

Senators Prexy Urges Helping Hand by Chamber of Commerce, Development Group

Following is the exact content of a letter written this week by Salem Senators President George Paulus, addressed to the Directors of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and to the Directors of the Salem Industrial Development Council:

Is Salem about to lose another important industry?

I am speaking specifically of the Salem Senators, Inc., a community-owned club with 1,115 stockholders, which transacts business

in Salem each year in excess of \$100,000.

Those of you who are directors of either the Chamber or Council know that a lot of time, effort and money has been spent in an endeavor to bring new industry to Salem. Is it not equally important that something be done to retain our present industries?

Due to the club's financial condition after a long series of years for the past four years, the first and second years through lack of experience and the third and fourth

due to terrible baseball weather, the directors decided this year to try to sell enough season tickets in advance of the playing season to insure the club against another loss this year. A season ticket plan was adopted which has worked out very well for the two only other teams who have to date put on a ticket selling campaign this year in this league, namely Wenatchee and Eugene.

Wenatchee, with a 1950 census of 12,965, had on February 13 sold 1,200 season tickets at \$20

each (Salem's single admission season ticket sells for \$15, and a family ticket for \$25. Wenatchee has a family ticket). Eugene, with a 1950 census of 35,672, had on February 12, sold 1,500 season admission tickets and had not put on a drive because they were busy getting donations to build a \$35,000 grandstand.

Can you imagine the reception a solicitor here in 'Sleepy Hollow' would get if he tried to solicit gifts for this kind of money?

Salem, with a 1950 census of 43,064, after a campaign of about

six weeks has sold 397 season tickets. This certainly is a terrible showing.

From a dollars and cents basis, the writer would be at least \$500 per year (box seats, season tickets and traveling expenses for free) better off were there no baseball club in Salem, to say nothing of the months of time given the club each year, or the stenographic and bookkeeping help donated by Paulus Bros. Packing Co.

I do not regret the money or the time spent because I feel, if there will be no alternative but to fold the club.

influence for good the baseball club brings to the children of Salem is worth the money and the time.

I think that the Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Salem Industrial Development Council should do everything in their power to keep this industry in Salem. As soon as the basketball season is over the directors expect to put an all-out drive to sell enough season tickets to justify the continuance of organized baseball in Salem. If the sales fall short of the goal there will be no alternative but to fold the club.

May I make the following suggestions?

At the time of the all-out drive, send out mimeographed letters to all the members of the Chamber of Commerce, on Chamber of Commerce stationery over the signature of the president of the chamber, explaining the situation and asking each member to support the club by buying at least one season ticket. (The baseball club would pay for the postage and Paulus Bros. Packing Co. would probably furnish the necessary stenographic assistance.)

Ask the 'Downtown Merchants' to buy nights at \$750 per game as the Shopping Center did last year, and expects to do again this year.

Asked each newspaper to give the club at least two editorials at the proper time.

Secure the permission of each service club for a representative of the ball club to talk at one of their meetings.

The directors would appreciate suggestions.

Signed: George B. Paulus, President

Four-Year Veterans for Bruins



CORVALLIS — The UCLA Bruins, who play the Oregon State Beavers here in the Coast Conference playoffs this week, have a veteran as well as high scoring club, and pictured above are three reasons why. From left to right are Don Bragg, Ron Bane and Johnny Moore, all four-year lettermen for the Bruins. Moore is the team's leading scorer, and both Bragg and Bane average over 10 points per game. The playoff series opens Friday night.

Huskies, Foxes Edge Wins

2 More Tilts On Tap Tonight

Hubert, Porter Follow . . .

By EAN POLING
Stationary Sports Writer

North Marion's Huskies and the Silverton Foxes were assured spots as consolation bracket finalists in the District 11 A-2 Tournament by virtue of close wins in Tuesday night's tourney play at the South Salem High gym, the Huskies edging the Woodburn Bulldogs, 47-44 in the curtain raiser, and Silverton defeating the Gervais Cougars, 64-49 in the nightcap. Tonight's game will be a vendetta, inasmuch as Silverton dumped North Marion, 40-39 in the opening round of Tournament action.

Coach Marsh Barbour's Bulldogs almost upset the tourney dope bucket in the opener, getting off to a fast 23-19 halftime lead due to some fine sharpshooting by Jelmer Stafney, who bagged 10 points in the first half. Woodburn had a first-half shooting percentage of 60.

North Marion Gets Hot

North Marion, after a mediocre first canto, began to hit their shots, and trailed only 32-30 at the three-quarter mark. With 3:21 showing on the tourney clock, Huskey guard Jack Berkeley hit a jump-shot to give North Marion the lead for the first time, 40-39. With only 22 seconds left in the game, Stafney soloed the full floor length to hole out a crumple and make it 44-43, Woodburn.

Back boomed Berkeley at :16 seconds with a driving layin for a 45-44 Huskey lead, and when durable Keith Driver intercepted the

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Baylor Boosts Scoring Average Over Leaders

SEATTLE (AP) — The curtain is coming down on the basketball season a bit too soon to suit Elgin Baylor of College of Idaho, who has boosted his scoring average to 30.75 points per game to outrun the rest of the Pacific Northwest's collegiate tally makers.

Baylor has climbed steadily through the season and took over the pace setting role only a couple of weeks ago. With only a few games left, his average was almost four points better than that of Norm Hubert of Pacific University, who has 26.9 with two games left to play.

Porter Places Third

The third corner of this triangle which has been waging a three-way battle for the lead has wrapped up the season with a 26.3 average. He is Don Porter, who led all the region's scorers last year for Portland State and now plays for Linfield.

Baylor also holds the lead in total score with 738 points at the end of last week's play. Porter ranked second in total at 684 and Hubert had 646.

An even dozen players were averaging better than 18 points per game at last check. The battle for eighth place was tightest, Dean Parsons of Washington winding up with 19.24, Loren Anderson of Seattle Pacific with 19.20 and Dick Stricklin — who still may better his average — shooting 19.17 with Seattle University.

The leaders (x—indicates season ended):

G Pts. Ave.	
Elgin Baylor, CI	24 738 30.7
Norm Hubert, Pac	24 646 26.9
Don Porter, Linf	26x 684 26.3
Larry Pryse, EOC	26 563 21.6
T. Schadewitz, EOC	26 563 21.6
Jim Loscutt, Ore	26x 505 19.4
Dean Parsons, Wash	25x 481 19.2
L. Anderson, SePac	24x 461 19.2
Dick Stricklin, SU	24 460 19.2
Dick Bartel, Port	26x 489 18.8
Dick Edwards, EWC	24x 442 18.4
R.C. Owens, CI	25x 453 18.1

Senators Add New Shortstop

The Salem Senators player roster swelled to four Tuesday with the announcement by General Manager Hugh Luby that he had signed John Hanson, 23-year-old shortstop who made the All-Star team last season while playing in the Armed Forces Service League in Honolulu.

An Alabamian before entering the Service, the 160-pound Hanson now resides in Portland. He played in the Class D Georgia-Florida League in 1951, and while in the Service League in 1953 formed a keystone combination with Tony Rivas, crack second-sacker with Wenatchee last season.

Hanson will report to the Senators training camp at Napa, Cal., April 6.

Outfielders Mel Krause and Don Frailey and Catcher Joe Niro were signed previously by the Senators for the 1955 season.

Luby also announced that the new Senators Boosters Club will hold a noon luncheon today to further discuss plans for the coming season. Members of the Senators board of directors and Luby will meet with the Boosters officers.

Edmundson Named To Washington Board

OLYMPIA (AP) — Gov. Langlie Tuesday appointed Clarence S. (Hee) Edmundson of Seattle to the three-man Washington State Athletic Commission.

Edmundson, commission secretary at present, will fill the unexpired term of William M. Burke of Seattle, resigned, effective March 15. Langlie said Edmundson will continue as commission secretary.

Roy Hurry runs the 100-yard dash on Georgia Tech's track team.

Sweden Loses, Swiss Win in Hockey Meet

COLOGNE, Germany (AP) — Sweden lost its second game by a slim one point margin Tuesday night in the world ice hockey championship tournament when Czechoslovakia hung on to win 6-5.

At Duesseldorf, Switzerland downed Poland, 4-2, while the West German team loafed to a 7-1 victory over Finland.

PSC Tops Bearcats, Pacific Nips Mounties

Saxons Clip Vikings, 46-40

Wulf Fashions Saxon Victory

South Salem Holds District Play Lead

By TOM YATES
Statesman Sportswriter

A nine point blast early in the fourth quarter provided the South Salem Saxons with their third straight basketball triumph over the North Salem Vikings last night and gave them a 46-40 jump in the two out of three playoff with their cross town rivals in District 11 play.

The playoff action moves from the Vik Villa to the Southern sector Thursday night for game number two between the local powers with the Saxons seeking to stretch their court mastery to four straight over the Ken Hunt coached Norths.

Last night's game was bitterly contested, with fortune smiling first on one quint and then on the other. The Vikings led through most of the second and third periods, holding a halftime margin of 24-23 and an advantage of 35 to 33 at the end of the third chapter. The Saxons had led at the end of the first canto 11-8.

Roof Falls on Viks

Marv Strain connected with a free throw to push his hosting squad into a 36 to 33 lead at the outset of the final quarter. Then the roof fell in on the Viks.

With Bruce Patterson doing a beautiful job of ball handling and assisting, and big Bob Wulf carrying the scoring load, the winners piled up their nine straight tallies despite the frantic efforts of the Hints to stop them.

Wulf got Coach Dick Ballantyne's team going with a fielder and when Phil Burkland followed up with a singleton from the charity stripe the count was tied, 38-38.

Wulf then popped in two consecutive baskets, one on a hook and the other on a short jumper to make the board read 40 to 36 in the Souths' favor.

A pair of gifters by Dale Jones brought points eight and nine in the Saxon spurge and they led 42-36 with but 2:40 remaining. Guard Marv Rhine finally broke the ice for the Vikings with two from the foul line with 2:30 showing on the clock.

Patterson Floor Leader

Patterson then took over, commanding a smooth Saxon stall. The lanky guard put on a fine display of dribbling and accounted for the next two points via two successes in four attempts from the foul stripe. The Ballantynes then held a 44 to 38 lead with little more than a minute to play. During the South slow up of play Burkland and Don Pigsley of the Vikings were ejected from the game when they got overheated during a held ball dispute.

Final points of the tussle were racked up on field goals by the losers' Ken Carl and Forward Don Zeh of South Salem.

Wulf was far and away the offensive standout with 20 points on seven two-pointers and six gifters out of seven attempts. The entire Saxon squad accounted for but 14 goals. Rhine topped North Salem with 14 points. Carl added 10 to the North total and did a bang up job on the backboards against the taller visitors.



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Doby Gets \$33,000 . . .

Players Sign as Major League Training Opens

By WILL GRIMSLEY
Associated Press Sports Writer

Major league baseball clubs waited tensely for Commissioner Ford Frick's iron fist to fall again if it didn't, and so from Arizona to Florida the big baseball training push opened in routine fashion.

Frick fined the Milwaukee baseball club \$500 and 14 of its players a total of \$625 Monday for beating the gun on the March 1 workout date. He hinted others were coming. Brooklyn and Detroit, in particular, squirmed.

Eight more players signed contracts, including Cleveland's Larry Doby, leaving 26 listed holdouts. Several in this group were expected to deliver contracts momentarily.

NL Has 4 Holdouts

The National League had only four holdouts, with six of its clubs having all help properly employed. Pittsburgh still hadn't signed outfielder Frank Thomas and pitcher Vern Law. The Milwaukee Braves had two holdouts in infielders George Crowe and Bill Caro.

The American was having its troubles with balkers, particularly the champion Cleveland Indians, which had nine left unsigned. These included such big names as Early Wynn and Bob Avila. Doby signed for a reported \$33,000.

The Washington Senators signed three players — Roy Sievers, Jim Busby and Bob Porterfield — but still had to contend with the demands of infielders Mickey Vernon and Eddie Yost, neither in camp.

Williams Still Unsigned

The Boston Red Sox, still uncertain about Ted Williams, came to terms with infielder Ted Lepico and pitcher Al Schroll at Sarasota, Fla., but still dickered with catcher Sam White and rookie pitcher George Susce.

The Kansas City Athletics announced the signing of Cloyd Boyer but had no encouraging word from four others, pitchers John Gray and Ed Bertschy, infielder Forest Jacobs and third baseman Jim Finigan. Brooklyn signed pitcher Ron Negray.

Baltimore counted three holdouts — Lou Kretlow, Jim McDonald and Cal Abrams — while Detroit hadn't received the contract of pitcher Bob Crum. Cleveland's holdout, besides Wynn and Avila, were Bob Hooper, Bill Wight, Hank

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NIT Bid Goes To Seton Hall

NEW YORK (AP) — Coach Honey Russell's Seton Hall basketball team Tuesday night was named as the 11th entry in the post-season National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden March 12-19.

The selection of the South Orange, N.J., team, which has a 17-6 record with two games to play on the regular season schedule, leaves the NIT with just one more berth to fill in its 12-team alignment.

This will be the fifth appearance for Seton Hall in the NIT. The Pirates won the title in 1953.

Other teams entered in the NIT are top-seeded Duquesne, defending champion Holy Cross, Niagara, Manhattan, St. Francis (Pa.), Connecticut, Louisville, Lafayette, Cincinnati and Dayton.

Officials Rap Prep Playoffs

PORTLAND (AP) — Administrators of the state's larger high schools are in favor of dropping the state football and baseball championship playoffs.

The Oregon School Activities Assn. reported Tuesday. This is expected to come up for discussion at the next meeting of the association.

The association's March bulletin said administrators in class A-1 schools voted 26-17 and those in A-2 schools 41-26 to eliminate football playoffs. Those from class B schools, however, voted 76-41 to retain the playoffs. The total vote thus was 119-108 to continue the playoffs.

A, B Schools Split

The A-1 and A-2 schools voted heavily against baseball playoffs, and class B schools favored them only by a small margin. The total was 122-101 against baseball playoffs.

The basketball playoffs and the state track meet favor the administrators voted 208-18 for basketball and 204-19 for the track meet.

The next meeting of the association will be at the time of the state track meet.

West Selects Sears, McKeen

NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Sears of Santa Clara and Bob McKeen of California were named Tuesday as the third and fourth players on the 10-man West squad for the fresh air fund East-West basketball game at Madison Square Garden, March 26.

Previously selected for the West team were Don Schlundt of Indiana and Bob Patterson of Tulsa. Four players already chosen for the East team are Tom Gola of LaSalle, Dick Ricketts of Duquesne, Ed Conlin of Fordham and Maurice Stokes of St. Francis (Loretto, Pa.).

Sears, 6-foot-9, has been selected for the all star team at the NCAA Western regional tournament for the past three years. McKeen, 6-7, is tabbed by his coach, Pete Newell, as "a better all-around center than Schlundt."

Bevs Open Camp For PCL Training

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — The Portland Beavers opened spring training here Tuesday and manager Clay Hopper put the team through a hot two-hour drill as the temperature rose above 70 degrees.

The drill included bunting and batting practice and wind sprints.

Those working out Tuesday included Bill Bottler, Royce Lint, Phil Page, Dick Waibel, Larry Ward, Ad Satalich, Francis Chase, Wally Hood and Don Harding, pitchers.

Catchers on hand were Sam Calderone, Don Lundberg, Wally Harding and Ron Bottler.

Unsigned as yet are Red Adams, who showed up for contract talks, catcher Joe Rossi, and pitchers Bill Boehmer, Dick Fielder and Carl Scheib. Glen Elliott is signed but not yet in camp.

Summer Title Battle Eyed for Olson-Humez

NEW YORK (AP) — Charley Humez, French holder of the European middleweight crown, probably will get a shot at world middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson this summer, an International Boxing Club official said Tuesday.

"We are considering matching the two for this summer," said Harry Markson, managing director of the IBC. "It could be in May, June or July."

Vikings, Badgers Meet Tonite For NAIA District Cage Title

MILWAUKIE (AP) — Pacific and Portland State will meet Wednesday night for the district 2 National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics basketball championship.

The two Oregon schools posted first round victories Tuesday night, Pacific beating Eastern Oregon 86-78 and Portland State downing Villamette 67-59.

Portland State, the Oregon Collegiate Conference champion, pulled into the lead in the first half after the score had been tied eight times. Paul Poetsch scored 19 points for the winners and Dick Hoy had 17 for the Salem school of the Northwest Conference.

Norm Hubert scored 34 points for the winning team from Forest Grove in the opener. But the Eastern Oregon squad from La Grande remained in contention all

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Idaho Staters Upset Seattle

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Idaho State college defeated Seattle University, 74-65, Tuesday night in a battle of NCAA-bound basketball teams.

The two met here again Wednesday night for the fourth time this season and will tangle a fifth time March 8 in San Francisco for an at-large berth in the NCAA regional tournament at Corvallis, Ore.

Seattle beat the Bengals in two games in the Washington city last December.

The sharpshooting of forwards Les Roh and Lloyd Harris powered Idaho State to its 33rd straight home court victory Tuesday night. Harris, ineligible for the NCAA game because he is a freshman, dropped in 23 points and Roh hit 21.

The game was a see-saw affair in the first half with a layup by Harris in the closing seconds giving the Bengals a 31-30 lead.

Tribe Wins Title

PORTLAND (AP) — Cleveland, which already has won a berth in the state-high school basketball tournament, Tuesday easily beat Lincoln 45-31 in a Portland League game. The victory gave Cleveland, the No. 6 team in the Associated Press prep poll, the league championship.

Three other Portland schools are tied for second place and will have to play off to determine which will take Portland's other tournament berth. They are Grant, Jefferson and Franklin.

Grant upset Jefferson 69-62, Franklin defeated Roosevelt 76-60, and in the other league game, Washington beat Benson 75-39.

Idaho's Hess Signed By Canadian Pro Club

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Idaho guard Burdette Hess, who had been drafted by the San Francisco 49ers of the National Football League, Tuesday signed a contract with the Calgary Stampeders.

Hess, a 222-pound geology major who played in the East-West game at San Francisco this year, said he could continue his studies in the Canadian oil fields.

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Bloody Tag Mix Declared 'No Contest'

The Australian tag team match at the Salem Army Tuesday night was just as wild and bloody as any wrestling fan could request as the standing room only crowd was treated to a bruising brawl. Leo (Pile Driver) Wallick and the Proud Prussian Kurt von Poppenheim actually won the deciding fall over Bulldog Curtis and Blacky Miller but Referee Dick Torio declared the match "no contest" after Wallick attacked him.

The referee also ordered the Tag Team Trophy, which was at stake in the battle, to be held up.

The "meanie deluxe" brawl had Poppenheim bleeding profusely from a head wound throughout the deciding third fall.

Curtis had won the opening fall from Wallick when he applied a full Nelson that the co-holder of the tag team title could not break.

Poppenheim and Wallick came back to even up the falls in the honor with a crossbow hold on Curtis.

Dashing Dick Torio, the ultra-popular star from Toledo, took two straight falls from Joe Tanasas to win his special event

match. Torio won the first with a Boston Crab and then came back to wrap up the victory with a sensational backward handspring followed by a dropkick and a quick press.

In the opening match, Jerry Woods looked like a promising prospect in upsetting Jim LaRock with an abdominal stretch.

Matchmaker Elton Owen announced after Tuesday night's scraps that Mr. Tojo and Mr. Sakata, a very mean Japanese team, will appear in Salem next Tuesday.

Baton Rouge Open To Test Big Mike

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Qualifying begins Wednesday morning in the \$12,500 Baton Rouge Open golf tournament with two questions puzzling golf fans.

The questions are whether Mike Souchak, winner of the last two major tournaments, can make it three in a row, or whether Bob Toski, Tam O'Shanter winner who has missed most winter tourneys, can regain his touch.

Other top golfers will join the chase for the \$2,500 first prize over the 6,450-yard par-72 Baton Rouge Country Club course, but most pre-tourney speculation centers on Souchak, a former Duke University football player, and the slightly-built Toski, who surged ahead in the final round to win last year.

The field will be cut to 160 before the tourney opens Thursday.

Michigan State's first athletic team playing a regular schedule was the baseball squad in 1880.