

SPORTS

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POINTERS OPEN HOOP DRILLS

Last Saturday the Central Point High school hoop squad had its initial work out of the 1950 season.

This week the squad is working hard on conditioning and fundamentals. Coach Warren greeted 34 candidates with only two lettermen turning out. The majority of the candidates are freshmen and sophomores. Herb Trautman and Les Findley are the two returning lettermen.

Warren stated he will have a young inexperienced team with no height. He expects to play a running game. As in football this will be a year for building.

The Pointers opening game is December 9th against Jacksonville. Clarence Melbye will coach the junior varsity, which will be composed mainly of freshmen up from last years junior high team.

The Pointers will compete in the JDJ conference this season. The other members are Eagle Point, Sutherlin, Illinois Valley, and Myrtle Creek. Under a new arrangement this year Central Point, Eagle Point and Illinois Valley will compete in a tournament with the large schools—Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland, and Klamath Falls—for the right to represent this district at the State Tournament.

Sport Chats--

by Bill Askwith

The annual major league draft hit the minor leagues the past week with the usual blast.

Oakland lost Metkovich for \$10,000 via the draft, after paying \$25,000 for him last winter. The Portland Beavers suffered the greatest loss, in the opinion of this column, by the draft. Luis Marquez, the fleet footed centerfielder, was drawn by the Boston Braves of the National League.

Marquez was the spark of the Portland Beavers during their drive from seventh place in the league to fourth place in the closing weeks of the season. We saw Marquez play last season and we have never seen a faster player on the bases or in the field than him. His hustle on the bases won more than one game for the Beavers. He stole 39 bases dur-

ing the season to lead the Pacific Coast League in stolen bases. He collected a total of 241 hits in the season for a batting average of .311. If he can hit major league pitching, he is a cinch to make the grade in the "big time". We believe Portland lost about 50% of their team when they lost Marquez. He was worth not less than \$50,000.

The Oregon State and Oregon football teams are the doormats of the Pacific Coast Conference this year. Together their defeats total eleven in conference play, whereas the other seven members in the conference have a total of ten defeats. What does this mean? If the Oregon schools expect to stay in the Pacific Coast Conference, they must have better material, better coaching, and restore a high football morale and spirit of going all out in their games. Their squads are not deep enough in players of high ability. They need two or three top notch players for every position to compete with the other conference schools. Not just the mill of the run player. We have noticed in the past the Oregon schools not being able to hold top players after having them enrolled. Something is lacking, but what?

The Grants Pass Caveman high school football team will bear watching again next year. They will have 20 returning lettermen, five of which were starting players this year. Ron Knight, the Caveman star around which the offensive of the team was built this year, will be back.

The Washington Huskies still have a chance of going to the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, but they must whip Washington State this coming Saturday while Stanford would be upsetting California—then would have to get the vote of the faculty representatives of the conference. It is not likely California would lose to Stanford and the Huskies will have their hands full against the fast improving Cougars.

The Idaho Vandals last week flew to Boston for their game with Boston U. which they defeated. Then they boarded a plane and flew to

Phoenix, Arizona for their game this Saturday with Arizona State College. In our books that is really covering the nation.

Picks for this week:

Army to roll over Navy
California to whip Stanford
Lewis & Clark to take San Francisco State
Oregon State to edge Oregon
Washington to win over Washington State

High School Play To Be Presented

Presentation of the three-act comedy, "Nothing But the Truth", will be given December 8, 1950, by the Central Point High school in their gym.

This play, an old favorite on Broadway, has been successfully produced by many professional and amateur groups throughout the country.

"Nothing But the Truth" concerns a young man who bets he can tell the truth for 24 hours and his experiences resulting from his bet. This part is played by John Heberling who is well-known for his previous performances in the plays, "Charley's Aunt" and "The Whole Town is Talking." The Character lead is Bert Simmons, another Central Point actor who has taken part in the plays, "The Whole Town is Talking" and "Seven Keys to Baldpate," presented by the Medford Junior High School.

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Hormane Sprays Topic At Hort. Meet Nov. 30

Influence of hormone sprays to increase color and to speed fruit maturity will be discussed at the sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society in Corvallis November 30 and December 1, President Robert Nunaker, Hood River, has announced. Following the custom established two years ago, both vegetable and tree fruit growers will meet in joint session during the morning hours. Separate interest vegetable and tree fruit groups will meet both afternoons.

C. O. Rawlings, society secretary and Oregon State college extension horticulturist, says J. E. Khlare, manager, Apple Growers association, Hood River, will discuss present day problems in handling and marketing pears and apples. Professor E. H. Wiegand, head of the O.S.C. food technology department, will report on new processes for the utilization of cull pears.

Another horticulture specialist, R. Ralph Clark, is arranging a program for vegetable growers.

The college agricultural experiment station has been carrying out extensive work using 2,4,5-T sprays to add coloration and speed ripening of peaches and pears. In addition to Dr. E. J. Krans, consulting horticulturist, staff members who will take part in this discussion are

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A. N. Roberts and Elmer Hansen, Corvallis, and Leroy Childs of the Hood River branch station.

L. G. Gentner, Southern Oregon branch station entomologist, will discuss spider mite control in Rogue River valley pear orchards.

Other program speakers include Arthur S. King, extension soil conservation specialist, who will explain soil management practices with sprinkler irrigation. S. C. Jones, O.S.C. entomologist, will discuss problems relating to stone fruit insects—cherry fruit fly, minicola moth and lesser apple worm.

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Sponsors Sawmill
Power Experiment

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—The Oregon Forest Products laboratory, located on the Oregon State college campus, will undertake a possible the utilization of wood wastes in generating power for sawmills as the result of a \$2000 grant from the Portland Chamber of Commerce, P. B. Proctor, managing director of the laboratory, has announced.

George H. Atherton, a laboratory mechanical engineer who conceived the idea, is constructing a pilot plant to determine the industrial feasibility of the process that would eventually result, if experiments are successful, in the design of a compact, light-weight, portable source of energy for sawmills and other operations.

The new type of gas-operated turbine would have wide applica-

tion in the Pacific Northwest lumber industry as it would make use of materials such as sawdust, hogged fuel and shavings now largely unused. At the same time it would provide power for sawmills and other plants isolated from electrical and water power.

Gas to operate the turbine is generated by burning wood under pressure in a specially designed furnace. Work in progress is aimed at determining the size of furnace required to operate a turbine large enough to supply power for a small mill.

Cooperating with the forest products lab are the Oregon State college engineering experiment station, which is contributing equipment and professional assistance, and the Boeing Airplane company of Seattle which is providing technical data.



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