



THESE FIVE BASKETBALL REFEREES have one of the toughest jobs in the 29th annual state basketball tournament now in progress at McArthur Court. They are, left to right, Paul B. Bingham, Hal Eustis, Al Lightner and Hugh Hartman. (Kirk Braun photo, Willshire Press.)

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By DEWEY RAY
Teams were left in the running for the 29th annual high school basketball championship after the conclusion of first-round play yesterday night at McArthur Court.

Washington Colonials from the Hood River Blue Dragons, the Marshfield Pirates, the Eugene Axemen and the Klamath Falls Pelicans.

Eight teams eliminated championship consideration out in quest of the fifth consolation prize bright and early on Thursday, at 8:45 a. m. quarter-finals in the consolation round are to be completed Thursday. At 3:15 the Washington Colonials took the floor against the Hood River Blue Dragons in the first game of the championship quarter-finals; the Marshfield Pirates met Sandy Pioneers in the other quarter-final game in the upper bracket.

Salem will meet Newberg Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the other quarter-final game and the Eugene Axemen will follow at 8:45 against the Klamath Falls Pelicans.

The largest crowd in tournament history, about 5500, entered McArthur Court Wednesday night to see the best two games of the tournament to date—when the quarter-finals were played.

Student Prices
University of Oregon students will be admitted to morning and afternoon basketball tournament games at student prices, the O.H.S.A.A. ruled Thursday.

Eugene High Axemen turned back a potent La Grande outfit 44-36 and the Klamath Falls Pelicans almost became the first tournament favorite to be upset.

The Pelicans ran into the surprise package of the tournament in the Lebanon Warriors but managed to come out on top by a 63-57 score. The total for both teams just missed the tournament record for total game scores by one point. The old record of 121 points was set in 1944 when Springfield beat Oregon City, 73-48.

In afternoon first-round games Wednesday, Marshfield beat Molalla, 52-33; Sandy turned back Rainier, 50-40; Salem trounced Roosevelt of Portland, 63-35; and Newberg ousted Hillsboro, 48-29.

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Quarter-Final Round
THURSDAY
7:30 p.m.—Salem vs. Newberg.
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CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS
FRIDAY
9:00 a.m.—Winner Astoria-Redmond vs. winner Molalla-Rainier.
10:15 a.m.—Winner Roosevelt-Hillsboro vs. winner La Grande-Lebanon.
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2:00 p.m.—Loser Washington-Hood River vs. loser Marshfield-Sandy.
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THURSDAY SCORES
(Consolation Games)
Redmond 42, Astoria 39
Rainier 47, Molalla 38
Roosevelt 73, Hillsboro 28

House Approves 2-Cent Tax Package of Cigarets
The Oregon House of Representatives, without a dissenting vote, passed the bill to tax cigarettes 2 cents a pack for the next two years and to raise \$4,000,000 for the general fund for the biennium.

The bill, coupled with a previously approved measure to let the commission take its \$1,000,000 out of revenues, cuts the fund deficit to \$5,000,000. The measure still must be approved by the Senate.

Barry, R. A. Bennett, William, and Manley Williams, of the House Tax Committee, put a year limit on the bill in case it would stop a referendum against it. The measure was passed by a narrow margin.

Bill Passed
The House also sent to the Senate a bill to extend the unemployment compensation law to all employers. The law now applies to employers of four or more persons, but other employers may come under the act if they wish.

Education Loans
The House adopted and sent to the Senate a bill suspending operation of state educational loans for veterans between next July 1 and July 1, 1949. The sponsors said the law would not be needed during that period because federal loans will be available, and that the state law might be placed in operation again after federal government stops its educational loans to veterans.

Bill Passed
Bills to restrict labor unions unexpectedly made their first appearance on the floor of the 60-day-old legislature, with the Senate Labor and Industries Committee recommending passage of measures to ban secondary boycotts and provide for secret elections to determine if labor disputes exist.

The measures probably will be debated by the Senate Friday.

Mexican Vice Gang Burns Crusading Paper
MEXICO CITY.—German Medina Parra, publisher of "Diario del Pueblo" at Tijuana, Lower California, said in a cable received here Thursday that his newspaper plant had been burned to the ground because he was conducting an anti-vice campaign.

Medina Parra, who crossed the border to San Diego, Calif., to send his message to the Mexico City afternoon paper "Ultimas Noticias," blamed the act on a gang dealing in drugs, white slavery and operation of vice centers.

Medina Parra said the paper was fired last Sunday.

Jewish Terrorists Rob Tel Aviv Bank
JERUSALEM.—Eight masked men armed with tommy guns and pistols held up the Ashdod Bank in the heart of Tel Aviv at noon Thursday and escaped with \$60,000.

Police said they believed the bandits were members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi organization, which boasts of financing its operations by such tactics.

Marshall Hits Denazification Policy of USSR

Former Nazis Join Red Party, Charge

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall, speaking on denazification before the foreign ministers Thursday, said that the United States has "been disturbed by frequent reports in the Soviet zone of Germany that former active Nazis may be cleared by joining the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party."

Apparently speaking to forestall an expected Soviet attack on American zone denazification, Marshall read a three-page statement relating that 12,000,000 persons have been registered for investigation, 200,000 tried and 370,000 removed from office in the U. S. section of Germany.

The secretary added that the American zone denazification went "far beyond Allied Control Authority directives," and asserted "there is nothing to conceal."

He pointed out allied control council had not received full reports on denazification in the eastern (Soviet) zone of Germany and added "my government opposes the use of denazification in favor of any political party."

Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin told the council that the British had a list of 40 high Nazis who are holding important positions in Germany's soviet zone.

Bevin named five of these, saying he read only that many in order to show allied unity. This evoked some laughter and a witness said Molotov grinned.

Persons present at the conference said there had been no mention of President Truman's speech and added there was no evidence of its having any effect on the Council of Foreign Ministers or the ministers themselves.

All the ministers made statements on denazification and democratization. Molotov expressed dissatisfaction generally with the progress of these programs in the western zones. He specifically denied Marshall's reference to Nazis in political parties, saying he knew of no case where a Nazi had been permitted to join the Socialist Unity Party.

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Mrs. Harington Says Memory Blurred by Fear

Defendant Shows Evidence of Strain

"I was afraid he'd kill me—so afraid I don't even remember firing the gun."

These words summed up Mrs. Virginia Harington's defense testimony Thursday in her trial before a jury in Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth's court on a charge of second degree murder of her husband, Gene Harington, last Jan. 28.

"After I realized what had happened, I was standing by the foot of the bed with a gun in my hand. I don't remember firing but I remember hearing two shots. When I saw he wasn't coming at me any more, I ran downstairs to the telephone. I called the ambulance."

"Then I was running around in the living-room like I was crazy. I ran upstairs (to the bedroom where Harington lay) and pulled him by the hand and said, 'Gene, wait for the ambulance!'"

Once during her testimony Mrs. Harington was on the verge of breaking down but recovered herself. Most of her testimony was given clearly and audibly but she showed effects of the strain. She admitted she was confused about details of the shooting and some events preceding it. She insisted she shot her husband, not in anger, but because she was afraid.

"I loved Gene. I still love him," she said.

Was In Bed
The shooting occurred at the Harington home after he had come home about 5:30 a. m. following a night away from home. Evidence has shown he was in bed and had laid the gun beside him on the floor. She testified that three times that morning before the shooting he had threatened to kill her. It was the first time he had brought out a gun, she said.

On a cross-examination Mrs. Harington said part of their argument was over her refusal to go to Manila with him on a business venture. She said she might have a temper herself but never had threatened to kill him.

Objection Sustained
"If you had left him alone (in bed) for a few minutes, wouldn't he have gone to sleep?" asked Dep. Dist. Atty. Frank Reid. An objection to the question was sustained. She admitted that when Harington was with other people he often was jovial but when he was alone, he was abusive.

Mrs. June Smith of Springfield, Harington's secretary at his lumber mill here, who was with him and his party at Harington's Cafe on the night before the shooting, appeared as a witness for Mrs. Harington. She said she never had been out with Harington alone.

She testified that Harington drank often and that he gave a Christmas party at the mill last December for the employees, at which there was ample liquor.

Darold Payne of 117 Oakleigh Lane, one of Harington's employees, testified that he heard Harington swear at her and saw him twist her arm to get car keys away from her when she was trying to keep him from leaving home. At this time he went to Los Angeles, said Payne, and was gone a week. Others have testified that she did not know until several days later where he had gone.

Said Excited
Granville White, Arrow Ambulance owner, testified that Mrs. Harington seemed greatly excited when he went to the home Jan. 28. He saw Harington's body, described blood on the bed and wall and said he remembered the body in a different position from that shown in a picture introduced by the prosecution.

Mrs. Florence Irene Ware, 16 N. Adams St., told the jury she saw Harington drunk several times but never saw him and his wife quarrel. They were neighbors at one time. When drunk Harington was happy-go-lucky and good-natured, she said. But once when he was away from home Mrs. Harington came to her home because she knew he was coming back and was afraid, Mrs. Ware testified.

Mrs. Peggy Mulligan of Park Ave., a friend of the Haringtons, said Harington always started the quarrels with his wife, that he often brought a bottle to the Mulligan home at night, drank there and refused to go home.

Dr. V. L. Adams said he examined Mrs. Harington Feb. 7 at the jail and saw two bruises on her arm which could have been caused by fingers squeezing it. (Additional Story on Page 6)

DRAFT RECORDS
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Power Contract To Help Coast
A three-year contract which will give partial relief to the Mountain States Power Co. in its present acute power supply situation in the Upper Willamette Valley and at the same time bring lower cost power to other communities in Southwestern and Western Oregon was executed Thursday by the company and the Bonneville Power Administration.

Under terms of the contract, the BPA will supply the requirements of Mountain States in excess of the company's generating capacity on that portion of the Mountain States' Willamette Valley system now being served from West Salem, BPA Administrator Paul J. Raver stated.

Part of the power and energy supplied to Mountain States at West Salem would be in exchange for power and energy which the company would supply for Bonneville's account to the Central Lincoln Peoples' Utility District at Reedsport, the City of Bandon, and the Coos-Curry Electric Co-op.

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Adds Capacity
The contract makes it possible for the Central Lincoln PUD to supply a substantial additional amount of power above present capacity to the town of Reedsport and its environs. This will materially relieve the immediate supply problem to the southern end of the system.

However,