

SPORTS

HOOP PRACTICE IN FULL SWING AT JUNIOR HIGH

Basketball practice at Medford junior high school is now in full swing with Coach Norman Sting working out three teams. Besides his varsity squad, he is drilling an eighth grade team and before school each day a seventh grade team is being formed.

For his varsity, Sting is starting almost from scratch, having no lettermen back. At present there are about 30 aspirants working out. The seventh graders are preparing for games with Oak Grove, Howard and other seventh and eighth grade teams in the valley.

Southern Oregon junior high conference competition will be divided between Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford with each playing the other four times. Besides their eight-game conference schedule, Sting has booked two games with the Medford high school sophomores as a preliminary to the Bend-Medford game Feb. 2 or 3 and the Klamath Falls-Medford game Feb. 9 or 10.

Varsity schedule follows:
 Jan. 5—Grants Pass here.
 Jan. 9—Ashland here.
 Jan. 16—Ashland there.
 Jan. 19—Grants Pass here.
 Jan. 26—Grants Pass there.
 Jan. 30—Ashland there.
 Feb. 2 or 3—Sophomores here.
 Feb. 6—Ashland there.
 Feb. 9 or 10—Sophomores here.
 Feb. 13—Grants Pass here.

Of the food packages sent by the International Red Cross committee to our wounded men who are prisoners of war, 90 per cent safely reach their destination.

National Forest Timber for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon, up to and not later than 2:00 P.M., December 23, 1944, for all the live timber marked or designated for cutting and all merchantable dead timber located on an area embracing about 400 acres within Sections 10 and 15, T. 31 S., R. 3 E., W. M., Rogue River National Forest, Oregon, estimated to be 3,500,000 feet B.M., more or less, of Douglas-fir, and an unestimated amount of other species of sawtimber. No bid of less than \$4.70 per M feet for Douglas-fir, \$5.50 per M feet for white pine, \$5.50 per M feet for ponderosa pine, \$9.50 per M feet for sugar pine and \$2.10 per M feet for white fir, western hemlock, and other species will be considered. In determining the high bid, the rate for Douglas-fir only will be considered. Bids with rates in excess of those permissible under MPR 460 will be reduced to the allowable maximum in making the award. In addition to the prices bid for the stumpage, a cooperative deposit of \$0.50 per M feet B.M. to be used by the Forest Service for paying the cost of slash disposal, and a cooperative deposit of \$0.25 per M feet B.M. to cover the cost of tree planting, seed sowing and timber stand improvement work on the area cut over, for the total cut of timber under the terms of the agreement, will be required. \$4,000.00 must accompany each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon.

O'CONNOR GIVEN SPECIAL POWER OVER BASEBALL

New York, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—The National and American leagues today voted to confer on the Major league advisory commission power to conduct the baseball commissioner's office on a temporary basis until a successor to the late Judge K. M. Landis is selected.

The commission is made up of Ford Frick and William H. H. Riddle, presidents respectively of the National and American leagues, and Leslie O'Connor, secretary to Landis.

O'Connor is given special powers under the agreement which was reached by the steering committee of the two leagues and which will be signed by the 16 club owners.

The agreement stipulated that in a case involving a claim against a club or league, the two league presidents shall have no vote, with O'Connor alone deciding the issue. In most cases that will give O'Connor much of the power which Landis held during his 23 years in office.

The steering committee also ruled that in case O'Connor at any time is unable or unwilling to serve as a third member of the commission his successor will be chosen by the two league presidents.

The steering committee's action terminated the Major League agreement of January 12, 1921, under which Landis became commissioner to rule the game after it nearly was ruined by the Black Sox scandal.

Although no definite time element was set forth as to how long the council will serve, the agreement stipulated that it "shall continue to exercise the powers and duties of the office until a new Major League agreement shall be entered into between each of the leagues and each constituent club of each Major League, which agreement shall provide for a commissioner of baseball."

KERBY DEFEATS GOLD HILL HIGH

Gold Hill, Dec. 12—Kerby high school basketball team won a rough but well-played 28 to 20 victory over Gold Hill high on the local floor Saturday night. Kerby had to come from behind in the second half to gain the victory after Gold Hill held a slim 13-13 margin at the rest period.

Lineups:
 Gold Hill Pos. Kerby
 Milkowski f Kellert
 Jerry Smith c Brown
 Tygart f Payne
 Rosecrans g Hill
 D. Eskew s Johnson
 Substitutions: Gold Hill—R. Eskew and James Smith. Kerby—Arnold and McClean. Referee—Virgil Swanson, Medford.

MRS. DEMAGGIO IS NOW CITIZEN

San Francisco, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Mrs. Rosalia DiMaggio, 66, mother of baseball player Joe DiMaggio, has received her final citizenship papers after passing an examination on the U. S. constitution which her husband, Joe, Sr., failed. The elder DiMaggio will appear in superior court again in three months to try the examination again.

GRAY SIGNED BY ST. LOUIS TEAM

New York, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—William DeWitt, secretary of the St. Louis Browns, announced today that the American league champions had signed Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder, to a one year contract.

Gray was purchased by the Browns from Memphis of the Southern league.

Synthetic rubber was developed and used in civilian tires more than a year before Pearl Harbor.

KERR ANNOUNCES PLAYER LIST FOR EAST-WEST TILT

Hamilton, N. Y., Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Andy Kerr of Colgate today announced the complete list of 24 players on the East squad for the East-West game, January 1, at San Francisco.

George Hauser of Minnesota, and Bernie Bierman, former Minnesota coach, discharged from the marines, will be Kerr's associate coaches of the East squad.

The squad will assemble December 17 at Northwestern University, and leave that night for the coast, where pre-game work-outs will be held.

The squad ends—Harrison, South Carolina; Marcotte, Minnesota; Mead, Wisconsin; Brogger, Michigan State. Tackles—Sikich, Minnesota; Hughes, Purdue; Savitsky, Pennsylvania; Podorski, Lafayette. Guards—Serpio, Illinois; Hackett, Ohio State; Cioli, Indiana; Ranni, Pittsburgh. Centers—Bujan, Illinois; Szymanski, Notre Dame. Backs—Dancewicz, Notre Dame; Cannady, Indiana; Walthall, West Virginia; Kelly, Notre Dame; Brugge, Ohio State; Girard, Wisconsin; Flanagan, Ohio State; Kulbicki, Minnesota; Breslin, Michigan State; Horvath, Ohio State.

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BASEBALL PAYS LANDIS TRIBUTE

New York, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—The American league at the opening meeting of its winter convention today adopted the following memorial resolution:

"In the sudden passing of Kenesaw M. Landis on November 25, 1944, baseball has suffered an irreparable loss.

"He was a man who trusted himself.

"He was not frightened by his fellow men, nor their view or opinions, nor by the pressure of death.

"Thus he lived according to his nature, boldly, vigorously, honestly and intelligently.

"Thus we pause, at the opening of the annual meeting of the American league and with love and respect acknowledge our indebtedness to him, to his work and to his memory."

BOWLING

In Classic league last night Rolling Pin took two out of three games from Maid Rite (Learning 216 - Amburgey 563), Domestic Laundry won three straight over Signal Oil (Porter 332 - 577) and Medford Feed and Seed won two out of three from Jim's Super Service (Paske 211 - Barr 581).

The American Red Cross has revealed that with the use of blood plasma 9 per cent of the men wounded in this war have recovered.

PATTON FEEDS AND HONORS AIR CREW

A U. S. Bomber Station, England, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—The crew of the Flying Fortress, "Home-sick Angel," after parachuting to safety near Gen. George S. Patton's headquarters, got break-

ABSENTEEISM IN PLANE PLANT DUE TO HORSE RACES

Los Angeles, Dec. 11—(U.P.)—Absenteeism cannot be traced to workers attending horse races, airplane company officials said today in denying broadcast reports that they were planning to confer with President Roosevelt to prevent opening of Santa Anita race track this month.

A coast to coast broadcast last night reported that absenteeism was up in Los Angeles plants since opening of the Hollywood track at nearby Inglewood, and that airplane company presidents planned to see Mr. Roosevelt to prevent opening of the Santa Anita track at Arcadia, Dec. 30.

Spokesmen for airplane companies denied plans were afoot to prevent the track from opening. Surveys by the plants and by the Aircraft War Production council indicated that the attendance records at most of the plants had improved during the past month. The Hollywood Park track closes a 34-day racing meet this Saturday.

H. R. Harnish, southern California manpower director, said that reports from 40 plants employing more than 400,000 workers showed sharp attendance increases during November, ranging in some cases up to three per cent above the October attendance figures. Only nine establishments reported increases in absenteeism, and in seven instances, the increase was less than one half of one per cent.

CHINESE TROOPS CAPTURE NANTAN

Chungking, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Chinese troops, driving rapidly through southeastern China, today captured the rail town of Nantan, 25 miles inside Kwangsi province.

A communique said the Japanese suffered heavy losses at Nantan and the remaining enemy forces were fleeing southward toward Hochih with the Chinese in close pursuit.

The fall of Nantan came within 24 hours after the new Chinese counterdrive cleared Kweichow of the Japanese and swept through the road junction of Mangchang, midway between Nantan and the Kwangsi-Kweichow provincial border.

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COLLEGES IN BIG BUSINESS CLASS, CLAIMS CARNEGIE

New York, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Declaring that American colleges now are in the "big business" class, owning "everything from oil wells to country estates", the Carnegie corporation of New York reported today that only \$58,000 of its grants of \$5,890,215 for the year ended Sept. 30 was allotted to schools of higher education.

Even if the corporation made all its grants to colleges, the report said, they would amount to only one 140th of the colleges' present income because of the "changed relationship which the corporation bears to the total enterprise of higher education."

"With their responsibility for large endowments," the report said, "the colleges find themselves in the same position as a bank or an insurance company in the necessity for buying, selling, leasing or operating various forms of property."

The report, prepared by the corporation's president, Dr. Walter A. Jesu, before his death in July, said that \$5,000,000 of the year's grants went to its scientific research affiliate, the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

SINGAPORE-TOKYO ESCAPE ROUTE IS MADE BY NIPPONS

Chungking, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Japan's newly-won land route from Tokyo to Singapore was described today as a retreat corridor for enemy forces in the south seas which will be put to use when the Allies land on the coast of China.

The Chinese army newspaper Sao Tang Pao said the juncture of Japanese forces from Indo-China with those driving south through Kwaigai province of China was "nothing surprising."

"The enemy is fully aware that his sea lanes will be cut off in the nearest future. Hence, he is forced to prepare a retreat corridor for troops in the south seas. Strategically, this Japanese land route is defensive instead of offensive."

The newspaper said Chinese forces pursuing the Japanese from Kweichow province were hopeful of breaking up the land route by retaking Liuchow in central Kwangsi province.

"Adm. Nimitz' next move will possibly be a landing in the Bonin Islands, Ryukyu Islands, Formosa or the China coast. Even the Japanese themselves are doubting how long they can hold out," Sao Tang Pao said.

Tokyo radio talked of starting regular train service between Tokyo and Singapore, with trains leaving both cities simultaneously daily at 1 p. m. and reaching their respective destinations in 125 hours.

The official Central Daily News said "the only route along which Japanese forces scattered in the south seas and Asia can retreat is by this land route through China."

TREASURY METHOD IN SALE SURPLUS PROPERTY SCORED

Washington, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—The disposal of surplus property by the treasury's surplus property office "scantly measures up to the future demands anticipated for the agency," a senate small business sub-committee on surplus property asserted today.

Chairman Tom Stewart, D. Tenn., opened a series of hearings by reading a report by Brainard Cheney, committee staff director, which declared that surplus sales by the treasury have "moved slowly" and have not been conducive to "cordial and efficient relations" with regular business.

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