

# SPORTSLIGHTNER

The golden era for the neighboring Cascade league in Eugene seems at an end. No more of those gaudy salaries for the ballgamers from the pros and feeding lumber company sponsors—things have been cut smack in half. And although it was nothing to pick up from \$25 to \$50 per ball game during the last three seasons, it was inevitable that an end would come.



JACK WARREN

Last year, for instance, one outfit was nicked slightly less than \$480 in salaries every time its team walked onto the field. The same outfit very seldom picked up over \$250 in gate receipts per game, despite what you might have heard concerning the attendance thousands. There are 18 games (plus the playoffs) for a Cascade team, which gives the sponsors a good chance to tire of playing Santa Claus. It was wonderful while it lasted, though. . . .

Last Sunday we printed here that Buddy Ryan's Spokanees would be mighty tough hambones in the W.L. derby, and we still consider them as pennant likeliest. But here's a word for Bill Brenner's Vancouverers also. Bill the Bull had himself what was considered a pretty pert gang a week ago, but just to make sure, he and

Caps Prexy Bob Brown have added the following: Pitcher Bob Costello, the Spokane worthy who won 21 times last season and who was bought from the Brooklyn chain; Pitcher Jim Hedgecock, '47 Caps vet and another 21-game winner who has been promised to Brenner by Earl Sheeley, general manager of Seattle; Outfielder Frank Mullens, who biffed .321 and belted 33 homers for the Caps last year—also going back from Seattle, and Catcher Jack Warren, the hit-happy Salem Senator of 1942 who has been purchased from the Cincinnati Reds chain after authoring a .343 batting average in the Class A Sally league last season.

We'd now like to add one emphatic "ouch" in behalf of all the rest of the W.L. nines.

### Rest of 'Em Loading Up Also

Spokane and Vancouver aren't alone in the loading up department. Wenatchee expects help to arrive soon from the Sacramento hookup. Yakima is holding open berths for those due down from San Francisco. Bremerton ditto with Oakland and Tacoma anticipates assistance from San Diego in the very near future. . . . Lou Kubiak has reported to Victoria at last but in the gent the Salems swapped him for, Tony Kilsura, is still AWOL. After signing his pact with the Solons, Kilsura suddenly figured he was worth more per month than Mgr. Wilson, so won't report until he gets it. (P.S. He'll never get it.)

### Woody Plans More Baseball, Marriage

His winter of hibernation in the Ozarks now at end, H. Woodrow Salmon, the only man in history to lead two baseball leagues in sitting at the same time, has left Missouri for Texas. Woody was bit no contract by Portland this year, so became a free agent automatically. Hence he is now attempting to sell his baseball ability to the highest bidder down around Brownsville, Tex., and likely will wind up back in the game. Then again, he's apt to just up and head for Oregon, without notice. At any rate, the big guy says he's going to be married soon. Which is also considerable of a surprise. H. Woodrow was never one with the women during his stay in these parts.

### Lillie Would Pounce on All Spares

Jerry Lillie has a plan and a good one. So many hotshots are now spring gridding for Jimmy Aiken at Oregon that a surplus is a certainty when the Webfoot boss arrives at his conclusions a few weeks from now. So (and this is where Lillie steps in) the Willamette head man, equipped with maps, pamphlets, arm-twisters and bear traps, intends to be on the sidelines at UO the day Aiken shoos away the castoffs. The pamphlets will be titled, "You Will Do at Good Old WU." . . . Sudden thought: The Coast league should draw three or four million customers a year for sure. They start playing nearly a month before the majors open and are still going when the world series is buttoned up. First thing you know they'll be having a New Year's bowl classic of their own, right after inviting Chris Kringle to toss out the first ball. . . .

### Rained Out Opener Nothing New to Salem

These rainouts befuddling the Senators' opener aren't by any means something new. Back in 1946, when the late George Waters brought the Solons into Salem for the first time, the grand inaugural with Yakima had to concede to the weather the first night. We managed to get it in the second try—and drew a paid attendance of 4865, incidentally, which still is the record for an opening night here—but after that, wham! Six straight games were washed out at home, and

one club came to town and left again without even so much as going near the Waters orchard.

Should the 1948 commences (if it ever happens) equal that one of '46, what a night the customers are in for. That was the one in which Yakima went 19-6 ahead in the top of the ninth, but then finished second finally when Bobby Baer conceded for a game-winning single with the bags loaded in the Salem half to bring across an 11-10 victory.

## Richards, Cook in Main

Featherweights will make the main event on Matchmaker Tex Salkeld's armory fistic program Wednesday, April 22, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oregon Featherweight Champion Bobby Richards of Portland, who has fought in a number of times in the local arena, will take on the Bobby Richards rugged Tacoma better Paulie Cook in the feature. Cook will be remembered here for his punch-packed excursions with



Duane Hoag during the blond buzz-saw's rise to prominence in these parts.

Cook is rated a better and much more clever boxer than Monty Montgomery, the Klamath Indian lad who lost that thrilling 15-rounder to Richards here a few months ago. Salkeld has been trying to get Cook lined up for a Richards bout for the past two months.

A six-round semi-windup and three 4-rounders will complete the card. The show, originally booked for next Wednesday night, was set back a week in order to avoid colliding with the Salem Senators baseball game at Waters field this week.

### Paging the Scouts!

DAVENPORT, Wash., April 17 (AP)—Dick Aubertin of Wilbur high school pitched his second no-hit, no-run game of the week today as his team clubbed Davenport high, 22 to 0.

In the seven innings Aubertin walked two, fanned 20. He missed a perfect strike out record when a Davenport player grounded out in the last inning.

At the plate, Aubertin smashed two long home runs.

Tuesday he pitched a no-hitter against Creston.

### Quick Winnah!

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., April 17 (AP)—Henry Wittenberg, 191-pound New York city detective, accomplished the almost incredible feat of throwing a man in nine seconds tonight in the national amateur athletic union senior wrestling championships.

He lifted up Bernard Feldman of Brooklyn and set him down

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## YMCA Stroke Tournery Held

SEATTLE, April 17 (AP)—A team from Victoria, B. C., scored 68 points tonight to win the title in the senior division of the Northwest Swimming and Diving Championships.

The junior group A title for boys under 16 went to Aberdeen with 52 points, while Victoria took the team championship for boys of 14 and under with 30 points. Other scores in the senior division: Seattle 43½, Vancouver 18, Portland 8, Salem 7½, Mount Vernon 4. Scoring in the junior group A event were Seattle with 38, Victoria 28, Salem 22, Boise 5, Everett 5, Spokane 4, Vancouver 2.

### RICH OFFERS FOR BARBARA

TORONTO, April 17 (AP)—Robert V. Hicks, attorney for Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's world champion figure skater, said today movie, radio and testimonial contracts offered his client add up to \$150,000. They will be carefully considered before she signs, he added.

The United States produces about three-fourths of the cow hides used by the U. S. leather industry.

## Twin Bill to Open Season For Salem, Tacoma Tonight

(Continued from page 18) Emigh. The two games already lost to the weather will be made up when Tacoma next visits Salem. There will be no Monday game, as the Tacoma team has a commitment at home prior to opening its own season there Tuesday night.

Emigh had a couple of cheerful announcements to make in spite of his sadness. Roy Duncan Pitter, 24-year-old right-hand pitcher, has been optioned to the Senators by Portland. A 5-foot, 11-inch, Pitter weighs 190 pounds and is a very highly regarded pitching member of the New York Yankee chain. He broke in with Idaho Falls of the Pioneer league in 1940 and after the war was with Newark in '46. Oakland and Beaumont had him last season, when he hurt his arm. He comes to Salem to test that flipper now, and if it's okeh the Senator fans are to see a pitching dandy, according to all reports.

Also, Pitcher Tony Kilsura, the long-absent Senator obtained in the Lou Kubiak trade, has decided to report, according to what Emigh heard Saturday from Beavers Gen-

## Recruiters from Japan Due Here

The army's "Flying Squadron" recruiting team which arrived from Japan recently to enlist men for the 1st cavalry and 11th airborne divisions will arrive in Salem Monday for a three-day visit.

## 20 Entered in DAV Fiddlers' Contest

The number of contestants for the old-time fiddlers' contest to be sponsored this week by the Disabled American Veterans Memorial Building association is now 20 and officials expect 15 more to enter by mid-week, they reported Saturday.

The contest will be at Salem senior high school auditorium Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning at 8 o'clock each night. A program will also be presented each contest night.

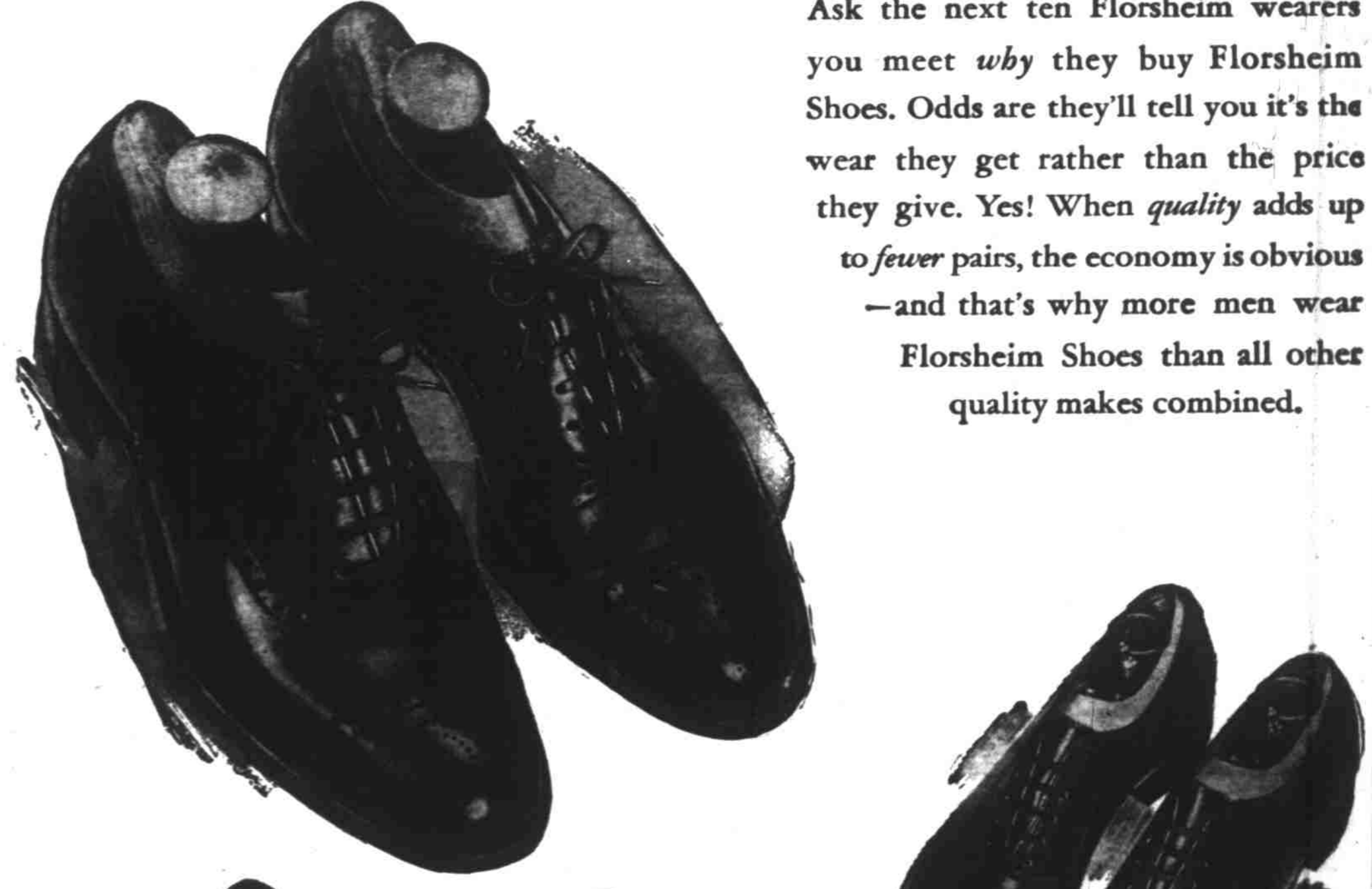
Knowing that worms come to the surface when it rains, the kiwi bird of New Zealand stamps on the ground to imitate the sound of rain and decoys a meal.

Leading the team is 1st Lt. Francis L. Wycoff of Eugene, Ore. Assisting him will be M. Sgt. Ben O. Haygood of Miami, Fla., and S. Sgt. Henry G. Harper of San Diego, Calif.

LOGGERS VICTORS  
TACOMA, April 17 (AP)—College of Puget Sound displayed power in the sprints, hurdles and field events this afternoon at the Logger field to take a triangular track meet from two WINCO members, Western Washington and St. Martin's. The Loggers ran up a total of 88½ points to 56½ for Western and 16 for St. Martin's.

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