

Villa Mittmen Slug and Slam Off Annual Vik Fight Titles

Perhaps short on class but in most cases long enough on willingness and intestinal fortitude, Salem high's intramural fistic flog last night filled the Vik gym with flying leather in whopping off the school's annual boxing championships. The fights, punch-off before around 400 enthusiasts, brought to a close the expansive program fostered by the Villa athletic department during which nearly 500 engagements were battled off. Last night's winners became school titleholders for their respective weights and form the SRS boxing team.

Only one knockout dotted the 11-pronged card, and it came in the 112-pound brawl between Carl Weidner and Duane Amen. Sharp-punching Amen caught, hit Weidner with a right to the chin 1:15 into the first heat and ended it right there. The heavyweight offering between Roy Little and Don Graves nearly amounted to a

TKO for Littka in the third frame, but the bell saved Graves after he had hit the deck 11 times.

Good bouts, causing Judges Harry Levy, Harry Collins and Frisco Edwards to deliberate, were the closies between Dick Allison and Tad Shinkle in the 135-pound class, the nod going to Shinkle; the Max Maude-Don Beltz 165-pounder, the decision going the Maude, and the George Zurlinden-Lyle Williams 155-pounder, Williams getting the nod. This last one, a touch-and-go affair all the way, was easily the best scrap on the card. Mell Boggs bested Bob Macy in the 145 class in another good one. Other results were:

105 lbs.—Jim Pyatt decision over Glen Graber; 74 lbs.—Emil Vidka decision over Richard Hoppen; 125 lbs.—Manuel Davenport decision over Harold Koontz; 175 lbs.—Bill Hill decision over Bill Castor; 185 lbs. (exhibition)—Orval Hern decision over Clifford Sexton. Coach Tommy Drynan was the referee.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Twelve high school hoop teams, each champion in its district, will compete in the annual basketball tournament which will be held in the armory Thursday, Friday and Saturday under the auspices of Willamette university. The event is an annual one at the university. . . . Having presented satisfactory team records to the tournament association, the teams that have been definitely selected by Coach R. L. Mathews are as follows: Eugene, from southern Willamette valley; Ashland, from southern Oregon; Marshfield, from southern coast region; McMinnville, from northern coast region; Salem, Woodburn and Molalla, from northern Willamette valley; Bend, from central Oregon; and Franklin high school, the champion of Portland.

The representative of the southern Columbia river region will be decided in a contest staged last night between Seaside and Astoria. Following this game Coach Mathews will make the final selection. Heppner will be the representative from the upper Columbia region. . . . Salem, losing but one contest, has a deft group of hoop artists that is going to fight to hold the state championship in the Cherry city. . . . Ralph Coleman of O.A.C. will be the chief official of the tournament, it is announced by Coach Mathews. Mr. Coleman will be assisted by members of the Bearcat team. . . . The visiting basketball cohorts will be the guests of the students of Willamette university during their stay in Salem. Entertainment will be provided by the local fraternities. After the final hoop contest on Saturday night a mix will be staged in honor of the visiting high school men. (Ed.'s note: So that's where those post-tourney brawls got started!)



R. L. (MATTY) MATHEWS

No, we haven't been uncorking too many bottles—the above is merely a file's snatch of the pre-tourney story of 25 years ago—1921. We'd have gladly used the 1920 story inasmuch as 1920 was the inaugural year for the classics but, briefly, couldn't find 1920 file.

Other Memories, Too

Unlike 1945, 'twas a great year for Salem, that 1921. No, she didn't win the title, but was next best to Franklin of Portland after a 26-19 finale. One Viking, Guard Ashby made the tourney all-star team picked personally by Coach Mathews. Two others selected on that same team were kids named Howard Hobson and Carl King, both of Franklin, the same Howard Hobson now of Oregon coaching fame and Carl "Chappie" King of the 1945 tourney's whistle-toting troupe.

The 1921 show no doubt holds many other memories for greyed tourney followers. For instance, that was the year Baker high was found playing a "ringer" in a red-headed kid named Stoddard-Blakeley. . . . Along with Ashby, other Salem players were "Evie" Jones, Gossler, Randall and Staley. . . . "Red" Ridings, later to become an All-Coast basketballer for Oregon State, was a tourney all-star member from Molalla. . . . From the accounts, the 1921 classic was a whole of a show, not at all unusual for Oregon's prep hoop utopia chase. And from the looks of what's to do the hooping in 1945, the 26th edition of same chase should be no disappointment in any respect.

'Frisco's Debut in '21

Also gleaned from the '21 file, and smack on the front page, too, is this little item: "Leo Edwards, the new catcher who has been signed by the Salem Senators for the 1921 baseball season, is expected to arrive in Salem this week, according to Manager Jack Hayes, and immediately will begin training out for the season. Edwards is known as a backstop of more than usual cleverness and big work is expected of him in Salem. He comes from the Northwest League." . . . Arguments as to whether Frisco's village beginning therein stand decided. . . . Incidentally, he was well thawed out last time we looked and leaves this week for his eighth umpiring binge in the Coast league. . . .

Stayton Dates Boxing Meet

STAYTON — An invitational boxing tournament featuring batters from Stayton, Jefferson, Turner, Chemawa and Aumsville high schools will be staged here Friday night, March 23. Twenty-odd bouts, each consisting of three one-minute rounds are planned. Last year a similar tourney here was a roaring success. . . . After winning 14 and losing 5 games for the season, the Stayton Packers basketball team has been presented with letter awards by Coach M. Driesche. Awards went to Captain Bill Frege, Ron Johnson, Don Nielson, Bud Giel, Ed Samples, Richard Duncan, Wayne Lierman, Darrell Hines, Al Solberg, Don Mouser, Darrell Etzel, Jack Hines, Ralph Giel, Ed Jordan and Manager Malcolm Long.

Basketball Scores

(Washington Prep tourney at Seattle)

South Kitsap 34, Wells 22
Ballou 44, Central Valley 37
John Rogers 31, Kalama 23
Stadium (Tacoma) 45, No. Kitsap 45
Everett 45, Victoria 28
Linderoth (Seattle) 44, Wenatchee 27
NICA (Seattle) 40, Kootenai 37
Loyola 33, Pullman 31
Central Normal 25, Catawba 20

Beavers Rated as 'Fairly Solid Outfit' for 1945

By Russ Newland
SAN JOSE, Calif., March 14.—(AP)—The Portland baseball club, in training here for the 1945 coast league season, shapes up as a fairly solid outfit, adequate pitching and catching, a good infield and side punch in the outfield. The outfield, incidentally, will be as slow of foot, if not slower, than last year when its fly-chasing troupe reminded of a ballet of the elephants. Nevertheless, the lucky Beavers finished second in the 1944 pennant chase, thanks in good measure to the 26-game winning effort of Marino Pieretti, half-pint right handed hurler who has been drafted by the Washington Senators. Replacement of Pieretti is the big rub. Portland's general manager, bald Bill Klepper, has dug up a couple of experienced right handers — Jake Mooty and Jack Tisler. The latter comes from Buffalo of the International league. Mooty, purchased from Detroit, has been around plenty, including jobs with the Chicago Cubs and the Tigers. He was with Los Angeles two years ago. Both he and Tisler have enough stuff to win in this league.

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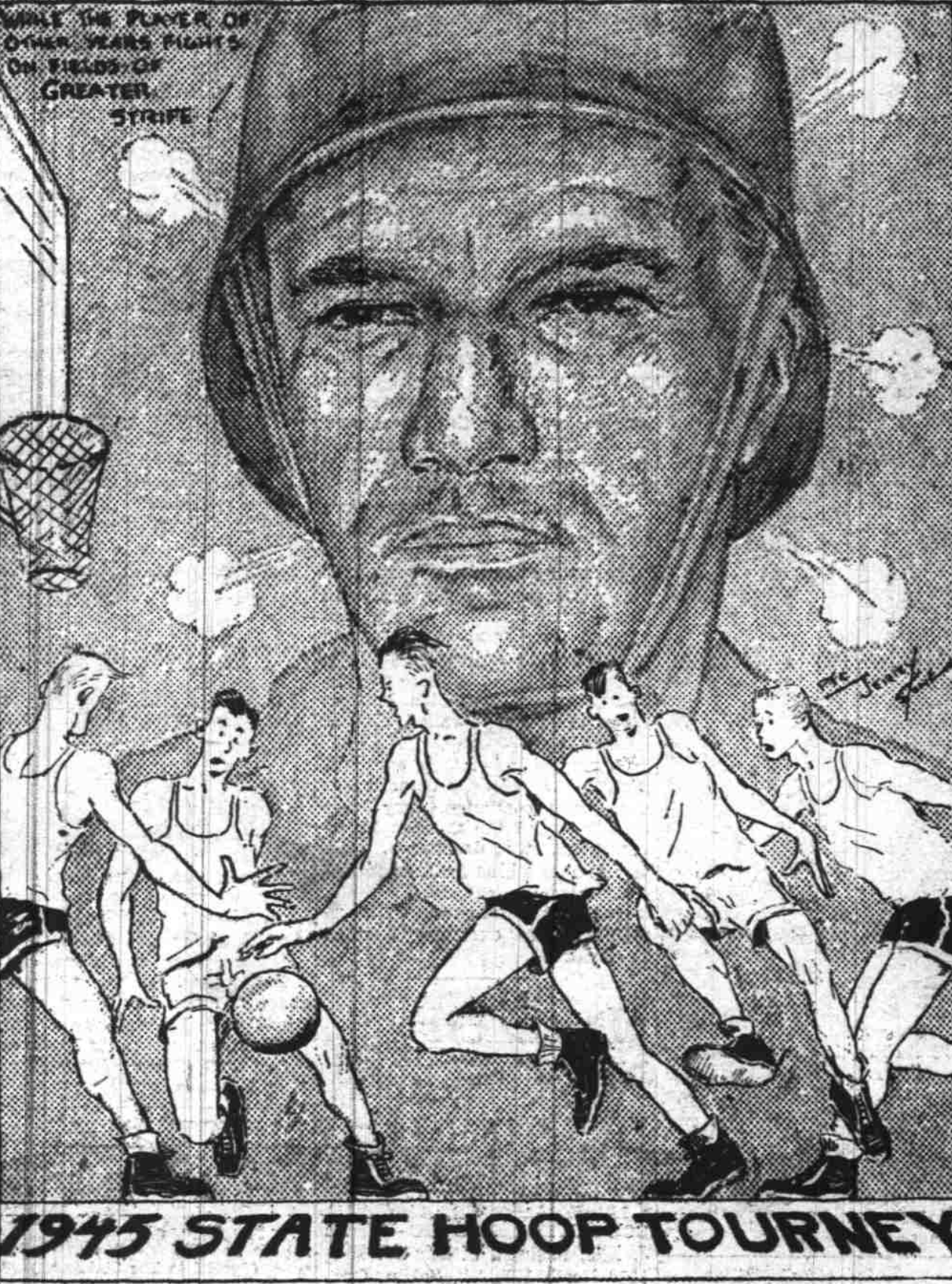
Rounding out the pitching staff will be Syd Cohen, Clarence Federmeyer, Ad Liska, Don Fulford, Duke Windsor and Roy Helser. Wandell Mosser, young southpaw holdover and ex-Detroit bushier, is expected to find himself one of these days. As is, the mound squad appears capable of solid performances.

Holdover catchers Eddie Adams and Earl Norager fill the bill. Adams led the team in hitting last season. . . . The infield of Larry Barton, first base, plus his replacement, Swede Anderson; John English, second base; John O'Neill, shortstop, and manager Marv Owen, third sacker, figures good defensively and combines power at the plate. Portland has some corking rookie infielders on hand notably Frank Lucchesi and Carl Schmidt, both San Franciscoans; Reme Menegetti, Oakland; Jim Daniels, 17-year old Los Angeles boy; and Mel Nemes, the latter experienced. . . . Frank Demaree, formerly with the Cubs; Giants and St. Louis Browns, plus previous coast league experience, should strengthen the outfield. He joined Portland last mid-season weighing 235 pounds, now tips the scales 245 pounds less. When he was with Los Angeles he led the league in most of the hitting departments. He rounds out a slow outer garden group which includes Johnny Gill, Ted Gullick, Spencer Harris, all veterans, and Frank Shone, made-over pitcher.

Young pitching recruits include Bill Carr, Vallejo; Bob Hardy, Seattle; Charley Souza, Oakland, and Sam Latino, Sacramento. All are right handers. Manager Owen thinks Carr can't miss.

Today's Games 26th Annual Prep Basketball Classic Poised For Takeoff in Willamette U Pavilion Today

(Upper bracket)
3 p. m.—Washington (8) vs. Eugene (3)
4:15 p. m.—Newberg (4) vs. Baker (1)
(Lower bracket)
1:30 p. m.—Medford (2) vs. Veronia (7)
8:45 p. m.—Hillsboro (5) vs. Oregon City (6)



Washington-Eugene 'Natural' Opens Show at 3; B's Start Friday; Record Crowds Seen

Tornado, Colonials, Axemen Holding Forth As Favorites; Pioneers, Baker Rate Highly

The 26th edition of what every Oregon prep basketballer battles to get into—the state hoop tourney—unfurls its 1945 sails in Willamette university's history-drooling arena today with all eight qualified class "A" quintets lined up for their swings in the four playoff scraps starting at 3 p. m. Today's victorious four advance to semifinals Friday night at 7:30 while the defeated quartet open consolation play Friday morning. The "A" championship game is set for 8:45 Saturday night after the "B" finalists decide the title in that division at 7:30 o'clock. The "A" boys will be battling for the crown now held by Ashland's Grizzlies after last year's meet. Ashland failed to survive district play this year.

Embarking on its fourth war year, the basketball show of shows in the state has been properly dedicated to those hundreds of kids who have come and gone in classics of the past and who are now fighting and dying for a bigger championship.

Inaugurating the 26th classic as three today is a game which many of the basketball Berties and Bessies who are expected to set an all-time attendance record for the tourneys peg as a natural. Washington high's rafter-rubbing District 8 Colonials of Portland and Eugene's small but swift District 3 Axemen, tabbed by more than a few as the two top teams in the blue ribbon battle, do those opening chores. Upper bracket game No. 2, billed for 4:15 o'clock, sends Newberg's capable District 4 Tigers against Baker's highly-advertised District 1 Bulldogs. Lower bracket teams swing into action at 7:30, Medford's undefeated District 2 Black Tornado opposing Veronia's unused district 7ers, followed by the day's windup game between Hillsboro's tallish district 5ers and Oregon City's fast-pesteing Pioneers of district 6.

The state's top four "B" quintets—Clatskanie's Coasters of B-1, Reedsport's Braves of B-2, Arlington's Honkers of B-3 and Grant Union of John Day's Prospectors of B-4—wade into their payoff clashes Friday at 3 p. m. Grant Union and Clatskanie basket off the opener and Arlington and Reedsport then finish up opening day "B" firing. . . . Most of the aspiring hoop-suiters acclimated themselves to the WU speedway yesterday during final tune-ups, but those railbirds who watched game away still convinced that Al Simpson's Black Tornado, Ted Schopp's Colonials and Hank Kuchera's Axemen are the boys to beat this time. Gerald Markee's Baker Bulldogs and Dan Jones' Pioneers, both five-engine basketballing exponents with sparkling records, are also figured well up on the prognosticating chart, however. Which makes for a tourney not unlike many which have come and gone in the last quarter-century—a rip-scorer from whistle to whistle.

For the most part, the class "A" troupes present brilliant seasonal won-lost records and point-gathering prowess. Medford's biggish southerners stand out in both departments after failing to finish no worse than first in all their 26 games. Most of the 26 wins were lopsided affairs. The Axemen aren't far behind. After losing their first game of the season, Eugene's hustlers then copped 30 in a row, many by one-sided margins. Washington, a 21-win-1-10 team for the season, didn't always win by big margins, but her Colonials were totally impressive in Portland play. Oregon City's 22-3 contains many 2-1 victory margins as does Baker's 27-3. Newberg's winning margin in 22-4 wasn't always impressively lopsided. Veronia won 13 and lost 8 over the route and Hillsboro won 9 while dropping 12.

Of the "A" pack, only Washington and Oregon City are back again after chasing after 1944 laurels. Washington finished third a year ago while Oregon City, the host quint this year and making her ninth straight tourney appearance, was defeated in her first two outings. Title of tourney oldtimer this time goes to Eugene, however. Axeman teams have visited Salem in March, fares paid, 16 times before. Baker and Medford aren't far behind at 14 and 12, respectively. This will be Washington's fourth visit, Hillsboro's third and the very first for both Newberg and Veronia. Only Eugene, Baker and Medford have copped titles in the past.

The annual pilgrimage for ringside ducats has been far more brisk than ever before this year, prompting Tourney Director Les Sparks to predict that all attendance records will be smashed during the 26th running. And despite the fact that Salem, for years a tourney biggie right alongside Astoria, will be watching from the pay seats with the Fishermen. Woodburn kayoted the Vikings in district play and Astoria lost out the same way in her sector.

Officials assigned whistle-toting chores for the classic are Emil Piluso and Carl "Chappie" King of Portland, Carl Klige of Pendleton and Hal Eustis of Astoria. Eustis is the alternate striped-shirted.

Sports Not to Feel OPA Move

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—The OPA's proposal to set ceiling prices on amusement charges, if adopted, will have little effect on athletic events. Aiming principally at movie houses, Chester Bowles, OPA director, said it was "not unlikely" that the wartime trend of increased prices was the same in other amusements although he lacked complete data. Professional football and major league baseball sources reported their basic admission prices are approximately the same as in pre-war days.

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Coaches Shift At Notre Dame

Adam Walsh Quits; Ronzani 'Back' Boss

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 14.—(AP)—The football coaching staff at Notre Dame university underwent swift changes today. Adam Walsh, line coach, resigned to become head coach of the Cleveland Rams of the National football league, while Gene Ronzani, for the last 12 years with the Chicago Bears, was appointed backfield coach.

The two changes came less than three weeks after Sid McKeever, head football coach last year, had resigned to take a similar position at Cornell university, Ithaca, N.Y.

Reports were current that Clem Crowe, line coach of the Ramblers, might resign to become head football coach at the University of Iowa, as a successor to Edward P. "Slip" Madigan, Hawk-eye coach the last two seasons.

Walsh succeeded Aldo "Buff" Donelli, who coached the Rams last fall and who recently entered the U. S. army.

Benefit Links Tourney On

Mashie misters at Salem golf course will engage in another of their every-Thursday outings today, a 9-hole Sweepstakes meet, announced Dr. George Hoffman, tourney committeeman. Play will be permissible over either the outgoing or incoming nines and full handicaps will be allotted players. Proceeds of the tourney will be turned over to the Red Cross, Hoffman furthered.

Another Mens' club tourney will be held the coming weekend, name of which will be announced later by Tourney Chairman Don Hendrie. Meanwhile players are tuning up for the Elks club sponsored City Championship meet due early next month.

Truman Would 'Bat' for FDR

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—If official business prevents President Roosevelt from tossing out the first ball of the 1945 baseball season here April 16, Vice President Harry S. Truman will pinch-hit.

Truman today promised Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, that he'll be on hand for the opening game with the New York Yankees, April 16.

Bowling Scores

Walt "Pappy" Cline and Don Poulain, the 1-2 boys of the Perfection Major league, took turns scorching the alleys last night during the weekly session, Cline winding up with a 665 series and Poulain in 648. Poulain pegged top single game, however, a soaring 275.

CLINE'S COFFEE SHOP (C)			
Cline, W.	213	220	223-265
Chase, W.	138	172	138-317
Kirchner	207	218	158-361
McKinstry	177	158	161-496
Mathis	192	135	162-516
Totals	1026	1017	903-2946
RAMAGS 7-UP (C)			
Stales	190	137	183-530
Phillips	138	146	148-522
Walters	148	164	158-510
W. Valdez	160	192	187-547
Coe	161	198	203-582
Totals	954	916	938-2828
ACME WRECKERS (2)			
Hartwell	209	163	174-548
Mosser	138	172	143-522
Woodley	175	158	175-523
Garbarino	168	195	188-547
Young	152	181	185-524
Totals	902	943	928-2828
CAPITAL BREDDING CO. (1)			
Lewis	161	169	171-492
Zabare	138	156	179-493
Welch	131	205	193-516
Phillips	157	175	185-516
Page	177	135	199-511
Totals	905	903	1045-2943
SALEM HARDWARE CO. (8)			
Theis	139	159	161-543
Krejel	249	180	171-560
Hour	174	163	132-531
Haman	162	161	215-539
Totals	931	861	915-2727
KARU'S (3)			
Thorn	164	204	200-568
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Higgins	157	180	187-493
Bone	202	212	178-520
Chase	162	212	204-596
Totals	933	1029	971-2944

Coastal Fish Bill to Pass

A joint game and fishing industries committee Wednesday virtually assured legislative approval of the sportsmen's coastal fishing bill by reporting it out with a "do pass" recommendation.

A committee amendment would require that state fish and game commissions act in concert on a survey of the values of commercial and sports fishing in the streams affected.

The bill cuts the seasons for drift nets and eliminates set nets from nearly all bays and rivers south of the Columbia. The house, which already has passed the measure, permitted use of set nets in Tillamook bay. A senate amendment would permit set nets on Salmon river.

Five More Players Join Washington '9'

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—Five more players — infielder George Case and infielders Charles Bell, Hillis Lave, George Myatt and Fred Vaughn—reported to the Washington Senators today, making 11 in camp.

State Seeking Larger 'Divvy'

The state's take of pari-mutuel receipts at dog and horse races would be increased from 3 to 4 1/2 per cent under provisions of a bill introduced in the senate Wednesday by the joint ways and means committee.

The county fairs' take would remain at 2 1/2 per cent. . . . It was estimated that under this bill the state's general fund would receive more than \$350,000 during the next biennium, provided the ban on races is removed. The state racing commission would lose only \$3000.

War Memorial Heads Picked

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—(AP)—Royal Brougham, Seattle Post-Intelligencer sports editor, and James Richardson, manager of Portland's Multnomah stadium, have been named Washington and Oregon state directors for the national commission for living war memorials. Sam Hayes, the commission's Pacific coast advisor, announced today.

'Private' Hung On Haegg Wedding Plans

CHICAGO, March 14.—(AP) Gunder Haegg, the Swedish runner, and his fiancée, Miss Ewing Nerler, 41, Swedish-speaking blonde of Oakland, Calif., let it be known, decidedly, today that their romance and wedding plans, if any, are strictly a private affair.

Upsets Shine In Hoop Meet

SEATTLE, March 14.—(AP)—Upsets held sway today as Washington's top high school basketball teams started play at the University of Washington pavilion for the state championship.

The first game of the tournament provided the first upset with the Walla Walla Blue Devils bowing to South Kitsap by a score of 39 to 54 after being favored as one of the stronger teams of the tournament. The touted Bellingham Red Raiders lived up to their reputation in the second game to down Central Valley, 48-37, and John Rogers, Spokane city champion, likewise did the expected in defeating Kalama, 36-31.

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