

OREGON DEBT SHRINKS TO \$200 A PERSON

(Continued from page 1) able to accept the invitation of the Portland central labor council to attend a mass meeting to be held in the labor temple Thursday night of this week for the purpose of discussing the maritime strike. The governor and Mrs. Martin will be entertaining at an open house for legislators and their wives that night, he announced.

Liberalization of Oregon's parole system, increase in the state parole staff, introduction of new industries into the penitentiary to provide employment for more prisoners and the fixing of prison sentences by a board rather than by the courts is recommended in the report of the Federal Prison Industries Reorganization Administration to Governor Martin this week. The report based upon a "survey" conducted by a staff of several "experts" working for several months failed to develop any new ideas in prison reform but merely endorses measures which have long been advocated by Warden Lewis and other prison and parole officials.

SONS Split Series With Willamette U In Week-End Tilts

Continuing their string of victories, the SONS successfully dumped Willamette university by the wayside Friday evening in the Normal school gymnasium 38-29 before one of the largest crowds of the season.

The Normalites were never in danger. They held a 22-17 lead at half time and further increased this in waning minutes of the game. The SONS started out fast, piling up 14 points while Willamette was gathering three. Bob Hardy, SONS' high scoring center, left the game early in the first half to re-adjust a bandage on his knee and upon his leaving the game Willamette started clos-

ing up the distance between scores. Opening the second half with a five-point advantage, the SONS seemed determined to keep it. Spec Keene, Willamette mentor, substituted his men at frequent intervals looking for a winning combination but had little luck in finding one. Anton, Willamette center, proved the most consistent scorer for his team. Mosher and Beard, Willamette guards, also gave a good account of themselves.

The SONS quint played like a bunch of professionals, setting up shots and making them with precision. For the SONS, Hardy was again outstanding with both Leavens and Schopf turning in an excellent game. Hardy was high point man of the game with 12, closely followed by Anton with 11. In the second engagement, played in the Medford high gym Saturday without the service of Bob Hardy, SONS captain and center, the Normalites went down to defeat before an inspired Willamette university quintet 30-13.

With machine like precision the Salem quint mowed down the SONS with a terrific onslaught of short passes and cripple shots. Coach Eberhart played his entire quintet in an attempt to find someone to fill Hardy's shoes. Both teams showed complete reversal of form with the SONS playing an erratic game while Willamette, led by Beard, pushed ahead to clinch the melee with half-time lead of 16-5.

Saturday was a jinx for the SONS Frosh as well as the varsity, with the Frosh losing their first game of the season 26-21 to the Medford Merchants, ex-Medford high stars.

Next games scheduled for the SONS are with Mt. Angel college, to be played tonight and tomorrow night in the Normal school gymnasium.

A Hawk-Eye View of Sports

By RAY HAWK

Basketball season has hit its stride. The Pacific coast conference is under way. Washington, pre-season favorites, dumped Idaho in a pair of lopsided encounters to take immediate lead of the circuit.

University of Oregon, conference dark horse, split a double bill with Washington State college, taking the first game 43-26 and dropping the next 37-32 after leading most of the way. In splitting the series Oregon looked more impressive in defeat than Washington State in victory. Oregon State, runner-up in the northern division last year, started out their conference with a dismal showing against a superior Washington State quint by dropping two tussles 23-20 and 37-32 in Corvallis.

Big Dave Silver, Oregon forward, evidently is planning to take a crack at Palmberg's high scoring record of 184 points. In his initial two games Silver has tossed through 32 for an average of 16 points a game. A nice start, but can he continue for an entire season against the best guarding in the conference? Remember Ward Howell, former Ashland star, who played for Oregon last year? He started the season in the same manner as Silver. Howell led the conference a short while but failed to hold the pace. However, this column has a hunch that Silver is likely to set a new high scoring record. Those of you who saw Silver in action no doubt will recall the flashy playing of this Oregon junior in Ashland a few weeks ago. Against the Sons he amassed 17 of his team's total of 38 points. Silver has an exceptional eye, scoring difficult shots in crucial moments.

Will Silver be the next scoring champ?

The Southern Oregon conference opened with an upset the first week-end. Ashland high school Grizzlies nosed out Klamath Falls in one of the most spectacular basketball games ever played in Ashland. Not more than four points separated the teams at any one time and in the last minute the lead changed three times. Standing tense on the foul line with the score 21-20 against his teammates and one gift shot, the result of which might reverse the outcome, was the situation faced by Putnam, Klamath Falls player in last Friday's game. His eagerness to hit the bucket caused him to miss the hoop entirely, clinching Ashland's first conference victory of the season. The preceding evening Klamath Falls defeated Grants Pass 41-22.

A "WILDCAT" STAR



"Duke" Vance, veterans guard of Northwestern university's basketball team, is responsible for much of the success of his team this season. "Duke" is a sure shot at the basket.

MARTIN SPEECH IS SHORTEST IN STATE HISTORY

(Continued from page 1) all the more enjoy the full benefit of the economic recovery and the new era of prosperity upon which we are entering as result of the great developments taking place in Oregon. I refer particularly to the Bonneville dam and the Willamette valley projects. I am sure you will agree with me that it is sound public policy to make the cost of government as little as possible, commensurate with adequate service for the benefit of the entire population.

"Oregon has weathered the recent depression, and now is in the most favored position in the Pacific coast area. Unlike neighboring states, Oregon has no deficit and no warrant indebtedness. She has substantially reduced the tax load of her citizens. She is reducing her bonded indebtedness by sound economic retirement.

"This means the people of Oregon can use their money for constructive purposes, including fuller development of the varied and rich resources with which nature has so abundantly endowed this state. The future is not heavily mortgaged for things used or consumed in the past.

"As I have said, Oregon rode the storm of the economic depression on an even keel. It would be the part of wisdom not to rock the boat now and thereby risk losing the preferential and favored position we hold and can enjoy.

In the November, 1936, election, the people spoke in no uncertain terms relative to constitutional and statutory changes in our governmental structure and operation. The "no" vote was emphatic. It clearly indicates that, in so far as

placing Ashland atop the circuit heap by virtue of their victory over the Pelicans.

The Grizzlies have been improving by leaps and bounds and Friday's game certainly rewarded Coach Skeet O'Connell and his basketballers for hard work the past few weeks.

Tonight Ashland meets Grants Pass in a game preliminary to the Sons-Mt. Angel game and from all indications the Grizzlies will be pre-game favorites over the Cavers, who have struck snags in minor games with opponents rated in a class with secondary schools.

After getting off to a flying start, the Sons bumped up against a pile of crutches. Bob Hardy, center, captain and high scorer, injured his knee for the first casualty among members of Eberhart's boys this season. An example of the resulting loss to the team's effectiveness was well demonstrated in Saturday's game with Willamette, who defeated the Sons with comparative ease after succumbing to the Sons the previous evening when lanky Bob was at the helm. Whether the Saturday night defeat was directly traceable to Hardy's absence is not certain, but we do know Bob's non-participation probably had a lot to do with the result.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. R. E. Walker, dentist, wishes to announce purchase of the office and practice of the late Dr. C. W. Hanson in the Swedenburg building. He will continue the practice of general dentistry, opening in the Hanson office location Monday. Office phone 178, residence, 610. (3p)

major legislation is concerned, they desire no fundamental changes. We, as servants of the people, should observe that mandate and impose no unnecessary legislation.

"I have submitted to you the state budget for the 1937-38 biennium as my recommendation for legislative enactment to insure efficient and economical operation of the state government for that period. It is a program designed to encompass the growing needs for state participation in various activities that properly come under its purview. It is predicated on the need for providing the necessary and essential services within the revenue available. It contains, as you will note, an item of \$430,991.98 for contingencies and unforeseen demands that may arise during this legislative session. It is, in fact, a balanced budget; with estimated expenditures balanced completely against estimated revenue.

"Deviations from this budget which will in any way exceed the totals thereof will either jeopardize the financial standing of the state or require legislative enactment to create new revenue sources. To impair Oregon's financial standing is unthinkable; to impose further burdens upon our already overloaded taxpayers would be deplorable.

"Preparation of this budget was complicated by the fact that, for the first time in the history of the state, revenues measured by income have offset the taxation base on real property under the 6% limitation constitutional amendment. This offset has provided no new revenues and under the tax laws cannot provide for additional revenue until revenue from measured income also has offset state property taxes outside of the 6% limitation. In short, this means there is no additional source of revenue from an income tax of any kind. It also means that there is no additional money.

"The tax structure of the state has demonstrated its soundness by this new phase, for it is lifting the load of taxation from the owners of property, especially the owners of small farms and city homes. I have a special regard for the owners of small farms and homes, for the rich owners can take care of themselves. I construe the November, 1936, mandate of the people to mean the tax structure should not be altered or materially changed. It would be wise, I think, for all of us—as servants of the people—to heed that mandate also.

"Much has been said recently about the conflict between human and property rights. Let me call your attention to the fact that human and property rights are not in conflict, but are complementary. Each contributes to the other. I implore you not to be led astray by the deceitful, false, and misleading shibboleths of demagogues who maliciously try to create economic, social and political chaos. The sole purpose of these birds who prey on the body politic is to create confusion wherein they may attain their own nefarious and selfish ends at the expense of the general public. I warn you against them, especially because they so often speak in a manner that simulates righteous indignation and sincerity.

"Our American system is firmly based on the premise that we exist as a classless nation except as to individual ability to serve the community and our fellow men. We must not tolerate any activity which tends to divide the people of the nation or of this state into classes that appear hostile to each other. We must not be misled by plausible but designed arguments into enacting laws that will further

er the work of these destructive demagogues. We must act on behalf of, and in the interests of all of the people of the state of Oregon, and not the organized minorities. We must combat these sinister influences with vigor and sincerity.

"We must recognize that property rights exist as the result of human endeavor and activity, that without the human element property has no meaning. We must, however, guard against the undue influence of the wilful power of concentrated money against human rights and human enjoyment. We must set and steer a sound and sensible course that will keep us from disaster on the rocks of sappy sentimentality, and the equally dangerous reefs of the greedy, vicious, vested interests opposed to the common good. We must exert our efforts to see that money is made to perform its proper function—that of serving men instead of becoming their master.

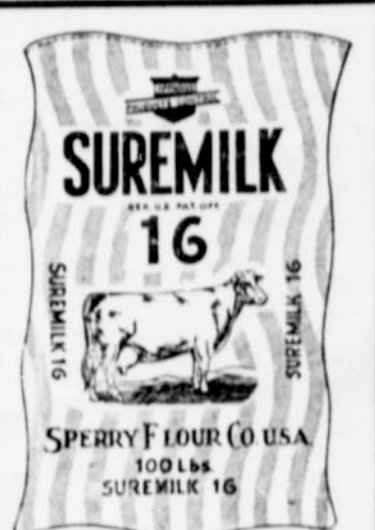
"My friends, in closing, let us dedicate ourselves to the proposition that this legislative session shall be noted for its actions and policies adopted for the good of all the people of this state as distinguished from ill-conceived measures for the benefit of small and selfishly organized groups. Let us give ourselves wholeheart-

edly to serving this great state so its marvelous potentialities can be developed to the maximum as quickly as possible."

• Mrs. Mike Michelson has been confined to bed past few days suffering with bronchitis, but now is up and feeling better.

• Application for marriage license was made in Klamath Falls last week by Donald B. Hinthorne and Mary Elizabeth Dean, both of Ashland.

• Student body of the Bellview school held its meeting to elect officers for the new year. They will be: President, Bob Dunn; vice president, Norman Christlieb; secretary, Marna Byrd; treasurer, Nancy Briggs, and sergeant-at-arms, John McCollum.



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