

### From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Our Senator boss-man Charlie Petersen has come home from the wilderness of Idaho to thaw out now and is back at work at Willamette Iron and Steel in Portland. Works right alongside brother-in-law Jack Wilson who now serves for Detroit Tigers. Three guesses on which one will be playing ball for his parent club come summer.



PHIL SALSTROM

Alf Caliteaux, Bud Moore, Phil Salstrom, "Curly" Robbe and George Babich. And all have been placed squarely in the middle of the block, with records, averages, etc., for the interested parties to look over.

Moore, Salstrom and Robbe are considered too much of a "risk" by FCL bosses simply because of their draft status. The last we heard Moore's board was hot on his heels. Salstrom was expecting the official envelope a ripe age of 18.

Which leaves Petersen, Caliteaux and Babich—all draft proof at present. And the fire has been long cooking under certain deals involving their sale. Pete and Caliteaux are 3-A—Babich 4-F. All of which reverts us right back to another question: "Will there be baseball in the WIL next summer?"

### Aladdin Second Best

You know as much about that as we, but if there is it will be more of a miracle than Aladdin got by rubbing his lamp. If there isn't, which is more like it, Bertie Baseball Fan shouldn't have too much trouble seeing a ball game now and then, although a lot of Berties are right now alongside a lot of ballplayers in the services, and a lot more wouldn't exercise their "A" book powers to drive to a game if the Yanks and Cardinals were winding up their World series over in Rickreall.

But towns like Silverton, Albany, Woodburn, McMinnville, Mt. Angel and Dallas could burst forth with necessitated nines along with a couple from the village and form a "Duration" league of their own. Of course it wouldn't be like watching a Bucky Harris or Pete Hughes or Smead Jolley bust down all the fences, or like gazing on the sparkling efforts of a Lefty Al Liza or Frankie Diercker or Don Osborn on the mound, but it would be baseball and a lot more fun than watching home-town rivalry village toe.

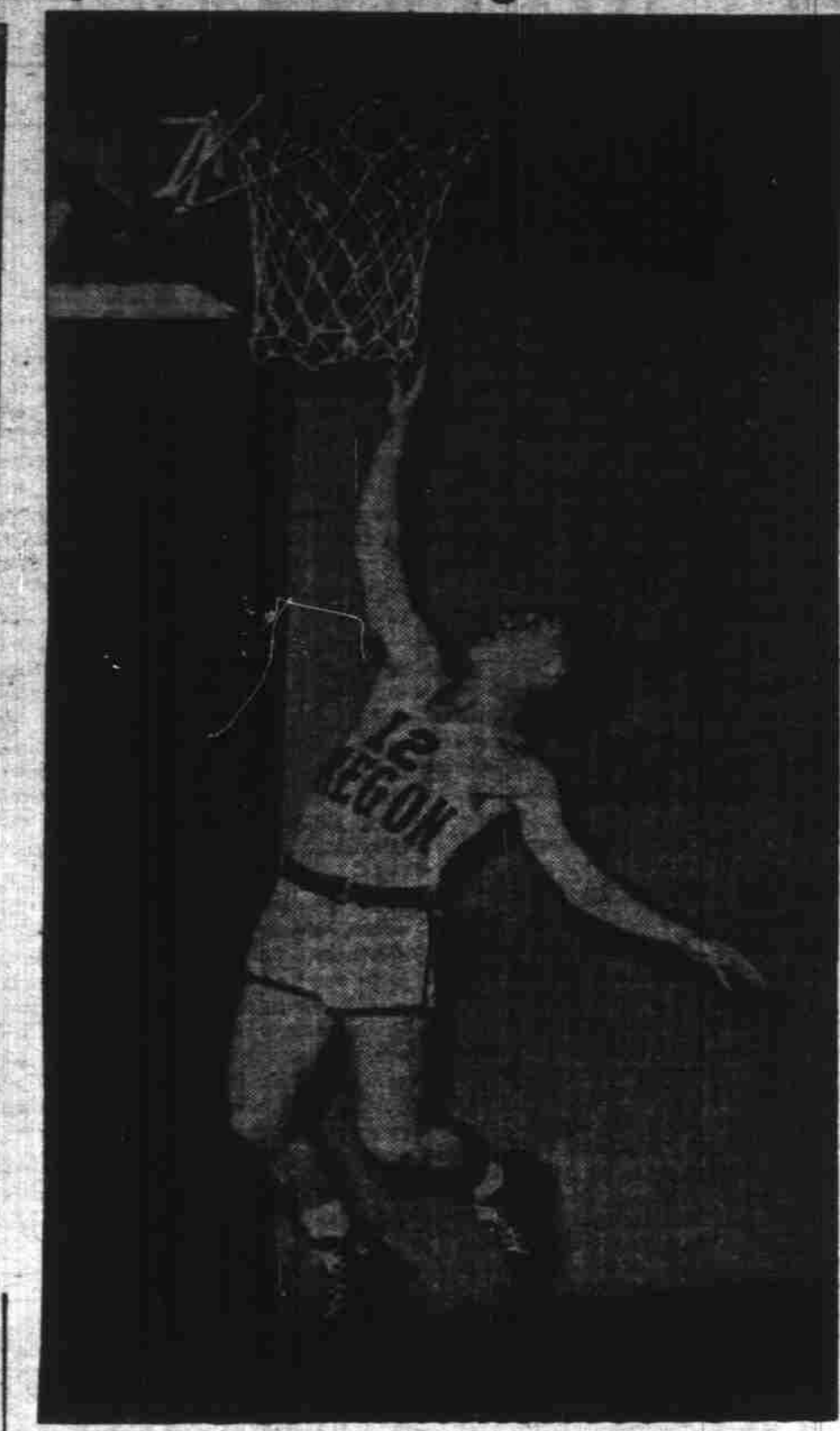
Best of all, it would give all the grandstand "wolves" a chance to don the spikes and glove, grab a bat and show just how it should be done instead of bawling it out in a blood-curdling screech from back in the depths and protection of the stands.

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DON BARNICK (left), veteran Willamette Bearcat guard, and Capt. Don Kirsch (right), University of Oregon guard, will see action tonight at Willamette gym when the Webfoots and Bearcats tangle in the last of their two-game series. The Ducks edged WU, 36-33, in a thriller Wednesday night at Eugene.

### Fishing Prospects

PORTLAND, Jan. 7-(AP)—Limit catches are being made in Tillamook streams but otherwise the weekend fishing outlook is not encouraging, the state game commission said Thursday. The county reports in the weekly bulletin:

- Clackamas—Fishing poor.
- Clatsop—Lewis & Clark and Necanicum rivers yielding few steelhead. Big creek good.
- Columbia—Fair catches reported on Nehalem and Clatskanie rivers and Beaver and Rock creeks.
- Cook—Conditions poor.
- Douglas—Good steelhead fishing predicted next week.
- Jackson—Fishing poor.
- Josephine—No catches reported but good fishing expected this weekend.

Half-time ended 14-6. Amsberry and Bullock were the main driving wheels of the Independence team. Each scored eight points. Lumber and Thompson contributed five each for the home team.

MONMOUTH

McLean (2)	F	(5) Lumber
Amsberry (8)	F	(1) Crook
H. Maret (4)	G	(1) Blodgett
Bullock (8)	G	(5) Thompson
Hanen (3)	G	(1) Jensen
Subs: Indep. — Brown 2, G. Maret 1, Johnson 1, Monmouth — Young 1, Kelley 2. Officials: Hyman and Wilson of OCE.		

**'Strangler' Reduces**  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, the 54-year-old ex-wrestler, walks 15 miles a day to keep in shape. He says he has reduced his weight by 50 pounds.

### Spokane Oldster Will Welcome 100th Year With Turn on Rink

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 7-(AP)—John Jerome White isn't one of those centenarians who celebrate their 100th birthday by just welcoming in a few intimate old friends.

Mr. White will lace on his ice skates, go down to the Spokane ice arena and spin around the ice a bit. He'll skate backward, maybe do a few figure eights and some fancy cross steps.

When he reached his 98th birthday, he skated two hours at the arena and had spectators worried for fear of what might happen if he fell as he scooted along backward.

But his ambition then was to skate the afternoon of his 100th birthday. He'll not only skate, he'll be the feature attraction in the figure skating carnival opening at the ice arena January 12—the night of his birthday.

And it won't be a short display of his talent. He thinks nothing of a two-hour session just practicing for the event. As for the skills, he takes them in stride as he nears 100, but they don't come often. He learned to skate long enough ago that he knows how to keep his balance.

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# Webfoots, 'Cats Close Casaba Series Here Tonight at 8:15

## Bivins Batters Ez Charles in Lighthheavy Go

Cleveland Negro Ups Step in Tournament

By LARRY SMITH  
CLEVELAND, Jan. 7-(AP)—Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland, ranked by the National Boxing association as the logical contender for the light heavyweight title held by Gus Lesnevich, blasted out a 10-round decision over Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati Thursday night.

Bivins, who has gained the reputation as a clown, was all business Thursday night as he floored Charles three times for a count of nine. The Cincinnati also took a count of two in the eighth of the scrap—the second stanza in Matchmaker Larry Atkins' tourna-

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# Sports

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## Seal Boss Predicts No Ball in Coast League

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7-(AP)—Conceding that baseball "is not an essential industry," President Charley Graham of the Coast league San Francisco Seals predicted Thursday night that the 1943 league schedule would be scrapped.

## Vikings Face Astoria Five

Coach Frank Brown's Salem high basketball team, with four straight win belts swinging from their belts, invade the lair of the State Champion Astoria Fishermen tonight and tomorrow night for important engagements with the Finns. In the past these seasonal clashes between usually a basketball game between the Huskies and the Harlem Globe Trotters. The exhibition will be scheduled for next Wednesday night, with proceeds above nominal expenses going to the servicemen's recreational equipment fund.

Meanwhile, Coach Hec Edmondson drilled the Husky hoopers hard for game against Whitman Friday night and central Washington Saturday. Edmondson expressed fear the players might be taking the Whitman game too lightly and might receive a rude jolt.

The central Washington quintet is the one the Huskies really are leveling for. The teachers hung the only defeat of the season on Washington team in a pre-Christmas clash at Ellensburg.

Brown named a 10-man squad to leave via bus for the coast this morning. Travelling will be center Courtney Jones and Allen Bellinger, forwards Martin Svarverud, Bill Ransom, Travis Cross and Pete Corbet and guards Gordy, McMorris, Eldon Farlow, Sam

## Keenemen Out To Upset UO's Colorful Club

Close Tilt Expected; Finale for Kelly

The University of Oregon Webfoots, with an extremely close 36-33 count hanging over the Willamette basketball Bearcats as a result of their first meeting at Eugene Wednesday night, waddle into Salem tonight to close the two-game series with the 'Cats on the Willamette floor starting at 8:15 o'clock.

In Wednesday's clash down south the men of "Spec" Keene gave Howard Hobson's hip-dipper Pacific Coast conference quintet all they wanted in the way of close basketball. Some of those who saw that game claim the Bearcats could have won it had they been able to make good a few comparatively easy shots near the end despite the fact that Hobson sent in his regulars to quell the strong Methodist rally.

Keene worked his charges hard Thursday in an effort to point out a few mistakes they made at Eugene Wednesday.

From all indications tonight's contest will attract the largest basketball crowd of the season. The Ducks employ the "run 'em ragged" style of play, which is a sure crowd-pleaser. The Keenemen boast plenty of speed and potency themselves, as proven by an earlier 46-43 win over the Camp Adair Timber Wolves and then the close game they gave the Ducks Wednesday night.

It will be the final appearance in a WU hoop suit for at least the duration for starting Forward Dave Kelly. The All-Northwest conference football end, a member of the navy's V-5 class, has received orders to report to La Grande on January 18.

Along with Kelly, other 'Cat starters will probably be Wes Saxton, forward, Gene Schmidt, center, and Don Barnick and Pat White, guards.

Hobson will probably employ the same tactics he used Wednesday.

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## Sports Fans Asked for East's Curtailment On Pleasure Driving Attests Writer Martin

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
NEW YORK, Jan. 7-(AP)—Well, if you ask us, the sports fans asked for it. Asked for the ban on all pleasure driving along the eastern seaboard, that is.

The handwriting has been on the wall these many months. It didn't take a code expert to glean from periodic official utterances the fact that the government frowned upon the use of motor cars in attending sports events, yet what happened?

Pictures of race track parking lots showed them jammed until you couldn't squeeze in a bicycle. Regular season football games in some instances prided in whopping attendance, with any heebie-jeebie knowing all the fans didn't come by train or walk.

And what capped it off was the news that 30,000 cars were parked in the vicinity of the

## Indians Fear Frozen Players

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7-(AP)—The "pegging" of Cleveland war workers in their present jobs posed a manpower question for the Cleveland Indians Thursday night.

The new labor stabilization program adopted by the labor-management committee of the war manpower commission in this area left in doubt the status of several Tribesmen employed this winter in war work.

Some WMC officials, admitting this problem had not been foreseen, informally expressed the opinion the players would be affected by the stabilization program, under which workers in war industries are not to change to less essential jobs.

Cleveland Indians now working in essential industries include Mel Harder, Jim Bagby, Harry Eisenstat, Al Milnar, Hank Edwards and Oris Hockett.

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