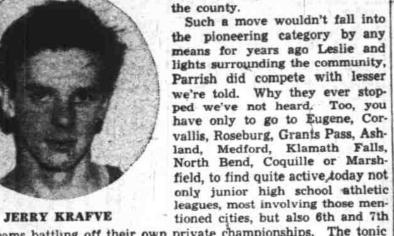
by Al Lightner ORTSLIGHTNER

Propaganda dept: They've broken the ice, you might say, now that Leslie and Parrish junior high hoop-suiters are to be allowed the tasting of outside-Salem athletic competition in the annual Goldenball basket tourney in Portland, so we join many others in wondering why said ice isn't broken up into little pieces. Meaning that the time is ripe to enter the village junior athletes in a regular round-robin homeand-home league with any inter-

ested small-fry schools in or near



grade teams battling off their own private championships. The tonic therein provided for future senior high teams need not be explained

The object of any athletic program designed nowadays for 'teenagers is health and fitness, both mentally and physically. Yet the phys-ed teachers have quite a time selling the kids on the idea of physical education via intra-school activities, commonly and drudgingly called "gym" by the kids themselves. Sure, the Leslie and Parrish athletes today drool enthusiasm over their "civil war" meetings, but you'll find hardly a one who doesn't at one time or another "wish we wuz in that county league-we could beat those guys." The conventional yearning to spread out is there. Glamorized and inviting physical education goes with any venture of a varsity team into competiiton with outsiders. It even has its effect on those who fail to make the varsity teams and are left to their "gym" classes.

Athletic Growth Starts in Lesser Grades

We've said it many times here and we'll say it again: The seed of winning senior high teams is sown when the athletically-minded kids are still waddling through the mid-grades.

Superintendent Frank Bennett's back-to-action move in local junior high athletics a year ago when Leslie-Parrish competition was revived was a double-barreled shot in the arm for senior high varsity sports. And from where we sit, the superintendent could volley a shot in the other arm by now opening the gates to regularly-scheduled outside competition for the Pioneers and Missionaries. Practicability of such a maneuver has been proven by other such schools in the state which annually list junior high varsity athletics on a par with those of the senior highs.

The two topmost reasons for Superintendent Bennett's barrierlifting move are logical enough, lal right. (1) To acquaint the local juniors with outside competition-variety is the spice of life, you know; and (2) to unite closer athletic relationship between Leslie and Parrish kids, more or less common rivals just as soon as they enter the junior grades. Same kids will one day join the senior high teams. and when they do it's better that they gang up as pals rather than carried-over "civil war" rivals. Private clicques are not good in varsity athletics. Witness what the SHS secret societies have done in the past for proof.

District 11 Tourney Financial Success

Shortie sporties: "Successfull" written across the face of the recent district 11 hoop tourney at Mt. Angel by Director Father Method, and here's why: Student tickets sold-2156 for \$539.00. Adult tickets sold-1203 for \$601.50. Gross receipts-\$1140.50. Expenses, including team mileage, \$182.48 for Morgenthau via tax, \$180 for officials, \$90 gym rent, etc., came to \$600.35, which left to be divided equally be- lature adjourns," up and tell him weight will be offset by li'l Willteam mileage expenses . . . Due home soon as salty seamen after boot training at San Diego station are Pete and "Hoot" Valdez, two of the youthful Valdez boys who have been active the past couple years in village baseballing, basketballing, bowling and YMCA athletics in general. Both are due home the latter part of the month . . . Appreciative high school that Woodburn. The student body and school are showing what they think of their district 11 champion Bulldogs by buying every one of 'em season tickets to the tourney this week . . Speaking of Woodburn, she will be somewhat represented in the tourney even if in an offhanded way. Two of the Newberg Tigers who are to battle for district four are Red-headed Dick Twenge and Lefthander Al Olson, both baseball stars for Woodburn's American Legion Junior nine last summer . . . Many eyes will be focused on Twenge, for he's truly one of the greatest athletes ever to come out of Newberg. Only one 1944 tourney all-star player back to try it again this time-Washington's tall center Jerry Krafve. If he succeeds, he'll be the first repeater to accomplish it since Astoria's Ken Seeborg did it in 1940-41. Waterman Would Tribute Hammerin' Henry

Joe Waterman, Portland's boxing major domo makes a fitting offer to Russ Newland, AP western sports ed: "All of us matchmakers and boxing promoters who have been made 'great' whenever Henry Armstrong fought for us should get together and give him a sort of testimonial banquet before he leaves for his overseas boxing tour or before he permanently retires from the ring. Most of us matchmakers on the Coast and some in the East have been made 'great' match- also. makers the day after Armstrong fought for us. Joe Waterman was the greatest ever when Armstrong drew \$18,000 and \$16,000 with Lew Jenkins and Jimmy Garrison, respectively. The next week, for the same promoter, Garrison and Lige Drew attracted \$2100. It's the same everywhere he fights. So I say let us get together and give Henry a banquet as a testimonial to one of the greatest boxers who ever crushed resin in a ring-a testimonial to the fighter who makes 'great' matchmakers of guys like Waterman and the rest."



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100 new balls. The 100 balls can be sold to 100 golfers who can play some 6300 holes with 'em after you figure that the average life of a ball is 63 holes, Considering too that a player swings SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 12on an average of 51/2 strokes per hole, that's 24,650 strokes SGC (AP)-President Bill Starr of the San Diego baseball club announced tolinksmen will take at relatively day he had acquired Bob McNamara, 26, a shortstop, from the Memphis club of the Southern asnew balls which otherwise, were it not for the weekend tourney, most of the statisticians who figured it out put it: "Not bad, Totals 903 786 826 2325 Sociation. Starr said Omar Lane, first baseman, and George Morgan, an infielder, had been traded for McNamara, who refused to reHendrie 189 183 118 465 port to Memphis and announced language 176 213 176 563 he wanted to perform with a Coast 786 901 792 3479 league club.

It's Medford,

Tourney tattling corner: "It's Medford in a walk" Aw, y'er balmy - - it's Washington" . . "Say what you will, my dough's riding on Baker" . . . "Bum pick - - mine's on Eugene" . . . Etc., etc. . . . So it goes this week around the town as the natives warm up to the 26th annual state basketball tournament which embarks Thursday afternoon on Willamette U's freshly-varnished speedway. The "experts" are up to

men or Baker's highly-advertis-After a peep at the playing schedule in the opening round Thursday, plus who might play who next day in round two - bracketing they call it - - little wonder why the experts are pointing to Medford. The Tortheir annual chores - - picking the winner - - but to date we've nado is in the lower bracket heard nary a voice offering Orewith Vernonia, Hillsboro and con City, Vernonia, Hillsbore or Oregon City, the three teams al-

off for the 26th blue ribbon clas-

sic crown. The multitude rides

with the Black Tornado, Wash-

ing to n's king-sized Colonials,

Eugene's hippety-hopping Axe-

Newberg as the team to knock ready pegged as also-rans. Consequently, Coach Al Simpson's undefeated-in-26-games crew is picked to be the lower division's representative in the championship game Saturday night at In the upper bracket, however, things are tough. Washington and Eugene square off in the 3 p. m. opener Thursday and Baker then takes on stubborn little Newberg. Which means dogfight both Thursday and Friday for the coveted Saturday night encore. Just as many claim Eugene will kayo the veteran Colonials in that opener as there are those who insist vice versa.

'Pitcher' FDR

Hurls Strike

Baker is liked over Newberg, making Friday night's semifinal another jim-dandy. No question but what the upper bracket team that takes to the floor in Saturday night's finale will have earn-

Washington, Eugene or Baker for Tourney Title -- 'Experts' Say

ed the honor the hard way. Reasons for those peerless picks by the prognosticators bare themselves by taking a look at the won-lost records for all eight entries. The favored teams - -Medford, Eugene, Washington and Baker - - stack up as fol-lows: Medford - - won 26, lost 6; Eugene - - won 30, lost 1; Washington - - won 21, lost 1; Baker - - won 27, lost 3. The four remaining teams can't match the marks, although Oregon City close with a 22-3 campaign. Newberg has 22-4, Vernonia 13-8 and Hillsbore an as-

tonishing 9-12. Villagers also point to the po-tency exhibited by both Medford and Eugene during visits here to chase with the Vikings, and have freshly indented in their minds the 62-36 walloping Washington handed the same Viks last week in Portland, Eastern Oregon advertisements telling that Baker brings "the best team ever to represent Baker" has had an indelible effect also.

STATESMAN SPORTS
By allightner, Sports Editor

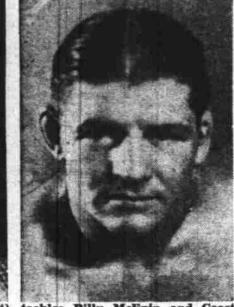
Black Tornado: Pegged Tourney Team to Beat

see it as a tossup between Clatskanie, Pleasant Hill and Grant Union of John Day. Arlington doesn't boast near the seasonal record or scoring power of either the other three. Claiskanie won 19 and lost 1 during the season, mostly against "A" schools, including Vernonia; Pleasant Hill won 24 and lost 4, and Grant Union won 24 and lost 3. Arlington, a small team compared to the other three, won 17 and lost

Our picks? Medford champ, Baker runnerup, Eugene third place and Washington fourth, (Well, it's free, ain't it?)

Share Billing on Tonight's Card





Salem's Tough Tony Ross (left) tackles Billy McEuin and Coast Champ Jack Kiser (right) takes on Georgie Wagner in the prelim matches to the Gust Johnson-Georges Dusette mat mainer tonight

Rasslin' Tripleheader' Set For Armory Bop Bin Tonight

Capped by what promises to be a swift and scientific Coast junior neavyweight title session between Lithe Gust Johnson, the title claim- dent told him: "You've got to give ant and Georges Dusette, the boy with the bulging biceps and big me credit for night baseball." squeeze, tonight's triple-headed muscles party offers its weekly self at the Ferry Street Garden. And triple-headed is right, for not one recalling a presidential statement of the three brawls ticketed would a year or so ago that games after

in the clients' estimation.

First, Villager Tough Tony Ross

takes on wicked-walloping Billy

this to undoubtedly wind up in

yam's pet one-two punches, and

mebbe more so. Many customers

windup special Coast Champ Jack

Kiser tries one of his old nemesis',

Gorgeous Georgie Wagner. No

been much in demand by Port-

land audiences lately, and reasons

The blood and thunder stuff

will probably be blanketed in the

two prelims, for both Johnson and

Dusette go for their bone-bending

strictly on the orthodox side. Since

both are exceptionally fast and

know every page of the Rassler's

Manual, however, the match

could be a crowd-pleaser de luxe.

Dusette's known strength and pun-

ishing Full Nelsons will no doubt

encounter Johnson's elbow smash-

es and "surboard" holds as the

Givan Tops in Tourney

SEATTLE, March 12. -(AP)-

ney for High Exalted Ruler

Verne Perry & Co. Incidentally,

Walt Cline, Jr., again the lad to beat for the Open title, is seen

out now that spring is nigh . . .

Walt "Th' Sneeze" Achiu will

standout features.

customer unhappy.

Sparks Kayoes Tourney Talk

right back he's wrong. Tourney Director Les Sparks announced vesterday the 26th annual classic are convinced McEuin could do is still very definitely "on" for okeh as a boxer. Then in the semi-Thursday, Friday and Saturday of

What with the capitol-crowded legislators bedded and watered grass should grow under this one, down in almost all local hotels and a non-title affair since it's limited auto camps, making a previous to half an hour. Georgie's dreams housing shortage even more critical, little wonder why rumors he manages to upset the popular started postponing the tourney be- Tiger man. The "preview" of a cause of scarcity of team accommodations. But Sparks insists the teams will be taken care of even if they are forced to accept quar- why need not be explained here. ters in the local USO hall.

Meanwhile, tourney tickets are going at a fast clip. All season tickets are gone, but a number of single session reserved ducats are still available. Oone thousand general admission tickets will be available daily during the meet

Waterman 1st In Links Meet

Seven-handicapped Bud Waterman found a two-over-par 74 in his golf bag Sunday and used it to edge out the field in the Mens' club Match vs. Par tourney with a 4-up count over par. Leo Estey, who posted the best gross round, a 72, lopped off only three strokes Harry Givan, Seattle amateur ketball season came to a close at for handicap, was second with a 3-up count. Dr. C. Bates and a 77, minus 8, 2-up on par finish was good for third place.

and turned in well over 100 old over the Rainier golf club course. golf balls as entry fees. Additional rounds in the Eclectic meet were also played over the weekend, but Tom Wise and his net 57 card still to W. M. O'Brien of Seattle, who No. 1's, 46-37. had a card of 73-6-67. stood out as best.

Top-rate response to the week-

end's Match vs Par tourney, in

which the par-punishers posted

old golf balls an entry fees, will

mean that same mashie wavers

will play considerable golf at

SGC in the near future. One-

hundred twenty - six old balls

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and look now what can happen

because of such response; For the

126 old ones the factory will

return 80 per cent new ones, or

Putter-Mutterings

On the Salem Golfers

For Arc Ball Nat Boss Griffiths Reports on Visit WASHINGTON, March 12 .- (AP)-

Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, reported today that President Roosevelt had delivered a high hard one down the middle for night baseball this year.

The president and the "old fox" chatted about the national sport when Griffith made his annual call at the White House with season passes for the chief executive and Mrs. Roosevelt. Griff said they didn't get into baseball's wartime future. That, he indicated, is something he is talking over with other people.

The boss of the capital's American league club, whose schedule includes as many games as he could arrange under lights, described Mr. Roosevelt as "a night baseball man." He said the presi-

Griff said he agreed with that, fail to pass as a choice main event dark would provide recreation for day shifts in war plants.

And to a question whether the chief executive favors night ball this year, Griffith replied without McEuin in the 8:30 p. m. opener, hesitation: "Oh, yes."

Apparently night games are all a rip-snorter of a scrap since it right, too, with the office of de-If someone ups and tells you will be chapter two of a blood- fense transportation, even though he's heard "they've postponed the dripper the pair battled off here the government is trying to disstate hoop tourney until the legis- a few months ago. Superior Ross courage the use of electricity to conserve fuel

"Suppose 15,000 people go to a baseball game," Griffith remarked. "If they stayed home they would be reading. It doesn't make much difference. It evens itself about

Reedsport '5' of a title tussle will come true if Joins Tourney possible championship scrap has Reedsport high upset Pleasant

Hill, 37-29, last night in the final game of their three for the district B-2 basketball championship and therein became the fihal quint to gain entry in the 26th annual hoop tourney set for Willamette U this week. Reedsport and Pleasant Hill had broken even in two previous games. The Coasters will open Friday afternoon against Arlington of district B-3 in the "B" tourney. Not a single word of publicity has been received on the Reedsport team other than its clinch-ing victories over the favored Pleasant Hillers.

referee, which won't make a single All-Star '5's

The annual Church league basplaying with the Broadmoor golf the YMCA last night with the club, turned in the low gross of "A" and "B" division quints. In the monthly intercity sweepstakes the latter the Darrel Jones coach-Thirty-six entries participated tournament with a sparkling 68 ed No. 2 team won over the J. H. McConville coached No. 1, 29-27, and in the "A" game the A. G. Given lost first place in the ama- Lindstrand coached No. 2's won teur class A division, however, over the Lyle Ertsgaard coached

Sub center Fast led the "A" victory with 20 points, two more than 'Mate Fox, and Meyer got for secondary honors and Guard Tanner looped nine to lead the "B" team win. Hunt of the losers

that putters be used to putt with-TEAM NO. 2 (46) (37) TEAM NO. 1 to scoop balls out of the cups. . Twas noticed over the weekend that the cup lips were fine shape. And after all, men, that water isn't cold for "B" GAME: FEAM NO. 1 (27) (29) TEAM NO. 2 long. . . Qualifying dates for the Elks club sponsored City Championship meet have been set for the first two weeks starting April Team No. 2 subs — H. Cammack 3, Juza 2, Purdy 2, Officials — Chet Goodman and Irv Hale. Topnotch prizes await the flight winners, it's reported, and Don Hendrie and Glen Lengren

are the ones handling the tour- Boudreau Among Tribe 'Missing'

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 12more frequently around the lay- (AP)-A skeleton crew of Cleveland Indians arrived today for the op-The Elk meet replaces the ening of spring training but Manng Handicap event which ager Lou Boudreau was among

umn affair this year . . They The Tribe pilot wired Business grow 'em tough in Ashland. Manager Frank Kohlbecker from Frank Van Dyke tried the course would be several days late in ar-Sunday and takes back to the riving because of "family reasouthland after legislature adjournment a bit of loose change previously belonging to Rex Kiming routine until Boudreau remell, Harry Gustafson and friend.

Willamette. With but two seniors in the pack, the Tornado will also be one of the youngest quints in the tourney. Front row, I to r: Glenn Bostwick, Larry Hayes (*), Captain Bob Watson, Darrell Riggs, Jerry Ross and Dick Fawcett (*). Back: Carl Reich, Bill Singler, LeRoy House, Howard Whillock, Jim Cave, Earle Stelle and Fred Stammin. Coach Al Simpson is not shown. (*) Denotes senior. Six foot 1½ inch Ross was the leading scorer for the team and in the Southern Oregon conference I-Walton Meet

Rounding out the first quarter of 1945, the Salem Chapter, Izaak Walton league of America will hold its regular monthly meeting SCORES Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at Eagles hall, announces President HIGH SCHOOL Reedsport 37. P Verne Robb. Full attendance is urged by Robb since standing

quite unsatisfactory in recent meetings. Another topic up for discussion Haegg Plans
Vednesday night - - the proposed Wednesday night - - the proposed chapter's club house. Site and plans for the private meeting

16 Participate In Sox Drills

place will be aired by all pres-

ent, according to Robb.

Set Wednesday

committees are to give their quar-

terly reports after considerable

activeness. Attendance has been

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 16-(AP)-The Chicago White Sox, who finished seventh in the American league race last season, made the most auspicious spring training start to date in the junior circuit today as 16 players reported to Manager Jimmy Dykes.

While the quality of the opening Pale Hose turnout was questionable, the club numerically exceeded the opening bows of the Washington Senators, the Cleveland Indians, the New York Yankees and the champion St. Louis Browns, who also have started

Nelson, Twin Cop Four-Ball

MIAMI, Fla., March 12 .- (A)-Byron Nelson and Harold (Jug) McSpaden, the "Gold Dust Twins" of pro golf before Slammin' Sam Snead was discharged from the navy, today held jointly the international four ball golf tourney championship after besting the Sammy Byrd-Denny Shute team in the final round here Sunday, 8 and 6. The "Twins" never before had advanced beyond the second round of the four ball, but they playead unbeatable golf throughout the tourney this time. They were 14 under par for the 30 holes needed to conquer Shute and Byrd, who scored the upset of the event Saturday in ousting Snead and Bob Hamilton.



Medford high's district 2 Black Tornado, undefeated in 26 games over the season, including three with

Salem high, is picked by 26th annual state hoop tourney railbirds as the team to beat this week at

Kansas City) Eastern Ke college (Iowa) So. Illinois 64, Washburn U 49. Central Col. 54, Eau Clair Teach. 36

Exit in April

NEW YORK, March 12-(AP)-Gunder Haegg's boss in Malmoe, Sweden, wants his tie salesman back by April 17 and the erstwhile holder of the mile outdoor record has made plans to leave for home a day or two after Easter. Haegg received a cablegram from his employer late Saturday, ordering him back to work on the date specified in their agreement and the runner, beaten in both his indoor starts on the present invasion, immediately began arranging for a plane trip home.

Instead of a projected tour through the south and to the west coast and a probable appearance at the Penn relays, Haegg now will conclude his present visit at a meet in Buffalo on March 31.

Gamblers Tried It on St. John's Five, Too

the St. John's college basketball the pre-tourney favorites. team, testified today at the hearing on the gambling situation and attempted "fixing" of cage games that on two occasions his players reported to him they had been approached by individuals with "propositions."



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Ball Bigs to Visit Capitol

WASHINGTON, March 12-(AP)-Baseball's official representatives, Ford Frick and Will Harridge, will pay a return visit to Washington this week to further iron out some of the game's pressing problems involving transportation in par-

It was learned tonight that the two major league presidents will confer with the office of defense transportation

Frick and Harridge recently voluntarily worked out an understanding with ODT to reduce baseball's travel by 25 per cent in 1945. Since then some confusion apparently has developed over playing of exhibition games.

An ODT source tonight said that its understanding with baseball that exhibition games on "neutral" fields will not be played still stands. The ODT defined "neutral" fields as being any ground that is not the home field or training site of either partici-

Cage Tourney Field Slashed

KANSAS CITY, March 12-(AP)-Eastern Kentucky of Richmond. Central college, Fayette, Mo., and Southern Illinois Normal of Carbondale, won their way into the quarter finals of the 16-team national inter-collegiate basketball tournament in municipal auditorium here tonght before 2500 spec-

Eastern Kentucky overwhelmed Simpson 64-42 in th third game of NEW YORK, March 12 .- (P)-Joe the first night's triple header, up-Lapchick, for nine years coach of holding their ranking as one of



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