

Baseball Banquet Due Here Monday Night; Many Stars Coming

The Salem Breakfast club's gigantic baseball banquet, designed to be no less than the heftiest event of its kind in the history of Oregon, takes place Monday night at 6:45 o'clock in the Marion hotel's Mirror room. And from the looks of the list of special guests, representing almost five decades of the diamond sport, the success of the fest already is assured. Young and old baseball men, representing nearly all departments of the game from the majors down to the sandlots, will be present.

The stag event is open to the public at \$1.50 per plate. Tickets are available at Maple's or at the Valley Motor company.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be Robert E. Abel, president of the Western International league. Abel will bring along from Washington Dorsett



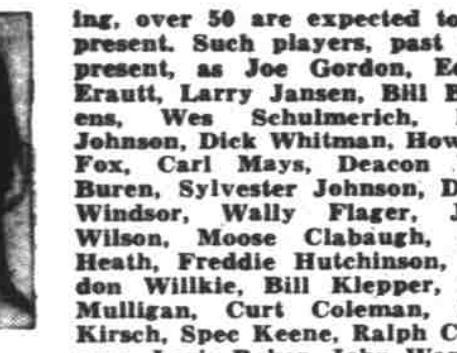
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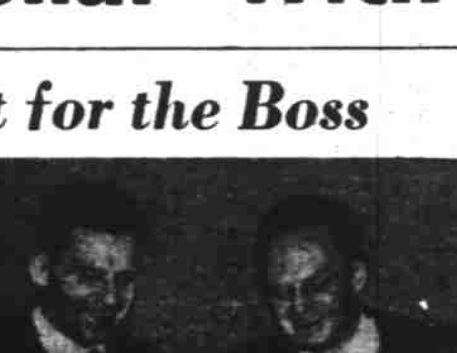
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Eddie Erantt



Dick Whitman



Don Johnson

(Tabby) Graves, long-time U of Washington baseball coach who also is listed as a speaker. Washington also will be well represented by the appearance of Jeff Heath and Freddie Hutchinson, long-time American league star outfielder and pitcher respectively, who are accompanying

Abel and Graves to Salem from Seattle.

Musical numbers and other entertainment have been arranged by the club committee and Harry V. Collins, eloquent president of the club, will act as master of ceremonies.

The purpose of the banquet is

to send off those players who soon will be heading for spring training camps, and to usher in the 1948 diamond campaign locally. All special guests are to be introduced during the session.

Although previous appointments will keep a scant few of the special guests from attend-

ing, over 50 are expected to be present. Such players, past and present, as Joe Gordon, Eddie Erantt, Larry Jansen, Bill Revens, Wes Schumierich, Don Johnson, Dick Whitman, Howard Fox, Carl Mays, Deacon Van Buren, Sylvester Johnson, Duke Windsor, Wally Flager, Jack Wilson, Moose Clabaugh, Jeff Heath, Freddie Hutchinson, Alton Wilkie, Bill Klepper, Bill Mulligan, Curt Coleman, Don Kirach, Spec Keene, Ralph Coleman, Loris Baker, John Warren, Ken Wyatt, Marty Krug, Dick Getzlow, Paul Haller, Ted Kerr, Lee Fallin, Joe Bielemeyer, Rod Province, Ted Gullic, Bus Sporer, Al Russell, John Day, Ad Liska, Vince Pesky, Mayo Smith, Dick Wenner, Hughie Day and Bidly Bishop, plus others, are certain to be here.

High School Hoop Tourney Picture Shaping Up

Newberg is favored to win the district 2 title, and West Linn is favored in district 12.

Another strong quintet, Jefferson of Portland, continued unbeaten. The 15th consecutive victory was Lincoln, defeated 29-22. Jefferson was expected to nab one of Portland's two positions in the state tourney. Washington downed Grant, 34-25, to become favored for the other.

Four teams already are as-

sured entry in the tourney—Klamath Falls, Marshfield, Springfield and Astoria. The situation remained unchanged in the other districts, where these teams are favored:

District 2—Baker or La Grande; dist. 2—Millon-Freewater or The Dalles; dist. 3—Bend; dist. 7—Albany or Newport; dist. 8—Newberg; dist. 9—Hillsboro; dist. 11—Salem; dist. 12—West Linn; dist. 13—Parkrose; dist. 14—St. Helens.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 (AP)—The All-American football conference, opening its winter meeting, today re-hired Jonas Ingram as commissioner, named Quarterback Otto Graham of the champion Cleveland Browns most valuable 1947 player and handed a pleasant welcome to new Coach Ed McKeever of the Chicago Rockets.

Ingram said the club owners were impressed by the "fine showing" made by McKeever in his first league meeting. He did not explain whether the "showing" was a possible explanation by McKeever of his famous farewell letter at the University of San Francisco in which he questioned the future eligibility of 22 USF players and caused a furor in west coast athletic circles.

Compromise: 'Bev' Signs Yankee Pact

The world champion New York Yankees were shy one hold-out yesterday when Salem's Bill Bevens reported to The Statesman that he had signed his 1948 contract, bringing to a close a Yankee-Bevens salary disagreement that had spouted for a number of weeks.

Handed a \$5000 cut in the original '48 pact, the big pitcher who lost the heart-breaking one-hitter to Brooklyn in last fall's world series said he and the club had compromised by halving the cut. Inasmuch as he won only seven games for the Yanks last season, Bevens felt that he deserved a slice in his \$15,000 salary, but not such a big one as \$5000 worth. Bevens won 16 games for the Bombers in 1946 and 13 in 1945. An arm ailment proved his downfall last season.

Bill will depart for the Yankees' training camp in St. Petersburg, Fla. late this month. He has been employed by the Sicks' Brewing Co. during the winter and has been officiating basketball games as a means of keeping his weight down. He expects to report to camp weighing 240 pounds, about 15 over his normal weight.

Second Round Fired by B's

Marion County B league hoopsters cleaned up second round play in the annual tourney last night on the Willamette floor with Chemawa topping Mill City, 41-37; favored Aumsville submerging St. Paul, 51-26; Sublimity running over Hubbard, 55-32; and Gervais walloping Detroit, 61-21.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

This is 1948 and the village long-range planning commish figures we'll number around 50,000 one day not too distant. But one would think it 1948 instead, and that we're heading for the 3000 mark were he to examine the hushed but rumored plans for Salem high new football stadium. Those plans call for a pair of concrete grandstands capable of seating 1800 each. Eighteen hundred, that is, and not eighteen thousand, for years of years we've heard little other than squawks from Viking football followers who have been forced to stand in the mud around Sweetland field and who have by the hundreds refused to go to a game only because they knew they wouldn't get a seat when the gates there. It has been estimated many times that any high school grid dish in the city would pull from 5,000 to 7,000 or more if only there were seats for as many. So the answer is to be brand spanking new concrete grandstands, seating an average of 1800. It must take brains to arrive at such conclusion.

In the semi-finals beginning at 7:30 next Friday night on the same court Gervais meets Sublimity, Chemawa clashes with Aumsville, Mill City takes on St. Paul and Detroit goes against Hubbard.

Mill City (37) Chemawa (41)
 St. Paul (26) Sublimity (55)
 Hubbard (32) Detroit (61)

We haven't really checked it, but wouldn't be at all surprised if the new stands are finally erected not on the Olinger pasture, where the field now lies, but out by Keizer some place. It seems those in charge do like to be that unconventional. Then perhaps when television comes they can give each patron a set so that they can be sure to see just what's happening in the game three miles away.

All isn't a total loss, however. They still can sell you end zone seats aloft that new garage at Olinger, after they spend another \$100,000 for an elevator to get you on top of the cussed thing.

Sublimity (55) St. Paul (26)
 Hubbard (32) Detroit (61)
 Myers (9) P (10) Albus
 Piper (12) C (4) Hendon
 Dyer (13) C (24) Ribb
 Strawn (11) C (8) Kintz
 Shaler (12) C (4) E. H. Berger
 Hubard—Aho, Kelby, Heyer, Hall, J. Sublimity—Stuckart (8) Meyer (12) Highberger (4) Bradley (2) Bradley (1)

ARMY DEVELOPED INTO RIGHT POPULAR SPA

While on the topic of athletic arenas, the eyecore that was once the Army is now one of the most popular spots in the village since its overall face-lifting. Ira Plicher & Co. has done a remarkable job with the joint and the dividends are far indeed. Never before has the Ferry Street Garden been in such demand as a meeting hall. Plicher tells us the new look has netted solid bookings for months ahead, as the Madison Square layout in New York City. Plicher heads a list of putting a freeze in the local palace for ice (Continued on page 15)

All American Gunners Named

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 14 (AP)—Thirteen gunners representing nine states are on the 1947 All-America trap shooting team announced today by Jimmy Robinson, shooting editor of Sports Afield.

Joe Hiestand, of Hillsboro, O., who holds a long run record of 1,179 straight hits at last month's state meet, was named captain of the squad. Hiestand won the champion of champion events at the grand American shoot last August with 300 straight hits, and was high average gunner of the nation with 3852 on 6,150 registered targets.

Robinson's selections included Earl Colson, Tacoma, Wash., leading Pacific coast gunner.

Wildlife Group Reelects Loder

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—The Oregon Wildlife Federation reelected James L. Loder, of Salem, as president at the conclusion of the 12th annual session today.

Among resolutions was a proposal the state establish a graduated system of fines for repeated violations of game laws and opposition to "padding" of suspended yields of public land.

Col. O. E. Walsh, district chief of army gunners, explained fish problems in connection with rivers and harbors work. Capt. Bert Walker, Oregon state game police, spoke on enforcement. Senator McKay, Salem, also spoke.

OLYMPIC ACES TO VIE

SEATTLE, Feb. 14 (AP)—America's five-man ski jumping team which participated in last month's Olympic games at St. Moritz, Switzerland, will compete intact on the national championships at the Milwaukee bowl in the Cascades March 6 and 7, officials said today.

Salem Gunners Sked Shooting Bee Today

One of the regular weekly shooting sessions will be held, starting at 10 a. m. today, at the Salem Trapshooters club range on Turner road. The card of events lists fifty 16-yard, 50 an avocet and 12 pairs of double targets. The shoot is open to the public.

Mat Prelims are Added

The two prelims which will set off Tuesday night's Frankie Hart-Buck Weaver vs. Joe Dorsett-Sammy Kohen tag team main event at the armory were announced as signed last night by Matchmaker Elton Owen. And in one of the 3:30 o'clock opener, a gladiator in olden times in the main event, and nannies Dorsett and Kohen can be depended upon to file their full share of the unorthodox. Altogether, the mainer should amount to a capable addition to the many all-ways popular tag team tussles turned loose here in the past.

City Leaguers Near Finish

CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS (National) (American) W L
 Marines 3 0 Navigation 2 0
 Naval aviators 3 0 Page's 2 0
 Elstroms 2 1 Knights 2 1
 Mont. Ward 1 2 Val. Motor 1 2
 Nat. Guard 0 3 Warner Mot. 1 3
 Master Tr. 0 3 Army-Navy 0 3

With only two more rounds remaining in either division, the Salem City Basketball league this week took heavy action at Leslie on Monday and Wednesday nights. A post-season playoff will be held following end of the regular season.

In Monday action, starting at seven o'clock, National Guard plays Montgomery Ward, Elstrom's battle Marine Reserves and Master Bread tangles with Naval Reserve in that order in the National division. On Wednesday Knight of Columbus tries Warner Motors, Army-Navy faces Page's Karakul Karpets and Valley Motor squares off with Salem Navigation in American division scraps.

RING TOURNEY SLATED

PORTLAND, Feb. 14 (AP)—Oregon's 1948 AAU boxing championships will be decided in three nights of fights here March 10-12, Chairman Ed Potter said today.

Winners in eight divisions will represent the Oregon-southwestern Washington area in the nationals at Boston, Mass., April 5-7.

Ski Dope

Timberline Lodge—Snow depth 120 inches, none new, surface packed, and wind crusted; skiing good; all towes operating; road clear, chains needed; simple parking. Forecast: Snow flurries Sunday.

Government Camp—Snow depth 73 inches, none new, surface heavy with light crust; skiing fair to good; all towes operating; road clear, chains needed; simple parking. Forecast: Same as Government camp.

Nice Welcome For McKeever

PORTLAND, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Tacoma Rockets reached from the basement of the Pacific Coast pro basketball league to topple third place Portland, 60 to 55, here tonight.

Beavers Face Vandals In Games at Corvallis

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Feb. 14 (Special)—Oregon State's basketball team, currently resting in third place in the close northern division pennant chase, will attempt to put its offense back into high gear when the dangerous Idaho Vandals invade Corvallis Monday and Tuesday for a return series with the Beavers.

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Although Gill has been spending considerable time with his reserves, no changes are planned in the Orange starting lineup. Cliff Crandall and Norm Carey are certain to start at the forwards. Fast improving Len Rineerson will be at center; and Dick Ballantyne and Dan Torrey will play at the guard posts.

Vanport Five Knocks Over 'Cat Club, 44-39

PORTLAND, Feb. 14 (Special)—Vanport College's basketball club came through with an upset here tonight as they downed Willamette's Bearcats, 44-39.

The Vanports were forced to win after trailing at the halfway point, 24-20. A bucket by Center Dale Warburg with 6½ minutes left to play gave the winners a lead which they never relinquished.

The Willamettes pushed to their four-point intermission margin after a slow and unexciting first half and inside the initial four minutes of the second period, boosted their advantage to 32-24. At that juncture the loss of Forward Bob Johnson on fouls took the wind out of the 'Cat sails and they began to fade. With 10 minutes left the Vanports caught up at 34-34 and after the lead changed hands a couple of times, Warburg's basket put the "Vans" on top for good.

Pivotal Jim Johnson's 11 markers was the 'Cats' best individual effort.

The Willamette crew returns to Portland Tuesday night to meet Portland University.

Talon Captures Anita Event

ARCADIA, Calif., Feb. 14 (AP)—Talon, dappled grey from Argentina, swept to victory in the \$50,000 Santa Anita handicap today and emerged as a powerful threat in the coming \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap.

The good looking pride of the Pampas, owned by socialite N. R. Ryan of New York, bolted into the lead with a mighty flourish to take down first money of \$47,300, in this tenth renewal of what has been termed a preview of the golden gallop, Feb. 28. Jockey Eddie Arcaro, scoring his third win of the afternoon, brought the six-year-old Talon in by a neck over the surprising Double Jay. Favorite On Trust, pulled in third.

'Birds Defeat Badgers Again

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—The University of British Columbia Thunderbirds defeated Pacific university, 60 to 51, here tonight in a Northwest basketball conference tilt. The Thunderbirds led, 34-24, at halftime.

Meissner Ski Trip Protested

PORTLAND, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Mt. Hood Ski patrol today urged Jack Meissner, 28, to call off his proposed 300-mile ski trip from Mt. Hood to Crater Lake. Meissner has announced he will leave Wednesday with Ernest Pentheny, 20, of Malden, Mass., on the estimated 30-day journey through the Cascade range wilderness.

The ski patrol in a letter to Meissner described it as a "publicity stunt (that) appears foolhardy in the extreme," and said that in case of accident a costly and dangerous rescue mission would have to be organized. Meissner said he planned to go ahead anyway.

Barbara Scott Widens Lead

DAVOS PLATZ, Switzerland, Feb. 14 (AP)—Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's queen of the blades, was kept from repeating as the woman figure skating champion of the world by mushy ice today. Officials ordered a postponement.

During the forenoon the Canadian miss, winner of the Olympic title, increased her lead from four to 10 points over British Champion Jeannette Altwegg of London. Yvonne Sherman of New York, is in seventh place. She is the lone U. S. entrant.

Bears Virtually Clinch Title

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 14 (AP)—The University of California Bears virtually clinched the southern division basketball championship of the Pacific Coast conference by beating University of California at Los Angeles 62 to 44 here tonight.

VICO STILL UNSIGNED

DETROIT, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers today lopped four names off their spring baseball roster, shaving it to 35 players scheduled to open training March 1 at Lakeland, Fla.

Still unsigned are Pitchers Freddie Hutchinson, Hal Newhouse, Paul (Dizzy) Trout, Art Houtteman, Al Benton and Rufus Gentry, Catcher Bob Swift, Shortstop Eddie Lake and rookie First Baseman George Vico.

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Ducks Push Vandals Deeper Into Cellar With 62-40 Win

A Toast for the Boss



Dean Cromwell (seated, center), USC track coach since 1909 and a native of Turner, Ore., who will coach the United States Olympic track and field team this summer, is toasts at a testimonial dinner at Hollywood, Calif., by former Olympic stars whom he coached. Seated with Cromwell are Bud Houser and Fred Kelly. Standing are Lee Barnes, Frank Wykoff and Bob Van Osdell. (AP Wirephoto)

Wiley Sparks UO Offensive

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| W.L. Pct. | W.L. Pct. |
| Wash. St. 7 3 .700 | Oregon 1 2 .333 |
| Washington 6 4 .600 | Idaho 1 2 .333 |
| Ore. St. 5 4 .556 | |
| Idaho 4 4 .500 | |

Last night's result: At Oregon 62, Idaho 40.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—The University of Oregon Ducks returned to their fast breaking game tonight to overwhelm the Idaho Vandals, 62 to 40, and win both games in their northern division Pacific Coast Basketball conference series here.

Oregon needed the victory badly to hold them within shouting distance of the northern division leaders. The loss virtually eliminated Idaho from the race.

Idaho tied the score in the opening minutes but after that it was simply the Ducks all the way. Bob Lavey scored within 12 seconds to start the Oregon rush, but Preston Brimhall made the deadlock at 2-2 with his field shot. Within a moment, Dick Wilkins put the Ducks in front to stay and they kept at the pace until they built up a 17-point halftime lead of 34-17.

Idaho rallied after the second half was well underway, scoring four of nine shots to cut the Oregon edge to 13 points. But it didn't last and Oregon got rolling again. Roger Wiley led the Webfoots with 16 points, giving him a conference game total of 149.

Idaho (40) (62) Oregon
 Geisler f 1 3 3 5 Wilkins f 1 1 2 3
 Lavey f 1 3 3 5 Cooper f 2 0 1 4
 Gano c 2 1 1 3 Wiley c 5 8 5 16
 Brimhall f 1 3 2 5 Lavey g 2 3 1 7
 Grove g 0 1 4 1 Hamilton g 3 1 1 7
 Taylor f 0 0 3 0 Don f 1 1 5 3
 Rainey f 1 1 0 3 Bartlett f 6 0 2 12
 Evans c 0 0 2 0 America c 0 0 4 0
 Elmers g 0 0 0 0 Berg g 1 1 1 3
 Christen g 0 2 0 2 Popick g 3 0 2 6
 Gunnels g 2 2 2 6 Seeborg g 0 1 1 1
 Units g 0 1 1 1

Totals 12 16 23 40 Totals 24 14 26 62
 Officials—Lee and Utis.
 Free throws missed: Idaho—Geisler 4, Taylor 1, Evans 2, Brimhall 8, Oregon—Don 1, Cooper 2, Amacher 1, Wiley 3, Lavey 3, Berg 1, Popick 1.

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Basketball Results

COLLEGE

Vanport 44, Willamette 39
 Oregon 62, Idaho 40
 CPS 99, Coll. Idaho 51
 USC 46, Pacific 31
 USC 48, Stanford 44
 Gonzaga 46, Portland U 37
 USF 55, Nevada 46
 Montana 74, Idaho St. 63
 Fresno St. 59, Coll. Pacific 57
 De Paul 58, Kansas 46
 Minnesota 53, Northwestern 51
 Kentucky 69, Tennessee 62
 Oklahoma 49, Purdue 56
 Oklahoma A&M 47, St. Louis U 38
 Vanderbilt 55, Alabama 42
 Oklahoma 48, Kansas 38
 Missouri 47, Nebraska 41
 Penn St. 46, Harvard 56
 Michigan 69, Purdue 56
 West Va. 81, Temple 75
 Ohio St. 57, Illinois 50
 Indiana 48, Iowa 47
 Princeton 66, Dartmouth 50
 Columbia 46, Cornell 37
 St. Martin's 54, Pacific Coll. 37

WSC Swimmers Down Beavers

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 14 (AP)—The Washington State college swimming team placed first in every event to win 56 to 19 from Oregon State college in a northern division Pacific Coast conference meet today.

Washington State's 300 yard medley relay team set a new varsity record of 3:12.2, breaking its own mark of 3:14.4 established earlier in the season.

Coachless Yale Still Looking

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 14 (AP)—With Columbia Lou Little no longer a candidate for the Yale football coaching job, an E.H. spokesman tonight confessed "We'll have to start all over again."

It is understood here that the Yale athletic committee will pick up from where it left off several weeks ago, when Little was the unanimous choice at a meeting in New Haven on Tuesday.

Little announced in New York today that he had turned down the Yale offer which he had been considering for the past 10 days. "I feel that I want to be a part of Columbia's future," he said.

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