

## BOWLING!

Hits & Bits  
By  
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Every year it's bigger and better! We're referring of course to the Oregon State Bowling Association's annual championships for men. Last year a new all-time high of 485 teams were enrolled for the meet held at Cherry City Bowl here in Salem. This year the Eugene-Springfield Association went all out and an entry list of 566 teams was raked up.

The current meet, which got underway last Saturday, is slated to run nearly two months. Closing day is March 2.

Right in the thick of things is Vern Turner, the state secretary-treasurer. Vern is probably being cussed and discussed over some of the starting times he passed out, but if most of the bowlers will think back over the past month or two they will remember Turner asking, in fact pleading with them to get their entries in early. Of course only a very few bothered to heed his advice.

Vern has been at this business a long time and is a very capable gent. As soon as the state convention is a thing of the past, Vern will once again head for the ABC tourney, where he lends the national organization a helping hand.

Right now we would like to wish the boys at the New U Bowl in Eugene, site of the state tourney, the best of luck in this year's venture.

The Bowling Proprietors Association of America will hold its annual all-star bowling tournament from Jan. 10 through Jan. 19. The finals in both the men's and women's division will be shown on a national TV hookup.

Seems as though the Statesman bowling (?) team has been hitting the practice lanes during the past two-weeks layoff. Some of the boys have splintered the pins for as high as a 123 average. They've picked up a sleeper in one Tom Wright, who is a former member of the staff and is now the assistant to Gov. Robert Holmes.

## Prange Proud of His Wife, But . . .

Conrad Prange, captain of our fine crew, came into our office and asked us if we had noticed his wife's (Dorothy) 200 game. We told him it had not gone unobserved. After he quit sticking his chest out, Mr. Prange (pronounced like flange) then went on to add, "It's disgusting, isn't it. After bowling every league night for half a season, I've yet to rack up my first 200 game. Then the little women does it!"

We quickly pointed out this was no longer a man's world and made the suggestion that Dorothy take his place on the team. We haven't received his answer yet, but from the looks on his (Mr. Prange's) face, we're not sure if we want to hear what he has to say.

This next week's issue of Look magazine has quite a layout on bowling. It shows how a strike ball acts. It also shows what happens when the hit is heavy or light. It's all in color and should answer a few questions the average bowler has.

The series was rolled by Frank Clause, a bowling instructor for AMF. Clause has a lifetime average of 207 and bowled the entire series for Look without being able to see the pins.

## Northgate Bowl Now Past the Dream Stage . . .

The new Northgate Bowl is now more than just a dream. Building work got underway in a very short time and is finished in time for next season's bowling. The Capital Lanes will close sometime in May or June, so as the equipment can be moved into the new building.

When the new alleys are put into operation, they will fill a recreational void which has existed for a long time in the north end of town.

Maybe next year someone can talk the Salem School District into a supervised bowling program on both the junior and senior high school level. Salem has a number of fine instructors who are more than willing to give their time for such a cause. Both Tony Vittone at University Bowl and Dick Phipps at Cherry City Bowl have been putting in a lot of time on junior programs this last couple of years. With the big interest in bowling today, this would be a fine way for both boys and girls to earn an athletic award. Cost is small, and among other things, etiquette is taught. Some of our dashing teenagers could do with a little of this. Such a move would get full support from this corner.

## Only 2 Unbeaten Major Teams Left

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Pete Brennan scoring 32 and grabbing 22 rebounds.

Soph star Oscar Robertson scored 31 for Cincinnati as the Bearcats, handed their first defeat last week by Bradley, hit 50 per cent of their shots for a 77-70 Missouri Valley Conference decision over Tulsa. Robertson had 20 points at the half, when Cincinnati (83) led 40-34.

San Francisco (10-1) defeated San Jose State 66-44.

Maryland, tumbled from the unbeaten by Memphis State in triple overtime at week's start, was knocked over again, 73-66 by Clemson—which hadn't beaten the Terps since 1951. Maryland (7-2), with a 36-32 edge at the half, dropped out of a first place tie with North Carolina in the ACC. North Carolina plays at Maryland this Saturday.

Michigan State, ranked right behind Maryland at No. 8 also took its second defeat of the week, losing 70-56 to long-slumbering Ohio State. The Spartans (7-2) trailed 12-0 and were down 41-22 at the half in the Big Ten opener for both.

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