

SPORTS TRAIL

BY WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 6-(AP)—Late last summer, when the army announced it would not permit its trainees in colleges to play varsity football, Lehigh university announced it would not schedule games for its civilian football team with schools playing navy and marine students, and we wrote a story lauding that stand.

We didn't see, and still can't see, any percentage in a bunch of fuz-faced 17-year-olds going out there and getting their brains knocked out by a collection of older, more experienced and more rugged men, under the guise of sporting competition.

Well, we have a report on how Lehigh, and its two fellow members of the middle three conference—Lafayette and Rutgers—fared this year on the gridiron, and are happy to discover they finished their seasons. If they had played the service-manned schools the season probably would have finished them.

Anyway, to back up into the history of the decision to try to play a civilian schedule, the presidents and athletic directors of the three schools held numerous meetings to map out some kind of a plan for football during the war.

The most serious problem was the loss of students, about 250 out of a normal enrollment of 1000 being left at Lafayette, and not many more at Lehigh. Each of the three schools also lost its coach, one by death, another by enlistment in the navy, and a third by leave of absence.

It was agreed to try to keep the conference rivalry alive, and the three schools started practice September 27. There were no pre-season camps and the regular members of the physical education staff doubled as coaches—ben Walfson of Lafayette, Harry Rockafellow at Rutgers and Leo Prendergrast at Lehigh.

It was discovered that many boys who ordinarily wouldn't

report for football, not having been high school stars, came out for the teams, now that there was a chance of seeing some action, and some of these lads became quite proficient, proving in several instances they would have been good enough to play in normal times.

Competition was limited to two games between each of the three teams and to outside colleges which played only civilian students.

The attendance at the games was something short of sensational, but it was considered satisfactory, everything considered. About 7000 attended each of the Lafayette-Rutgers games, 7500 at the first Lafayette-Lehigh game, and 3500 at the second. Rutgers won three of its five games, Lafayette four or five, and Lehigh lost five and tied one.

That attendance is a far cry from the crowds of the palmy days of the conference; days such as those of 1925 when Rutgers and Lafayette transplanted their game to neutral Princeton stadium to accommodate the fans, and drew about 40,000.

But the schools aren't kicking. They were making an experiment, and if the concoction didn't come out as a synthetic rubber that was better than the real thing, at least it had a bounce, and the sponsors are well enough satisfied to go ahead with their winter sports programs and plans for football next year, war or no war.

All of which should be of encouragement to schools in similar circumstances, most of which dropped the sport this year. The middle three has shown that the game can be continued, if you don't demand that everything be gold-plated. In other words, it's sport for sport's sake, and the middle three can take a bow on that account.

Legion of Merit to Eisenhower



President Roosevelt presents General Eisenhower with the legion of merit medal for his recent military services. The presentation was made during the president's trip to Cairo and Teheran, but scene of the ceremony was not disclosed by the army. (A Wirephoto from 12th AF)

World Security Depends Upon Anglo-American Leadership, Knox Declares

CHICAGO, Dec. 6-(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said tonight he believed "the security of the world depends in very large measure upon Anglo-American leadership."

In an address prepared for the English speaking union on the eve of the second anniversary of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, Knox said:

"The recurring blood-lust which afflicts nations will only be cured when it is caught in its incipient stages. It can only be thus detected, and quelled, if there is maintained a constant vigilance, alert to detect, and swift to halt, the first signs of madness.

"Obviously that is more than one nation can, or should do. The cure would be as bad as the disease. The need bespeaks mutual effort by the nations historically dedicated to the principles proclaimed in the Magna Charta or the Declaration of Independence.

"But, no matter how numerous that company, no matter how vital the part other nations must necessarily play in the detection, and quarantine, of aggression, I unhesitatingly affirm, as my studied opinion, that the security of the world depends in very large measure upon Anglo-American leadership . . .

"It is the very fact that the British and the American commonwealths have had their vigorous disputes, and for more than a century have settled them without recourse to arms, that gives substance to the hope that Anglo-American leadership provides for the rest of the world.

"Of supreme importance is the fact that at the Moscow conference the whole spirit of international cooperation, now and after the war, was revitalized and given practical expression. The conference thus launched a forward movement which, I am firmly convinced, will steadily extend in scope and effectiveness."

The secretary said the bond of a common language enabled

George Canning and Richard Rush to devise the policy of the Monroe doctrine in London 120 years ago, and added:

"It is too little known, too little appreciated that the Monroe doctrine is—and always has been—an Anglo-American instrument which might have failed disastrously had it not had the tacit support of the British fleet."

Knox said he wished "to challenge that stupid, that unpatriotic falsehood, that America always comes out on the short end of any transactions with the British. We all know for what cruel purpose that lie is uttered, and repeated, and embellished, with cartoons and caricature but God knows why the perpetrators seek to destroy a working although silent agreement which has helped the United States to keep militaristic aggression away from our hemisphere."

Lincoln Goodwill Club Will Meet on Thursday

LINCOLN — Mrs. Henry J. Neiger will be hostess for the Lincoln Goodwill club at her Lincoln home Thursday when an all day meeting with a no hostess luncheon at 12 will be held.

A Christmas gift exchange will be featured the price of the gifts not to exceed 25 cents. A business meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Nels Yenckel, president.

Second Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Finds Japs Fighting 'Delaying Action,' Yanks Just Starting on Long Road to Tokyo

By HAROLD STREETER Associated Press Staff Writer

The second anniversary tomorrow of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor comes as military forces of the United States are deployed along a broken battle line of 5000 miles from the Aleutians to New Guinea. At the closest point, they stand 2000 statute miles from Tokyo.

That is in the Aleutians, a dormant sector. Dipping southward, Midway island, the most advanced position west of Hawaii, is 2,545 miles from the heart of Nippon.

Skirting around the enemy-occupied Marshalls to the Gilberts, where marines paid a high price last month to achieve victory, those newly-won islands are roughly 3300 miles from Tokyo.

A little closer but still more than 3000 miles distant is the most advanced American position on Bougainville in the northern Solomons. So too is the jungle front line of Gen. Douglas MacArthur—in this case held by Australians—on the Huon peninsula of north-eastern New Guinea.

These are great reaches, most of them watery, many of them dotted with strong, intervening enemy fortifications. They are distances which are easy to lose sight of during the scanning of such war reports as those of the past week:

From the central Pacific—The airfield on hard-won Tarawa in the Gilberts is put in operation by those engineering marvels, the navy "Seabees" (construction battalion), and allied bombers keep hitting enemy air bases in the invasion-menaced Marshalls.

From the south Pacific—Planes of Adm. William F. Halsey, not once spotting a Japanese interceptor during hundreds of sorties in the northern Solomons, pound Bougainville's airfield full of holes faster than enemy engineers can fill up the old ones; the American beachhead on the island, undergoing little change, now is being used chiefly as a fighter plane base.

Those are the general outlines of another week of war, a picture filled out by such details as the aerial destruction of a loaded 10,000-ton Japanese transport off Kavieng, New Ireland, and an 11-ton aerial bombardment of the enemy's main New Guinea air base at Wewak.

But both general outline and minute detail are infinitesimal

fragments of the overall objective set forth at Cairo.

Americans who returned home on the Gripsholm after more than a year's internment in Japanese camps said Nippon's war lords have no illusions about winning the war; rather they hope to drag it out—even after Germany is crushed—for so many years that the opposition will tire of the struggle and leave them with most of their ill-gotten gains.

Every recent development along the Pacific's "west wall" supports this. Nowhere, from the Gilberts, through the Solomons to New Guinea, is Japan offering the semblance of an offensive. Everywhere the theme is the same: "Fight to the death—or fall back slowly."

Those Japanese in the Huon peninsula jungles of New Guinea have been within 15 miles of the air and coastal base of Finschhafen ever since Australians captured it October 2. Yet they have not made one move against it. Rather they have chosen to stick it out in a sector so hard to get at that part of their supplies have been parachuted from planes.

In the Solomons, on Bougainville, since the first week of November, the Japanese have made no real effort to eliminate the American beachhead. Rabaul's

hundreds of planes, within easy flying distance, have kept away. Rabaul's warships tried only one counter thrust more than a month ago. Rather Japan has concentrated on containing the beachhead. Last week, a group of marines ventured only three miles from it on a supply-trading expedition—and ran into enemy forces so strong they had to call on the navy and airforce to help extricate them.

The Japanese lost the Gilberts but their bitter defense surprised the invaders and prompted a revision of tactics for the island invasions to come.

The commandant of Pearl Harbor's navy yard, Adm. William R. Furlong, in a radio appeal Saturday for American workers to keep those assembly lines rolling, said:

"The capture of the Gilberts was just the beginning of a long, hard, bloody road to Tokyo. . . This Pacific war is a hard, bitter one."

He struck the keynote—not discouraging but harshly realistic—for Pearl Harbor's second anniversary.

Around Oregon

Rev. Wesley Johnson opened a "Crusade for Righteousness" in Portland by urging citizens to lock up 2,000 liquor outlets. . . Harold J. Nickerson, North Bend, succeeded Harry Pinniger as secretary of the Umpqua valley chamber of commerce. . .

Christmas seals are selling more rapidly than last year, the Oregon Tuberculosis association reported. . . Portland's traffic toll rose to 43 this year, as Robert R. Steele, 88, and William F. Deibert, 61, died of injuries received when struck by cars last week. . . Dr.

Max Morrow, Salem Pilot, Is Killed

PRINEVILLE, Ore., Dec. 6-(AP)—Three men were killed today in a mid-air collision that demolished two training planes of the Portland Flying Service, service officials announced here.

Max Swayne Morrow, 28, Salem, Ore., assistant chief pilot, and Charles Daniel Donahue, 38, student pilot from Butte, Mont., occupied one of the planes. Robert Erwin Furse, 32, a Seattle, Wash. student pilot, was flying the other.

The crash broke a record of 36,877 hours flown without a serious accident since the Portland Flying Service was established in January 1938.

The civilian agency has a contract to train army aviation students as flying instructors.

Native of Carlton, Neb., Morrow spent most of his life in Salem. He received his pilot's training with Lee U. Eyerly at the Salem airport three years ago and for the past two years had been with the Portland Flying Service. In Salem, he was employed at the Cheek service station. Recently he had received his test pilot rating, serving also as an instructor with the flying service.

Survivors include the widow, Gretchen Morrow; a daughter, Karen; his mother, Mrs. Harvey A. Loveall of Salem; brothers, Ray Morrow of Salem and Robert Morrow, stationed at Camp White; grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Coon of Salem, and aunt, Mrs. Harry Pearson, Salem.

Announcement of plans for funeral services will be made later by Rose Lawn Funeral Home.

Thomas L. Meador, Portland Health officer, predicted the city's birth rate would reach 10,000 this year, as against the previous high of 8528. . . .

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OPA Reclassifies Reclaimed Tires, Increases Grade 3 Quota

Tires manufactured from reclaimed rubber (war tires) may now be bought by those persons heretofore eligible for used tires, the district OPA announced last week.

These provisions are made by (new tires) to grade III (war tires) in order to meet the increased demand for grade III tires.

Those now eligible for grade III tires include:
1. Automobile drivers with gasoline ration books issued for occupational driving.
2. Operators of commercial vehicles which deliver medical supplies, drugs, dry cleaning (apparel only) and essential foods. Also included are those vehicles used exclusively by medical or dental laboratories.

3. Persons, such as military personnel, securing gasoline through the use of form R-544 or special rations (other than for furlough travel).

Another provision of today's amendment allows a central accounting office of a tire dealer to arrange through its own OPA district office for the redistribution of stocks of tires, tubes, and camberback from one of its local outlets to another in need of them.

The recapping of tires for commercial vehicles with truck-type camberback will be removed from rationing on December 1, the district OPA announced today. This

action was taken at the request of the office of the rubber director to encourage a more effective use of recapping service.

Removal of rationing restrictions on truck recapping service will not only aid in preserving tires now on commercial motor vehicles, but will lighten the work load of local boards. The use of truck-type camberback will still be restricted to tires used on commercial vehicles.

The action also eliminates all branding requirements for passenger tires and permits the recapping of those branded tires that warrant this service, not possible before because of serious camberback shortages. Recapping of unserviceable tires will continue to be prohibited.

Today's revision also permits the sale to a consumer of a tire which, although not suitable for recapping, is usable in its present condition or can be repaired for use.

Property Law Decision Upholds Oregon's Measure

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6-(AP)—upholding of the Oklahoma community property law by the 10th US Circuit court of Appeals at Denver confirms the legality of Oregon's new community property act, state Sen. Lew Wallace said today.

Wallace, Portland Democrat who sponsored the Oregon measure at the last legislature, estimated at least 50,000 federal taxpayers in Oregon now will find it advantageous to elect to place the property of husband and wife in the community status.

A copy of the appeal court's 2-1 decision affirming an earlier ruling of the US tax court, was received today by F. H. Young, operator of a tax research service. The Oregon statute was patterned after the Oklahoma law.

Young said only 202 Oregonians had filed with the secretary of state to come under the Oregon community property law, thousands have been deterred by the court test of the Oklahoma statute.

TAMPA, Fla.-(AP)—Tampans have dubbed the clock atop city hall Hortense. Hortense has four faces. They never agree on the time.

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First Gra-Y Charter Goes to West Salem

WEST SALEM — The Gra-Y Boy's club received its charter at a Gra-Y meeting of members, parents and friends. The occasion was one of much interest as this was the first charter issued to a Gra-Y club in the northwest section of the US. The charter was presented by Vernon Merrick, associate director of boy's work of the YMCA of Salem with a short talk of interest and encouragement to the boys in which he gave a brief narrative of the founding of the YMCA, parent of the Gra-Y. A brief response was made by Acting President Richard Fry.

Other speakers were Mayor Guy Newgent, who spoke for the Lions club, sponsors of the organization assuring them of the support of the Lions; Mr. Olson, father of one of the club members, spoke on the responsibility of the parents, and Mrs. Carleton Brown and Bobbie Pattison presented a piano and clarinet selection.

Plans were discussed for future meetings and recreational events. The training in good citizenship and discipline as demonstrated by the meeting impressed its value on the audience.

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