

SPORTS

WAGNER PROMISES ROUGH MAT WORK TO WHIP JOHNSON

"Gorgeous" George Wagner, self-styled toast of the coast who boasts one of the most beautiful collections of ring robes of any wrestler in the business, has assured Promoter Mack Lillard he is going to resort to whatever type of mat work seems necessary to whip Gust Johnson, reigning Pacific coast junior heavyweight champion, when the pair clash in the main event at Medford Armory tonight.

Wagner is still "foaming at the mouth" over his loss on a foul to Jack Kiser last week and plans to take his spite out on Johnson. The champion, on the other hand, feels he will have a good opportunity to clamp on his deadly surboard hold if Wagner gets wild and over-anxious to win. Once the surboard is properly applied, Johnson feels Wagner will have all the wrestling he wants for one evening.

Terrible Tony Ross will continue his bid for a main event match when he tangles with Ernie Piluso in the middle bout. Ross, like Wagner, stops at practically nothing if it will mean victory and classes the veteran Piluso as a minor hurdle toward top spot honors. Medford fans of the tug and haul profession long remember Piluso as a spoiler of aspirations of so-called "dirty" pachyderms and will be eager to see Piluso subdue the villainous Ross.

It probably will not make much difference to the average fan who wins the opener since it pits two of the coast's most disliked muscle-maulers in Bulldog Jackson and Harold (Blood and Guts) Davidson. They go to the mat at 8:30 promptly.

TENNESSEE VOLTS CONTENTED WITH UNDERDOG ROLE

By Burns Bennett
United Press Correspondent
Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Tennessee, the team that won out because it was willing to be "second choice" is satisfied with its underdog role in the Rose Bowl game against Southern California on New Year's day, hoping to capitalize on it by making the Trojans overconfident.

The Volunteers from the Great Smokies passed up chances for other bowl games when the annual bidding began and stood by waiting, well aware that Southern California wanted Ohio State's perfect record Buckeyes. Tennessee got only a provisional bid which meant that it would go only if the Big Ten refused to lift its ban on post-season games, thus cutting out Ohio State. Which is precisely what happened.

Coach John Barnhill, who resumed Tennessee's proud tradition of consistent victory on the gridiron this year after the school "abandoned" football for the duration in 1943, finished with seven victories and a tie and was cited as the Southeastern conference "Coach of the Year."

When Barnhill started out last fall, he had only four lettermen, holdovers from his 1942 eleven, a scattering of fine freshmen prospects and a few squadmen of previous limited experience. At the finish he had a well seasoned team, with two players rating all-Southeast consideration and with no distinct weaknesses anywhere on the first squad.

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NORTH BEND FIVE INVADES MEDFORD FOR HOOP SERIES

North Bend, one of the strongest high school basketball teams now playing in the Coos Bay area, will invade Medford for a two-game series with the Black Tornado Friday and Saturday nights on the Medford high school court.

Noel, a five foot, ten inch guard who was the leading scorer in Coos county last season, is back again for another season with North Bend and is top man in their scoring column. Why, a small, shifty guard measuring five feet, eight inches is a set shot artist who has caused opponents a lot of trouble.

Frye, five feet, nine inches, is said to be approximately quick and a good shot. Sanders at center and Jansen at the other forward position, make up North Bend's starting lineup. Both measure six feet.

The team is coached by Dick Adams, one of Oregon's oldest coaches from years of service. It is generally recognized that Adams' teams are always well-coached. They employ a man-to-man defense and use numerous screen plays, according to advance dope.

Medford will open with the same five that started against Coos Bay last week, Coach Al Simpson said. Hayes and Ross will be at forwards, Riggs at center, with Watson and Fawcett at guards. Both Friday and Saturday night games will be preceded by preliminaries.

EAST SHRINE TEAM TO TRAIN AT SANTA CLARA

San Francisco, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Twenty-three of the East's best civilian grid stars today began intensive practice for the 18th annual East-West Shrine football game New Year's day.

The Easterners staged a practice session yesterday only a few hours after arriving here. Tomorrow, the squad, under the leadership of Co-coaches Andy Kerr of Colgate and George Hauser of Minnesota, assisted by Bernie Bierman, Minnesota, will move tomorrow to a training camp at Santa Clara, Calif.

CHICAGO HOCKEY TEAM IS NEAR CELLAR SPOT

By United Press
The New York Rangers, bent on consigning the Chicago Blackhawks to their cellar spot of last year, were a step closer to accomplishing the job today, gaining sole possession of fifth place in the National League hockey race with a 3 to 1 victory over the Chicagoans last night.

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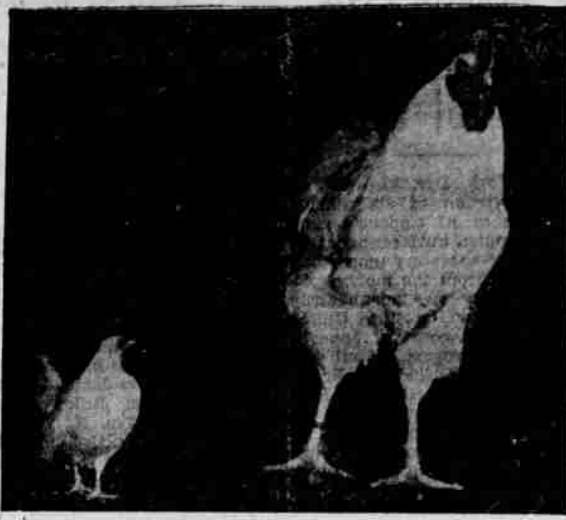
State Police took two out of three games from Henry's Drive-In in City League play last night (Porter 248—621). Other results were Firestone two out of three over Office Boys (Colton 198—577) and Union Oil two out of three from PMT (Bradley 208—570).

Gold Hill

GOLD HILL, Dec. 21—Past Noble Grand club met Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. Bessie Ferguson for its Christmas party. After a short business meeting, gifts were exchanged and refreshments served to the Mesdames Pearl Ferguson, Mildred Newham, Etta Carter, Carrie Puhl, Madge Dorman, Mabel Little, Viola Moore, Willie McLean, Alta Clement, Elinor Force, Ruth Lewis, Virginia Kellogg, Miss Olive Turner, Judy Force, Jill Frederick, Nadra Moore, Jimmy Kellogg and the hostess, Mrs. Bessie Ferguson.

Mrs. Aimee Martin, who suffered a broken knee cap in an automobile accident recently, is slowly improving.

Girl Scouts held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Edna Cogswell, with their leaders, Mrs. Cogswell and Mrs. Nova Centers, as hostesses. Mu-



GIVING A BIRD THE BIRD—It was quality, not size, that counted in the annual Poultry Show in New York, and these two birds had plenty of class. Little one is a white bantam rose-comb pullet, while the big fellow is a white plymouth rock cockerel.

JACKSON COUNTY FARM NOTES

Compiled by County Office O. S. C. Extension Service

Sudan Grass Seed Prices Plummet

With the supply of Sudan grass seed in the United States almost double what it was in 1943, prices have tumbled to a point at which it is not a very profitable crop. Government support prices on Sudan seed which are established as a loan range from 6c downward, according to the seed test. Top purity and top germination seed bringing the top price.

The time for taking out loans on stored seed expires January 31, 1945, and applications for loans must be filed in the AAA office by December 31, this year. The seed must be cleaned at once so tests can be taken.

Machinery Output Behind Schedule
Shortage of component parts—the same obstacle that kept last year's farm machinery production behind schedule—is cutting deeply into the 1945 production program, according to the War Production Board. Shortages of component parts are due to sudden upsurges in military requirements and lack of manpower to step up production. Main shortages are in malleable and grey iron castings.

With the exception of wheel tractors, repair parts and attachments, the output of farm machinery from July 1 to October 31 this year fell about 25 per cent behind schedule. Wheel tractors were only slightly behind schedule, and attachments and repairs were on schedule. The 1945 production

year began July 1, 1944. WPB says the present lag in machinery production does not necessarily forecast a shortage at the time of seasonal demands, since manufacturers still have time to reach their quotas. Unpredictable military developments, however, may present production complications that may be difficult to overcome.

—R. G. FOWLER,
County Agent.

4H Club Calves Will Be Weighed

All beef calves that are on feed will be weighed the week between Christmas and New Years. This will give the club member a good opportunity to get an early weight on his calf for his record. The schedule for time and place is as follows: Tuesday, December 26, morning, Bellview; afternoon, Valleyview. Wednesday, December 27, morning, Lake Creek; afternoon, Reese Creek. Thursday, December 28, morning, Sams Valley; afternoon, Antelope. Friday, December 29, morning, Roxy Ann; afternoon, Westside.

Club members who have beef calves on feed and who do not live in any of the communities mentioned above should notify the club agent and they will be worked in during the week.

Beef calves should be on feed now or as soon as they can be put on feed, because it takes a long period of careful feeding to get a calf fat enough to win in the final showing.

—EARLE JOSSY,
County Club Agent.

and games were enjoyed, gifts exchanged and refreshments served to 16 scouts and leaders.

Miss Lova Dusenberry, who has been working in the U. S. navy hospital in Seattle, came Tuesday to spend Christmas and the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dusenberry of Sams Valley and relatives here.

Pfc. Gerald S. Abrego, formerly at Camp White with the 96th division, was killed in action at Leyte Nov. 12, 1944. Jerry and his wife, Helen, visited on several occasions with their uncle, P. E. Holderness, and family during his training at Camp White.

Frank Avery of Redding, Cal., visited over the week end with friends here. Mr. Avery is an old-time resident of this city.

Dr. and Mrs. Simon of the Pelton Orchards left Dec. 12 for Oakland, Cal., to spend the winter.

Mrs. Bonnie Anderson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Opal Wolf for some time, left Dec. 11 for her home in Borger, Tex.

Miss Geraldine Smith underwent an appendectomy at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford on Dec. 12. She is recovering nicely and will be home for Christmas.

Miss Jill Martin of Medford visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin.

D. O. Frederick of Medford was a business visitor here Friday.

Miss Lorene Kell, who has been ill, is now confined to the

Sacred Heart hospital in Medford.

Mrs. Opal Wolf and son, Bobby, left Friday for Ponca City, Okla., to make their home.

Mrs. C. C. Inman left Sunday for Tucson, Ariz., where she will visit for the next several months.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bell will leave Saturday for Tacoma, Wash., where they will spend Christmas.

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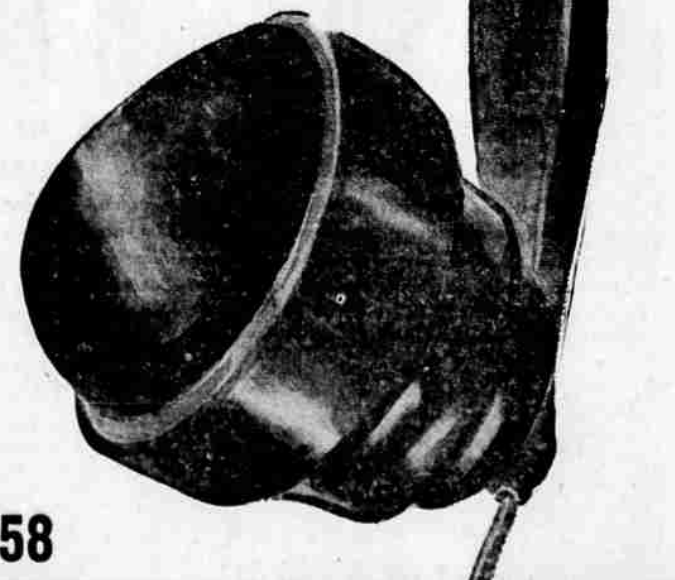
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