

Legion's All-Soldier Punch Party Awaits Armory Gong, 8:15 Tonight

Sports

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From the BLEACHERS

Tch, tch, too bad. No Western International, no Salem Senators, so no manager. But Harry Taylor, Seattle's first sacker in 1930-31, didn't know that at the time he wrote our Senators his application to skipper 'em. Like so many others nowadays, Taylor was doing a good job with Jackson, Miss., in the Southwestern loop until it went blooey along with all but nine of the 43 minor leagues. Besides Taylor's two seasons with Seattle, he's put in 11 more, two of which were with the Cubs. His Jackson outfit finished third in an eight-club circuit last year, took second in the Shaughnessy playoffs and he both managed and played regularly. So when baseball blooms in the village again Taylor might not be such a bad bet as a field boss at that . . .



TONY FRAIOLA

Wonder what hospital Wally Palmberg was in before his Astoria Fishermen won their way to the state tourney? The Finns accomplished polishing off Newberg for district 5 honors minus their generalissimo, Captain Cliss Crandall, who was out with the mumps.

And having a hoopster like Crandall on the sidelines during a blue chip battle is like taking seven cylinders out of a V-8 and entering it in a race.

Good thing little Newberg was the opposition. And knowing how Palmberg all but annihilates himself even when Crandall is in the thick of things, yet gods what he must have gone through with him out! . . .

Feather for Fraiola's Fedora

You wouldn't think an ex-Little All-America football guard would know a heckuva lot about basketball, but Tony Fraiola, Willamette's submarining terror of a couple seasons ago did right well in his first year out as a hoop coach at Sacred Heart. It wasn't Tony's maiden voyage in the coaching racket, as he was Spec Keene's right hand man at WU last fall during the successful 'Cat grid season. But Tony took what was left of only a mediocre Academy outfit of last season and brought it through an unblemished league season picking up the Marion and Clackamas county's B league titles en route. Quite a feather for any coach's bonnet, let alone a first year man.

Incidentally, as a first year man Leroy Pierson at Woodburn gets an extra large feather for his lid, too. The Duration title, old district 11 title and still going Thursday in district 4's tourney.

Keep an Eye on Dayton's Dunkers

Dayton high finally put the skids under the Sacred Heart boys in the four-county championship game last week, but watch for this same Dayton outfit to come rolling into the tournament as one of the state's best four B teams. A-la-Bellfontaine of 1937 maybe.

Ted Hipp's crew (he's the former Linfield court and grid great) hasn't been beaten yet this year, and enters the McMinnville regional finals today as the team to try and keep from coming to Salem.

And while keeping an eye on this Dayton team keep the other one on its center Roger Todd. The SHA kids say he's terrific on the hoop floor. If he's as potent on the mapleboards as he was on Hipp's grid eleven last fall we're convinced right now. Six feet 4-inches tall, as tough as a piece of wire, hands like the proverbial hams and catching passes as if they were baseballs instead of footballs.

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Lane—Only fishing now at



Light-heavy Pvt. Sammy Longert of the 381st. Watch him tonight.

Packed House Expected for Game's Return

Adair Battlers Set To Shoot the Works

Salem's cauliflower canyon—the armory—which hasn't seen a nose bashed by a boxing glove in over a long year now, comes back into its own tonight when Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, rings up the curtain on its all-servicemen amateur fight card at 8:15. And when the soldiers finally quit the punch auditorium tonight there should be more than just a few welts and bruises going with 'em.

Advance ticket sales have been strenuous, an indication that no less than a packed house will view proceedings. A dozen bouts, all three-rounders featuring the boxing teams of the 381st and 383rd infantry outfits of Camp Adair have been matched. Both camps boast clever and ring-wise gamesters, and reports sifting in from the military reservation say that the battlers will be backed to the limit by respective camps.

Feature bouts of the evening appear to be the lightweight scrap between the 383rd's pet, Tony Gamache, and Ted Curless of the 381st; the light-heavy go between Sammy Longert, pride of the 381st and Joe Rerischak, well-versed vet of the 383rd, and the heavy-weight session featuring a couple of 240 pounders—Max Bekish of the 383rd and Danny Cox of the 381st.

Boxing coaches and athletic officers of both camps claim their men are ready and waiting not to box but fight.

One comedy bout is included in the dozen, a three-rounder featuring a grudge between Lakamu, at 98 pounds, and Lipsey, at an even 280.

Leo "Frisco" Edwards, long associated with sports in Salem, will referee tonight's card. Judges will be Harry Collins, of the telephone company and Roy S. "Spee" Keene, director of athletics at Willamette university. Harry Levy will handle the public address system.

There are to be no draws tonight—all bouts will wind up in a decision one way or the other at least.

Salem's radio station KSLM will handle a blow-by-blow description of the punch party by remote control from ringside.

Tickets may be purchased at Cliff Parker's sporting goods store today or at the scene of the sessions tonight.

Astoria Loses Her Palmberg

ASTORIA, March 4—(AP)—Coach Wally Palmberg of Astoria high school's defending Oregon basketball championship team will go into the navy on the eve of the state tournament finals at Salem.

Slated to leave for officers training school at Durham, N.C., March 13, Palmberg will not be able to steer his Fishermen if they reach the finals. He will be on hand for the first two nights of tournament play, however.

His Astoria team boasts 18 consecutive victories and no defeats this season and is bidding for an unprecedented third straight state championship. Palmberg's five-year record at Astoria is 125 wins against 35 losses.

Husky-Beaver Battles Aired

The Washington-Oregon State championship basketball series at Seattle tonight and tomorrow will be broadcast over station KWJJ, Portland, starting at 8 o'clock both nights. Associated Sportscaster Ted Bell will play-by-play the games.

Eons Entrain For Tourney

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 4—(AP)—Eastern Oregon College of Education's basketball team entrained Thursday night for Kansas City to represent Oregon at the national intercollegiate tournament starting March 8.

The Mountaineers, winners of Oregon intercollegiate conference, won the right to enter the tourney by defeating Linfield College, Northwest conference co-champion with Willamette in a playoff.

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TONIGHT'S ARMORY BOXING CARD

(First Bout 8:15 P. M.)

381st Infantry	vs.	383rd Infantry
Johnny Vickers	126	Francis Leonard
Johnny Matthews	126	Dazy Dailey
Al Lebauef	135	Jake Civallo
Ted Curless	135	Tony Gamache
Don Adams	135	Will Ruge
Case Casey	143	Al Lemme
Brother Jones	Cthwts.	Juicy Juran
Will Jones	143	Orlie Garber
Sammy Longert	175	Joe Rerischak
Danny Rosterman	175	Al Milutinovich
Abbie Cox	Heavy	Max Bekish
Lakamu (98 lbs.)	Grudge	Lipsey (280 lbs.)

Referee—"Frisco" Edwards. Judges—Spee Keene, Harry Collins.
Announcer and timekeeper—Harry Levy.

Lt. Charlie Gehringer Rates Lefty Grove and Dizzy Dean Toughest to Hit, Ted Williams More Powerful Than Bambino

By RUSS NEWLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4—(AP)—Lieut. Charles Leonard Gehringer, trim and natty in his navy uniform, looked back over 17 years of baseball as a Detroit Tigers star and did not even hesitate over the question: Who was the fastest pitcher you ever faced?



Lt. Gehringer was with the Philadelphia Athletics, he said with a finality that left no doubt.

"Grove threw the hardest ball I've seen. He was faster than Bob Feller of Cleveland, in my opinion.

"Grove also was the toughest I ever batted against. Being a left hander he had that advantage on a left handed hitter. Feller has a terrific speed ball but I had less trouble with him than with Grove.

"The best National league pitcher I ever went up against was Dizzy Dean of the Cardinals. He had everything, speed and a good curve. They used to talk about his being eccentric but he sure was smart on the mound. I never batted against Walter Johnson but most of the baseball men who should know claim that in his prime with

Washington he was faster than any other pitcher the game has known."

Lieut. Gehringer, newly assigned to the navy pre-flight school at St. Mary's college, will coach baseball there. He says he will not return to the professional end of the sport, either as a player or a manager.

He fashioned his entire big league career in a Detroit uniform. Only immortal Ty Cobb served with the Tigers. Aside from leading the American league in hitting in 1927, with .366, and being named the most valuable player that year, Gehringer has been ranked by some as the finest second baseman in the history of the league.

His 17 year batting average

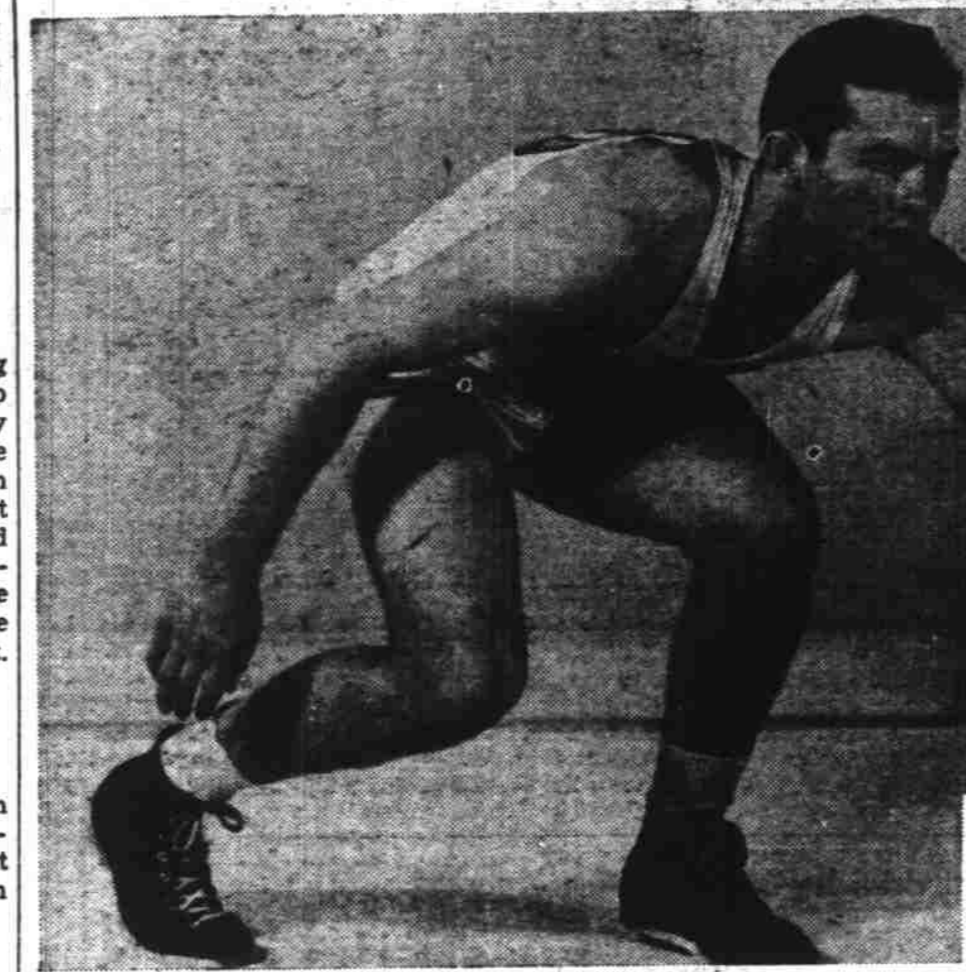
of .321 makes him something of an authority on hitting. During his time he sized up two mighty maulers, namely the one and only Babe Ruth of Yankee fame and Ted Williams, the more recent slugger of the Boston Red Sox.

Of the two, Gehringer leans toward Williams in the matter of power hitting. This in spite of the fact that Bambino set the home run record of 60 in 1927.

"Ruth had an easier right field to hit to in Yankee stadium than Williams had in the Red Sox park, with its windy hazards. I'd like to have seen them on the same club. I think Ted would have outpowered the Babe."

BEAVER BEAUTY

Beavers Open Tie or Die Clashes With UW Tonight



DON DURDAN, Oregon State cage ace, in his last Northern division series for OSC this weekend. He hopes it will be a clean sweep for the Beavers, therein giving them a tie with Washington for the title.

Conn Offers Efforts Free Against Joe

PITTSBURGH, March 4—(AP) Corporal William Davis "Billy" Conn declared Thursday night he is willing to fight Sgt. Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight title "for nothing."

Conn, home on a furlough from Camp Lee, Va., also gave his approval of a proposal for such a fight, whereby purchasers of seats would buy Victory bonds ranging from \$25 for the "Bleachers" to \$10,000 for ringside.

The plan was sent Thursday by mail to Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war, by Post-Gazette Columnist Al Abrams, organizer of the Dapper Dan Charity club. Stimson halted a scheduled rematch between Conn and Louis last year after learning the fighters were to have certain debts and income tax payments made from the receipts.

Mammy for Beau
NEW YORK—(AP)—Beau Jack, the lightweight champion, received an odd request recently. On opening his fan mail, Beau found a letter from an elderly lady who asked him to "adopt me as your mother."

Both Quintets In Top Shape

Huskies' Pole Spot Makes 'Em Favorites

Whether Coach Slat's Gill's Northern division titleholders retain at least a share of that tiara or leave it in Seattle with the Washington Huskies could be decided tonight, or at the very latest, tomorrow night. The Beavers open their tie or die series with the Huskies tonight, wind it up tomorrow night.

Two Beaver wins will knot things tighter than alkyard traffic at five o'clock between the Beavers, Huskies and Oregon Ducks, necessitating a play-off to see which outfit hosts Southern California, the Southern division winner. A Husky win tonight or tomorrow night, however, and the Beavers can start thinking about next year.

Both the Beavers and Huskies will be a full strength for the blue chip series, in these days quite a break. The Orangemen thought they lost freshman Bill Taitt to the service, but he's been given until March 15 to report.

Since the Seattle boys have but a single game to win while OSC must sweep both, the former five are odds-on favorites to lift the crown from the Corvallis men. Oregon State has one thing on her side, however—the Beavers have always been tough on the Huskies in the latter's own back yard.

Both Gill and Coach Hed Edmondson will undoubtedly open up with their best shots and both will have a man apiece who's threatening the division's individual scoring record. For Washington, Bill Morris with 177 points, 16 needed to break record. For OSC, Lew Beck, 159 points, 34 needed to break record.

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'Nother DiMag?
NEW YORK—(AP)—With Joe DiMaggio gone in the army, the New York Yankees may convert pitcher Johnny Lindell into an outfielder. Johnny is quite a boy with that bat and never had any trouble catching them.

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Soderburg Waits Gong To Start Season

WILLIAMS FIELD, Ariz.—(AP) Three professionals are expected to be seen in action for the Williams Field baseball team this season. They include Lou Stringer, Chicago Cubs second-sacker for two years; Stanley Goletz, Oklahoma City twirler; and Paul Soderburg, pitcher for Spokane and Salem, Ore.

Coleman Eyes Frosh Players

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 4—(AP)—Coach Ralph Coleman ruminated among the freshmen Thursday for baseball talent that might put his weak Oregon State college nine in the running for the Pacific coast northern division title.

With only three lettermen eligible for service Coleman was taking full advantage of the new conference ruling which permits yearlings to play on varsity teams.

Don Durdan, also a football and basketball star, will be holding forth at first base or in the outfield as soon as the hoop season ends. The only lettermen are Shortstop Bill McCluskey and outfielder Vic Brown.

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Best Team—No Tourney

SPOKANE, WASH., March 4—(AP)—I would happen this year. For the first time in its 11-year history, John Rogers high school of Spokane would have been able to send a basketball team to the Washington state tournament since it is running up in city play.

But the tournament has been cancelled because of the war.

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