

Harlem Ghosts Will Meet Southern Oregon Cage Coaches Tonight

MEDFORD SOPHS FACE PROSPECT IN PRELIMINARY

Colorful Barnstorming Aggregation Feature Fast Passing, Fancy Shooting.

Basketball in its most interesting and exciting form will come to Medford tonight when the Harlem Ghosts, traveling Negro outfit of New York, clashes with the Southern Oregon coaches. A fast preliminary between the Medford high sophomores and Prospect high is slated to begin at 7:30.

Always noted for their fast basketball and tricky ball-handling, the Ghosts this year are no exception, as they have been piling up numerous wins on their barnstorming trip westward. In opposition to the fast, colorful barnstormers, the coaches will floor an imposing array of ex-college stars, now imparting their knowledge of the game to high school and college players.

Coaches All Stars. All stars in their own right, the coaches are combined to present a strong team.

From Medford, Russ Acheson and Bill Bowerman will perform. Acheson being head basketball coach at the local high school, and Bowerman, at present, coaching the sophomores. They are former players at Oregon State and Oregon, respectively.

Riney Cook, mentor at Medford junior high school, will also represent Medford on the coaches' aggregation. Cook formerly played at Linfield college.

Gene Eberhart, six foot, four inch coach at Southern Oregon College of Education, is due to start at the center post. Eberhart is an ex-University of Oregon star.

Only member of the coaches' outfit not actually employed as a coach, is Bob Hardy, who is the property of the Detroit Tigers baseball team. He was a member of Oregon's national championship basketball team last year.

Also scheduled to perform with the mentors is Leonard Patterson, ex-Southern Oregon Normal and Oregon State player. Patterson is now coaching at Jacksonville high school.

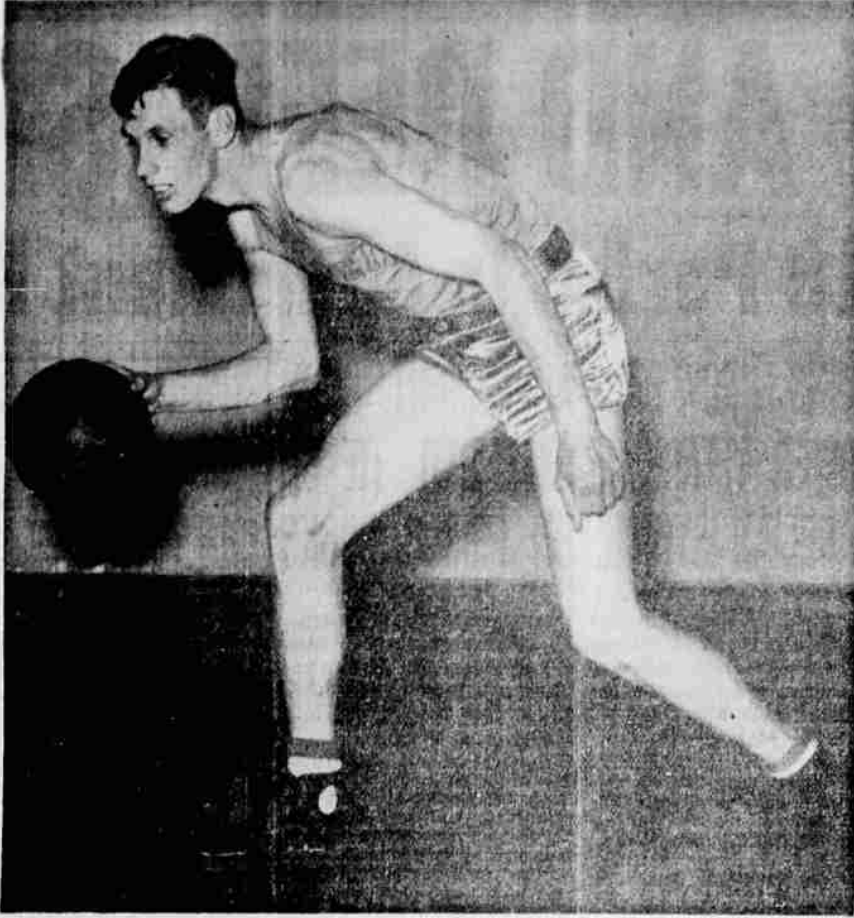
From Grants Pass will come George Hibbert, head coach of the Cavemen, who was selected on the all-Pacific Coast conference team, while playing at Oregon State college.

Ghosts Fast Passers. The Ghosts are reputedly the class of the traveling independent teams and fans can be assured a fine evening of their favorite sport. Their game is featured by plenty of fast passing and unorthodox shots, with no set style of play used, as superior play and lightning-fast breaks are relied upon to pierce opponents' defense.

The coaches' starting line-up will be selected from the seven players named. Complete roster of the Harlem Ghosts is not available.

The preliminary will start promptly at 7:30, with the night-cap immediately following.

Lanky Laddie Will Play Here Friday



This is the six-foot-four Laddie Gale, who will perform on the Medford senior high school court Friday night with the great Rubenstein's Oregonians from Eugene in the game with Southern Oregon College of Education. Gale was an all-American forward last year on the national champion University of Oregon basketball team. This year he is one of many luminaries on Rubenstein's. The Rubenstein-Southern Oregon game goes on at 7:30, with no passes honored. As a nightcap, Medford high school will meet University high school of Eugene in its first important interscholastic game of the year. Passes will be honored at the high school games.

DUDE CHICK, MEHALIKIS WILL TOP PROGRAM IN RENEWAL OF GRAPPLING

Prince Mehalikis and Cowboy Dude Chick will be the top performers on Promoter Mack Lillard's first wrestling card of the new year in the Medford armory Monday night.

King Kong Clayton, the popular Negro who consented to extend his year-end stay for a few more grapples here, will go in against the Polish Palooka Joe Smolinski in the middle event.

Bob Montgomery, the Georgia boy who needs no introduction to Medford wrestling fans, and Jim Zimovich, a 200-pound Finn, will inaugurate the 1940 mat season. They will go to the post in the curtain raiser at 8 o'clock.

Promoter Lillard, still full of the Christmas spirit, cast discretion to the wind and announced it would be ladies' night, despite the fact he felt confident the general excellence of his first 1940 card could fill the big armory to capacity with paid customers. So ladies' night it is and each patron buying a ducat may take one fair damsel in free.

WEBFOOTS DICKER FOR TEXAS SERIES

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Anse Cornell, graduate manager of the University of Oregon, disclosed today that a home and home series of football games with the University of Texas had been practically completed. Under the plan, the northern team will go to Austin for a game Dec. 6, 1941, and Texas will travel to Portland for a contest Sept. 25, 1943.

Athletic boards of the two institutions will be asked to approve the games. Cornell also said he had

Fights Last Night

By Associated Press
Toronto—Dave Castilloux, 132, Montreal, Canadian featherweight champion, outpointed Leo Rodak, 133, Chicago (10).
White Plains, N. Y.—Yoshio Nakamura, 128½, Honolulu, outpointed Lee Harper, 128¾, Jamaica, N. Y. (8).

STUDENTS LIVE IN FIRE HOUSE

Ames, Ia. (AP)—Four Iowa State college students each year earn their lodging by fighting fires.

Headquarters for fire station No. 2 are located under one corner of the college football stadium.

The assistant fire chief of Ames and another full-time fireman are in charge of the station, but four students comprise their crew. This year the students are Willard Danielson, Marathon, Ia.; Bob Zimmerman, Merrill, Ia.; Bob Miller, Hawarden, Ia., and Lowell McLaughlin, Marathon, Ia.

Each student must be on duty three half days a week, every other night and every other week-end from Saturday night until Monday morning.

Captivating Offer. Bowling Green, Ky. (AP)—Wanna buy a jail? The 79-year-old county jail here, "together with all fixtures and equipment thereto attached," has been offered for sale by the fiscal court.

The rub is that the buyer will have to take the jail home with him. The court has sold the lot on which the old structure stands.

Debts Are Long. St. Joseph, Mo. (AP)—St. Joseph banks still are making good on scrip issued in the panic of 1907. Three pieces, one for \$1, one for 50 cents and one for 25 cents recently were mailed in from Leavenworth, Kans., for redemption. The bank paid par.

Plenty Of Scrap. Houston, Tex. (AP)—Scrap iron and steel—prime feed for the jaws of war—will float in tremendous quantities, barring accident, to British ports in the next 12 months. Exporters estimate 350,000 tons of 800,000 ordered by Great Britain will be sent from Gulf ports.

Sinuous Of War. Paris (AP)—French soldiers at the front will be treated to the French can-can, the dance that thrilled their fathers at the end of the last century. A Paris night club announced that it is sending its troupe of can-can girls to dance for the troops.

FINN RELIEF FUND ORGANIZATION IS SET UP IN OREGON

Portland, Ore.—A drive for funds for the Finnish civilian population, recently launched by the Hon. Herbert Hoover, at the request of the prime minister of Finland, is now well under way throughout the United States, and is being organized in Oregon under direction of Philip H. Carroll, Portland, whose experience in various foreign countries under Mr. Hoover as relief administrator was extensive.

National headquarters for the drive are in the Graybar building, New York City. In a news release Mr. Hoover makes clear the purpose for which the money received will be used. It is as follows:

"The field of the Finnish relief fund is the major problem of distress of the civilian population due to destitution, food shortage, textiles, shelter, care of children, movements and support of refugees and the other major problems which affect civilian populations in war and which are much the largest part of relief to such populations. We do not, therefore, enter into the field outlined officially by the Red Cross, and which it so competently occupies."

Mayor Joseph K. Carson, Jr., has already set up a committee to raise funds in this city, with Tommy Lanko as its chairman.

Mayors of cities in Oregon have been requested to name similar groups for the purpose of planning the raising of funds through direct appeal or otherwise, and citizens of smaller communities also are urged to organize a Finnish relief program.

All checks should be made payable to the Finnish relief fund and any amount will be accepted.

Despite the increase in the number of new chemical industries and the marked expansion of established industries, unemployment is generally found in the lowest levels, reports the American Chemical Society.

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ROOSEVELT URGES UNITY FOR NATION AND DEFENSE TAX

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entitled to action on our part and not merely admonitions of optimism or lectures on economic law," he said.

"Some in our midst have sought to instill a feeling of fear and defeatism in the minds of the American people about this problem.

"To face the task of finding jobs faster than invention can take them away—is not defeatism. To warble easy platitudes that if we will only go back to the ways that have failed, everything will be all right—is not courage."

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The stress placed on problems created by a world at war, the president said, does not mean the government is abandoning or overlooking the great significance of domestic policies. But for the most part, he touched but briefly on those policies, to examine in a coldly analytical manner the ways in which conflicts across the seas have left an imprint on America and her citizens.

Peace Hope Repeated Standing on the house rostrum before a battery of microphones and with a great American flag draped from the paneled wall behind him, Mr. Roosevelt declared as he had in previous addresses that he hoped the United States would not become involved in those wars.

Yet, he asserted, "there is a vast difference between keeping out of war and pretending that this war is none of our business."

The senators, representatives, cabinet members and invited guests who packed the chamber and its galleries listened intently as he spoke. A step or so above and behind him on the rostrum sat Vice-President Garner and Speaker Bankhead also paying close heed to every word of the message which they and the senate and house majority leaders went over in the rough with the chief executive yesterday.

With his discussion of international problems, the president linked a defense of the reciprocal trade treaty program—a program which has given every indication of becoming one of the storm centers of the session.

Trade Act Needed The trade agreements act, he said, "should be extended as an indispensable part of the foundation of any stable and durable peace." He added:

"The first president of the United States warned us against entangling foreign alliances. The present president of the United States subscribes to and follows that precept.

"But trade cooperation with the rest of the world does not violate that precept in any way."

At that point, Mr. Roosevelt made a transition to the defense portions of his speech:

"Even as through these trade

agreements we prepare to cooperate in a world that wants peace, we must likewise be prepared to take care of ourselves if the world cannot attain peace," he said.

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The general welfare of the people, Mr. Roosevelt asserted, lies behind the army and navy as the ultimate line of defense. While production is back at 1929 level, he said, the unemployment of millions supplies a symptom of unadjusted difficulties in the economic system.

Refuse Europe's Solution "We refuse the European solution of using the unemployed to build up excessive armaments which eventually result in dictatorships," the chief executive declared.

"We encourage an American way—through an increase of national income which is the only way we can be sure will take up the slack. Much progress has been made; much remains to be done."

But he did not say how far the country had moved toward the goal he set a year ago in his message to congress—a national income of \$80,000,000,000.

At one point in his address Mr. Roosevelt said the time was long past when "any political party or any particular group can carry and capture public favor by labelling itself the 'peace party' or the 'peace bloc'."

"That label," he said, "belongs to the whole United States and every right thinking man, woman and child within it."

Two Facts Paramount Out of all the military and diplomatic turmoil, propaganda and counter-propaganda of the present wars, Mr. Roosevelt went on, two facts, acknowledged by the world, stand out:

"1.—Never before has the United States government 'done so much as in our recent past to establish and maintain the policy of the good neighbor with its sister nations.'"

"2.—In almost every country there is a true public belief that the United States has been, and will continue to be, 'a potent and active factor in seeking the reestablishment of peace.'"

"In recent years," he said, "we have had a clean record of peace and good will. It is an open book that cannot be twisted or defamed. It is a record that must be continued and enlarged."

Although he emphasized at one point "the leadership which this nation can take when the time comes for a renewal of world peace," the chief executive did not venture a guess on when that time might arrive.

He said he could understand the feelings of those who warn they would never consent again to the sending of American youth to fight on Europe's soil and added:

"But as I remember, nobody has asked them to consent—for nobody expects such an undertaking."

Majority Expect Peace "The overwhelming majority of our fellow citizens do not

abandon in the slightest their hope and expectation that the United States will not become involved in military participation in the war."

OREGON FARMERS USE LOAN SYSTEM TO MARKET WHEAT

Corvallis (Spl.)—Nineteen hundred Oregon farmers used the government's wheat loan program in securing immediate cash from their 1939 harvests, thus enabling them to await better markets before selling their wheat, according to a year-end summary by the state AAA office in Corvallis.

Farmers borrowed nearly three and a half million dollars from the government, putting up approximately 5,750,000 bushels of wheat as security. These loan figures are somewhat smaller than those of a year ago, according to the state office, probably because of higher market prices than prevailed in 1938.

"Farmers found the loan program of special value during July and August," said Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee. "During both those months, growers could borrow more on their wheat from the government than they could get on the market. If there had been no loan program, many would have been forced to sell on the low market and would have lost thousands of dollars."

Steen pointed out, also, that the loan program was a sustaining influence on American wheat markets which normally follow world market trends. This past year the Liverpool wheat market fell to the lowest point since 1922 and Oregon farmers might have expected to get only feed grain prices for their wheat, according to Steen.

Yet at no time did the American market fall very far below the level of 50 to 60 cents set by the loan program, compared with 1932 farm prices as low as 25 cents with higher world prices than this past year.

To date, Oregon farmers have redeemed less than 20 percent of their wheat under loan despite current higher prices, Steen said, indicating they are satisfied at present with the loan return. Many are holding for a possible further rise before there will be a general move to redeem wheat and sell it.

December 31 was the final date for borrowing on the 1939 loan program. All wheat loans will mature on April 30, 1940.

Aluminum Arch Rome (AP)—Corresponding to the trion and perisphere of New York's world fair, the theme center of Rome's world exposition in 1942, is to be a mammoth arch 325 feet high, with a span of 756 feet, made entirely of Italian aluminum.

Does Her Bit Houston, Tex. (AP)—The Red Cross chapter here, which has been accepting donations for the aid of Polish refugees, received an envelope bearing a Houston postmark. Enclosed were two one-dollar bills folded neatly within a sheet of tablet paper on which was written: "You have heard of the widow's mite. Well, this is an old maid's." The note was unsigned.

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OREGON LEADS IN SEED CROP YIELD, REPORTS REVEAL

Corvallis (Spl.)—Oregon's leading position in the production of many field crop seeds is emphasized in the current federal crop report summarizing agricultural production in the United States for 1939, says G. R. Hyslop, head of the division of plant industries at Oregon State college. The official figures for 1939 showed Oregon with the highest yield per acre of alfalfa clover among all the commercial states in the country. Oregon also compared well in red clover and alfalfa seed production.

Average yield of alfalfa clover seed in Oregon was 5.7 bushels in 1939, 1.2 bushels per acre more than the production in Idaho and from two to five times the acre production in the other commercial states. In 1938 Idaho alone exceeded the Oregon average yield. In total production of alfalfa clover seed Oregon has exceeded all other states for the past two years and is credited with 89,000 bushels or 5,340,000 pounds in 1939.

Oregon also occupies an enviable position in red clover seed production, says Hyslop, having the third highest yield per acre among the states during the past two years, being exceeded in yield per acre only by Washington and Idaho. Oregon's average for 1939 was 3 bushels an acre with a total production of 49,000 bushels or 2,940,000 pounds. This places Oregon clover seed production at a little over 8,250,000 pounds with a value in excess of \$1,250,000.

Alfalfa seed production is important in Oregon which is one of the high yielding states. Total yield, however, is slightly below that of last year while the dry season east of the Rocky mountains has resulted in a much larger yield of seed there than heretofore. This climatic condition tended to influence not only the yield per acre but the acreage that was saved for seed purposes.

Larger acreages of alfalfa and red and alsike clover are expected in Oregon for 1940. With the prospects of nearly double the plantings of hairy vetch and winter peas, the seed business in Oregon should be a good one for 1941, Hyslop predicted.

PLANETS PROVE YEAR OF FLOOD

Rome (AP)—The scientific confirmation that the deluge actually occurred in the days of Noah and that the mythical island of Atlantis existed 10,000 years B.C., is declared to have been reached by the famed Italian scientist and astronomer, Prof. Raffaele Bendandi.

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