

### Champion In Battle Royal



Jack Kiser, Pacific coast light heavyweight champion, who will be one of the principals in the battle royal at Medford Armory Thursday night. Other participants will be "Gorgeous" George Wagner, Gus Johnson, Bulldog Jackson, Terrible Tony Ross and Mill Olson.

### Draft Orders For Athletes Concern Of Pro Club Owners

By Jack Cuddy  
United Press Correspondent  
New York, Dec. 27—(U.P.)—Club owners in professional sports are concerned with the possible results of re-examinations of 4-F and discharged athletes; but in our opinion that should be a minor worry, for a much more serious eventuality may confront organized sports unless the European war picture brightens soon.  
For the past year or so, professional baseball, for example, has been regarded as "non-professional" to the war effort. It was neither fish nor fowl. Despite President Roosevelt's "green light" of 1942, baseball and other organized sports were permitted to carry on, in the face of increasing manpower demands for service and production, merely because of their apparent contributions to morale at home and overseas.  
In September, 1943, selective service headquarters at Washington ruled that baseball is not ground for occupational defer-

### BASKETBALL TEAM LEAVES THURSDAY FOR THREE GAMES

Ten Medford high school basketball players will leave early tomorrow morning for the Willamette valley where they will meet Albany tomorrow night and Salem Friday and Saturday nights. They will make the trip by private automobile.  
Those making the trip will be the starting lineup of Jerry Ross and Larry Hayes at forwards, Darrell Riggs at center, and Bob Watson and Dick Fawcett at guards. Second team on the trip will be composed of Earl Stelle and Carl Reich at forwards, Bill Broedlow at center, and Jim Cave and Gle: Bostwick at guards. Manager Jack Holmes and Coach Al Simpson make up the remainder of the traveling squad.  
Simpson said today he had booked a game with Eureka to be played here January 6, the night after the conference season opens against Ashland. Eureka will play Grants Pass January 5 at Grants Pass.

### TULSA FOOTBALL SQUAD PREPARES FOR BOWL GAME

By Richard C. Glass  
United Press Correspondent  
Miami, Dec. 27—(U.P.)—Tulsa's football players slook the hay out of their hair today and settled down to the serious business of revenge against Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl game, after being feted and frolicked about facetiously by promoters of the New Year's day extravaganza.  
The players who arrived yesterday were met at the station by a wagon full of hay, which was supposed to serve the dual purpose of conserving gasoline and emphasizing the impending surplus of fodder for horses when the federal ban on racing goes into effect next week.  
The revenge motif by Tulsa was intensified because it was in a bowl game at New Orleans last year that Georgia Tech eked out a 20 to 18 victory and the rematch of the teams for this classic has stimulated interest.  
Six of the Tulsa players will be appearing in their third straight bowl game, although not all of them as members of the Golden Hurricane eleven.

### Cotton Bowl Grid Teams Base Hopes On First Eleven

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 27—(U.P.)—The durability of the starting teams may be an important factor in the Cotton Bowl game on New Year's day between Texas Christian and Oklahoma A. & M. since both elevens are short on competent reserves. Their coaches were concentrating today upon long and hard conditioning drills.  
At Stillwater, Okla., where the Aggies worked out for the first time after the Christmas holiday in 20-degree weather, the emphasis by Jim Lookabaugh was on calisthenics and running drills to help get his "60-minute" boys back in shape.  
The same was true at Fort Worth, Tex., home of the T. C. U. Horned Frogs who took refuge in a gymnasium when prolonged rain turned their gridiron into a hog wallow.

### Duke Named Heavy Favorites To Win Sugar Bowl Clash

New Orleans, Dec. 27—(U.P.)—Although Duke's Blue Devils have become heavy favorites to defeat Alabama in the Sugar Bowl game on New Year's day, the possibility of a one-sided contest hasn't discouraged spectators and a sell-out throng of 73,000 is assured, officials said today.  
Virtually all seats in the big stadium have been sold and there was no chance that any of them will remain untaken by game time, it was said.  
Undaunted by the fact that oddsmakers are making Duke a 12 to 14 favorite, Coach Frank Thomas and the Alabama squad left Tuscaloosa, Ala., in an optimistic frame of mind today en route to Baton Rouge, La., where they will continue workouts. Thomas indicated that the team showed up well in workouts held before the departure.

### PAPERS MERGE

Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 27—(U.P.)—The Long Beach Press Telegram and the Long Beach Sun, daily morning and evening newspapers published by the same company will merge on January 1 Publisher Frank Prist announced today. "We are taking this move to conserve manpower and eliminate duplication of effort," Prist explained.  
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### Rose Bowl Contenders Line Up



(Acme Telephoto)  
University of Tennessee's Volunteers line up for New Year's Day Rose Bowl game with University of Southern California Trojans. In line, left to right: Buddy Pike, RE; Bob Stewart, RT; Bob Dobeletstein, RG; Russ Morrow, C; E. J. Ashby, LG; Russ Dobeletstein, LT; and Charles Wildman, LE. In backfield, left to right: Bill Bivis, QB; Buster Stephens, HB; Mark Mark Maier, FB; and Casey Stephenson, HTB.

### ST. LOUIS STARS GIVEN THREE TOP BASEBALL HONORS

St. Louis, Dec. 27—(U.P.)—The St. Louis dominator of the Major league baseball scene this year was extended today to include the three top awards by the Sporting News, which named Luke Sewell of the Browns as the manager of the year, Marty Marion of the Cardinals as the top player and William O. DeWitt, general manager of the Browns, as the top executive.  
Marion, the roving shortstop, was cited by the baseball weekly as the greatest player at that position since the days of Honus Wagner of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Marion already had been named as the most valuable player in the National league in the annual vote of the Baseball Writers' association.  
The publication gave Sewell and DeWitt chief credit for developing the perennially mediocre Browns into baseball's "surprise team" which won the American league pennant for the first time after being rated to finish no higher than fifth.  
Wish Egan, scout for the Detroit Tigers, was the winner of a new award, getting a special citation as one of the "forgotten men who helped solve the manpower shortage by uncovering needed talent."  
Al Thomas of the Baltimore Orioles was named the number one manager in the Double A circuit Minor leagues, while Ex-Major Leaguer Jimmy (Rip) Collins, player-pilot of the Albany Senators in the Eastern league was selected as top manager among the smaller circuits.  
William G. Mulligan, business manager of the Seattle Rainiers in the Pacific Coast league was named the outstanding minor league executive.

### FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United Press  
Los Angeles, Dec. 27—(U.P.)—Clayton Worlds, 197, Chicago, decisioned Al Harte, 220, U. S. Army (10).  
Abel Lucero, San Francisco, decisioned Torpedo Reed, 139, Los Angeles (4).  
New York (Broadway arena)—Maxie Berger, 148 3/4, Montreal, decisioned Ernie (Cat) Robinson, 149 1/2, New York (8).  
New Bedford, Mass.—Sgt. Ted Lowry, 180, U. S. army, decisioned Jimmy Reed, 172, Trenton, N. J., (10).  
Tradition relates that the copper mines at Copper Hill, Tenn., were lost to North Carolina because the surveyors ran out of liquor when they reached the area, and instead of continuing the state line southwest, they turned due south in the direction of a still.

### Shady Cove

Shady Cove, Dec. 27—Eighteen friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Houston surprised them December 16 with a party at their new home. Several others unable to attend also contributed toward the gift of a beautiful bedspread which was presented to the Houstons.

### 375 STRIKES ON NOVEMBER BOOKS

Washington, Dec. 27—(U.P.)—The labor department reported today that there were 375 strikes last month involving 200,000 workers which cost 710,000 man-hours of idleness, or one-tenth of one per cent of the national available working time.  
The department said the number of strikes and workers involved were less than in October but the amount of idleness was greater. It was the largest number of strikes in any November in the past five years.  
The department said that strikes which contributed most to this idleness were those at the Wright Aeronautical Corp., Paterson, N. J.; J. I. Case Co., Racine, Wis.; truck drivers in Boston; the telephone workers in Ohio cities, Detroit and Washington, D. C.; Wheeling Steel Corp., Portsmouth, O., and Packard and Ford Motor companies, Detroit.

### NAZIS USE RADIO TO CONFUSE OPPONENTS

London, Dec. 27—(U.P.)—Asserting the Germans were "seeking to sow confusion," the Brussels radio broadcast an appeal to night to the Belgian people to ignore "spurious" radio stations which were issuing false directions to those in fighting areas.  
One disguised enemy broadcast to the population of operational zones asked them to evacuate towns and villages. No such order had come from allied sources.

### BOTH WEAR WELL

Gloucester, Mass.—(U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in a house which once stood in Boston, but which was moved 30 miles to Gloucester aboard a lighter some 80 years ago.

### INVALID STAMPS ARE LISTED BY RATION AGENCY

Washington, Dec. 27—(U.P.)—The office of price administration today warned that use of the invalidated food ration stamps by consumers or merchants would constitute a violation of rationing regulations. It urged housewives to destroy all stamps no longer good.  
The agency also said that the invalidation of certain food stamps had no effect on red tokens, which will continue to be honored. Blue tokens, which have not been used since October 1, will not be returned to use.

### Ration stamps no longer good are:

- Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5.
- Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5.
- Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 40, together with all home canning coupons.
- Stamps which remain good and those which will become good soon are:  
Red stamps Q5, R5 and S5 which became good Dec. 3. Five additional red stamps, T5, U5, V5, W5 and X5, will become good next Sunday, December 31.
- Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2. Five new stamps, C2, D2, E2, F2 and G2, will become good next Monday, January 1.
- Sugar stamp 34, which became valid Nov. 16. A new sugar stamp will be made valid Feb. 1.

### DOWNEY COMPLAINS

Los Angeles, Dec. 27—(U.P.)—Sen. Sheridan Downey today charged that Texas interests were promoting the proposed Colorado water treaty with Mexico to the detriment of California, Arizona and Nevada.

### BANG'S DISEASE LOW IN OREGON

Portland, Ore., Dec. 27—(U.P.)—Oregon has the fourth lowest incidence of Bang's disease in the nation, Samuel B. Foster, inspector in charge of the U. S. bureau of animal husbandry at Portland, said today.  
Tests of 179,709 head of Oregon dairy cattle during the fiscal year 1944 showed 2,891 reactors to the disease, known as undulant fever in human beings. Foster said the cattle were chosen from 18,912 Oregon herds. Oregon's average is 1.6 per cent, compared with North Carolina's 1 per cent, lowest in the country.

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