

Skits and Scratches

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Whether to save the gas for a trip to the favorite fishing stream or hoard the precious liquid in order to provide transportation to Portland for the PCL opener in that city is a question which has a number of fans astride the fence. If there was a good run of salmon in the Willamette the solution might be an easy matter—a stop at the Oregon City falls and then moving on to the Vaughn Street park. The opener at Vaughn Street is set for next Wednesday against San Diego and it is possible Roy Heiser will get the Beaver call.

Quite a nice party the navy V-12 boys put on up at Willamette Wednesday night. Not as large attendance as the program warranted which was somewhat surprising in view of the fact that the entertainment was free. The 7 o'clock start probably was responsible for keeping some people away. The boxing matches were run off in a rapid-fire manner and there was no delay between. However, we believe the event would be more popular if it were held down to a two and a half hour limit. Those boards up there get mighty hard.

Wonder why track and field has lost its appeal as a spectator sport. Of course the weather was none too favorable, but there should have been more town folk out at Olinger field the other afternoon to witness the inauguration of the Salem relay carnival. It may be that fans who have not witnessed competition of this sort for a number of years, still have memories of long waits in between events. That system of operation went out several seasons back. As a result a well-organized meet seldom takes more than an hour and a half or two hours at the most and there is something doing much of the time. This is especially true of a relay program.

The Vikings are unusually strong this spring and they are deserving of all the support they can get. Come to think of it, however, the support should be forthcoming when they are weak. But at any rate Coach Tom Drynan's boys in shorts really put out, show evidence of being well trained and fit to travel in the best company. . . . Presence of 20 boys from Klamath high Tuesday afternoon was something of a surprise here. Shows how much interest there is in sport among the Pelicans.

Not a knockout, not even a knockdown in the 40 et 8 premier of fistieuffing at the armory Thursday night and those boys who like their knuckle boxing on the rugged side had difficulty in keeping their remarks from becoming too caustic. However, the general attitude of the fans seems to be one of leniency insofar as the ring action was concerned and we believe they are more than willing to string along with the promoters for a couple more shows at least.

The appearance of so many colored boys on the card is a reflection on what is occurring to the population in the northwest. The negroes, most of whom are working in defense industries in Portland, were a far better lot than those brought here last summer for a similar performance. . . . The timers trimmed a half minute off seven of the eight rounds fought by Eddie Weller and Angelo Pretello. No doubt the time saving was done at the request of someone but for what reason we failed to learn. Both boys appeared capable of going the regulation three minutes for 12 or 15 rounds.

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Giants, Braves Have Slugfest

New York, April 21 (AP)—The New York Yankees and Washington Senators, rated as the outstanding contenders for the American league pennant, met for the first time this season today with the world champions playing stage their second opening day.

While the Yankees were idle yesterday, the Senators closed their opening home stand with a 5-0 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics.

In the only other junior circuit game, the St. Louis Browns continued in first place with their third consecutive triumph over the Detroit Tigers, Vern Stephens, batting in three runs and scoring a couple himself, was the big margin in the 8-5 decision, the first major league victory for the 31-year-old rookie Rigmund Hakucki.

Blasting three home runs off two Boston Brave hurlers, the New York Giants remained on top of the National league with an unblemished record in three starts. The New Yorkers, however, needed their circuit clout to gain a 10-8 nod in a slugfest. The Brooklyn Dodgers won their first series of the year from the Philadelphia Phillies, two games to one, notching the second yesterday in an 8-2 shellacking. Ray Mueller's single in the ninth with a mate on third gave Cincinnati a 2-1 edge over the Chicago Cubs.

Mort Cooper, the National league Cardinals' star hurler, was driven from the mound by a Pittsburgh Pirate uprising in the seventh, but the Cards managed to quench the rally and do a little scoring of their own to gain a 5-3 win.

Leo Estey and Walt Cline each shot 37s in Thursday evening's golf specialty at the Salem club but the former took the war saving stamps by reason of being permitted to subtract two points from his total as against one for Cline. There were 25 contenders in the party.

Millard Pekar and Dr. James Sears, who were rained off the course last Sunday before they could settle their spring handicaps argument, got it out of their system Thursday evening. Pekar got the nod on a 3 and 2 basis after they had battled a total of 36 holes.

Next Sunday marks the deadline for second round play.

Mathews Calls Grid Conference

Portland, Ore., April 21 (AP)—Football coaches from all northwest colleges, universities and high schools have been asked to attend a meeting at the University of Portland this Sunday to discuss means of resuming football this fall. Coach Robert L. Mathews announced.

Attend C.E. Meeting

Jefferson—Mrs. Sara Margaret Hutchings, Lois Smith, Barbara Miller, Andy Paschal, Gene Powell, Billy Henderson, members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church, attended a county executive meeting of the C.E. at the First Christian church.

Cans Are Collected

Stayton—School children were busy Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday collecting cans, which were required for entrance to the entertainment at the schoolhouse Wednesday afternoon. Juggling, puppets and feats of magic were on the program.

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"The war stories I like best, Judge, are the ones by the special writers overseas who live right with our troops. They give us a better idea of how our men react to things going on over there and back here at home."

"I agree with you, Sam. I never miss one of those stories in the papers or magazines. And there's one thing those writers seem to agree on no matter where they are stationed with our men... and that is that the men who have left their homes and families to go

SPORTS

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Good Crowd Attends Revival Of Boxing; Card Well Received

It wasn't the best ring action in the country, but the card sponsored by the 40 et 8 at the armory Thursday night was so far ahead of what occurred along last summer that most of the several hundred cash customers appeared fairly well satisfied. The crowd and the six scraps encouraged the promoters to such an extent that announcement was made that another leather losing party will be held, two weeks hence.

The main event went the limit as did all of the other bouts. Eddie Weller took the decision over Angelo Pretello, both out of Portland. Neither boy was marked at the end of the eight rounds because they were quite adept at picking off blows. The fans appeared quite indifferent as to the outcome and for the

The Standings

American League	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	3	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Boston	2	1	.667
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
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Pacific Coast League	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	3	2	.618
San Francisco	2	4	.364
San Diego	2	5	.286
Hollywood	4	7	.462
Seattle	1	7	.125
Portland	5	8	.455
Oakland	3	9	.250
Sacramento	2	9	.222

Yesterday's Games

Los Angeles 5, Hollywood 1; San Francisco 9, Oakland 4; San Diego 3, Seattle 2; Philadelphia-Washington 3, Philadelphia 0; St. Louis 4, Detroit 3.

National-New York in Boston 3, St. Louis 2; Pittsburgh 3; Brooklyn 2; Philadelphia 2; Cincinnati 2; Chicago 1.

Jamboree Called Off for Season

Lebanon—The Linn county baseball jamboree having been twice rained out has been cancelled for this year, it was announced Wednesday. The jamboree, featuring Albany, Tangent, Lebanon and Sweet Home high school teams, and scheduled originally for last Friday at Sweet Home, was postponed until Wednesday of this week, but after Lebanon and Sweet Home had played in the opener, showers prevented the jamboree from continuing.

Prisoners of War Celebrate Birthday

Lethbridge, Alta., April 21 (AP)—Thousands of German prisoners of war here celebrated Hitler's 55th birthday Thursday with a program of activities within their compound and by cutting a monstrous birthday cake, it was learned from reliable sources. It is understood the huge cake bore a large swastika.

Approximately 10,000 Germans are detained in the prisoner-of-war camp on the outskirts of this city. It is the largest such establishment in Canada.

The majority of Finland's more than three and a half million people make their living by farming and dairying.

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