

# SONS Play Crack Union Oil Team Here in Benefit Tilt Thursday

### BIG TIME CAGING WILL BE PROVIDED FOR LOCAL FANS

#### Portland Outfit Eager to Avenge Previous Defeats — Game Scheduled to Start at 7:30 P. M.

Medford basketball fans at last have a chance to see the flashy Ashland Normal team in action without the bother of driving to the Linn city, for the SONS are scheduled to meet the fast-breaking Union Oil team from Portland at the high school gym here Thursday night. Twice before the two teams have met, with the SONS on the long end of the score in both encounters, the first game 35-20, and the next by the narrow squeak 33-30.

Very little doubt, if any, is needed on the merits of the Ashland squad, they having won something like 34 out of their last 36 starts, losing only by narrow margins to Oregon, one game out of four, and splitting a two-game series with Chico State last week-end.

An effort is being made to send the Normal squad to the national tournament in Denver this year, and a local committee, headed by Dr. E. R. Durso, and with A. H. Banwell, has secured the Union Oil team to meet the SONS here to raise funds. The same two teams will meet in Klamath Falls on Wednesday night for the same purpose.

The Oilers are rated among the best on the coast, and are considered better than the average college team, several such teams having dropped games to the Portland outfit already this year. They boast many ex-college stars, among whom are Howard Greiner, former Idaho star, Ralph Cairney of Washington, Jack Robertson of Oregon, and Buck Grayson, Skeet O'Connell, King Bailey, and Bob Thomas of Oregon State, besides other well known college players. None of the aggregation have been out of school long, so they can hardly be considered as "has-beens."

Although the Oilers were defeated twice earlier in the season, it is stated that they have made rapid progress, and are expected to give the Hobosians a wild struggle when they tangle this week.

A group of Ashland Normal girls will be in Medford some time before the game to canvass the city, selling tickets to the game, and a downtown ticket office will be established, according to Durso. Admission prices will be low with special rates for Normal and high school students.

In order not to conflict with the Elks boxing smoker or the wrestling matches at the armory, the game has been called for 7:30, allowing ample time for attendance at those other events, Durso stated.

### CHICAGO CCC BATTLES IN FEATURE FIGHT ON ELKS CLUB PROGRAM

Pug Petrosky, Chicago battler from the Coos Head camp near Marshfield, will meet Orval Kreps, 147-pound Oregonian from Bradford, in one of the feature bouts of the Elks-CCC smoker Thursday evening.

Petrosky is undefeated in camp competition on Coos Bay while Kreps will enter the B-C tournament with the heavy backing of camps in the Roseburg area.

The Thursday evening card will be the last of the elimination bouts in the Medford district championships. The outstanding fighters from the four-card elimination series will meet for the district titles early in March.

George "Chief" Thomas, well known Oregon battler, who is enrolled at the Bradford camp, has been entered for Thursday night's card provided a suitable opponent can be found.

Thomas weighs 177 pounds and Captain William C. Ryan, district athletic officer, is not yet sure he can find a good enough boy to meet the Indian slugger.

Vernon Van Alst, 132 pounds and Marvin A. Hinkel, 118, have been entered from the Roseburg area for Thursday's card and opponents are being sought for them. Fighters from the Roseburg, Marshfield and Yreka areas will meet in the final elimination bouts.

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### Wagner to Meet Italian



Don Wagner, tall lumber ex-football player from Oregon State college (above) will tangle with Louie Bacagalupi, the "terrible" Italian, in the curtain-raiser of Thursday's card, Promoter Mack Lillard announces today. With Don's popular type of wrestling in which he features a pair of huge, "educated" legs, the Wagner-Bacagalupi bout promises a colorful preliminary to a main event in which Lillard has stacked up Jim Nealy of San Francisco, a newcomer, against Joe Hubka, aggressive ex-athlete from University of Nebraska.

### MEDFORD GIRLS LOSE TWO-PLY CAGE TILT TO G. PASS INVADERS

Medford Girls' Community club lost both games of a double-header with Grants Pass Monday evening in the small gym of the high school. Using their height to good advantage, the Grants Pass business women defeated the Medford A string, 34-23. Playing on even terms during three-fourths of the game, Medford lost the game in the first period, allowing its opponents to score almost at will.

Displaying some unusual long range shooting the Grants Pass Community club, twice losers to the Medford A team, nosed out the B squad in 26-23 in a fast, close game. Close guarding by the locals, and the work of the Grants Pass centers featured.

Starting lineups: A Game. Medford (23) — (34) G. P. Stearns (10) — F. (17) Quinton Brockway (13) — F. (7) Short Green — C. Peary Huett — G. Robertson Clark — G. Trumbly Hedges — G. Hammerbacker

B Game. Medford (23) — (26) G. P. Russell (19) — F. (10) Sowell Long (4) — F. (10) Johnson Leonard — C. Robinson Miner — C. Steele L. Miller — G. Rhymer B. Miller — G. Allen Subs: Medford—Latham, M. Russell, B. Brockway, Champlin.

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### MEDFORD UNAWED BY ASHLAND HOOP RECORD TO DATE

Friday night of this week will find the game that Medford and Ashland fans have been looking forward to, and talking about, since the first of the year, and in fact since the last of last year, when the Medford reserves scored a surprise win over the Grizzlies after the first team had been ousted from competition for barn painting activities.

Such a reversal, at least according to the rail-birds, is about all that can save the Medford hide this year, in view of the comparative records of the two teams. But comparative records are mere chaff before the wind when the Medford-Ashland feud comes to a head. Comparative scores frequently deceive in any sport, as far as that goes, it being mere child's play to prove, by that means, that the team at the bottom of the heap is unmythical points superior to the one on top. Surprise wins invariably gum up the accuracy of the comparison system. And keeping surprise wins from entering into basketball life is a physical, and even a mental, impossibility.

Comparative scores, taking the fact that Grants Pass defeated Medford, and Ashland walloped Grants Pass, seems to prove that Ashland has all the advantage. But take the fact that in a later encounter, Medford walloped Grants Pass decisively, Grants Pass walloped Klamath Falls, and Klamath Falls dropped two games to Ashland by margins of 7 and 8 points, and the comparison favors Medford.

No nothing is proved by that method. Neither is anything proved by the fact that Ashland is already talking about "when we go to the tournament," although it has a psychological effect of some kind when the locals overhear it, it is claimed.

One of the questions Medford hopefuls are asking is "will Medford be able to present anyone good enough to stop Hardy and Hoxie?" Some say that to stop those two, the Tigers will have to ignore the other three members of the quint, and that is apt to prove dangerous. Others say that Smith can stop them both without even breathing hard. This is a bold claim, inasmuch as no one has been able to do so yet this year. Others say that the game will be so rough no one will have a chance to do much scoring, unless they chuck them in from the middle of the floor.

At any rate, the game should prove interesting, and will undoubtedly be the most thrilling of the season. If the Tigers spark like they did in the Grants Pass and Klamath return games, they should win. If they don't, it may prove just another basketball game.

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### GEHRIG SIGNS UP AROUND \$30,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Lou Gehrig, the New York Yankees' crown prince of sweat, today signed a one-year contract for a figure popularly supposed to be around \$30,000, a compromise between the reported offer of \$27,000 and his own demand for \$38,000 for 1935.

The agreement was announced after a short conference among Gehrig, Col. Jacob Ruppert, Yankee owner, and Edward G. Barrow, Yankee business manager.

By today's action, however, Gehrig becomes the highest paid of the Yankee regulars and by virtue of that and his home run hitting of last year—the led the majors with 49—ascends to the throne occupied for so long by Ruth.

### BULLDOG JACKSON 3 MINOR CHANGES IN GRIDIRON RULES FOR COMING YEAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Bulldog Jackson, grappler primer, made worse faces and was rougher than Barnacle Bill Watkins, and slugged and stomped to victory in their grappling bout here last night. Watkins, 162, San Antonio, Texas, used a side-arm swing and body press to gain the first fall. Jackson, 161, Portland, evened when he kicked and stomped Watkins into submission. In the third session Jackson, who had crippled Watkins' right arm, grabbed the limp member to gain the deciding fall.

Stacy Hall, a comparative newcomer here, lost one fall to Thor Jensen of Ekton but was awarded a weight bout.

Robin Reed, 187, Reedsport, flipped Pascual Castillo, 160, Spain, in the second round.

### BRIDGE AGES GAIN ADDITIONAL HONOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The four aces of contract bridge need more words to conquer. They defeated the team of the New York Whist club yesterday to retain their title as champions of the United States Bridge association. They had taken the Vanderbilt trophy in November and the American Bridge league laurels last September.

The latest victory for Oswald Jacoby, David Burnstain, Richard L. Frey, Howard Schenken and Michael T. Gottlieb—there are five of the Four Aces—was the decisive margin of 10,450 points in 62 hands. Their victims were Walter Bionweke, Jean Mathews, Hugh Jackson, Charles E. Van Vleck and Harold C. Richard.

### BOWLING

Sam Jennings' Tire bowlers garnered three points by taking two games and pin total from the Economy Lumber company team in their city league match at the Smoke House last night. At the same time the league leading Golden Gloves handed the Mail Tribunes the same type of defeat.

There will be no games in the City league Wednesday. On Thursday night the Eagles will roll the Jennings outfit and the Standard Bowlers will tangle with the Eagle Drill team.

Score last night:

Jennings' Tire	
Cannon	164 136 218-518
Tye	117 128 128-373
E. Greene	121 116 155-392
Prutt	198 173 299-569
Jennings	184 156 233-572
	784 708 943 2436
Economy Lumber Co.	
Rogers	174 186 189-549
R. Greene	115 126 162-403
McCormick	159 152 113-424
C. Overmeyer	133 153 143-429
O. Overmeyer	167 148 170-485
Handicap	27 27 27-81
	775 797 694 2371
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Ferguson	162 192 153-510
Murray	149 164 174-487
Hammond	136 181 153-472
Saylor	181 202 178-561
Eids	192 230 161-583
	822 970 821 2613
Golden Gloves	
Dale	199 161 211-571
Dawes	156 200 138-494
Kadas	157 158 168-483
Mann	167 184 211-562
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### 3 MINOR CHANGES IN GRIDIRON RULES FOR COMING YEAR

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP)—With only three minor changes, the National football rules committee has approved of the sport as it is played and for the first time in its 30-year existence failed to adopt a major alteration.

Following a three day session at Absecon, N. J., William S. Langford, secretary of the rules governing body, announced the committee had turned thumbs down on the majority of the proposed changes.

One concession was made to the advocates of greater altitude for the passing attack. The so-called "dead ball" rule was qualified so a runner who is on his feet even though held by an opponent, may run, pass or kick until the whistle is blown.

"This," said the committee's statement, "will give a runner who has been tackled but not thrown a greater opportunity to break away or make a pass, which will further encourage the open game."

The other two alterations are designed to cover technicalities in the existing rules. One clarifies the rule governing the interchanging of linemen and backs by defining the positions of the center, guards and tackles as "those occupied by these players when they originally entered the game, with the further provision that the field captain must designate, upon request of officials, which players actually are the linemen."

The general rule under which fouls committed by both teams offset each other was changed to include the following exception: "Should a punted ball be illegally touched (downed) and then there be a personal foul by opponents, the captain of the kicking team may refuse the offsetting penalty. In such case the ball would belong to the receiving team at the spot where it was allegedly touched."

### SAMS VALLEY QUINTET TO FIGHT IT OUT WITH EAGLE POINT FOR LEAD

As the northern division conference in the county secondary high school basketball tournament draws into the final rounds, a check-up on the standings reveals that the race is between Sams Valley and Eagle Point due to the fact that Butte Falls disbanded its team as a disciplinary measure, and that Sams Valley beat Prospect.

Should Sams Valley defeat Eagle Point in their forthcoming game, a playoff would be necessary, as the Cheesemakers won from the Sams Valley quintet earlier in the season. The dope points to Sams Valley, as that team has defeated every other opponent in the northern division. The playoff game would probably be held here on the Junior high school floor.

The Cheesemakers have had more than their share of hard luck. Harsh of the B team broke his arm Saturday and DeLeigh of the A team broke his nose in the Prospect game. Last week Ashland Junior high defeated Eagle Point 34 to 15, and three days before lost to Sams Valley 44 to 11, indicating that the Sams Valley cagemen enjoy an edge over

the Eagle Point quintet in playing ability.

The Eagle Point B team must beat the Sams Valley B team to tie for the league B championship.

### Army and Yale Not To Clash in 1935

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP)—For the first year since 1920, Army and Yale will not meet on the football field in 1935.

Yale, in announcing the schedule for a year hence, disclosed the Cadets will alternate with the Navy. Both of the service eleven will be played this fall, but next year the Elis will travel to Baltimore for a game with the Middle. The following year, the Cadets will return to the schedule, playing in the Yale bowl.

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