, College of Puget Sound February 14 and 15, College of Idaho February 20 and 21. There will be some other games, not yet signed up.

But from present appearances, this isn't the year for Willamette to knock over any coast conference teams, even if it should prove able. The games with Oregon State are too early, and Oregon hasn't conceded to play the Bearcats. It handed Willamette the same line it got from the California schools about football games—"no open dates."

Before we forget it, let's pick Stanford to beat the Army today.

McEwan's success during his four years at Oregon was declared by council members to have been little short of phenomenal," says a story from Eugene. "He took over an under-dog Webfoot team in 1924 and this season led his eleven to a tie for the Pacific coast conference, they stated."

Yes, and if Jack Benefield had been smart enough not to play any of the California schools this year, the Webfoots could have had the championship—but there wouldn't have been much whooping over that, figuring comparative scores with the other northern teams that played the Native Sons.

"Had McEwan continued as Oregon coach after he resigned, serious difficulties might have developed in the midst of the 1930 season," the council members feared, and judging by the Bagshaw traces at Seattle, they were right.

As it is, next season ought to be a boomer in northwest football, with new men at the helms of formidable gridiron ships.

## MAN SUICIDES IN WIFE'S PRESENCE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Verna M. Snell wrote her husband's will today and furnished him the weapon with which he killed himself, but did both unwittingly.

Police said the man, John R. Snell, 33, obviously had committed suicide, and Mrs. Snell's story withstood investigation.

Mrs. Snell said her husband announced suddenly this morning that he was going to leave her, and wished to draw up a property settlement divesting upon her all his property, including their home and service station, providing she would care for his mother. He directed her to bring him his pistol, because he wished to take it with him. She wrote the document and he signed it. She then procured the gun, and a moment after she handed it to him, heard a shot.

Snell's body with a bullet through the heart was found in his bedroom.

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## DWIGHT ADAMS CHALKS UP 24

### Veterans Feed Ball to Willamette Star Who Gets Two Dozen Points

With Dwight Adams, all-northwest conference forward and Willamette university star, looping the basket from every angle to gather a total of 24 points, the Salem high alumni hoop team defeated Coach Hollis Huntington's Salem quintet by the score of 35 to 31 in the annual alumni-high school game played here Friday night.

But it took a last quarter rally on the part of the alumni tilters to win the game. The Salem five held the lead at the end of the half 20 to 12 and also at the close of the third canto when the score stood 26 to 23 for the preppers. Huntington injected three of his substitutes in the last frame and these players were unable to cope with the experienced array of alumni stars.

Good Prospects for Strong Team Seen

Salem's prospects for a winner this season look unusually good if the performance of the team last night is a criterion of their play in coming league games. The combination of Kitchen and Pettit at forwards; Graber at center; and Sanford and Satchler at guards seemed to be the best early-season five that the high school has placed upon the floor for several seasons past.

While the team has yet to learn plenty, it has potential strength in these five players. Huntington's work will be to develop reserve strength as there seems to be a dearth of material available this year. Ray Graber at center played a fine game Friday and should be outstanding if he keeps up the work. He outjumped both John Drager and Homer Lyons, former Salem star pivot men, and was following in on every shot. Graber was also evident in offensive play and time and again broke down the center of the floor to pass or shoot for the net. He was in the open on several occasions but did not prefer to shoot, passing the ball to his forwards instead. A few games experience and he should be a high scorer.

Prepper's Defense Caught off Guard

The Salem defense showed strength at times but the guards, especially Bob Kelly, pulled out of position to play the floor a bit too much and when the ball was lost to the alumni they failed to form a defense soon enough to stop a score. Kelly tallied some nice long shots in the first half but did not connect during the second half.

Little can be said of the alumni play. The players, all former high school stars, played a nice passing game. Adams seemed to get into the open regularly and he was fed by the other players. The game was unusually clean for a game of this character and no player was ejected from the contest because of too many personal fouls.

The lineup: Salem High (81) Alumni (85) Kitchen (9) F..... (24) Adams Pettit (2) F..... E. Siegmund Graber (5) C..... (5) J. Drager Kelly (11) G..... H. Ashby Sanford..... G..... (4) R. Ashby W. Siegmund 2..... (2) Lyons Satchler..... S..... Schwabauer Foreman (2) S..... D. Siegmund S..... Beechler Referee: Wes Ellis.

## On the Sidelines

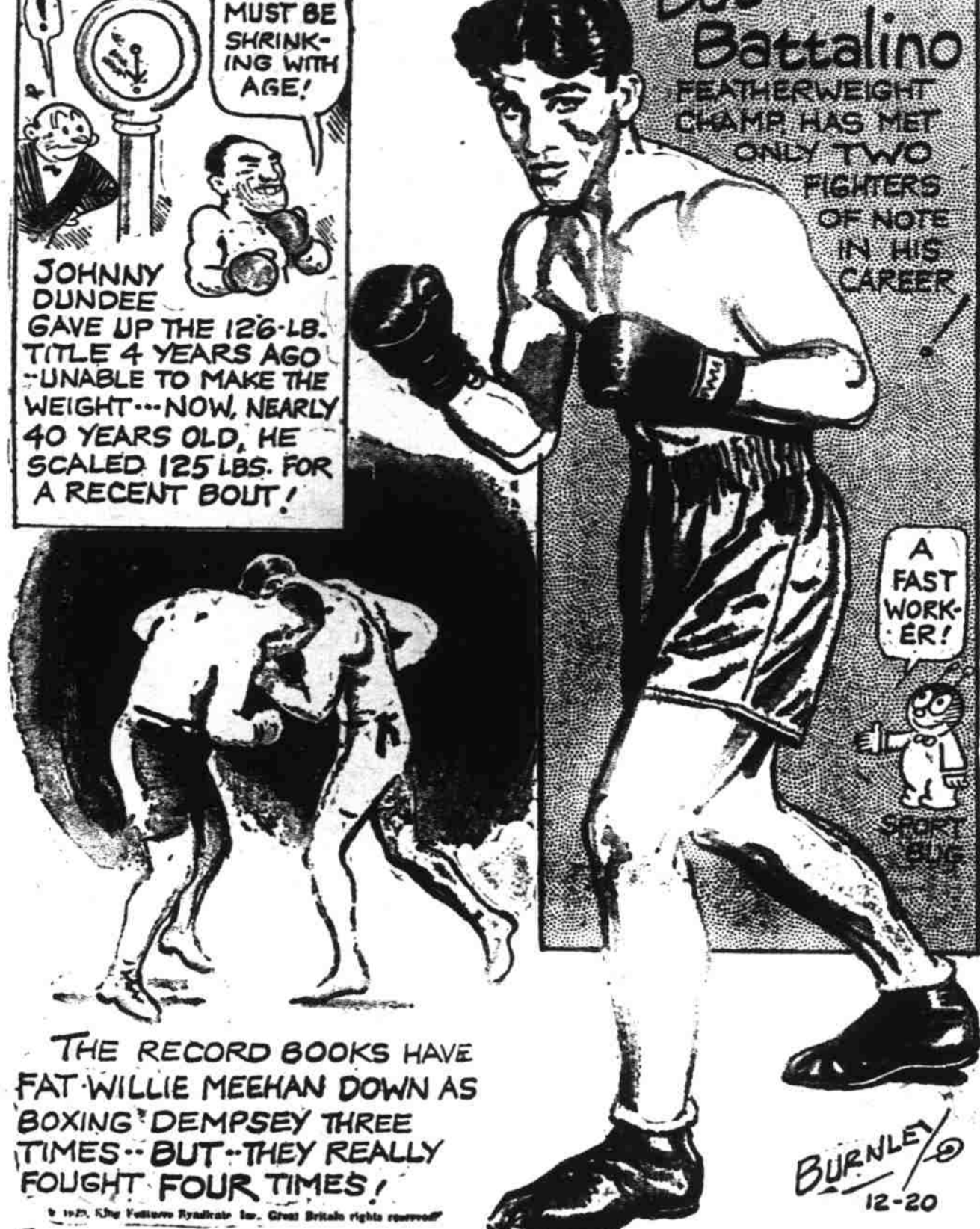
By BRIAN BELL

When the football season is being put away in moth balls in the east, it will just be getting into its stride in the south. Ten of the Southern conference teams will not ring down the football curtain

# Willamette's Basketball Schedule Is Made Public Here

## Some Sport Curiosities

By HARDIN BURNLEY



Willie Meehan, who will be famed forever as one of the two men officially credited with whipping Jack Dempsey before the latter became champion, insists he fought the Manassa marvel four times instead of three. Willie claims he licked Jack twice—once so badly that Jack Kerns kept it out of the records! Like Dempsey, Meehan is now in the show business, specializing in the scenic end of the profession. He's not sluggish and—Willie insists that he and Gene Tunney are the only persons who truthfully can boast of having outboxed Dempsey twice!

As a matter of fact, Meehan boxed Dempsey six times in the dim days when Jack was just a young ham-and-beaner but only four of those clashes were ever of enough importance to be even mentioned in the press.

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While some criticism is heard of that "synthetic" nature of that championship "transfer," the most expert critics at the ringside agreed that Routis really deservedly won the decision.

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## 6 CONFERENCE TILTS AT HOME

### Two Games Will be Played With Oregon State but None With Oregon

Six Northwest conference games at home are on Willamette university's basketball schedule for the season which will open early in the new year, it was learned when Leslie Sparks, graduate manager, returned from Portland where the annual conference meeting was held Thursday.

The schedule is as follows: Jan. 3, O. S. C. at Corvallis. Jan. 10, O. S. C. at Salem. Jan. 21, Pacific at Forest Grove. Jan. 24, Linfield at McMinnville. Jan. 25, Linfield at Salem. Feb. 7, Pacific at Salem. Feb. 14 and 15, Whitman at Walla Walla. Feb. 17 and 18, C. P. S. at Salem. Feb. 20 and 21, College of Idaho at Salem.

Some other games will undoubtedly be filled in for the period between January 4 and January 21, but it will be impossible to schedule any games with the University of Oregon, Mr. Sparks said, athletic authorities there having stated that their schedule is already full.

The baseball schedule will be worked out separately by officials of the east and west divisions of the conference, but the playoff between champions of the two divisions will be May 26, 27 and 28, and is to be held this year on the west side, probably in the city where the west side champion college is located.

The conference track meet will be held at Walla Walla May 29 and 30, and the tennis tournament the same dates at Tacoma. Aside from a reading of the resolution passed by the Independent Colleges of Oregon, nothing was done at this meeting relative to the proposed elimination of freshmen from intercollegiate competition.

Columbia university's failure to live up to conference standards, on which it was denied admittance to the conference for another year, consisted in not furnishing eligibility lists prior to games, it was reported.

A committee was appointed to work out the details of a tournament in which group and exhibition athletics would be featured under a plan proposed by Dean F.

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## BENNY BASS IS NEW CHAMPION

### Ted Morgan Kayoed in Second Round of Junior Lightweight Title

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Benny Bass of Philadelphia, knocked out Ted Morgan, junior lightweight champion, in the second round of their 15 round match tonight to become the new 130 pound titleholder. Morgan was down twice before being counted out.

A moderate crowd saw the passing of the westerner from the title class after defending his championship successfully 15 times in four years. Morgan appeared well on the way to an easy victory after having Bass in distress in the first round from rights to the chin.

A wild right floored Morgan for nine and another finished him in 51 seconds of the second round. Morgan weighed 128; Bass 127.

## Better Location For Employment Office Is Asked

Need of a more central location for the local employment bureau has been stressed in the last few days by persons who frequently employ help. It has been stated that women seeking work do not care to visit the employment office in its present location on Front street.

In view of the great volume of help employed through this of-

## BEARCATS HALT HOOP PRACTICE

### Players Suspend Work Until After Christmas Holidays Here

The Willamette university basketball squad terminated practice Thursday, the players going home Friday for the Christmas vacation. They will return on Monday, December 30, for four days' practice prior to the two game series with Oregon State.

The first of these games will be played at Corvallis Friday, January 3, and the second in the Willamette gymnasium the following night.

During that week the squad will be directed by Assistant Coach Leslie Sparks. Coach Spec Keene left Friday morning for California, planning to attend the Stanford-Army football game today, and the New Year's tilt at Pasadena.

The Willamette hoop squad has been coming along slowly, Coach Keene fearing to give his men too much strenuous work so early in the season and risk the possibility of staleness later.

The lettermen, Cardinal Adams, Hawk Gibson and Scales, are exhibiting the form which might be expected of them so early in the season, and several new men are showing up well, among them Carpenter, Braley and Gretsch.

Peterson, freshman injured in an inter-fraternity football game, will turn out for basketball after the holidays, when it is expected his arm will be healed sufficiently for use. It is possible also that one or more members of Coach Sparks' freshman squad will be drafted for the varsity squad, Gus Moore being the most likely candidate at present.

and the excellent manner in which its work is handled by Sim Phillips, it was argued that the employment office was deserving of a better location.

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