

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STARTS TUESDAY WITH 8 OUTFITS

Four Nights of Play Each Week Slated for Lighted Senior High Stadium

The final pre-season meeting of the Medford Softball association was held Tuesday night at the Jennings Tire company. Eight teams which have definitely decided to come into the league are Catholic Men, managed by Ray Lewis; Bear Creek Orchards, Heine Bohl, manager; California Pacific Utilities (Gasco), Jack Boyle, manager; Jennings Tire company, Ray Singler, manager; Medford corporation (Medco), Lloyd Kircher, manager; Timber Products, Jim Boyle, manager; Fluhrer's Bakeries, and Rogue River Chevrolet, managed by Bob Kincaid.

The curtain will be rolled up on the 1941 season next Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock at the high school field.

Due to the short notice some teams do not have full rosters and players not yet signed are requested to contact any of the managers named above if they desire to play. Bear Creek, Medco, and Gasco in particular have requested that players contact their managers.

Lewis at Head
Ray Lewis was elected head of the association for the season, with Mike McGuire as secretary-treasurer.

Rules agreed on were as follows: A player cannot be released from a team except with the consent of his manager; the top three teams in the league standings cannot change their original roster when in that position; teams will be limited to 15 men on their rosters; 10 men will be used this year instead of nine as in the past.



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Ball Rebounds From Tree And Plops in Hole

Anderson, S. C., June 12.—(P)—Playing a 130-yard hole on the Boscobel course, Golfer Frank C. Gross was annoyed (when his tee shot sailed past the green), surprised (when the ball hit a tree and bounced back) and delighted (when it rolled into the cup for a hole-in-one).

This latter rule was adopted unanimously with the thought in mind that this year hitting will probably be much freer than in the past and the game will be speeded up by the use of the tenth man. Portland teams have played under this arrangement successfully for some years.

Players are to be given non-transferable passes. Season tickets good for all regular scheduled games are now on sale. It is hoped that at least 200 season tickets can be sold prior to the opening Tuesday night. These tickets can be obtained from any of the team managers or at the gate at the field. Children under 14 will be admitted free.

Originally, play on only two nights a week was planned, but the interest shown by the players and the public has caused this to be changed to four nights a week with the league at full strength of eight teams. Play will be on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Double headers will be played each night with only one game in progress at a time. Only one diamond will be used and it will be set up in the center of the turf high school field directly in front of the grandstand.

Ends Aug. 12
There will be a total of 28 nights of play and the season will be finished on August 12.

The cantonment planners now have around 120 men working at the armory and on their surplus crews and most of these men are young enough to play softball. It is hoped that those who want to play can get lined up with the teams in the league or better still form their own team and enter the league.

CHAMPION, CONN BOTH CONFIDENT

Greenwood Lake, N. Y., June 12.—(P)—It is a matter for argument whether Joe Louis has more pooh-poohs for Billy Conn's "smart cracks" or his "powder puff punching."

The "cracks" have steamed the bomber up so much he is all out to end next Wednesday night's Polo Grounds tussle with the first punch, if he can. His sparring partners are all banged up from catching what he promises to deal off the arm to Billy.

Pompton Lakes, June 12.—(P)—Billy Conn of Pittsburgh is basing his belief that he will win the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis next Wednesday night largely on the conviction that the negro has lost "30 per cent" of his punch and no longer can hurt an opponent seriously with one lick.

For those who have been wondering how a little fellow like Billy could be so cocksure of whipping the big man known as the bomber, that explains a lot. Both Billy and his manager, Johnny Ray, are absolutely convinced that Louis has slipped badly in the last year and is ripe for the taking.

HANEN LOSES IN OREGON AMATEUR

Portland, June 12.—(P)—Comedians fell in the first day of match play in the Oregon state amateur golf tournament yesterday at Oswego Lake country club.

Harold Salvador and Marty Leitch, both Portland, who led the field in qualifying scores, were only part of the upset, which continued as Bud Haskell of Olympia fell to Bob Bronson of Portland, 1 up.

Leitch saw his chance at the title fade when the veteran Dr. O. F. Willing holed a 75-foot approach on the 20th hole. Salvador was defeated by Joe Ahern, Portland.

Louis Jennings, defending champion, moved through two matches, defeating Eddie Beck, new state public links champion, 3 and 2 in one and Bob McRey,

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Pickets at Lumber Mill



Pickets at the White River Lumber company plant near Enumclaw, Wash., one of the mills closed by the strike of the CIO-affiliated International Woodworkers of America, take time out to read newspaper headlines telling of the shut-down. In the background is a waste burner.

holds, former public links title holder, 2 up, in the other. Other results included: Dr. O. F. Willing defeated Dick Hanan, University of Oregon, 3 and 2.

ANTI-CIGARET TAX PETITIONS READY

Portland, June 12.—(P)—G. J. McPherson, representing grocer and druggist organizations opposing the cigarette tax law enacted by the 1941 legislature, said he would file referendum petitions at Salem today.

Of the 19,000 signatures obtained, 10,252 were from Multnomah county, he said.

OREGON NURSES RETAIN ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Portland, June 12.—(P)—Letha Humphrey, superintendent of the Shriners' hospital for crippled children, Portland, was re-elected president of the Oregon State Nurses' association yesterday.

Other officers included: Helen Pruyn, Eugene, and Selma Hilmer, Salem, vice presidents; Myrtle Caldwell, Klamath Falls, and Erna Placeman, Corvallis, directors.

Decreasing
Ottawa, Canada.—(P) Fishing bears that prowl the banks of small streams in the Queen Charlotte Islands off the British Columbia coast are a big headache to fisheries officials—but there aren't as many as there used to be. Ninety-one of the marauders were shot in 1940, reports to the fisheries department said. Bears are numerous in the islands. Officials said that along one small section of beach ten of the animals were seen scooping out pawfuls of salmon as the big fish began ascending creeks to the spawning grounds.

Graduated
St. Louis (U.P.)—The Rev. Arthur R. Hicks, pastor of a St. Louis Baptist church, traveled 40,000 miles to get a Bachelor of Arts degree at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Every school day since 1938, the Rev. Hicks has commuted by train to Liberty for classes, caring for the duties of his pastorate at the same time.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington
Mosquito Boats To Guard Coast
Cannars May Get Army Business
Starfish Study To Save Oysters

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 12.—While the war department plans activities inland in Oregon, the navy is arranging to strengthen its coast positions. From San Diego to Alaska the navy will establish sectional bases in the coming year, preparing nests for small craft from where they can dart to sea, scout and return to these shelters. There is more than the sectional bases in the program; there is an extensive plan for the construction of small craft to use the bases. Unless the information is incorrect, some of these boats will be built on the Columbia river.

Starting at San Diego, there will be a base at San Pedro, San Francisco, Morro bay, Eureka (just south of the Oregon line), Coos bay, Astoria, Seattle, Port Townsend, Port Angeles and Neah bay. Then a jump to Alaska, with sectional bases at Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Juneau and Seward. Such is the set-up, but later there is a prospect of other bases and thereafter let con-

City, Gold Beach, Yaquina and Gray's Harbor. First estimate is for \$50,000,000 and if this isn't sufficient a deficiency bill will be introduced next year. This money is for the stations—not for the small craft. Cost of each station will be a trifle less than \$1,000,000, with a few stations in excess of that amount depending on the complement of boats, the housing facilities required, etc.

FROM end to end the Pacific coast will be pockmarked with these small facilities and at long last the admirals have come to realize Oregon and Washington—the Pacific northwest—are worth protecting. Heretofore naval activities have been concentrated at the bathing beaches of southern California, and attempts to arouse their interest in the Columbia river region have met with a fishy eye. The navy is now going to town in the northwest and from Eureka to the straits of Juan de Fuca there will be a navy patrol.

With approximately 60 sectional bases (they will be scattered from Portland, Maine, to Trinidad, to Cuba, the canal zone) a substantial fleet of small craft will be required. A few of these boats will be built on the Great Lakes and worked down the Atlantic coast, or reach the gulf via the Mississippi, but on the Pacific coast there will be work for more shipyards, new shipyards.

Some of these boats will be the swift mosquito type, built for high speed (60 m.p.h.) and carrying torpedoes. Others the 160-footers. Both of these types can be constructed of wood. All of the mosquito boats have hulls of wood. These and the larger boats can be made on the Columbia river, the engines for the speed boats being put together in the east. A yard at Coos bay, where one sectional base is to be located, has tentative orders for eight boats, larger than the small torpedo craft.

Before July 1 the navy should have its appropriation for the bases and there after lot contracts on a cost-plus fixed-fee, the fee not to exceed six per

cent. It is understood that the navy already has its eye on the sites required and no landowner will be able to upset the national defense program.

OREGON fruit and vegetable cannery will have a better chance to do business with the army if the Walsh-Healey act is abrogated. Under this law, which has been a handicap to the army and navy since its inception, any concern filling an order for service in an amount more than \$10,000 must comply with the wages and hours set by Secretary of Labor Perkins. The canneries, which have seasonal operation, are exempt from the wages and hours act and none of them have taken contracts direct with the army or navy, which might place them under the jurisdiction of Madam Perkins.

Army is discovering that in purchasing canned fruit and vegetables it is running up against speculators and has decided that if the Walsh-Healey act can be suspended it can deal directly with the cannery. Labor unions (who wanted the law to apply to orders as low as \$2,000) are preparing to resist any weakening of the Walsh-Healey act. It is no secret, however, that the army (and navy too) is fed up with union demands with excessive cost of army camps and the constant handicap of strikes.

STARFISH being the sworn enemy of the oyster, congress wishes to save the oyster and make the starfish contribute something to humanity other than being used to decorate the radiators of cars returning from the beaches. The starfish wraps itself around the oyster and rips it open. Congressmen wish to preserve them from the starfish and has voted \$10,000 to have the starfish studied. There is a hint that it might contain vitamins and if so scientists may discover a way to use these commercially. Best oyster beds on the Oregon coast are at Yaquina.

Aids Sightseers
Springfield, Ill. (U.P.)—Free, government-sponsored tours through the state buildings and the home and tomb of Abraham Lincoln are making the visits of sightseers to this capital more enjoyable. The tours, conducted by trained guides, were started four years ago under the sponsorship of the Federal Adult Educational Program.

ROSE QUEEN GETS CROWN IN SHOWER

Portland, Ore., June 12.—(P)—Betty Jane Harding was crowned queen of Portland's 33rd annual rose festival last night just as a brief thunder storm ended.

Some 25,000 persons jammed the stadium for the opening of the four-day fete. Light-hearted tribute to the rose was displaced for a brief time by talks by Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Oregon and Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington, who urged purchase of defense savings bonds and called for national unity.

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