Leslie Golds Lead Juniors

South-end Club Beats Grays to Grab Lead

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Les Golds	2	0	1.000	Les Whites	1	1	.500
Les Blues	1	1	.500	Par Reds	1	1	.500
Par Cards	1	1	.500	Par Green	1	1	.500
Par Grays	1	1	.500	Les Blacks	0	2	.000

Leslie's Golds jumped to the top of the junior high school intramural hoop standings yesterday as they trounced the Parrish Grays, 41-31, at Leslie for their second straight win in league play. In addition the Leslie Blues nosed the Parrish Cards, 35-34, in the first game of the bill to make it a perfect Missionary day.

The Golds, paced by Gene Garber's 18 points, held an advantage all the way over the Grays. The Blue-Card encounter was nip-and-tuck all the way. Helstrom led the winners with nine tallies. Frederickson pumped in 16 for the Cards.

Parrish Cards (34)		(35) Leslie Blues
Coats (2)	F	(7) Blakely
Blair (5)	F	(4) Huff
Ullman (0)	C	(7) Moore
Meyers (11)	G	(6) Ensinger
Frederickson (16)	G	(9) Helstrom

Subs: Blues—Benson (2).

Parrish Grays (31)		(41) Leslie Golds
Meany (2)	F	(5) Arnold
Olson (6)	F	(18) Garber
Rock (6)	C	(7) Deen
Baumgart (13)	G	(2) J. Nelson
Girod (4)	G	(8) Anunsen

Subs: Golds—McKenzie (1).
Officials: Cross and Geddes.

Vikings Face Oregon Frosh

A chase with Oregon's potent Freshman basketball team on Eugene's McArthur court, site of the 1947 state tournament, is next on the Salem high cage slate. The Vikings go south to play in the big "igloo" Friday afternoon, a 4 p.m. game, and will stay over to view the Oregon-Oregon State game that night.

The undefeated Frosh will unquestionably give the Vikings their toughest task of the season to date. The locals return to Villa action next Tuesday night, against Albany's Bulldogs in a Big-6 league mix.

Wintry Blasts Stop Golfers

The weather continued to "freeze out" activity at the Salem Golf club yesterday. Slicker play is expected to begin hot and heavy over the weekend and through next week—weather permitting.

Jim Russell, club pro, announces a partnership sweepstakes tourney also for the weekend. At present snow on the greens makes play all but impossible.

Ruth Recovering

NEW YORK, Jan. 15-(AP)-Babe Ruth, greatest home run hitter in baseball history, appeared to be making increased strides toward recovery tonight as he entered his eighth week at French hospital.

A hospital bulletin said the former New York Yankee slugger "had a very restful night and is greatly improved."

'COME TO PAPA': Big Al McRae (white shirt) clutches for a rebound in the Willamette-Lewis & Clark mix at WU Tuesday night as Scotty Sebern (right) and Bob Pollard of the L-Cs (hipping into things at left) look on. McRae got the rebound, but the Pioneers got the eventual win 39-35. Willamette plays Pacific at Forest Grove Friday night.

Ducks, Beavers Await 2nd 'Civil War' Battle

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Jan. 15-(Special)-Oregon and Oregon State convene here Friday night for the second chapter of their most recent "civil war" basketball series, a four-game argument which now finds the Corvallis Beavers clutching the first word over their thrill-filled and rough 73 to 69 verdict over the Ducks last week. Friday's game will be played at 8 o'clock on MacArthur court, and a capacity crowd of nearly 7000 fans is assured for the tilt.

Coach Howard Hobson, indicating he may change the starting lineup on his squad after losing two straight conference games, has not announced the five starters. Only Stan Williamson at guard and Ken Hays at forward are sure of opening berths after their fine showings in the first game.

Reports from Corvallis indicate Coach Slats Gill will open with Cliff Crandall and Erland Anderson at forwards, Red Rocha at center and Lew Beck and Morrie Silver at guards. In the matter of UO-OSC wins and losses, Oregon now holds a 47-36 margin over the Beavers since the northern division was formed and Hobson has a 26-19 advantage on Gill.

Wilson Visits, Opines Hustle

Jack Wilson, the burly "Black Jack" of Boston Red Sox and Portland Beaver fame who will ride herd on the Salem Senators as manager next season, was a visitor to Salem yesterday for the first time since replacing Ted Gullic in the post. He came up from his home in Portland to begin shaping the 1947 Senator ship with Business Manager George Emigh.

Not yet fully acquainted with his new job, Wilson, always a devout hustler in the game himself, opined his townies would "hustle, or else" for him next season. The husky pitcher will report to spring training with Portland at Riverside, Calif., in February and will then open the Senators' Medford camp late in March.

LONG HOP QUITS

HONOLULU, Jan. 15.-(AP)-Louie Long Hop resigned today as sports editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin in order to devote full time to his travel agency. He joined the newspaper nearly 25 years ago and became sports editor in 1944.

Boxing Show Is Postponed

So that Duane Hoag may have sufficient time to recover from the effects of an auto wreck, there will be no boxing show at the armory Wednesday night, Matchmaker Tex Salkeld announced yesterday. The show, to present Hoag and Tony Roberts in the main event, will be held the week following, according to Salkeld. Hoag started training yesterday for his mix with Roberts, who beat him in an eight-rounder here last week.

'Whip Whitman' Party Tonight

The "Whip Whitman" banquet, engrossing both the Willamette university football victory over the Missionaries last fall and the hopeful wins by WU over the Washingtonians on the basketball floor next Monday and Tuesday nights here, will be held tonight at 6 o'clock at the senior high school cafeteria, according to Bill Hanauska, in charge of the affair. About 100 will dine.

Salem Jayvees Nose Motors

A basket and free throw by Harry Culbertson in the final minute gave the Salem high Jayvee quintet a 41-40 win over Valley Motor of the City league on the Salem floor last night. The JVs had to come from behind a halftime deficit of 30-22 to achieve the victory. Covalt paced the winners with eight counters. Morris hit 14 for the Motors.

Valley Motor (40)		(41) Salem JVs
Sheldon (5)	F	(5) Johnson
H. Mason (4)	F	(5) Spagle
Morris (14)	C	(2) Paulus
G. Mason (4)	G	(8) Covalt
Clark (3)	G	(7) Culbertson

Subs: Motors—Fitzsimmons (7), Phillips, Volk. JVs—Shafer (3), Sogge (3), Caley, Fasnacht (2), Girod (3), Niewander (2), Michaels.
Officials: Metzger and Warren.

Steels Defeat WU Freshmen

Frosh Suffer 1st Loss; Warners Top Mintmen

The potent Salem Steels continued undefeated in the City Hoop race last night at Leslie as they administered a 33-21 licking to the Willamette Frosh—the Frosh's initial defeat of the campaign. In the first game of the twin bill Warner Motors handed Talbot's Mintmen a 52-42 trimming.

The Steel-Frosh tilt was close in the first half but the winners finished more strongly. Bob Douglas and Tom Hill paced the Steels with seven points each. Adams collected eight for the losers.

A 16-point evening by Center Tom Boardman aided the Warners materially in their triumph over the Talbots. However, Bruce of the Mints bettered him with 17.

Next league action is Monday night with Page Woolens meeting Valley Motor and Knights of Columbus tangling with Elfstroms.

Warner Motors (52)		(42) Talbot Mintmn
I. Lowe (9)	F	(2) J. Paschall
Hoffert (6)	F	(0) Barnes
Boardman (16)	C	(17) Bruce
Garland (2)	G	(2) Barna
E. Lowe (7)	G	(0) H. Paschall

Subs: Motors—Russell, Province (4), Bhyre (8). Talbots—Archer (5), G. Turnidge (6), E. Turnidge (7), A. Paschahl, Parrish (3).

Salem Steels (33)		(21) Willamette Fr-
Quesseth (4)	F	(0) Houston
Williams (7)	F	(3) Walker
Douglas (6)	C	(2) Patterson
Specht (2)	G	(0) Yeager
White (3)	G	(8) Adams

Subs: Steels—Shinn (4), Hill (7). Wickert, Frosh—Luffel (6), Hughes (2).
Officials: Hendrie, Cross and Geddes.

Light Weekend For NW Quints

NW CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	W	L	PF	PA
British Columbia	6	0	324	273
College Idaho	4	0	238	195
Willamette	1	1	99	80
Puget Sound	2	4	315	341
Lewis-Clark	1	2	125	121
Whitman	1	3	185	217
Pacific	1	3	167	213
Linfield	1	4	282	281

Only three games are on the books for Northwest conference basketball teams the coming weekend, and neither defending Conference Champion U of British Columbia, now leading the league with six straight wins, or College of Idaho, also unbeaten in four games, are scheduled for any of the action.

The three games involve Willamette university, Pacific, Linfield and Whitman. Willamette goes to Forest Grove Friday night for a single game with the Badgers. Linfield plays host to Whitman Friday and Saturday nights.

ROOKS SLATE NEWBERG

CORVALLIS, Jan. 15-(Special)-Hal Moe's Oregon State Rooks meet Newberg high school's quintet here Saturday night. It will be the Rooks' second start of the season, the Beaver freshmen having previously defeated Battle Ground, Wash., high school.

BOWLING Scores

MAJOR LEAGUE

Capital Bedding Co. (1)			
Poulin	176	167	145—488
Friesen	160	172	214—546
Larson	147	174	131—452
Cline, Sr.	177	192	150—519
McCluskey	206	211	211—628
Cupboard Cafe (2)			
Henderson	182	179	203—564
Mathis	166	189	166—521
McCurdy	162	173	159—494
Coe	186	217	154—557
Glodt	168	224	162—554
Valley Motor Co. (1)			
Price	191	200	188—579
Buckley	172	170	174—516
Nuber	157	177	160—494
Miller	159	151	180—490
Page	200	184	178—562
Colonial House (2)			
Boyce	162	177	199—538
Garberino	179	203	170—552
Riches	206	181	159—546
Mirich	161	191	167—519
Bone	169	166	199—534
Clines Coffee Shop (2)			
Hartwell	213	181	198—592
Lutz	155	194	202—551
Evans	178	158	156—492
Cline, Jr.	203	168	189—560
Keel	210	189	211—610
Salem Hardware Co. (1)			
Thede	224	172	164—560
West	216	204	189—609
Rayburn	195	141	180—516
McFarlane	174	131	139—444
Haman	172	199	221—592
Chucks Tavern (1)			
Olinger	173	159	184—516
Foreman	148	168	177—493
Perry	168	178	187—530
Kenyon	190	223	156—569
Adolph	179	164	182—525
Keith Brown Co. (2)			
Parker	208	187	160—555
Rosten	204	226	180—610
Walters	170	169	157—496
Scales	149	201	151—501
King	153	180	170—503

Erickson Quits WU Grid Post; Huskies Sweep Vandal Series

Washington Wins 69-49; Idaho Wages Stirring 1st Half Fight

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 15-(AP)-The University of Washington's undefeated basketball team tonight completed a four-game conquest of Idaho, trimming the hapless Vandals 69 to 49 to move into first place in the northern division, Pacific coast conference. The Huskies' 12th straight victory gave them a half-game margin over idle Oregon State.

The Vandals led most of the first half, putting up their most effective battle to date in defense of their northern division title, but the speed, shooting ability and ball hawking of the Huskies proved too much in the second half.

The final leg was all Washington as Bob Jorgensen put on a spectacular long shot demonstration to tally six field goals for the period and take scoring honors with 18 points. Gilbertson and Nichols added 13 each to the Huskies total and Evans had 13 for Idaho.

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Washngtn	4	0	1.000	WSC	1	3	.250
Ore. State	2	0	1.000	Idaho	0	4	.000
Oregon	1	2	.333				

Last night's results: At Idaho 49, Washington 69.

Washington (69)	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp	(49) Idaho	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
White,f	2	1	4	5	Evans,F	5	3	3	13
Gilbtsn,f	5	2	3	13	Mrtnsn,f	2	2	4	6
Nichols,c	4	5	2	13	Quinn,c	4	1	2	9
Jrgnsn,g	8	2	0	18	Carbgh,g	2	0	1	4
Taylor,g	2	1	2	5	Taylor,g	2	0	1	4
Eathr,f	1	1	0	3	Dillard,f	0	0	1	0
B.Eckn,f	0	1	0	1	Geisler,f	1	0	0	2
Vndnbg,f	1	2	3	4	Gano,f	0	1	2	1
Mallry,f	2	0	0	4	Merrey,f	0	0	3	0
Robrts,c	0	3	1	3	Ryan,c	0	2	2	2
J Eckm,g	0	0	0	0	Rainey,c	0	0	0	0
King,g	0	0	0	0	Walsh,g	0	0	2	0
					O'Cnnr,g	1	0	0	2
					Fredkg,g	2	2	1	6
					Chrstsn,g	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	19	14	69	Totals	19	11	21	49

Valley Quints Await Action

WILLAMETTE VALLEY STANDINGS

	W	L	PF	PA
Molalla	5	1	232	189
Mt. Angel	4	1	148	125
Sandy	4	1	213	164
Silverton	3	2	224	209
Dallas	3	2	161	120
Estacada	2	3	176	185
Stayton	2	3	114	122
Canby	1	5	211	275
Woodburn	0	6	126	231

Friday games: Molalla at Mt. Angel, Stayton at Canby, Sandy at Estacada, Silverton at Dallas.

WOODBURN, Jan. 15-(Special)- Their race tightened up considerably again as a result of Canby's upset win over Mt. Angel Tuesday, Willamette Valley league quints engage in round seven battles Friday night. Friday games: Molalla, back in the lead, at Mt. Angel in a showdown for supremacy; Stayton at Canby, Sandy at Estacada, Silverton at Dallas and Woodburn bye.

By virtue of a win over Estacada, the up-and-coming Sandy team can take a step nearer the lead. Silverton and Dallas will be tilting for undisputed third place and Stayton will be out to crack a three-game losing streak.

In the league's "Bee" derby the Molallans are ahead with five wins and one loss. Sandy and Dallas are tied for second with four wins and one loss.

Molalla Beats Oregon Citys

MOLALLA, Jan. 15-(Special)-Don Wilson's Molalla high hoopsters took their fifth straight district game here tonight as they topped Oregon City, 36-32. The Molallas held a halftime lead of 20-16. Bill Charles was high man for the winners with 12 counters. A preliminary saw the Molalla Bees dump the O. C. JVs, 35-34.

Molalla (36)		(32) Oregon City
Charles (12)	F	(4) Johnson
Goodbrod (9)	F	(7) Schnaidle
Brock (6)	C	(6) Thompson
Owens (5)	G	(3) Sanetel
Kraxberger (4)	G	(4) Kennevich

Subs: Molalla — Larsen, Sandgren. Ore. City—Snook (2), Hoffman, Myers (6).
Officials: Bennett and Kolb.

Giants Want UBCer

VANCOUVER, Jan. 15-(AP)-Harold "Herb" Capozzi, who captained the University of British Columbia football team last fall, said he had been offered a contract by the New York Giants of the National professional circuit. A tackle, Capozzi was named on the Northwest conference all-star eleven. He said he had not decided whether he would accept the pro offer.

Church Results

St. Mark's defeated Pringle, 50-12, in the only "C" league encounter last night.

INDIANS WIN

SPOKANE, Jan. 15.-(AP)-The Portland Indians Pacific Coast league professional basketball team tonight defeated the Spokane Orphans 67 to 57 to give Spokans its first glimpse of its "home town" team.

'No Interest' in Sport Reason; Schaake Non-Commital on Status

By Al Lightner

As revealed in The Statesman yesterday morning, Walter E. (Walt) Erickson has resigned his posts as Willamette university football coach and director of athletics. The grid mentor who quit his administration office swivel only last year to take over the football reins, made it known yesterday that he had submitted his resignation at the close of last season, a very successful campaign for the mentor in his first year of college coaching in that the Bearcats won the Northwest conference championship.

In a one-sentence statement issued yesterday Erickson said: "At the close of the football season, I submitted my resignation to President Smith for the very simple reason that I discovered that coaching no longer held the same interest for me that it had previously."

Before taking over as dean of freshmen and director of admissions at Willamette for six years, Erickson had coached successfully at Camas, Wash., high school. His Bearcats last fall won six and lost two games, snatching the conference title easily.

From Boston, where he is attending fraternity and education meetings, WU President G. Herbert Smith yesterday stated: "After a highly successful football season as head coach and director of athletics, Mr. Walter E. Erickson resigned from his position as director of athletics and football coach. His resignation was submitted to me at the close of the football season and has been discussed only with the head of the athletic committee of the board of trustees and with the president of the board of trustees. Mr. Erickson has given valuable service to the university as an administrative officer and it is the purpose of the administration to recommend Mr. Erickson's appointment as director of admissions and placement at the first meeting of the executive committee which also will consider his resignation as director of athletics."

It was also reported in The Statesman yesterday that Elmer Schaake, assistant football coach and head basketball coach, had also resigned. Schaake was approached for a statement yesterday but neither denied or confirmed such a move.

Appointment of a successor to Erickson will rest with Dr. Smith, who is not due back from Boston until late this month.

Walt Erickson (left) yesterday announced his resignation as Willamette university football coach. Assistant Grid Coach and Head Basketball Boss Elmer Schaake (right) is believed to have tendered his resignation also.

Baseball Bonus Rule Closer to Enactment

By Terry Flynn

CINCINNATI, Jan. 15-(AP)-Baseball's bonus rule moved a step nearer enactment today as Commissioner A. B. Chandler's advisory council reached agreement on the measure and sent it to the minor leagues for approval.

The council, meeting in quarterly session, also cleaned up other unfinished business in preparation for the joint meeting of the American and National league in New York Feb. 1. It announced appointment of a committee to meet with Clint Evans, president of the National Collegiate Coaches' association, and also made recommendations on post-season barnstorming.

Chandler told newsmen that upon approval of the National Association of Professional Baseball clubs (minor leagues), he would notify major and minor leagues that the bonus regulation had been adopted. The rule becomes effective, he said, 30 days after the date of his notice to the leagues. The advisory council made only slight changes in the bonus provision which earlier had received the affirmative nod from each of the major leagues at separate meetings.

The bonus plan provides that any free agent (a player not under contract), who signs a player's contract with a major or minor league club in consideration of a bonus or promise of a bonus, shall be classified as a bonus player throughout the remainder of his baseball career. It also stipulates that any such free agent shall be deemed to have signed his contract in consideration of a bonus if the aggregate amount or value exceeds: $6,000 for a major league club; $4,000 for a class AAA club; $3,000 for class AA; $2,500, class A-1; $2,000 class A; $1,500, class B; $1,200, class C; $800, class D, and $500, class E.

Beaver Jayvees Slate Astorians

CORVALLIS, Jan. 15-(Special)-The Oregon State junior varsity hoop squad journeys to Astoria this weekend to take on the strong Astoria Elks five in a two-game set. One of the main cogs in the Elks club is Ted Henningsen, former Oregon State star of last winter.

Making the trip for the Beaver JVs will be Ward Paldanius, Ernie Neal, Rube Wirkkunen and Allen Anderson, forwards; Ken Storey and Rod Mathews, centers; and Dick Ballantyne, Whitey Konstad, Bud Fortier and Jack Detour, guards.

Nix on Pros

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.-(AP)-The A. A. U. has turned thumbs down on all competition between member teams and such touring professionals as the Harlem Globe Trotters, even including charity contests, Torchy Torrance said today. Amateur teams playing the Trotters or similar quintets will lose their A. A. U. standing, the northwest A. A. U. official said, adding "There are plenty of professional clubs to provide competition" for the tourists.

RODEO OPENS

DENVER, Jan. 15-(AP)-Barney Willis, White Salmon, Wash., placed second (22.2) in calf roping at the matinee rodeo of the Western Stock show today. George Miller, Pueblo, was first (20.8).

Todd Whatley of Bethel, Okla., took first place in the Brahma steer riding and steer wrestling contests, wrestling his steer in 10.6 seconds.

Basketball

HIGH SCHOOL
Molalla 36, Oregon City 32.
COLLEGE
Army 56, Williams 50.
Navy 71, Gettysburg 39.
Chicago 59, Illinois Tech 32.
Rhode Island State 96, Brown 71.
Carnegie Tech 51, Case 43.
Columbia 50, Yale 39.
Texas U. 56, Southern Methodist 36.
Penn State 52, Bucknell 45.
Fordham 41, Villanova 39.
N.C. State 69, Clemson 21.
Georgia Tech 55, Auburn 42.
Cornell 39, Canisius 36.
Bates 61, Bowdoin 42.
Cincinnati 53, Miami (O.) 46.
South Carolina 62, The Citadel 35.
Washington 69, Idaho 49.

Locey Denies Stiner Clash

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 14-(AP)-Oregon State college Athletic Director Percy P. Locey said tonight "I have no fight with Coach Lon Stiner or any other member of the Oregon State coaching staff" in commenting on a report by the school newspaper that disagreement existed between the two men.

Locey laid the reports "to false rumors and malicious gossip which magnified the situation beyond its true status."

Locey indicated the situation arose over football players' complaints about seating in complimentary tickets for the Stanford-OSC game in which a group called the "Buck o'Month Club" at Corvallis, which annually contributes several thousand dollars to OSC athletic funds, were given choicer seats for that game. Locey said he later admitted his mistake and steps were taken at later games to rectify the arrangement. He said he then forgot the matter and considered it closed.

Golfing Stars At Richmond

RICHMOND, Calif., Jan. 15-(AP)-Headed by such ranking stars as U. S. Open Champion Lloyd Mangrum and the country's leading money winner, Ben Hogan, a fast field of 153 professionals and amateurs tee off here tomorrow in the first round of the $10,000 Richmond 72-hole open golf tournament.

Darkhorses conceded a good chance to land in the money winning circle included Ted Neist of Walla Walla, Wash.; Jackie Burke, Jr., Houston, Tex., and Dale Andreason of Long Beach, Calif., all young pros. Neist and Burke chalked up rousing practice rounds of 65, six under par and one stroke over the course record held by Harold McSpaden of Sanford, Me., also an entry.

Ski Meet Tonight

The Santiam Ski club will meet at 8 p. m. tonight at Anderson's Sporting Goods store to discuss this weekend's slat activities at the Hoodoo Ski bowl. The club plans a Ski shaw and an Anderson Day race in the near future.

JIM AIKEN
New Oregon Mentor

Aiken to Size Up Prospects

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15-(AP)-Bull-voiced Jim Aiken, newly appointed head football coach at the University of Oregon, said here today that he was going to the campus tomorrow to have a look at the Athletic material. "I've got to see what's what and who's who down there before I can make any plans. But you can say we'll be out on the field next fall—and no one is going to shove us around."

The University of Nevada athletic director will take over on the Oregon campus at Eugene February 1.

Charley Trippi Weighs Offers

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 -(AP)- Charley Trippi, Georgia's All-American halfback and baseball star said tonight that he had received "very fine offers" from the combined New York Yankees and from the Chicago Cardinals of the National Football league and declared he would decide tomorrow morning which offer to accept.

The 24-year-old Pittston, Pa., athlete, who met with officials of the football and baseball empire for more than three hours this afternoon and later conferred with Charles Bidwell, owner of the pro football Cardinals, said it would be "a tough decision to make as both offers are very tempting."

OSC Swimmers To Open Sked

CORVALLIS, Jan. 15-(Special)-Oregon State's swimming team, boasting little experience this year, opens its schedule Saturday afternoon as it meets the potent University of Oregon squad here.

Coach Reg Flood has only three lettermen back. They include: George Lipp, breaststroker; and Jerry Oliver and Bob Ullman, free stylers.

Duck Pins

Commercial league results last night at B&B Bowling courts included: B&B Hotshots 4, Kelley-Farquahar 0; California Pack 4, Moose Lodge 0. Dan Morley had high series and game with 622 and 221.

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··Rollin' Along··

By Jerry Stone

The sun comes up every morning, water flows down hill—and Man is gonna make errors at one time or another. We oughta know. We made a whopper Saturday morning concerning a certain Willamette-Pacific go which wasn't. To say we were chagrined is putting it mildly. In the press business a "boner" of any magnitude leaves one with a feeling akin to trying to pick up marbles with boxing gloves. The error goes relentlessly through the presses and comes out a glaring blot on the newspage. It's by that time irretractable. Anyway, deep-hearted apologies to Les Sparks, Elmer Schaake and the others up at WU. . . . Feebly we mutter, "It won't happen again."

J. EDGAR HOOVER

Let Down

"Hey, Susie, you know I been thinkin' since you lost your diamond ring. You know what! I'm gonna get you a pip—a real sparkler this time. It's a good thing you lost that two-bit stone."

"But, Honey, you can't afford it!"

"Yeah! Listen, Baby, I hocked my golf clubs and I'm forgettin' that new car radio I was plannin' on buyin'. It's gonna be the works for you this time. We're gonna start travelin' in good company."

"Oh, Honey, you're making me happy."

LATER: "Oh, John, home already?" . . . "Yeah, Baby, only—"

"Oh, John, you've GOT the ring already! Let me see it!"

(The missus furiously unwraps the little package.)

"Oh, John, it's lov—why John Muschnik! It's nothing but cut glass! How could you!"

(An agonized expression is on John's face) "Shucks, Baby, when it got right down to doing it I couldn't—I couldn't splurge. I never done it before. I—I just couldn't."

The above incident (if you're wondering) and Susie's let-down mirrors remonably well, we think, the mental reactions of lots of sportsters following Oregon's selection of its latest grid mentor. Following the shake-up of the Webfoot athletic board a good many side-line sitters had hopes of the powers down Eugene way grabbing a diamond from the rough—like maybe Al Simpson.

Not that we're implying James Aiken is "a piece of glass." It's on the record that he's had all the experience in the world—is a top fundamentalist. But, nevertheless, a generous number of the second-guessers are wondering if it's Oliver all over again. They shake their heads and mumble, "Oh, my, there was Simpson . . . . an' Warren . . . . an' maybe Hanley. . . ." And then the realist strolls in, aims a mouthful of plug-cut at the corner cuspidor, says, "Heck, boys, the choice is made. Hurrah for Aiken!"

It is an oddity that reluctance of the Oregons to turn to young blood when a vacancy occurs in the grid post. They wouldn't have to cast their eyes far over the field to find examples of "young'uns" who came up and made whopping successes even in their initial year. LaBrucherie at UCLA, Brown at Ohio State. Lots of 'em.

Speed Boys

Oregon State's Lew Beck and Dave Silver and Oregon's Stan Williamson are lightning fast at the down-court dribble but Willamette's Scotty Sebern and Frankie Page are no turtles in their own right. And what a hair-raising tussle was that Cat-Lewis & Clark fray of Tuesday night. The pell-mell pace the lads adhered to throughout the tilt must have surely melted the icicles off the gym roof. . . . Bob Pollard, the L&Cs' pivoter with the physical proportions of an All-America tackle, used his 200-odd pounds effectively as he literally burst by main strength through Cat defensemen for under-the-basket shots. . . . J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the FBI, rates raves for his blast at sports promoters to clean up their own back yards of the gambling element. Lots of the boys "talk" reforms but wait for the other fellow to do the reforming. . . .

New UO Coach Yardage-Minded Man

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Now that the U of Oregon has named its football coach for 1947—James W. Aiken, late of the U of Nevada Wolves—Freddie Football Fan is wondering just what the Webfoots got in their unsung successor to Tex Oliver. Maybe this will help:

Most of the Oregon athletic department chiefs, including athletic news Publicist Art Litchman, are convinced they have taken on a compatriot who will hold his own in the tough Coast conference grid race next fall. They substantiate their argument with such quotations as the following on Mr. Aiken, certainly a surprise choice by the "U": "He's a rough and tough man who is terrific in his insistency of fundamentals . . . . At Nevada last fall he used a little bit of everything, but mostly T-formation and single wing . . . . He has had fine teams at Nevada the past three years and developed such players as End Ed Dodge, Tackle Dave McClure and Back Marian Motley into All-American contention. He is a workhorse himself and demands plenty of work from his players, especially on fundamentals . . . . Last fall his Wolves led the nation's college teams in passing and the Nevada eleven was third, nationally, in total offense for college teams. He'll make lotsa yardage with the 1947 Ducks." . . . .

So it would seem that Oregon's new man, after eight years at Nevada, comes well epuipped with background even though he isn't a Leahy, Bierman, Crisler, Stagg or Blaik. The UO staff is content with the choice of Aiken. The UO alumni and other loyal rooters will voice their opinions along about November 1 next fall. They have that habit, you know.