

STATESMAN SPORTS By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

2 Teams Withdraw From No-Name Loop

Oregon City, Milwaukie Entries Drop; Bend to Get Invitation

The No-Name athletic league, one of the top prep circuits in the state, lost two members yesterday when Oregon City and Milwaukie withdrew during a league meeting held at the senior high school.

The withdrawals leave Salem, Corvallis, Albany and Eugene still active. An invitation, authorized by league officials is to be sent to Bend and possibly Springfield or Lebanon to fill the circuit to the six-team level again.

Oregon City Coach Dan Jones, president of the league until the withdrawals, was replaced by Salem Athletic Director Gurnee Fleisher. Earl McKinney of Corvallis was elected vice-president and Henry Kuchera of Eugene retained his post as secretary-treasurer.

All schools were represented except Eugene. The new officers are to work toward the rebuilding of the league into a six-team circuit as soon as possible. Both Jones and Merritt McKee of Milwaukie indicated that plans were already under way wherein Oregon City and Milwaukie would join a new league composed of those schools and possibly Gresham, St. Helens, Hood River, Hillsboro and Newberg.

Football, baseball and track schedules involving the member schools were discussed at length and will be announced later. Bee football teams from each school will engage in a regular league schedule also. Dual track meets along with the regular No-Name meet will be held. Coach McKinney is to draw up the home-and-home baseball schedules, which may include a jamboree at Corvallis, and Tom Drynan of Salem is to draw up track dates.

The member coaches are to meet at the finish of football season to select an all-star team. Al Lightner was voted in as new league publicist replacing Dick Strite of the Eugene Register-Guard.

The No-Name league was formed in 1938 and weathered a previous storm before yesterday's break-up. The loop split into a northern and southern division two years ago because of the war, but the plan did not work out well. The teams went back on a full round-robin basis the past football season.

Although Oregon City and Milwaukie have officially dropped out, both schools signified respective athletic teams would likely maintain relationships with a few of the remaining members.

Those attending yesterday's meeting: Principal Harry Johnson, Coaches Tom Drynan, Herm Schwartzkopf and Athletic Director Gurnee Fleisher of Salem; Jones of Oregon City; McKee and Principal O. D. Byers of Milwaukie; Coach Ed Ryan of Albany; McKinney of Corvallis and Principal Paul Robinson of Albany.

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a natural for the clients if ever there was one here.

It's Sgt. Mike Now

It's now Sgt. Mike Miller, we see by a letter from the former Vik Villa man now in England, but he admits he's "still a grease monkey." Meaning that Mike is one of those GI's the buzz-boys rate tops, an airplane mechanic. Last we heard, he was attached to a P-38 outfit.

"Not much excitement around here now," he adds, "but we did have a football team which won the championship of England. Played 12 and won every one. What a team! Even Spec Keene or Lon Stiner would have cracked a smile had they seen it. Scored 275 points to 6 against, and in the 'Tea Bowl' championship game in London we won 13-0 over a team which had been undefeated in two years."

"And now we have a basketball court right in a hangar here. Built it in two weeks and it's swell. All of us GI's enjoy the exercise we get in games. Kinda sounds like I'm having it easy. Well, I guess I am. But we work eight hours or more per day. I've been here in the same spot 18 months now, so feel right at home... Keep those Statesman coming - we enjoy them over here a lot."

Two years away from home in a war theater and Mike says he's having it easy. The attitude of those GI's!

Williams, Zurita, Sign for Scrap

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17 - (AP) Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J., and Juan Zurita of Los Angeles signed contracts today to meet here April 9 for Zurita's NBA lightweight title. Chairman Leon Rains of the Pennsylvania Athletic commission said Abe Green, NBA president, notified him the fight would be a title bout, although Pennsylvania does not belong to the NBA.

Two West Salem 4H Clubs Organized

WEST SALEM—A group of 4H club members met at the McVey home Thursday afternoon. Sewing and garden projects were started and officers elected. The Sunshine Garden club named Gerry Park president, Ruth McVey vice president, and Doreen Hilderbrand secretary. The Sew Fine Sewing club named Gerry Prescott president, Gene Grosse vice president, and Helen McVey secretary.

Red Cross Faces Big Postwar Job

SEATTLE, Feb. 17 - (AP) - A "tremendous job" lies ahead of the Red Cross in Europe "after the shooting stops," Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, said here today. "Nobody dares guess how long it will take to demobilize millions of fighting men," he said. "There will be a big problem in maintaining the morale of soldiers while waiting to come home."

Eagles, Ironmen Meet

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17 - (AP) - Portland Eagles and Seattle Ironmen will battle for leadership in the Northern division, Pacific Coast Ice Hockey league, here Sunday night. The Eagles climbed to a tie by a decisive win over the Seattle Stars Friday night.

Johnson Promoted

WITH 30TH U. S. INFANTRY DIVISION, Feb. 17 - (AP) - Earl Johnson, left-handed pitcher for the Boston Red Sox of the American league and a former athlete at St. Mary's college, has received a battlefield promotion to second lieutenant and also has been awarded the Bronze Star.

Labhart Paces State to Win

Strait added a tip-in field goal from a scramble to give Oregon State the lead, 45 to 43, and there were no scores in the remaining time, although some fouls were called. Oregon State missed Ted Henningsen throughout most of the final half. Five minutes after it started his eye was badly cut in a pile-up and he left the game.

Table with columns for OREGON STATE (45) and Labhart, Henningsen, Strait, Rocha, McGowan, West, Moore, Totals.

Half-time score: Oregon State 30, Oregon 22. Free throws missed: Oregon State - Labhart 3, Henningsen, Rocha 2, West, Moore 2; Oregon - Smith 2, Wilkins 2, Hays 2. Referee—Emil Piluso, Umpire—Paul Warren.

Beetham Wins Garden Race

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 - (AP) - Lt. Charles Beetham, 31-year-old former Ohio State, looped to an easy victory in the Matt Halpin half mile tonight, opening event at the annual New York A. C. track games in Madison Square Garden. The balding navy physical educator from the North Carolina pre-flight school hit the tape in 1:57, slowest time for the fixture since 1929.

Byrnes Planning No Curtailment

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 - (AP) - War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes does not contemplate any curtailment of sports at the present time, Lucius D. Clay, deputy director of the war program indicated today in a letter to a Chicago industrial group which urged continuance of wartime athletics to abate absenteeism. The letter was made public by Howard M. Reinerman, chairman of a steel manufacturers committee which had requested an appointment with Byrnes in Washington to discuss maintaining amateur and professional sports for the duration.

Bowling Scores

Table with columns for COMMERCIAL LEAGUE (Mondays), INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE (Tuesdays), MAJOR LEAGUE (Wednesdays), LADIES LEAGUE (Thursdays), and MERCANTILE LEAGUE (Fridays).

Flu Epidemic Hits Pt. Barrow, Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 17 - (AP) - The influenza epidemic which for more than a week has plagued the native population of Point Barrow, Alaska, now has spread south to Wainwright, the office of dominion affairs announced tonight. The office said nurse Alma Carlson had been detailed to fly to the aid of the Wainwright patients and two other nurses would be sent there later by plane.

Army Uses Paper As Duck Substitute

WASHINGTON - (AP) - Because of the inability to secure sufficient production of cotton duck for tarpaulins, the quartermaster corps has adopted a paper and burlap laminated tarpaulin for a substantial part of its requirements. This paper-asphalt-burlap combination has been used for some time by the quartermaster corps in packing many items for overseas, but this is its first use as a protective covering for stores of supplies.

Figures Show Interest In Art Is Increasing

CHICAGO - (AP) - Interest in art is picking up again. The extent of the war-time renaissance was demonstrated by the Chicago Art Institute's recently announced report for 1944. Spectators numbered 7,014,460, the highest total since Pearl Harbor. Lectures were attended by 99,239 persons, an increase of 21 per cent over the 1943 audience aggregate. Enrollment at the school was the largest since 1929.

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HOME, SWEET MUSIC

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif. - (AP) - When Lt. Bert Knighton opened a letter from the Philippines the other day out dropped a sheet upon which was scrawled a brief bar of music from "Home, Sweet Home." The letter was from Col. Serapio D. Canceran, assistant to President Osmena of the Philippines and was dated Oct. 20, 1944.

Nazi Counterfeits Arrive in England

LONDON - (AP) - Bank of England notes forged by the Germans during their occupation of Europe and dumped through France, Belgium and Holland, now are arriving in Britain. A few may be in circulation but most are being destroyed on arrival.

Advertisement for Wrestling Tuesday at Salem Armory, featuring George Wagner vs. 'Grey Mask'.

