

# ITALY HOPES FOR LAURELS

## Olympic Prospects in 1940 Brighter

### American Coach Discovers Military Training Aids Athletes

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Rome (UP)—Italian track and field aspirants are bent on capturing the laurels of the usually favored nations which will compete in the Olympic games to be held at Helsinki next year, according to Boyd Comstock, American Olympic coach for Italy.

Recently, while traveling about the country getting Mussolini's tracksters ready for their 1939 season, Comstock, former University of Southern California track mentor who is now coaching his third Italian Olympic team, recalled some facts that explain the rapidly growing prestige of Italian track athletes.

"The squad is strong as a whole," Comstock said, "but like other teams I have coached, some of the boys are 'natural champions.'"

**Bevilacqua Gains Speed**

"Those who saw the international meet at Paris last season may remember little 104-pound Guiseppi Bevilacqua who ran the Finnish world's champion, Ilmari Eskininen, all the way into the tape in the 10,000-meter race. Bevilacqua didn't put on any weight during the winter, but that is not going to keep him from taking some more time off his 30 minutes, 53 seconds for the 10,000-meter event.

"In the same class with Bevilacqua is Mario Lanzi, who has been clocked in 1:50.5 for the 500 meters," Comstock continued. "In the half mile at London last year Lanzi finished second only behind the great British runner, Sydney Wooderson."

Comstock admitted a lack of strength in the field events, but had a word for a discus thrower who he thinks is championship material.

"Giorgio Oberweger ought to reach well over 170 feet during the present season," Comstock said. "Oberweger has shown consistent improvement since he placed third behind American's Gordon Dunn and Kenneth Carpenter at the Berlin games in 1936."

**Recall to Run Again**

Italy's veteran Olympic contender, Luigi Beccali, who won the 1,500 meters at Los Angeles, and who placed third at Berlin, is still competing and it is probable that he will represent Italy again in his favorite event in the 1940 games, according to Comstock.

When Comstock, once popularly known as America's most scientific track coach, first came to Italy in 1934, Charles Paddock predicted that every Italian national record but two (excepting Beccali's 3:49 for the 1,500 meters and Luigi Facelli's 52.4 for the 400 meter hurdles) would be broken within four years. The end of the 1938 season found this prophecy an actuality. A total of 33 national records have been established, many records having been broken again and again.

**Military Life Helps**

Coach Comstock attributes the improvement in the Italian track situation to the many quasi-military organizations which have been established. He points out that their physical culture programs fill the former breach in the Italian educational system.

# Gas, Bullets Bring Casualties in WPA Clash



Blinding tear-gas clouds roll over the street at Minneapolis as police clash with WPA strikers. A man was killed, more than 20 others injured in the rioting pictured here.

tem, which had no sports program, and provide him each season with as fine squads of new material as any coach could hope for. Comstock then recalled the remarkable performance of 16-year-old Ottavio Missoni, who last year turned in a time of 48.8 for the 400 meters.

Coach Comstock is ready to vouch for the purity of Italian amateurism. "Nearly all of my boys work so hard they can't practice more than three or four days a week," he said. "And the government has no compunction about calling a boy off to his military service just when he has begun to hit his stride."

However, Premier Benito Mussolini has remembered star athletes who are fathers or who expect to marry. An Olympic first place victory is rewarded by an insurance policy of 10,000 lire for the athlete's first child. This is calculated to spur Italian athletes on to victory as well as to the production of healthy generations.

## Northwest Redmond

Southwest Redmond, July 19 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clapp, son, Sheridan, daughter, Elinor, and Betty were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Davidson.

Mrs. J. H. Straub and son, Darroll, of San Francisco, Cal., were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Straub's sister, Mrs. David McLean. Darroll is continuing his visit while Mrs. Straub is visiting relatives in Oregon City.

The Merry Stitches 4-H sewing club met Friday with Gladys Hart, eight members being present. The next meeting will be the evening of July 21 at the home of Carol Helmholz.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Coffman and

son, Gerald, of Lone Pine were week-end guests of Mrs. Coffman's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Davidson.

Young People's Social club of the Redmond grange met Friday evening at the home of Helene Wilden. The new officers for the following six months were installed. The next meeting will be an outdoor meeting at Clime Falls the evening of August 4.

A. G. Corrick of Napa, Cal., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David McLean. Corrick is a brother-in-law of McLean.

Mrs. E. W. Dawes of Prindle, Wash., visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. B. Davenport. Carl Krogstad, also of Prindle, accompanied Mrs. Dawes. Krogstad is a cousin of Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Dawes.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and family are newcomers to the southwest Redmond district.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Holt and children, Berniece Holt and Mildred Wallenburg, attended the baseball game at Alifan Sunday. Floyd Holt, Mildred Wallenburg, and W. N. Holt played on the team.

Mrs. J. J. Brown left Sunday for Boise, Idaho, to visit her sister, who has been quite ill. She was accompanied by her sister from Burns.

Much damage was reported in this district as a result of Monday's storm.

## PIONEER HARDSHIPS ENJOYED

Idaho Falls, Idaho (UP)—Mrs. E. B. Clegg of Vancouver, B. C., crossing the nation in a 13-foot boat accompanied by two men, said here the trip gave her satisfaction because she met hardships that her forefathers faced. The party is making the trip by an inland water route from Portland, Or., to New York.

## LEAD POISONING KILLING DUCKS

### Pellets on Lake Bottom Prove Fatal Diet

St. Paul, Minn. (UP)—Lead poisoning has killed more ducks in Minnesota the past few years than the gun of the hunter—and the affliction now threatens extinction of several species of migratory waterfowl.

A survey conducted by wildlife conservationists showed that buckshot from the hunter's shotgun was spread heavily over the state's lake bottoms, where waterfowl feed.

The resultant lead poisoning has taken an alarming toll among the waterfowl, it was pointed out, especially diving ducks which feed in deep water.

Dr. Gustav Swanson of the University of Minnesota and T. L. Osmer of the state game and fish division inspected several lake bottoms and found as many as 11 lead pellets to the square foot.

"In one series of three lakes we found for every 14 to 24 square feet of the lake bottom an average of six pellets that could be reached by waterfowl," Osmer said. "One lake had as many as 11 pellets to the square foot."

In tests conducted by Dr. Swanson, some 350 ducks found dead along lake shores were examined and in the gizzard of each bird one or more lead pellets were found.

Because of their feeding habits, diving ducks such as blue bills, ring-necked and ruddy ducks were believed more susceptible to lead poisoning than others.

Swanson said one solution to the problem lay partly with shell manufacturers. A less poisonous alloy could be put in shotgun shells.

## Tumalo

Tumalo, July 21 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blackstone and daughter of Fillmore, Calif., were overnight guests Saturday at the James Blackstone home. The two men are brothers.

Mrs. James Frakes and children, Edwin and Betty, returned this week after having visited two weeks at Applegate with a married daughter of Mrs. Frakes.

Visiting at the Lefe Seems home from Lebanon, Kans., are a sister-in-law, Mrs. Wiley Seems, and a nephew, Glenn Seems. The Kansas relatives accompanied Thorel Seems, who has been working in Kansas, home. Next month Lefe Seems is planning on driving back to Kansas at which time Mrs. Seems and Glenn will return to their homes.

Members of the Tumalo Tillicum study club are entertaining members of their families at a Sunday night picnic supper on the lawn of the E. M. Wright home this weekend.

Mary Reams and Bert Ferguson were married in Idaho last Friday. They returned Sunday and are at the C. L. Allen ranch where they will be employed. Mary graduated from Redmond union high school this spring and Ferguson, who came here from North Dakota several years ago, has been working in the community ever since.

Mrs. Martha Couch spent Monday visiting at the C. L. Allen home. She is the mother of Mahlon Couch whom she is visiting at present from her home near Eugene.

Mrs. Charles Crossen and son, Donald, of Renton, Washington, visited last week at the home of Mrs. Willa Shaver. Mrs. Crossen, who was a friend of the Shaver family in Idaho, had not seen Willa or her brothers for 18 years.

Kenneth Duncan who is employed on the Fred Duquette ranch made a trip to Colorado over the Fourth and returned with his bride.

Maxine Bassett left Sunday for her home at Boise, Idaho, after having visited her aunt, Mrs. Roy Moore, since the Fourth. The Bassetts formerly lived in Bend where Bassett was an instructor in the Bend high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie McGuire and son, Ronald, visited several days here last week with relatives from the Hampton butte ranch where they are spending the summer.

Mr. Jameison, former county agent of Deschutes county, visited in the community one day last week from his home in Klamath county.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott and daughters, Nancy and Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Scoggin and son, Fayet, and Mrs. Scoggin's mother, Mrs. Eva Burgess attended Plainview grange's social evening which was a winter roast at the Mel Harrington ranch Saturday evening.

Friday evening, July 21, Tumalo grange will hold a potluck supper at 7 p. m. after which games or dancing will be enjoyed. All interested in the old songs contest which the state grange is sponsoring should be present or contact Miss Willa Shaver.

A big caravan of farmers attended the tour Sunday morning which was sponsored by Gus Haglund, Deschutes county agricultural agent. Some of the farmers whose ranches were visited on the Tumalo were C. L. Allen, Carl Baker, Adrian Spires and R. J. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Allen and son, Lawrence, accompanied by Mrs. H. A. Scoggin and son, Fayet, and Mrs. Scoggin's mother, Mrs. Eva Burgess, drove to Paulina and East lakes Sunday afternoon. They also visited the Lava caves.

Mrs. James Blackstone went to Portland Saturday and brought her son, Roy, who has been a patient at the Doernbecher hospital for the past month, home. Roy's condition is still delicate but he will be at home until it is time to perform another operation.

The Arnold Sandwick children are confined to their home with chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vandever and daughter, Barbara, and John Brazel spent Sunday on the upper Deschutes at the Claude Vandever ranch. They went to see their niece, Sally Vandever, who arrived that day from her home in Indiana. She expects to spend the remainder of the summer with her relatives at the ranch.

Mrs. Harvey Banks underwent a tonsillectomy operation the first of the week at Sisters.

Mrs. Lefe Seems and daughter, Bernita, and Dorothy Lipford, returned Tuesday from visiting Mrs. Seems' son, Leonard, at Vancouver. While gone, Leonard accompanied them on a trip to the coast.

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In addition, out-of-county brand inspectors are required in all eastern Oregon counties and three western Oregon counties, Douglas, Josephine and Jackson.

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