

# Vik Villa Hoop Slate Heavy

Host of Games Due This Week at SHS

It's a big basketball week at the Vik Villa starting Tuesday night, but the Frank Brown varsity will make only one showing during the period, that against Milwaukie's Maroons Friday night in the final game of the season on the regular SHS slate. The No-Name skirmish will draw to a close a week which will see the Villa lights burning four nights.

Tuesday night Frank Beer's Sophomores and Herm Schwartzkopf's Jayvees divide chores against Monmouth high's Bees and varsity, respectively. On Wednesday night the Sophs and Juniors do it again, only this time against the Independence Hoopsters. Then on Thursday night the Leslie and Parrish Junior high quints take over for the first game of their trio for the City Junior championship. Friday night the Junior Jayvees again show against Milwaukie's Jayvees in a prelim role, the final game of the season for Schwartzkopf's crew. At the same time Beer's yearlings will be at Gervais high ending their season with a North Marion county B league clash.

Following Friday's mix with the Maroons, whom they beat in a previous meeting, the Brownies will buckle down to work for the district 11 hooperee at Mt. Angel on February 28, March 1, 2 and 3. Outside possibly one more Junior high mix next month, this week will drop the curtain on season's basketballing at the SHS speedway.

## 'C'mon, George'



So beckons "Grey Mask," the hooded rascal, as he preps for his armory titan with Gorgeous George Wagner Tuesday night. Fans up and down the coast have been asking for this brawl for months. Salem gets it Tuesday night.

## 'Mask'-Wagner Tuesday Bicep Card Complete

Record Through Due To Witness Brawls

The three rings for Tuesday night's lightweight rascal's circus at the Ferry Street Garden have been completed, announces Matchmaker Elton Owen, and the bicep bin itself is being prepared to handle perhaps the largest throng ever to oggle a grappling shindig therein. In completing the card yesterday, Owen announced that two-fisted little Billy McQuinn would do 8:30 p. m. curtainraiser chores with Canadian Bill Konki, the likeable tow-head who stepped out of character last week to referee. Previously Owen had signed on Ju-Jitsuing Walt "Th' Sneeze" Achui and pudgy meanie Earl Malone for the semiwindup, or chapter two of the session they had on last week's card in which the irked Chinaman loosed his famed "sleeper" hold to dispose of unorthodox Mr. Malone. It was quite a brawl in itself and probably won't make a customer mad in returning for another heat this week.

Whatever fireworks the semiwindup explodes aren't expected to be an unlit candle compared to those due in the muchly-demanded main event between Gorgeous George Wagner and "Grey Mask", however. Every bicep bin on the Coast has been clamoring for a Wagner-Mask mix ever since it was known months ago that ornerly George was on the prowl for ornerly-plus Mr. Stoneface. The head-butting hoodlum doled George one of the worst beatings ever taken by a grappler in their last get-together, "is said, and the Pleasant Hill turkey shepherd is known to have followed him all over the country since in expectancy of a return go. He gets it at long last Tuesday night, and if George does to Mr. Stoneface all he claims he'll do in daily announcements, same Mr. Stoneface is in for a plastering, king sized. And since the "Mask" is more than capable of doing a blood-dripping plastering himself — well, little wonder a record crowd is expected.

There will be no hike in prices for the card.

## Hansen Nearly 'In' for Title

With Oregon State's Red Rocha and Oregon's Dick Wilkins both faltering badly in their clash last night at Corvallis, Vince Hansen, Washington State's towering pivotman, practically saluted away the Northern Division scoring crown, although idle from conference Hansen still holds an 11 point bulge over Rocha and is 14 points up on Wilkins despite having played one less tilt than his nearest rivals. Hansen needs 12 points per game in his last four tilts to break Gall Bishop's division record of 224 points. Rocha must now average 15 per game to tie the mark, while Wilkins needs better than 16 per game to equal it.

	W	L	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hansen, W.S.C.	13	7	22	42	178	178
Rocha, O.S.C.	13	7	21	36	172	172
Wilkins, Ore.	13	7	21	36	172	172
Jorgensen, Wash.	14	5	12	164	164	164
Hays, Oregon	13	5	14	29	118	118
Hamilton, Oregon	13	5	14	29	118	118
King, Wash.	14	4	16	28	108	108
Smith, Oregon	13	3	17	26	96	96
McGrath, O.S.C.	13	3	17	26	96	96
Bartlett, Ore.	13	3	17	26	96	96
Hamilton, W.S.C.	12	3	14	25	90	90

## Slicker Tourney Finals on Slate

Showers cut down the number of divoteers on the Salem Golf club links yesterday, and as a result most of the action slated in the three tourneys now under way on the South River Road fairways will take place today. The play-off match between the Don Hendrie-Glenn Lengren, Bill Goodwin-Lee Estey teams for the Slicker meet title headlines today's slate, while play in the 180-hole Eclectic meet and the windup of the 72-hole sweepstakes event will draw the attention of numerous contestants. In the latter tourney Frank Shafer, needing a net 64 to win and Rennie Crews, seeking a 63 score, will pace the mob at attempting to catch Tom Wise, whose 69-68-72-65-274 appears almost unbeatable.

## Huskies Sweep Pair From Gonsaga Quint

SEATTLE, Feb. 17—(AP)—The University of Washington Huskies defeated Gonsaga university's basketball team 39-29 here tonight in a game which was fairly tight until the last five minutes. The Huskies also won last night. Washington led at halftime, 23-19, the biggest margin the Huskies had been able to build up to that time. The margin remained about the same until near the end of the second half when the Bulldogs fired in the face of the fire-ball Husky pace.

## Boxers Eye AAU Meet

PORTLAND, Feb. 17—(AP)—Officials of the 1945 Golden Gloves tournament set for March 7, 8 and 9 at the Portland city auditorium, said today the series may serve as boxing tryouts for the national AAU championships at Boston, Mass., April 2, 3. The state AAU boxing committee has the proposal under consideration.

## State Prep Quints Eye Home Stretch Battles for Eight Tourney Tickets

In exactly 28 days eight prep basketball teams, the cream of the high school crop in Oregon, will open an offensive for the 26th annual hoop tourney title on Willamette U's history-drooling speedway. But right now upwards of 28 class A quints are warming up to final district clashes to determine which eight will grab the tickets to Salem. A myriad of class B hoop-suiters are meanwhile battling toward the four open berths in conjunction with the 26th classic.

No quint is yet assured of a tourney role, although three—Medford's Black Tornado, Eugene's Axemen and Washington's Colonials of Portland—might just as well start packing their bags for the jaunt. All are that

species of favorite in respective sections. Medford hasn't been beaten this year in 20 tries and has served up the Southern Oregon conference crown. Coach Al Simpson's flock must follow up thus far easy conquests of Ashland, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass with a sweep of a single elimination "sudden death" district 4 tourney, however, in which anything can happen. The Tornado must then beat the winner of district 3 (Burns, Prineville, Redmond, Bend, Lakeview) to get to Salem. Railbirds say the Medfords will do it and peg Bend or Redmond as the No. 3 tought.

Coach Hank Kuchera's Axemen, with 26 games won in a row to date, have already annexed the district 6 title and will vie with probably Myrtle Point of No. 5 for a tourney berth. Experts say the Axemen are "in." Some gents bless Ted Schopf's veteran Washingtonians accordingly in districts 15-16, although the Colonials did manage to lose one game to date in their tough Portland interscholastic chase.

Over in district 1 it's Baker's Bulldogs out front and tabbed to stay there. They'll play the winner of No. 2 (Pendleton, Mac Hill, Hermiston, Hood River and The Dalles) for a tourney berth, and right now it looks like a do-or-die fight between Pendleton, Hood River and The Dalles.

Early McKinney's Corvallis Spartans, an up-and-coming ball club of late, holds the lead in the district 7 fight with Bud Page's Lebanon Warriors in hot pursuit. The ultimate winner must face the No. 8 winner (McMinnville, Newberg or Dallas), and according to dopsters in that section, it'll be McMinnville's Grizzlies over all. The No. 9 battle between Beaverton, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Tigard appears to be Hillsboro, the ultimate winner to tackle either Astoria, Seaside or Tillamook of No. 10 for the fifth Salem ticket. Astoria is liked in No. 10 although she took one on the chin by Seaside last week.

Dan Jones' Oregon City Pioneers rule the favorite's roost in the 11-12 districts and are already champs of the latter.

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## JUNIOR RIVALS

# Beavers Nip Oregon, 45-43, Tie Up Northern Division Basketball Race



Awaiting the first of their three games for the City Junior high hoop title next Thursday night at the Vik Villa are these members of the Parrish and Leslie quints. No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are Bill Fasnacht, Dave Chamberlain, Ken Gibson and Coach Bob Metzger, respectively, of the Northern Pioneers. No. 5, 6, 7 and 8 are Coach Bob Keuscher, Ray Turner, Harry Culbertson and Larry Kleinsmith, respectively, of the Southern Missionaries. Leslie won the title last year but won't be favored to repeat this time. (Statesman Sports photo).

## Leslie, Parrish Open Cage Series Thursday, Vik Villa

Primed to an anxious edge following their strenuous intramural league season and three weeks of daily drilling since, Leslie's Southern Missionaries and Parrish's Northern Pioneers open their annual derby for the City Junior high basketball crown next Thursday night on the senior high speedway. And if ever in the past one of the arch-rivals was odds-on favorite to have the other, the Northerners are not a trifle worse off this year.

Coach Bob Metzger's gang, which swept through the "Mural" campaign ridiculously easy while spread out over the four Parrish teams, has been tabbed by some as potentially one of the finest quints ever to wear the Cardinal and Grey. Four members of the Metzger machine — Bill Fasnacht, Lowell Spagle, Ralph Morgall and Delwyn Kleen — tower well over the 6-foot mark. And in cagers like Bill Day, Dave Chamberlain, Ken Gibson, Hugh Bellinger, Carlos Houck, Tony Russell, Waldo Unruh, Ted Covatt, Paul Neiswander and Ron Cummings, the Northerners have a tested and true gang of hard-driving

pointmen. Gibson was far and away the leader of the individual scoring chase in the "Mural" race.

Out South it's almost exactly the opposite. Not a six-footer roams on the Bob Keuscher team and Leslie entries in the "Mural" season were not too impressive. The Missionaries plan on going down swinging in defense of the title they won last year however, what with hoop-suiters like Bob Funk, Harry Culbertson, Bill Sproule, Mike Glenn, Billie Johnston, Ray Turner, Bobbie Johnston, Winston Cobb, Larry Kleinsmith and Jack Miller to do the swinging. An indication of what to expect in the series is offered by the comparative scores of the eighth grade teams on which most of these named cagers played a year ago. Parrish waited off with all three by scores of 35-9, 47-14 and 36-15.

Eighth grade teams will again battle in prelims this year. The second game of the series is set for Friday, March 2, at Leslie and the third for March 9 at the Villa. All three will be played no matter who wins.

## Feather Title Bout Monday

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—(AP)—Willie Pep's featherweight title goes on the line for the third time Monday at Madison Square Garden in the first championship match of 1945 with the 126-pound king from Hartford, Conn., a 3 to 1 favorite to turn back the challenge of Phil Terranova, former NBA titlist.

Promoter Mike Jacobs expects to draw 14,000 fans and a \$60,000 gate for what may be Pep's last appearance before re-entering the armed service. Although he holds a medical discharge from the navy, the champ was re-examined and accepted for service recently.

Pep, recognized by New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania as feather ruler, is being the unofficial nod over Sal Bartolo, the NBA kingpin, because he holds two decisions over the boy who knocked the crown off Terranova's head.

## Vandals Next For OSC Five

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Feb. 17—(Special)—Idaho's potent Vandals will invade Corvallis next Friday and Saturday nights for Oregon State's final home basketball games of the 1945 season. Coach Slat's Gill and his Beavers have been looking forward to this visit of Babe Brown and his men ever since Idaho threw a monkey wrench into Oregon State's championship hopes by upsetting the Beavers, 32-31, at Moscow two weeks ago.

It seems incredible yet a great tribute to big league strategists who had to scrape the bottom of the talent barrel—that the majors last summer enjoyed one of the best seasons in history at the box office with only a handful of established stars.

## Victoria Kids Win

SEATTLE, Feb. 17—(AP)—A Victoria boys and girls swimming team defeated boy and girl paddlers of the Washington Athletic club 45-33 here today.

## War Performs Neat Job of Face-Lifting on Baseball

By Jerry Liska  
CHICAGO, Feb. 17—(AP)—Big League baseball, hopefully preparing for its fourth wartime season, has undergone almost a complete turnover in personnel since Pearl Harbor.

Up-to-the-minute figures disclose that each American league club displays an average of 30 blue stars, five more than the active list of 25 players permitted during the season. A total of 247 American league players have gone to war, including 19 since the close of the 1944 season. This compares with a present active list of 276 players, 128 of whom are 4-F with their 1945 status under sharp selective service scrutiny.

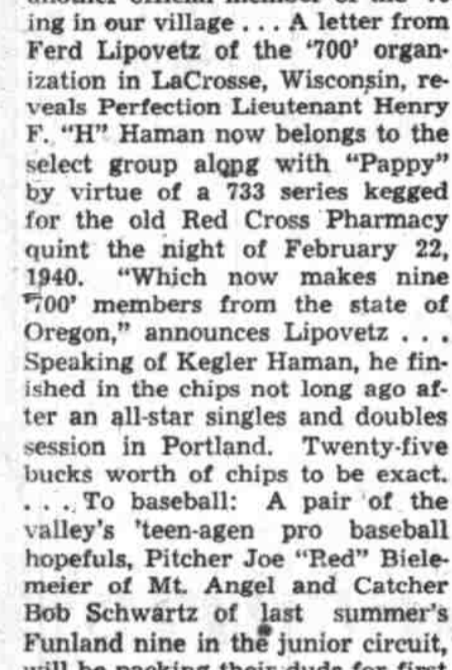
Latest National league manpower statistics are not available here, but Leslie M. O'Connor, chairman of the major league advisory council, estimates player losses are comparable in the two leagues.

The American league also can show three gold stars. Outfielder Elmer Gedeon and pitcher Forrester Brewer of the Washington Senators were killed in action as was catcher Ardy's Keller of the St. Louis Browns.

The Detroit Tigers and the Philadelphia Athletics with 36 players each lead in American

# SPORTSLIGHTNER

Shortie sporties: "Pappy" Cline, move over and make room for another official member of the '700 Bowling Clubs of America' residing in our village. . . . A letter from Ferd Lipovetz of the '700' organization in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, reveals Perfection Lieutenant Henry F. "H" Haman now belongs to the select group along with "Pappy" by virtue of a 733 series pegged for the old Red Cross Pharmacy quint the night of February 22, 1940. "Which now makes nine '700' members from the state of Oregon," announces Lipovetz. . . . Speaking of Kegler Haman, he finished in the chips not long ago after an all-star singles and doubles session in Portland. Twenty-five bucks worth of chips to be exact. . . . To baseball: A pair of the valley's 'teen-agen pro baseball hopefuls, Pitcher Joe "Red" Bielemeier of Mt. Angel and Catcher Bob Schwartz of last summer's Funland nine in the junior circuit, will be packing their duds for first jaunts to spring camps but soon, Bielemeier leaves in less than two weeks for the Brooklyn Dodger farm at Richmond, Va., and Schwartz pulls out about the same time for the Washington Senator branch at Chattanooga. The loss of his left thumb in that wood-chopping accident last fall isn't expected to handicap Bielemeier as much as was thought it would at first. Incidentally, both youths are certainly anxious to get started on the pro ball trail. Let's hope it's a long one for 'em. . . . To basketball: Did you notice who was high-point man for the Funland quint in the City loop finale the other night? None other than Big Jaw "Lawmaker" Steelhammer. He howlized eight markers but puffed afterward: "Tryin' to keep up with those legislators all day and a bunch of kids on a basketball floor at night is too much. 'Tain't fun any more." . . . (Wot kids, Jaw?) . . . And as for George Scales, another member of the Funlanders, he exhibited the other night on three occasions it's best not to let him fire from that pet spot of his on the WU gym's north sideline. He can still hit 'em. . . . The long-awaited Maple's Funland "mix of the old men" was sort of a flopper at that. Not a drop of blood was spilled, Don Hendrie failed to foul out and the stock-up Funlanders didn't win. . . . Speaking of City basketballers, wait'll you see the picture of the title-winning Maple's team! . . . Yipe!



SGT. MIKE MILLER

## District Meet Billed Monday

Principals of Salem, Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Silverton and Stayton high schools will convene here Monday at 2 p. m. to discuss a new district 11 basketball tourney playoff plan, announced Salem Principal Harry Johnson yesterday. The meeting, during which a re-drawing of the playoff schedule is due since Stayton has entered the picture, will be held at the high school.

Woodburn, Salem, Mt. Angel, Silverton and Stayton are to play off a double-elimination tourney at Mt. Angel starting February 28. The original first-round pairings—Salem vs. Woodburn and Silverton vs. Mt. Angel—will likely be tabled now that Stayton has entered, according to Johnson.

## Indians, Saints Battle Tuesday

GERVAIS—(Special)—The Crema Indians and St. Paul Saints will meet here Tuesday night at eight o'clock to play it off for the championship of the North Marion County "B" basketball league. The two teams finished in a deadlock in the regular pennant race. The winner of Tuesday's game will meet Detroit, favorite to cop the southern division, for the county title later.

## March Field Hoop Champs

FRESNO, Calif., Feb. 17—(AP)—The March Field Flyers won the fourth army air force basketball title by defeating the Geiger field, Spokane, Wash., quintet, 41-40, here Friday night for the second straight night. Both teams played erratic ball and missed many easy shots. Frank Lubin, towering center of March field, formerly of UCLA and the U.S. Olympic team, was held to a mere seven points.

## Basketball Scores

OSC 45, Oregon 43.  
WSC 46, West, Wash. 54.  
Washington 29, Gonsaga 29.  
Iowa State 51, Oklahoma 43.  
Kentucky 46, Tennessee 34.  
Wisconsin 44, Purdue 42.  
Corryell 37, Columbia 33.  
St. John's 63, Brooklyn Col. 27.  
Ohio State 63, Indiana 45.  
Penn 61, Army 52.  
New York U 64, Temple 43.  
Missouri U 54, Nebraska 44.

## Labhart Paces State to Win

Rocha, Wilkins Lose Ground, Scoring Race

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS

	W	L	FG	FT	PF	TP
Oregon State	8	5	415	863	344	344
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Wash. State	7	5	383	550	323	323
Washington	5	9	387	627	601	601
Idaho	3	7	290	365	436	436

Last night's result: At Oregon State 45, Oregon 43.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 17—(AP)—Oregon State climbed to a tie in the Northern Division, Pacific Coast conference basketball race by defeating University of Oregon tonight in a game that kept up a home-stretch pace from the start.

Oregon State's 6-foot 8-inch scoring star, Red Rocha, failed to score a field goal all night, but did sink two free throws. He had plenty of shots but they all went awry. The Beavers depended on Larry West and Bob Labhart for their scoring punch.

The game started out so fast and rough that four fouls were called on Oregon and one on Oregon State, before a field goal was dropped in. Referee Piluso warned the teams, with Oregon State leading 3 to 1 on foul points, that he would call infractions closely.

After four minutes Hays dropped in a crumple for Oregon for the game's first field goal, to tie the count 3-all. The lead see-sawed until seven minutes from the end of the half, when Oregon State began to pull away and led, 28 to 17, with four minutes remaining. Then Hamilton and Smith went on a rampage for Oregon and cut the Oregon State lead to 30 to 28 at half time.

When the second period opened Bartlett and Hayes dropped in rapid field goals to put Oregon ahead, 32 to 30. Ted Henningsen came back for the Beavers to knot it, 32-all. Labhart added a free throw and Oregon State went in front, 33 to 32. With three and a quarter minutes remaining Bob Hamilton ringed a field goal for Oregon to tie it at 43-all.

Two minutes were left when (Continued on page 15)

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