

# SPORTS

## COCHRAN DOWNS HOPPE TO TAKE BILLIARD TITLE

San Francisco Cue Artist Holds Early Lead in 3-Cushion Tournament.

New York, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Welker Cochran of San Francisco took over once more as world three cushion billiard champion today, ending the long reign of Willie Hoppe, New York cue artist by defeating him in the final round of the championship tournament 50 to 44 in 31 innings.

For Cochran it was a personal triumph because he was able once again to defeat his old nemesis Hoppe, whom he had not topped in championship play since 1941. He triumphed decisively by taking an early lead in the third inning with a high run of seven and protecting it to the finish.

It was Cochran's first world title since 1936 and the fourth that he had held in three cushion play. He won previously in 1933 and 1935.

Cochran, with his high run of seven took a lead of 11 to 4 and from there made it to 17-8, 23-14, 31-25, and 32-29, with that margin the closest that Hoppe got. Toward the finish he made it 43-35, 47-41, 49-42, and finished with two billiards to make the final count 50-44.

The victory gave Cochran first prize money of \$2,500 plus a \$500 war bond from an anonymous fan and a \$300 trophy.

Second place went to Hoppe, who finished in a game tie with Jay Boreman of Vallejo, Cal., with seven victories and two defeats. However, Hoppe's point record enabled him to take the \$1,750 runner up prize.

## GOLFFERS START RICHMOND OPEN

Richmond, Cal., Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Sammy Snead, Byron Nelson and Sgt. Jim Ferrer today led a field of top-flight golf stars in the opening of the four-day \$7500 Richmond open.

The last PGA match to be played in the San Francisco bay region during this season, the tournament takes place on the 4909-yard course of the Richmond Country club. Par for the course is 71.

All of which means that the boys with the long hits and those capable of playing wind shots with a low trajectory that escape the playful breezes, will have the best chance. Leading in these respects are Snead, winner of the Portland open, Byron Nelson, San Francisco champ, Craig Wood and Denny Shute, former British open champion.

At the conclusion of the Richmond tournament, the boys take off for Los Angeles, the southwest and the deep south for the rest of the winter circuit.

## MARINE HOOPERS TO FACE OREGON

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 13—(U.P.)—The Klamath Falls marine base basketball squad will meet the University of Oregon hoop team Friday and Saturday in a two-game series just before the Webfoots' entrain for Vancouver, B. C., where they will play the University of British Columbia Monday night.

The Klamath team is one of the potentially strong service teams in the northwest.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 8:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

## STRONG CARD FOR MEDFORD ARMORY WRESTLING BOUTS

One of the strongest wrestling cards presented at Medford Armory in a long while will be offered Thursday night. Three champions will appear on the card, together with three of the most outstanding men now in the northwest.

Promoter Mack Lillard has arranged a double main event for this program which will be topped by "Gorgeous" George Wagner, self-styled "toast of the coast" and Jack Kiser, Pacific coast light-heavy titlist. This match would be capable of a top position in any coast mat center and Promoter Mack Lillard feels he has been exceptionally fortunate in bringing them together in the Medford ring.

Other half of the twin main event will see a natural rematch between Gust Johnson, coast junior heavyweight champion, and Terrible Tony Ross. Ross holds a one-fall decision over the champ, gained last week after Johnson had already appeared against one opponent. Terrible Tony feels he can repeat his triumph if he can stay out of the way of Johnson's deadly surfboard.

Herb Parks, Canadian light-heavy champion, will meet Milt Olson of Minneapolis in the third round opener. Both are fast and clever grapplers and should provide a thrill for fans who like their muscle-mangling along clean and scientific lines. They take to the mat at 8:30.

## NIGHT BASEBALL IN BIG LEAGUES

New York, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Approval of unlimited night baseball for 1945, and perhaps for the duration, and of an increase in the number of players which clubs are permitted on their reserve and active lists appeared certain today as the major leagues met in their annual joint session.

Both the National and American leagues were said to have instructed their presidents to vote for the proposals, but a move to bar the clubs from renting their parks to professional football teams before the close of the baseball season was reported headed for defeat.

Unlimited night ball first was voted last summer when the Washington Senators and the St. Louis Browns and Cardinals led the movement. No opposition was expressed to a continuance of the policy, but it was possible the joint meeting may adopt a resolution calling for a return to the old seven-game limit in the post-war period.

In order to make room for returning servicemen on their rosters, some clubs championed a measure which would permit an increase of the number of players on their reserve list from 40 to 50, providing the extra 10 are ex-service men.

## LEONARD GIVEN BOXING TROPHY

New York, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—The New York boxing writers' association recognized Lt. Cmdr. Benny Leonard today as "the winner and still champion," voting him man of the year in pugilism.

They awarded the former lightweight king the Edward J. Neil memorial trophy for his outstanding contributions to boxing during 1944 because of his stimulating activities as:

- (1) Director of recreation and morale at the U. S. maritime station, Sheepshead Bay, N. Y.; (2) speaker at bond rallies and other war-effort functions throughout the country; and (3) competent New York state referee.

## To Meet "Gorgeous George"



Jack Kiser, coast wrestling champion, who will face "Gorgeous" George Wagner in the top half of a twin main event at Medford Armory Thursday night. Gust Johnson and Tony Ross clash in the other half and Milt Olson meets Herb Parks in the opener.

## JACK CHASE WINS CALIFORNIA TITLE

Los Angeles, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Jack Chase, former middleweight kingpin of California today stepped into the shoes of Watson Jones as light heavyweight champion of the state after giving Jones a 15-round boxing lesson to win a unanimous decision last night at Olympic auditorium.

Chase, a fancy Dan with an underslung left hand that somehow stabs off an opponent less skilled in the ring game, was Jones' master throughout.

For 10 rounds Chase avoided close contact with the heavier, stronger and harder hitting Jones, piling up the points with his left stab.

Jones weighed 173, and is a local product. Chase, Denver, Colo., weighed 162½.

## G. P. BASKETBALL MEET CANCELLED

Grants Pass, Ore., Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Cancellation of the southern Oregon invitational basketball tournament, originally scheduled for Grants Pass this weekend, was announced today by Principal Frank Thomas of Grants Pass high school, on the recommendation of Dr. S. B. Osgood, county health officer.

The action followed the sudden illness of Carl Carpenter, high school coach, who was stricken Monday by epidemic meningitis, according to Dr. Osgood's diagnosis.

Carpenter was reported much improved today.

**SO WHAT!**  
Hollywood, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Separation of Donna Reed, MGM actress, and her husband, William Tuttle, was confirmed by the actress' studio today.

## 10-YEAR BUILDING PLAN STUDIED BY EDUCATION BOARD

Portland, Ore., Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter today predicted a tremendous increase in post-war enrollment in Oregon state institutions of higher education and proposed a 10-year building program for the state board of higher education to consider in its Portland session today.

Hunter said the gains will come from the release of veterans and war workers from the service, the upturn of attendance coming naturally after acute decline as in all emergencies, and the new industrial development of Oregon and the Pacific northwest.

The chancellor said that planning for these changes can come through the state board, with its legislative approval of an adequate housing program in the major institutions; educational and guidance offerings and facilities for demobilized veterans and war workers, and technological research findings and trained leaders to serve an expanding Oregon industry to aid private industry.

Hunter said more than 50 per cent of the proposed post-war plans in the building program would be self-liquidating and the remainder would come from state sources. The plan calls for a graduated series of projects costing \$7,090,000, with the largest portion to be used in the first biennium.

It was estimated that student enrollment would almost double by 1960 from the 1940 peak of 11,478. The educator said an estimated 50,000 men under 28 are in the armed forces from Oregon and it is believed that at least 50 per cent will be eligible for education benefits on the college level.

Dr. Hunter also called attention to the faculty retirement plan proposed by the state board, which would cover all institutions and provide for optional retirement at 65 and automatic retirement at 70 years. He said such a plan "could be inaugurated and maintained at an annual cost of little more than half what the present system of reduced services at 50 per cent salary would cost annually 15 years hence."

The chancellor told the board that the people of Oregon "were fortunate in having a group of state-supported institutions united in a single educational program for the war and post-war emergency."

**DEATH INTERVENES**  
Huntington Park, Cal., Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Dr. Arthur Torrance, 56, explorer and doctor of tropical medicine who faced a federal court trial here Jan. 18 on mail fraud charges, died today of a heart attack.

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**SUGAR PRODUCTION**  
Washington, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Sugar production by refiners totaled 4,569,501 short tons, raw value, in the first ten months of this year, while domestic beet factories produced 453,846 short tons, the War Food Administration announced today.

## Helping Hand



(Ame Telephoto)  
Wounded by bayonet of retreating Jap, this six-month-old Filipino baby sucks hungrily at this oversized milk bottle held by American medical corpsman in Leyte island hospital. Signal Corps photo.

## TALENT SOLDIER AWARDED MEDAL

Army Air Base, Great Falls, Mont.—Cpl. Davis M. Young of Columbia Orchard, Talent, Ore., on duty at the Great Falls Army Air Base, Alaska Division, Air Transport Command, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal "for exemplary behavior, efficiency and faithfulness in performing his duties in an outstanding manner."

Cpl. Young is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Young, of Talent. Prior to his entrance into the armed forces in July, 1943, he was employed at the Spokane Army Air Depot.

At the army air base, Cpl. Young is assigned to duty in the weights and balance department.

**NOMINATE ARMOUR**  
Washington, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today nominated Norman Armour, chief of the state department's division of Latin-America affairs, to be ambassador to Spain, replacing Carlton J. Hayes.

**TIMBER CUT GAINS**  
San Francisco, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Timber cut in California National forests during the year ending last June 30 increased 29 per cent over the previous 12 months, the United States Forest Service announced.

**LONDON THANKS SEATTLE**  
London, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Sir Frank Alexander, lord mayor of London, sent a reply today to a message from the people of Seattle, Wash., congratulating London on its emergence from the blackout.

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## TWENTY DISEASE CASES REPORTED

Communicable disease cases reported to the county health officer for the week ending Dec. 9 totalled 20, the weekly report shows. Eleven of the cases were reported from Camp White, four being recurrent malaria and seven being trench mouth.

From Medford two cases of chicken-pox, one case of scarlet fever, one of measles, two cases of pneumonia and one case of amoebic dysentery were reported. Gold Hill reported one case of chicken-pox and Prospect one case of scarlet fever.

**CALIFORNIA VOTE**  
Sacramento, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt received 1,989,564 votes in California to 1,512,965 for Governor Dewey, official returns announced by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan showed today.

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