

# 'Work or Fight' Parallel Envisioned In Byrnes Move; Blow to Pro Sports

## 4-F's Recall Seen as Fatal To Baseball

By Frits Howell  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23—(AP)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' request that racing be erased after Jan. 3, 1945, and that professional athletes come under closer scrutiny by draft officials, parallels War Secretary Newton D. Baker's "work or fight" order of 1918 which disrupted baseball in the waning days of World War I. Baker cracked down in the summer of 1918, giving men of draft age the alternative of employment in essential industry or enlistment in the army or navy.

Now Byrnes, in his letter to Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, says he finds it difficult to understand how men can be physically unfit for military service and yet be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the nation in games demanding physical fitness. In effect, Byrnes hints that "if you can carry a football, you can carry a rifle," or "if you can throw a baseball you can throw a hand grenade."

All professional sports stand to lose much of their manpower if their present 4-F talent and discharged service men are taken into the army or navy. President Ford Frick of the National Baseball league said 128 athletes in the 4-F group were playing in his league, including George (Whitey) Kurovski, third baseman of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals, who was officially declared today the best fielder at his position. The American league averages about 14 4-F's per team.

Frick reiterated that "Baseball, the American league as well as the National, never has asked favors from Washington, and it never will."

Byrnes' demand for a re-check of the 4-F group and another look at the qualifications of the discharged men, brings practically every baseball player and all other professional athletes closer to army or navy service. Recently Washington ordered the 26-38 age group be called up for service, after that group had been given mass deferment in favor of younger men.

Several baseball players in the 26-38 sector left war plant, farm or other jobs listed as essential to return to their teams when the former announcement came that men of their age no longer were wanted by the armed services.

## Anita Cancels Race Program

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23—(AP)—The Los Angeles Turf club announced tonight it had abandoned plans for any racing whatever at Santa Anita park prior to Jan. 3, the date on which horseracing will end nationally. Previously the club said it would probably open Santa Anita on Dec. 30, and close Jan. 3, after three days of racing. The club directorate, however, disclosed after a lengthy meeting that, under the circumstances, it had decided to apply to the California horse racing board for cancellation of its season.

## Stomach Check Due for DiMag

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—(AP)—Sgt. Joe DiMaggio of the army air forces will report next week to the rehabilitation center at Atlantic City, N.J., for re-examination and treatment of a stomach disorder which he contracted while serving in the Pacific area, President Ed Barrow of the Yankees revealed Saturday. Barrow denied that DiMaggio was in line for a medical discharge, stating that the former Yankee slugger was reporting at the base for treatment and reassignment.

## Longacres Calls Meeting Off, Too

SEATTLE, Dec. 23—(AP)—Longacres race track will not operate in 1945 in view of War Mobilization Director James Byrnes' order, Joe Gottstein, president of the Washington Jockey club, which operates the track, said today. "In this emergency all operators of spectator sports should be glad if their closing can help win the war," Gottstein said.

## Canadiens Hold Lead

MONTREAL, Dec. 23—(AP)—The Montreal Canadiens maintained their National Hockey league lead tonight when they edged out the Chicago Black Hawks 2-1.

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**REMEMBER 'EM?** This quint, made up of former Salem high basketball lights, merged to wallop the great Viking team last week, 42-22. Hoop fans will no doubt recognize them and remember some great basketball days for SHS. The players: (left to right) Bud Coons, now an army sergeant at San Luis Obispo, Cal., played for the Villa in 1940-41; Bill Ransom, a student at OSC, was a Viking in '41-42; Don Bower, an ensign in navalair at Jacksonville, Fla., played in '40-41; Virgil "Scotty" Sebern, sergeant of marines, played in '38-39-40 and was All-State in '39; Don Cutler, still a village resident, played in '40-41-42. They proved last week they still know how it's done. (Statesman sports photo).

## From the BLEACHERS

Harbinger of spring? Says The Sporting News after the Minor League's January 8 pow-wow in Tacoma could be a historic gathering at that... To basketball, one-man-gang Gail Bishop, the All-American hoop-suit for Fort Lewis Warriors, has averaged over 20 points per game in all contests to date, and all against top-flight competition. You'd think by now the guy's feet would be worn off what with the way present-day basketball is played. At any rate, ex-WSC Bishop is certainly the Henry "Perpetual Motion" Armstrong of the pater and pitch pack... Noted in a Madison Square Garden basketball movie the other night: The officials, four of 'em, standing practically motionless at the four corners of the court. A new angle no doubt and quite different than the "crow's nest" style installed by Jean Eberhard at Ashland Normal a few years back. Center-court fouling may be somewhat overlooked via the method, but it makes for prosperity and bun-less footies for the whistle-tooters... More woe for the Villa Vikings? We're told their next opponent December 29-30, Al Simpson coached Medford, will bring to town one of the tallest cage squads in Medford history. Furthermore, Simpson definitely likes the words, "Three consecutive state championships"... He's working on the third now...

**Perseverance Pays Off for Viking Quint**  
Look who's laughing now, or perseverance pays off. They both fit well the situation at SHS since Friday night's flukeless hoop win over Redmond's visitors, a 35-23 job over the quint which previously had whipped Springfield. The Springfielders had bumped twice the Vikes. True, any basketball team will eventually win one if it keeps playing. But Friday night's initial visit to the win column by the Villa gang wasn't the law of averages paying off. It was fruit being borne forth after hours and hours of sweating effort by Mentor Frank Brown and his inexperienced lads, every one of whom were convinced through their first six setbacks they would one day reciprocate to those who laughed when they donned the hoop suits. Actually, there has been no Villa quint in the past two seasons which has been more imbued with the desire to win than has Brown's present pack. The kids have hustled and tried, in fact too much at times, and they've felt right low after taking one on the chin. A few village wags have insisted the plight of the Vikes would be erased with the departure of Brown. As many others retort with: "Phooey! Look at his matchless record during his many years at Parrish." But we've found few, who know what they're talking about, who won't also agree that this season's quint is lacking in these essentials: (1) Experience; (2) natural ability; (3) leadership and (4) height. A coach is not guilty on all counts.

Against Redmond the Vikes put together their best effort of the semester. They fought for possession of the ball, passed accurately, shot cautiously and defended strongly. They deliberately set up scoring plays and drove for re-possession of the ball when same failed. And to highlight the long-awaited surge, the Salems got 19-point pitching from one of the best centers we've seen in action this season. (Continued on page 17)

**'Cats Mashed By Medics '5'**  
PORTLAND, Dec. 23—(AP)—The University of Oregon Medical School, warming up for games against both Oregon and Oregon State this week, Friday night walloped the visiting Willamette university quint 54 to 22. Center Jim Zimmerman potted 23 points for the Medics, who had the game in the bag practically throughout. Bob Tate paced the Navycats with 11 markers. It was the tenth setback in 12 starts for Willamette.

**City League Cagers Idle Until January 3**  
Due to the holidays, the City basketball league, sponsored by the YMCA, will be idle until Wednesday night, January 3, it has been announced. At that time WU Frosh vs. General Finance, Talbot Mintmen vs. Funland, and Maple's vs. Chemawa. In that order, starting at 7 p.m.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE (Monday)**  
Funland 29 18 500  
Paulus Bros. 27 18 500  
Portland Gen. Elec. 25 20 556  
Santner Bros. 21 24 467  
Good Housekeeping 24 21 533  
Woodburn 22 22 511  
Cartman Bros. 21 24 467  
Keith Brown 21 24 467  
Court St. Radio 21 24 467  
Master Barbers 21 24 467  
Salem Golf Club 17 28 378  
Golems (Silverton) 17 28 378  
Averages 10 leading bowlers: Mathis 175, Krejci 209, W. Valdez 174, Riches 171, McCluskey 171, Pederson 171, Kenyon 170, McCall 170, Kirchner 164, Olney 164.

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## Turner, Pease In Portland Go

PORTLAND, Dec. 23—(AP)—Mickey Pease, the fighting cop, and Leo "The Lion" Turner, veteran negro scrapper, will battle for the state middleweight boxing crown in the headliner on the New Year's night card here, matchmaker Joe Waterman announced today. Turner, victor in two recent bouts over Joey Albina on Waterman "talent show" cards, will rule as the favorite in the scrap, although Pease boasts one of the best records among the young boxers developed in Portland.

Supporting bouts for the card will include an eight-round semi-windup between John L. Sullivan and Jerry Brown, a heavy-weight fracas between Dave Johnson and Steve Stalick, an ex-Portland prep athlete, and two four-rounders featuring Joel Boone and Lil Abner and Johnny Suarez and Johnny Panch.

**Bowling Scores**  
COMMERCIAL LEAGUE (Monday)  
Funland 29 18 500  
Paulus Bros. 27 18 500  
Portland Gen. Elec. 25 20 556  
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Good Housekeeping 24 21 533  
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**INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE (Tuesday)**  
Armour's Star 20 18 500  
Papermakers 20 18 500  
Capital City Laundry 25 20 556  
Enterprise Tractor 23 22 511  
M & F Grocery 23 22 511  
Brislat 23 22 511  
Keith Brown Co. 23 22 511  
Boiler Electric 20 25 444  
Mayflower Milk 20 25 444  
Salem Police 18 28 422  
Salem 18 28 422  
Trade Council 18 28 422  
Averages 10 leading bowlers: Mathis 175, Krejci 209, W. Valdez 174, Riches 171, McCluskey 171, Pederson 171, Kenyon 170, McCall 170, Kirchner 164, Olney 164.

**MAJOR LEAGUE (Wednesday)**  
Acme Wreckers 26 18 519  
Salem Hardware 22 19 524  
Clime's Coffee Shop 22 20 524  
Ramage's T-Top 22 22 476  
Capital Bowling 20 25 444  
Karr's 16 28 381  
Averages 10 leading bowlers: Poulton 177, Cline 187, Krejci 183, Coe 183, Kay 182, Hartwell 181, West 181, W. Valdez 180, Page 179, Haman 179, Thrush 179.

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE (Thursday)**  
Miller Furniture 31 11 728  
Sears, Roebuck 29 13 690  
Rialto 25 17 595  
Quisenberry's 25 17 595  
Capleton 23 19 548  
Broadway Beauty 17 25 405  
Woolworth's 17 25 405  
Kohlin's 17 25 405  
Western Paper Conv. 17 25 405  
Nichols Insurance 12 30 298  
Averages 10 leading bowlers: V. Garbarino 163, Jones 154, Poulton 152, Lloyd 142, Mills 141, Thrush 141, Meyer 140, Averill 140, McRae 138, Holt 137, Allen 137.

**MERCANTILE LEAGUE**  
Stinson's 19 17 520  
Bigdon's 19 17 520  
Keith Brown Co. 18 18 500  
LaRoche-Pink Elephant 18 18 500  
Vince's Electric 23 22 511  
Western Paper Co. 18 20 444  
Averages 10 leading bowlers: H. Barr 174, Welch 165, Hammer 159, Donovan 152, Talbot 151, Coker 149, J. Alberich 146, Willecke 147, LaRoche 145, Bastain 144.

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# Hey, Kris Kringle! Include These in Your Christmas Load

By Al Lightner  
Dear Kris Kringle: After polling what's left of the villagers on what they hope to find in their be-mantled size 12s come Monday morn, here's what you might include in your sack:  
"Happy" Howard Maple: Something saleable to adorn new cell-like catacombs at 372 State street... Duke Trotter: The scalp of the guy who handed me that "Great White Father" monicker... Vik Villa clammers: Anything that spells out another v-i-c-t-o-r-y... Tommy Dryman: A new left leg from the knee down... Don Hendrie: A gun (with a bullet) with which I can at long last beat Glen Lengren out of the \$38 it's cost me trying to beat him with golf clubs... Glen Lengren: More Don Hendries... Les Sparks: An "angel" to wave its golden wand at Willamette's 4-F athletes... Joe Coe: Soldiers—lots of 'em and the kind who like to bowl... Frank Bennett: An affidavit to show the skeptics the new Salem high athletic plant is a certainty just as soon as possible... Frank Brown: Five laddies who can (1) run like H... (2) pass like h... (3) shoot like h... and (4) win like h... Fredricko F. Zimmermann: A muzzle for A. Lightner... A. Lightner: A rascal for F. Zimmermann... Tony Ross: George Wagner's ears wrapped in one of those glorified bathrobes of his... Eric Kay: A vacation next time the Marion Sports "Pollo" Fund comes round—cost me \$35 the last time 'cause I had to go an' open my big mouth when Millard Fekar was around... Millard Fekar: More open-mouthed gents next time the

pollo fund comes 'round... Bill Goodwin: O booklet on ways and means of yet untied golf tournaments... Rex Kimmelf: A cure for the gout, or, the gout for the insistent 40 et 8 cronies... Walt Cline, Jr.: Bigger and better golf trophies at SGC... Walt Cline, Sr.: Ditto at Perfection's pip plant... H. Haman: A toupee... Tad Shelton and Andy Burk, in union: Me too... Mrs. George E. Waters: A "For Sale" sign for a ball park... Ira Fieher: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday renters for the Ferry Street Garden and a bottle of vitamin pills... Trisco Edwards: Kind words 'n figures from one Clarence "Pants" Rowland come springtime... Irwin Harris: A prayer—OSC will need it this winter... Leslie Junior high family: 'Nother City basketball title... Parrish Junior high family: Big sign saying, "Try 'n Get It"... Del Campbell: The same kids I had playing for Funland last summer... Oliver Huston: The Legion Junior nine suits turned in... Bill Bevens: The same thing from Ed Barrow... Trisco Edwards hopes for from "Pants" Rowland... F. W. Shepherd: A coast league pennant win, and not for Portland's Beavers... Bob Keuscher: A handbook entitled "How to Polish Off Parrish"... "Doc" George Hoffman: Two-dollars worth of quarters, Joe... Lt. Harold Hauk: The secret of how 38s are scored regularly... The whole dam' family: A quick departure of Messrs. Hitler and Hirohito. We'll gladly trade all else for this last one... Thanks, Kris... Merry Xmas...

## American Loop Hit Swatting 'Up' in 1944

Boudreau's Win Mark Lowest Since 1908  
By Jerry Liska  
CHICAGO, Dec. 23—(AP)—American league hitting perked generally last season, but the individual championship won by manager shortstop Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians with .327 was the weakest winning performance in 36 seasons. Official 1944 statistics released today credited willow Boudreau with shading second-place Bobby Doerr of Boston by two points. Doerr, who left for military induction after 125 games, batted .325 to pace the Red Sox. (Continued on page 17)



**'GORGEOUS' GEORGIE:** This is what Ressler George, Wagner looked like after Tony Ross finished with him in a 1943 match. The pair clash again Tuesday night at the armory in the light-heavy mat battle royal.

## Handicap Trot To Best Effort

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23—(AP)—Best Effort, a black two-year-old owned by C. C. Tanner, came from behind today under topweight of 122 pounds to win the \$2,500 Pontchartrain handicap, feature of the fair grounds inaugural card. The son of Ladysman won by a length over Joe W. Brown's King Dorsett. The handicap, a six-furlong affair for two-year-olds, attracted a small field. The Tanner entry of Best Effort and Dollar Mark were odds-on favorites, paying \$2.80 for a \$2 ticket in the mutuels.

## Rassle Royal Ready Tuesday

Tuesday's Christmas crunch party at the Ferry Street Garden—a rasslin' battle royal—has been completely signed and readied for the 8:30 p.m. gong, announces Matchmaker Elton Owen. Although the two biceppers who'll no doubt provide all the thunder in the melee were signed on first, the other four matmen to participate in the annual holiday tort-twisting tete-a-tete aren't second-raters by any means. Coast Champion Jack Kier is included along with Bowlegged Buck Davidson, Ernie Piluso and Milt Olson. With such talent as this, the Xmas royal could be one of the most rip-sporting of the light-heavies. Only Wagner was reluctant to sign on for the party since he was eliminated in a Portland royal last week in jig time—the crunch cronies just don't seem to like George—but came around when Owen agreed to a purse guarantee. The first two eliminated Tuesday draw no pay, unless one is Wagner. The second pair to fall will return for a 30-minute semi-windup match, and the final two in the royal will return for a two-of-three falls main event. The ultimate winner is to meet Guest Johnson for the Coast Junior Heavy title.

## 'Man of Year' Race Narrows

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 23—(AP)—The search for football's "man of the year" for 1944, sponsored by the Football Writers Association of America, was narrowed to five men today following the conclusion of preliminary voting in the writers' poll. The nominees, who topped the early voting, are Carroll Widdoes, acting head coach at Ohio State; the late John L. Griffith, Big Ten commissioner; General H. H. Arnold, army air force commandant; Leslie Horvath, Ohio State's All-American back, and Col. Earl Blaik, head football coach at the US Military Academy. Comdr. Tom Hamilton of the Navy won the award in 1942, with Amos Alonzo Stagg, College of the Pacific, the 1943 winner.

## Hoop Jamboree Ends in 'Draw' Oregon 5s Bounce Back at Astoria

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 23—(AP)—Teams from University of Oregon and Oregon State college took three out of four basketball contests from University of Washington and Washington State here tonight in the closing round of the annual Astoria jamboree. Oregon won from Washington State 22 to 16, in their contest, which consisted of only half of a regulation game. Then Oregon State took over for another half to beat Washington 32 to 19. Oregon State switched opponents to defeat Washington State, 19 to 16. Washington finished off the night with a one-point victory over Oregon, 32 to 31.

The play for the two-night tournament found the States of Oregon and Washington ending in a draw. While the Oregon teams took three out of four matches tonight the Washington teams did the same Friday night. Oregon won twice from Washington (Continued on page 17)

**SAVE FUEL! KEEP WARM!**  
The East's two backfield combinations lined up, as follows: team A — quarterback, Frank (Continued on page 17)

## Rose Bowlers In Hot Scrums

PASADENA, Dec. 23—(AP)—In their last practices before Christmas, Southern California and Tennessee went through heavy drills today in preparation for their Rose Bowl battle January 1. The first two Trojan squads faced each other in a lengthy scrimmage with offensive tactics getting a thorough going-over. Aware of their opponents' offensive menace, the Volunteers drilled on methods to stop the Trojan machine. Both squads take a rest tomorrow. Tennessee's governor, Prentice Cooper, arrived for the game with hopes for a Volunteer victory, but he's making no forecast. He says his 1940 Rose Bowl prediction, when Southern California beat his home state 14-0, was 28 points off.

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