

Handicap Meet Enters Semifinals This Week

Salem's annual handicap tournament, now in full swing on the Salem Golf club layout, heads into the semi-final round this week. The quarterfinal round, featuring eight undefeated title seekers, comes to a close with today's firing. At its close only four of the starting field of 32 will still be eligible

for the championship cup now possessed by Walt Cline, Jr. Pairings for the quarterfinal round, which the tournament committee insists must be completed not later than today, are as follows: Respective handicaps are in parentheses: Bud Thurst (9) vs. Lawrence Alley (8); Bob Soderstrom (3)

vs. Fat Fetret (8); Don Hendrie (5) vs. Eugene Khamiller (8), and Dave Eyre (8) vs. O. E. McCrary (8). First flight matching also tabbed to cease quarterfinal play today: Steve Kraus (15) vs. Ted Chambers (9); George Scales (7) vs. O. E. Thompson (8); Harvey Wahlgren (4) vs. Carl Armpriest (12).

Wise or Otherwise

By ETHAN GRANT
If anyone should happen to remark that I need a haircut, think nothing of it. I have suddenly discovered I have a talent for creating pieces of art. I have already completed my first masterpiece. This ceramic object stands as a monument to extended effort. A right commendable bit of sculpture. And I owe it all to a dear member of my own household.

Exactly to whom I owe the discovery of my heretofore hidden talent remains a mystery. It began late the other afternoon when my wife called up and told me, "We've had an accident." A bottle of rubbing alcohol had been knocked off its perch and broken a hole clear through That Thing in the bathroom. "It's ruined," my wife said, "and we'll have to have a new one, tonight."

It was a serious thing to happen to a staid household such as ours. The sudden decommissioning of That Thing in the bathroom was a major loss which few can fully appreciate. It was hard to imagine being without. I called up a plumbing supply house. The man said a new one would cost between \$12 and \$15. The cost of installation would be \$2.50 an hour.

"Could we get it out tonight?" I asked. "No," the man said. "Not for \$2.50 an hour." The plumber would want double time for the swing shift. So I placed an order for the following day and went on home, prepared to break the sad news that we'd have to get along, somehow, without That Thing until the next day. How did I know a plumber wouldn't fiddle around all night because we'd taken him away from his bridge game?

The family, including Sid the Pup, followed me into the bathroom. And there it was with a hole in the side about the shape of Lake Superior. Three odd-shaped pieces of porcelain were lying on the linoleum. The faces around me were mournful. I chuckled and said I could fix it. And the faces brightened as if I'd pulled a rabbit out of my hat when we had no more meat points.

It's funny, how you never know you have a certain talent until you're forced by necessity to extend yourself. No doubt, of course, that those with less resourcefulness than I would have given up. But I went straight down into the basement and came up with a can of furnace cement and a putty knife. The cement was black, but what difference would that make? We could give it a coat of white paint, couldn't we? If the stuff would hold a sawdust burner together, certainly it ought to hold three insignificant little pieces of porcelain in place.

Painstakingly I smeared the cement and fitted the pieces back into their respective places, tapping them carefully inside and out with the handle of the putty knife. It was an acceptable job, and except for the black lines, which made it look like a map of Maine, New Hampshire and Connecticut, we said it was as good as new.

But something went wrong. The only thing I can figure out is that the manufacturer of the cement forgot to include the necessary waterproofing element. Which reminds me that I must write and call this to their attention. There is no reason in the world why their product couldn't be used for the repair of bathroom instruments. If they could only add the waterproofing.

But the point is, That Thing began leaking like a rusty bucket. Then suddenly yesterday afternoon Maine, New Hampshire and Connecticut collapsed and tumbled out on the floor. This, happening when it did, put us in a distressing predicament. We were having company from Vancouver, and I'm sure it would have been difficult to explain to people from Vancouver why our bathroom thing was in such a state of disrepair.

Knowing already that I had a talent for sculpture, I hastened around town until I found a brand of cement whose manufacturers had been, like myself, sufficiently resourceful to foresee the need of all the necessary ingredients in their product. With this I rushed home, gathered my sculpturing tools and began the job all over again.

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Winning the War in Salem--7



Cans sealed in the giant capper of a Salem cannery will be opened on one of America's battle fronts as fighting fuel for the country's armed forces. Twenty six steaming cans per minute flow down the conveying belt from the cooker while an attendant checks the line of cans.

Salem-Canned Foods Fight But Not as Missiles

By TOM WEISS
Food from Salem's canneries fights in the front lines as the drive and energy of America's soldiers; fights also for America in the political phases of the war as lend-lease material or as the balm and pacifier of populations in the growing area of occupied territory.

Men on the fighting fronts eating from Salem-labeled cans may be reminded that this city in Oregon is helping to insure "freedom from want" by fighting, with canned goods, potential diet deficiencies.

Although the international food congress recently held in Ohio dealt almost exclusively with the two items of food production and distribution, Salem canners report that food processing is the vital third of this three-unit team that keeps the fruits and vegetables fresh for soldiers' mess on a thousand fighting fronts and aboard American men-of-war.

In one year of the last World War Salem processors followed the thousands of American troops with cans by loading more than 40,000 cases of fruit and vegetables aboard ships to be sent to the fighters of Argonne forest.

In only one week of World War II, these same processors have sent millions of American troops more than 80,000 cases of canned goods to be used as battle fuel for soldiers on fronts from the terrain of Sicily to the jungles of New Guinea.

Keeping pace with civilian needs in peace and following in stride with military demands in war has been the work of Salem canners for 53 years. In 1890 Salem canneries were valued at \$20,000; in 1943 a single Salem cannery is reportedly insured for \$3,000,000, and in this case, value indicates production.

One member of the American Eagle squadron sought out a German dive bomber during the night blitzes over England, shot him down and returned to his base. One half cup of pumpkin with its 3500 units of vitamin A eaten regularly by the pilot may have made that feat possible, for this vitamin or chemical is a specific cure for night blindness and is a "must" for all night fighter pilots.

Salem canneries can pumpkins. Quartermasters purchasing food for the army have been informed about the vitamin qualities of pumpkin and its chemical relative, carrots, for according to a reference table in the Western Canner and Packer, the army has requisitioned 100 per cent of the carrot pack.

Food is vital in peace time whether one is eating to live or living to eat, but in war nourishing food is imperative because one eats to fight. In Britain too that was realized by Food Administrator Woolton who requisitioned Britain's entire black currant crop which was supplemented by American lend-lease shipments of fruit.

Miracles of vitamin A may sound like patent medicine advertisements of the '20's, but dieticians and biochemists assert that vitamin A will help to prevent the formation of ulcers, add resistance to the body against infection and combat certain types of arthritis. Prunes, peaches and carrots also contain much vitamin C, the chemical which helps prevent dangerous clotting of blood for wounded.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
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Events of earth-shaking significance trod on each other's heels as another critical week of the global war ended.

From the jungles of New Guinea to the orange groves of Sicily, from the rich plains of central Russia to the far islands of the north and south Pacific the tide of United Nations attack upon the axis march of conquest is mounting in fury and power. On the ground and over it, all the seven seas, the pattern of victory is being wrought in a manner to buoy the belief of free men everywhere that the end is certain and perhaps nearer than many have dared believe.

That was embodied in the stern, joint warning by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill to the war-rick people of Italy to surrender now, before they feel the full havoc of destruction which their ill-omitted fellowship with Hitlerized Germany has invited. And it was strikingly implicit in the president's abrupt rebuke of two high ranking war aides for wrangling in public over policy.

The matters in public debate, between them, Mr. Roosevelt told Vice President Wallace and Commerce Secretary Jones, "are now academic so far as winning the war is presently concerned."

Against the background of what has happened and still is happening to the axis on every active war front, that was a striking pronouncement. A survey of the week's events on battle fronts half the world apart tends to bear out that interpretation of the president's words. Presidential impatience with ill-timed and acrimonious disputes among his home front lieutenants speaks of knowledge they may not possess of impending events designed to smash the foe and shorten the war.

The revealed elements of that pattern of victory as the war news set them out this week are dramatic enough. First among them in significance and glowing possibilities stands the Russian counter attack on a stalled Nazi foe, carving sagacity at the Opel salient that is the keystone of the German war arch in Russia.

That transcends even the continuing swift forward rush of American, Canadian and British forces in Sicily to set all Italy tottering. It means that the massive Nazi offensive, whatever its purpose or objective, failed even to delay Red army preparations for attack.

It was halted without detriment to the offensive deployment of Russian armies ringing the Opel salient for concerted thrusts at the communication lifeline of the whole center and south sectors of the Nazi front in Russia, the Vitebsk-Smolensk-Bryansk-Orl rail network. The Orel outwork and the Bryansk main bastion of that vital feeder system are in peril. If they fall to Russian arms, a Nazi retreat in Russia behind the Dnieper river line from Vitebsk to the Black Sea, a withdrawal on a front a thousand miles or so in length, would seem inevitable. It could mean ultimate disaster in Russia for Hitler.

With the launching of that Russian offensive grave apprehension in highest Anglo-American military circles was eased. The Russian blow definitely ended uneasy doubts whether Russia intended to sustain the allied demands for unconditional surrender of the common foe.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers
FUNERALS FOR AGED
To the Editor:
It is high time that the state of Oregon or the federal government made some provision for assuring the needy, aged citizens, who are receiving old-age assistance, that they will have a decent burial when they die. Uncle Sam pays \$100 toward the funeral expenses of every honorably discharged war veteran. The state industrial accident commission pays \$150 toward the cost of the funeral in the case of workers who meet with an accidental death. In contrast with this, the old-age pensioner, who has no friends or relatives, who are willing and able to defray such expenses, has nothing to look forward to except burial by the county in a pauper's grave in the Potter's field. In Multnomah county this expense is limited to \$26. The charge for the grave and opening is \$10, leaving but \$16 for the mortuary in charge of the funeral. Some states provide \$100 or more for such funerals.

If the relatives or friends of a deceased pensioner wish to contribute additional sums to insure a decent funeral, the county then refuses to pay anything at all. It is either a \$26 funeral, and nothing better, or the contributors must pay the entire expense. Old-age pensioners are permitted to possess as much as \$150 for funeral expenses, without jeopardizing any rights, but the majority of them do not possess that amount. The state federal government should provide at least \$100 for this purpose for each old-age pensioner.

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STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Yankees on Win Binge--Notch Longest Streak of Campaign

NEW YORK, July 17--(AP)--Sparked by Roy Weatherly's third home run of the year, the Yankees put on a two-run ninth inning spurge Saturday to whip the Athletics 5 to 4 and run their longest streak of the season. Charley Keller, with three-for-three and three runs batted in, and A's JoJo White, with four-for-four, including a double and his first homer of the campaign, were the heaviest fencebusters, but Weatherly's wallop and a few moments later, a long fly by Joe Gordon with the bases loaded to drive in a run, were the blows that broke up the ball game. For eight innings it was anybody's ball game.

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USO Operates 'Unorthodox' Giant Library

The largest circulating library in the world, operating under rules which include no library cards and no fines and in which those who withdraw books seldom bring them back in now in existence under the USO flag, Robert Boardman, director of the USO club at Chemeketa street was informed Saturday by officials of USO at New York.

More than 10,000 volumes were collected last year by the Victory Book campaign, a cooperative enterprise of the American Library Association, the American Red Cross and the USO. So far in 1945 an additional 5,700,000 volumes have been collected. These were distributed as fast as they were sorted. This library is as large as the libraries of five major cities in the United States, it was recently declared.

All the volumes are not in the USO "library." Many are distributed overseas by Red Cross. Large quantities are sent to the army, the navy and merchant marine. But books form a large part of the service in more than 1900 USO clubs and smaller units and in more than 500 other USO recreation centers in larger cities.

Enterprise, July 17--(AP)--Last winter's record snow in the Willows mountains is melting and boosting streams to flood stage. The Hurricane creek forest road was washed out this week. Seven inches of snow fell at Hat Point in the Snake River canyon last Sunday.

Attends Reunion
FAIRVIEW--Mrs. Mae Moe, who is assisting with house work during the busy season at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens, attended the annual reunion of the Busell, Tharp and Yocom families, held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Barney Branson near Bellvue.

Sideshow
Odd Angles
On Day's News
PORTLAND--(AP)--Don't forget to add in an increase in rent when you figure up the costs for that new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Liesher overlooked that item until the landlord billed them for an additional \$3.50 a month for their apartment, and explained that OPA had allowed him to charge that much more for the baby.

Daniel Gage, OPA rent area director, allowed the landlord's petition for rent relief, made on the basis that occupancy of the apartment would be increased from two to three.

Gage explained that the practice is customary. Babies mean more hot water and heat.

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Apache Grabs Fleetwing Trot

J. Longden Injured By With Regards
NEW YORK, July 17--(AP)--William Woodward's Apache set the pace in winning the Fleetwing Trot handicap at Jamaica Saturday but most of the excitement occurred after the running of the \$7,500 stake before a crowd of 28,461.

Jockey Johnny Longden, back from a vacation on his Nevada ranch following early season triumphs aboard Count Fleet, was left at the post with Josephine Grimes' With Regards. Longden brought the colt back and was unsaddling him at the finish line when With Regards suddenly kicked the little English born rider. Longden keeled over, the wind knocked out of him. He cancelled his mounts in the last two races.

Apache sprinted the six furlongs in 1:11 3/5, to earn the purse of \$4,225, and pay his backers \$4.10 for each 2 ticket.

Larsen Takes NW Net Title
TACOMA, July 17--(AP)--Pfc. Chris Larsen, an unheralded and unsung performer from San Francisco by way of Fort Lewis, captured the men's singles championship in Pacific northwest lawn tennis tournament play here Saturday by defeating Bill Drummond of Portland, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

Montreal Club May Get Two Brook Acquisitions
MONTREAL, July 17--(AP)--General Manager John MacDonal of the Montreal Royals -- the Brooklyn Dodgers' International League farm -- said Saturday that either Archie McKain or Fritz Ostermuller, or maybe both, may be sent to the Royals when they report to Brooklyn from the St. Louis Browns.

Archie and Fritz are the two lefties the Browns traded to the Brooklyn Dodgers for Bobo Newsum, but they've refused to come east without salary increases because they figure it costs more to live among the Gowanus.

Browns 3, Tribe 1
ST. LOUIS, July 17--(AP)--Coasting home on a three-run spurge in the seventh, the St. Louis Browns downed the Cleveland Indians, 3 to 1, Saturday behind the able pitching of Denny Galehouse. Oris Hockett hit his second home run of the season for the Indians' lone counter.

Reynolds and Romar; Galehouse and Hayen.

Doerr Dents Dish as American Leaguers Win

Bobby Doerr, Boston Red Sox infielder, is congratulated by the two men he sent home in the second inning of the All-Star game in Philadelphia with his home run into the left field stands. Chet Laabs of the St. Louis Browns and Jake Early of Washington both got on with walks from Mort Cooper, Catcher Walker Cooper of the Cards and Umpire Ed Boumel look on. The Americans won 5 to 3 for their eighth win in the 11 All-Star tilt.

Around Oregon
By the Associated Press
Mrs. J. T. Miller, Portland, reported a burglar took 400 silver dollars from a trunk in her home.

Laurence De Shazo was in a critical condition in a Canyon City hospital from injuries suffered while loading logs.

Acting state police Sgt. Richard Miles, Reedsport, said black market cattle rustler shot and butchered two Hereford yearlings on the Stonefield ranch north of Florence.