



**First Batting Practice** Three weeks old Robin Jay Merriman gets his first instruction in baseball from his famous father, Lloyd, outfielder for the Cincinnati Reds and former ace fullback for Stanford university. The fanette, of course, is Mrs. Merriman. They are shown in their home at Sacramento, Calif. (AP Wirephoto)

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### Jeff Lions' Nose Gervais, 27-26

Jefferson—Jefferson high's Lions nosed Gervais Friday night, 27 to 26 in an exciting Marion County B league mix. The loss was the first of the season for Gervais. A two pointer by Daryl Ricks with seconds to go decided the issue. The prelim went to Gervais 31 to 28.

Jefferson (27) (38) Gervais  
Blackwell 2 ..... F ..... 3 Schumacher  
Campton 2 ..... F ..... 3 Tooley  
Marlett 2 ..... C ..... 3 Belue  
Ricks 5 ..... G ..... 4 Dunn  
Waltenbarger 6 ..... G ..... 10 Hall  
Subs: Jefferson—D. Porter, Ramseyer  
3; Gervais—McCall 6

### Dance Program Offered

Monmouth—The Orenesis Modern Dance club of Oregon College of Education attended the intermural program of dancing in Corvallis, Thursday evening. Nine houses participated. Mrs. Robert Knox, Oregon College of Education acted as one of the judges and others were Mrs. Dorothy Fox, Corvallis and Robert Wall, Corvallis. The national championship rowing regatta will be staged at Philadelphia, on the Schuylkill, during the third week of July.

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### Scio Teams Win Over Monroe 5's

Scio—A Linn-Benton league basketball tilt went to Scio over Monroe, 45 to 43 Friday night. Scio blanketed Monroe, 34 to 7 in the preliminary.

Scio (45) (32) Monroe  
G. Gabrielson 8 ..... F ..... 14 Dodson  
F. Sprague 8 ..... F ..... 14 Steward  
Morris 8 ..... G ..... 4 Blitner  
B. Sprague 11 ..... G ..... 4 Goracke  
Breed 10 ..... G ..... 8 Hought  
Ballus 3 ..... B ..... 4 Larkin

### Silverton Club Votes Funds for Damages

Silverton—At the week's meeting of the Silverton Recreation association a sum of money was voted, to replace equipment damaged by the bursting of water pipes at the Washington Irving building. Boys' basketball practice was announced for Monday nights and the girls' practise is to be each Wednesday evening. Both groups meet at Eugene Field gym. The leading 17-year-old horse of 1949 was So Good, a gelded son of Waygood-My-Sweetie, which in three starts at Billings, Mont., earned \$30, finishing fourth on one occasion.

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## Promoter Admits Fainting To Grab Boxing Publicity

By RUDY CERKOVIC (United Press Sports Writer) Pittsburgh, Feb. 11 (UP)—Sure, Jake Mintz staged a phoney faint the night Ezzard Charles won the heavyweight title but he boasted today that stunt brought him publicity and laughs. Supposedly he passed out from the excitement, yet—"All right, so it wasn't the McCoy," Jake sputtered. "But look, I get up to make a speech. Someone hollers: 'Tell us about the phoney faint.' So I tell 'em. They all laugh. And I'm more popular every day. Anyway, I'm not monopolous like a lotta speakers. "I even pinched myself when I was lyin' on the canvas. I could feel it. Then I knew I was fakin' "Anyway, there were three other managers from Cincinnati and they were always pushing me out of the way to get their pictures in the paper," Jake said. "I figured this time I'd get the publicity. So I keel over. I didn't know I was going to get so much notice. If I had, I'd have stayed fainted longer. "That faint of mine will be as famous as the long count in the Dempsey-Tunney fight. Just wait and see. "Then the loquacious Lilliputian got off on his favorite peev—"them people in New York." He also talked about his stomach "ulsters" that he got from eating good food since Charles was recognized as heavyweight champion—

### Cardinals Trim Monmouth, 36-21 In M-P Leaguer

Monmouth—The Sacred Heart Cardinals of Salem took a Marion-Polk league decision over the Wolverines Friday night, 36 to 21. The win brought the Cardinals closer to the league title. The Wolverines trailed 10-8 at the half. Sacred Heart won the preliminary 38 to 36 in an overtime session. Monmouth (21) (36) Sacred Heart  
Lytle 10 ..... F ..... 3 Blandinger  
Bus 4 ..... F ..... 9 Ecker  
Rosenstock ..... C ..... 8 Collieran  
Thompson 1 ..... G ..... 4 Cooney  
Loch 4 ..... G ..... 7 Weger  
Subs: SHA—Weber 2, Jirjes 1.

### Mt. Angel Nears WVL Title With 55-39 Sandy Win

Mt. Angel—The Mt. Angel Preps were one step nearer the championship of the Willamette Valley league as the result of a 55 to 39 decision over Sandy Friday night. Norbert Wellman of the Preps took scoring honors with his 22 points. The B game went to Mt. Angel, 36-32. Mt. Angel (55) (39) Sandy  
Beyer 7 ..... F ..... 4 Barlow  
Bochater ..... F ..... 8 Fredrickson  
Wellman 22 ..... C ..... 1 Hannow  
Dunley 12 ..... G ..... 4 Gaway  
Payson 8 ..... G ..... 8 H. Canler  
Subs: Mt. Angel—Ehner 4, Turin 2; Sandy, Leckberg 8, W. Canler 1, Novesty 1.

### St. Paul Splits Games With OSD

The St. Paul Bucks beat the Oregon School of the Deaf eagles Friday night, 36 to 22. The O.S.D. second string beat St. Paul 18-17 in the preliminary. St. Paul (36) (18) OSD  
K. Colley 3 ..... F ..... 10 Marshall  
W. Colley 5 ..... F ..... 6 M. Kirk  
Waldstrom 9 ..... C ..... 8 Rasmussen  
Schulke 1 ..... G ..... 2 Britano  
Nelson 2 ..... G ..... 8 Smith  
Subs: OSD—Blackner 2; St. Paul—Kirk 2, Hyatt 2.

### Cougar Center Snares North Statistics Crown

Los Angeles, Feb. 11—Sophomore center Gene Conley and his mates from Washington State college dominated the statistical picture as well as the won and loss columns of the Northern Division of the FCC through games of February 14, according to figures released today by the commissioner's office. Conley, who has led the division throughout the season, held his lead over Frank Guisness of Washington last week. Conley has averaged 14.3 points a game and Guisness' averages figures to 13.4 a game. Conley also leads the figure in field goal percentages. His 46 goals in 103 attempts gives him an average of .447. Guisness moved into the lead in free throw percentages, and now has an even .800 average on 60 attempts. Washington continues to be the highest scoring club of the

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**Looking Ahead** Eva Prawitz and Horst Faber, German ice dancing champions, train for the figure skating title tests in the Olympic ice stadium at Garmisch, Germany.

### Molalla Retains Second WVL Spot

Molalla—The Buckaroos of Molalla retained second spot in Willamette Valley loop competition Friday night by downing the Canby Cougars, 37 to 24. Canby trailed their opponents closely during the first two periods, but slipped back following the intermission. The B preliminary went to Molalla, 50 to 26. Canby (24) (50) Molalla  
Holland 4 ..... F ..... 9 Colman  
McLaren 6 ..... F ..... 10 Horton  
Irwin 4 ..... C ..... 6 KleinSmith  
Diller 6 ..... G ..... 2 Jensen  
Perket 2 ..... G ..... 2 Owens  
Loenz 4 ..... B ..... 2  
Subs: Canby, Palmer 2; Molalla, Monroe 2.

### Willamina Tops Newport, 69-36

Willamina—With Ron Peterson scoring 22 points for the winners, Willamina high defeated Newport on the latter's floor Friday night, 67 to 36, after piling up a 29-15 half time lead. Newport salvaged the preliminary, 40-20. Willamina (67) (40) Newport  
Zetterberg 13 ..... F ..... 2 Garr  
Hollman 11 ..... F ..... 9 Halverson  
Nokley 18 ..... C ..... 8 Anderson  
Peterson 22 ..... G ..... 11 Reed  
H. Halverson ..... G ..... 2 Bahm  
Subs: Willamina—Dillon 3; Newport—Hearty 2, Wilkins 10.



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## SCORES in the ALLEYS

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Capitol Hedding (3)—Bob Davis 490, Jack Cherrington 432, Eric Kay 576, Wall Larson 530, Priesen Furnitures (6)—Geo. Mirich 539, Stan Torgeson 445, Frank Carruth 488, Bob Gray 494.  
Slewert Const. (1)—Virg. Gregory 848, Vaughn Gardner 483, Ev Clark 550, Chev Boyce 571.  
High team series and game, Busick's Market, 235 and 887; high ind. game, Jim Ross, 233; high ind. series, Stan Braden, 448.  
**MERCANTILE**  
Salem Iron Wks. (2)—Lohman 474, Corlier 458, Hartman 431, Kolsky 446, Cherman 524, Capital No. 1 (6)—Orville Holtz 497, Wacken 438, McAllister 459, Bidgway 400, Cherrington 439.  
Railway Express (6)—Ritter 456, Gray 390, Maness 440, Lake 498, Hartwell 464, Pink Elephant (3)—Hurd 813, Thompson 580, Knight 414, Prudette 484, Delaney 461.  
Hogg Bros. No. 2 (3)—George 473, Carville 511, Bachit 411, Claus 427, Westphal 455, Chappelle Mki. (1)—Wicizer 425, Hoyt 410, Morris 437, Chappelle 822, Jerry 383.  
Oregonian (3)—Finden 538, Davis 587, Buckholt 469, Boyd 489, Baldwin 487; Hogg Bros. No. 1 (6)—Carter 139, Coe 138, Barr 183, Luke 188, Nuss 187.  
High team series and game, Oregonian, 284 and 977; high ind. game, Chappelle & Thompson, 212; high ind. series, Davis, 587.  
**Duck Pin**  
COMMERCIAL LEAGUE NO. 2  
State Tire Service (2)—Mahlon Panera 317, Warren Taylor 384, Rodney Pettit 394, 324, Lindholm 354, Mike O'Leary 350, Dr. Pepper (2)—Don Schur 533, Marvin Harzken 332, Joe Formick 372, Bob Loney 413, Bill Barrow 365.  
Oregon Telephone Union (2)—Tom Batchelder 324, Bud Tribble 372, Howard Dove 302, Don Robinson 293, Bus Sawyer 407, Blue Lake Producers (2)—Curry Schell 373, Jim Wenger 398, Paul Fuhrer 497, Moore 440, Bye 382.  
Ramona's (1)—Carroll Harlow 387, George Steiner 381, Chuck Collins 389, Curly Moiner 352, Cal Chambers 321, W. C. Dyer Insurance (3)—Cleo Hicks

### Cougar Swimmers Sink Ducks, 62-22

Pullman, Wash., Feb. 11 (UP)—Four pool records were broken as Washington State college dumped the University of Oregon, 62-22 in a North division Pacific Coast conference swimming meet last night.

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## Dallas Holds Off Woodburn, 44-42

Woodburn—A nine point advantage the Dallas Dragons piled up during the first half barely stood up Friday night as the Woodburn Bulldogs came back with a rally after the intermission. The final score was Dallas 44, Woodburn 42. Dallas took the preliminary, 42-25.

### Harold Paulsen, Michigan State's hockey coach, was a star puckman for the University of Minnesota.

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