

SPORTS

SELLOUT CROWD IS EXPECTED FOR WRESTLING CARD

Promoter Mack Lillard is anticipating a capacity crowd for tonight's battle royal wrestling program at Medford armory.

Both Gust Johnson, coast junior heavyweight champion, and Jack Kiser, light heavyweight titlist, are eager for the going that will send them into the free-for-all where they will have an opportunity to square accounts with "Gorgeous" George Wagner. Both Johnson and Kiser received rough treatment at the hands of Wagner in bouts over the past two weeks although both were declared winners on fouls.

Terrible Tony Ross, who is clamoring for a main event berth, will have a chance to strengthen his claim by coming through with a good showing in the battle royal. Bulldog Jackson and Milt Olson are the other participants in the mele.

4-F ATHLETES TO UNDERGO REVIEW BY DRAFT BOARDS

Washington, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Military 4-Fs currently performing in 1-A fashion for college athletic teams may expect to hear from their local draft boards one of these days.

The office of war mobilization said today that Director James F. Byrnes' recent order instructing the selective service system to review 4-F classifications of professional athletes applies also to college sports figures.

Although the Byrnes directive does not call for any revolutionary change in established selective service practice, officials said it might have the effect of speeding review of "borderline" cases.

Selective service officials pointed out that no athlete, college or professional, is deferable because he is an athlete. Moreover, they added, the armed forces, not the draft boards, determine the physical qualifications for military service.

"A man with a punctured eardrum might be a 4-F and still able to sprint 90 yards to a touchdown in the last 30 seconds of play," one official said.

There frequently are instances in which a registrant has a slight defect which may correct itself subsequently. He would be classified 4-F, but six months later might be placed in 1-A, it was pointed out.

FORMER TENNIS KING ENTERS GOLF TOURNEY

Los Angeles, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Elsworth Vines, former tennis king, now golf pro at the Denver, Colo., Country club, today had established himself as a definite contender for next week's \$13,333 Los Angeles open by breaking the Lakeside Country club course record in a pro-amateur tuneup tournament. The open starts Jan. 5 at the Riviera Country club. Vines toured the 6,350 yards of the tricky course in 62 strokes—eight under par and one better than the previous mark.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS CLOSE IN ON DETROIT

Thanks mainly to Center Ted Kennedy, the Toronto Maple Leafs were able today to close in on the second-place Detroit Redwings in the National league hockey race, moving within five points after an 8-to-2 victory over the New York Rangers in which he was the all-around offensive star.

NEBRASKA FIVE BEATS MEXICAN QUINT 54-40

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28—(U.P.)—The University of Nebraska, sparked by high-scoring forward Bob Hahn with 18 points, defeated a pentathlon of Mexican university basketball team, 54 to 40, last night.

MINOR INJURIES HAMPER EAST IN LIGHT WORKOUTS

San Francisco, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Coaches of the East and West all-star football teams scheduled scrimmage practices today after rain yesterday forced the grid-ders inside for polishing sessions for the New Year's day Shrine classic.

A morning workout by the easterners before the downpour revealed three players were favoring minor injuries. All-American Quarterback Les Horvath of Ohio State having a taped ankle. End Jack Mead of Wisconsin a bad knee and End Frank Broger of Michigan State a banged ankle. All are expected to play.

East Coaches Andy Kerr, George Hauser and Bernie Bierman were pleased with their smooth working "T" and the kicking of Notre Dame's Frank Dancewicz and Michigan State's Jack Breslin.

A special ceremony will be held before the crowd of 60,000 Monday, honoring six former Shrine game players killed in action in this war.

The tribute will honor Cpl. James L. Mooney, Georgetown University, 1930 East team; Lt. Donald Wemple, Colgate, 1939 East team; Lt. James McDonald, Illinois, 1939 East team; Lt. Edo Naranche, Montana, 1942 West team; Capt. Joe Rount, Texas A & M, 1938 West team; and Austin Strauble, U. S. army, Wisconsin, 1927 East team.

BEAU JACK NAMED FIGHTER OF YEAR IN ANNUAL RATING

New York, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—From a record-shattering 4,382 professional boxers who tossed leather during 1944, brown-skinned Beau Jack—an army private at Fort Benning, Ga.—was elected "boxer of the year" by the Ring magazine, which released its annual ratings today.

Bull-shouldered Beau, who was baptized Sidney Walker at Augusta, Ga., 23 years ago, lost the lightweight crown to Bob Montgomery in March, but he stimulated the fight game with his battle-royal style by attracting gates totaling \$460,000 for five bouts as a civilian at Madison Square Garden.

The Ring named the following leaders in other divisions, based on their activities during 1944: Heavyweight, Jimmy Bivins; light heavyweight, Lloyd Marshall; middleweight, Holman Williams; welterweight, Ray Robinson; featherweight, Willie Pep; bantamweight, Manuel Ortiz; flyweight, Jackie Paterson of Scotland. Men like Sgts. Joe Louis and Billy Conn, who are in service and unable to compete, were not considered in the ratings.

Psychology Poured On Tennessee Team

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Coach John Barnhill today was shooting his Tennessee Volunteers full of sunshine and psychology to get them in the mood for Southern California, the golden boys of the gridiron.

It was a bad day for Tennessee when football players learned to read, because every paper they pick up spots the Vols at least three touchdowns before getting down to cases.

FEE'S MUSIC MAKERS TRIM OREGON HOOPERS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Fee's Music Makers, all-star independent team of Portland, defeated the University of Oregon Webfoot basketball team by a 50-to-43 score here last night.

The victory, second in a row for the Music Makers over the Oregon team, kept the independent's record against northern division colleges clean of defeats this year.

VETERAN FILIPINO WILL RETURN TO BOXING RING

Los Angeles, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Ceferino Garcia, former middleweight kingpin of the world, will meet hard-hitting Bobby Claus of Buffalo, N. Y., at San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 8, his manager, George Parnassus, announced today.

Will Meet Volunteers in Rose Bowl



Here's the way the University of Southern California Trojans will line up for New Year's Day Rose Bowl game against Tennessee's Volunteers. In line, left to right: Jim Callahan, RE; John Pehar, RT; Willard Wall, RG; Russ Antles, O; Bud Curtis, LG; John Ferraro, LT; and Don Hardy, LE. In backfield, left to right: Dave Gardner, HB; Duane Whitehead, FB; Bob Morris, RB; and Jim Hardy, QB.

West Shrine Team To Use 'T' Against Favored East Eleven

By Hal Wood
United Press Correspondent

San Francisco, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Babe Hollingbery, the ex-Washington State coach who mentors the West grid squads in the annual Shrine game on New Year's day is broadminded—to say the least.

A widely-known and avowed foe of any and all "T" formations, Hollingbery less than a month ago was heard to exclaim in an after-dinner talk:

"That team wins despite the fact it uses the 'T' formation."

But today the Babe is making no such statements, because his co-coach of the West Shrine team, Homer Norton of Texas A & M, knows the "T" inside out—and the team will be using it a goodly share of the time

this year against the 3-1 favored East.

The American Professional football league, which lost an estimated \$200,000 in its first (and probably only) venture into the pro grid game along the west coast, can salvage some measure of satisfaction from an otherwise disastrous season, in the Hollywood Rangers' 42-7 win over the San Diego Bombers.

Both teams were champions in their own circuit—but the border-town boys of the Pacific coast league didn't appear to be in the same class with the cinema lads in the "big" game.

Next year the same clubs will in all probability be playing in one league—both with a chance to make real money for the first time after years of pouring the golden coin of the realm down the drain.

Stagg, Mack Meet After Fifty Years At Sports Banquet

Los Angeles, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Connie Mack and Alonzo Stagg, both 82 years old, and two of the greatest figures in American sports history, met here last night for the first time in 50 years—and wished each other success in the years to come.

The occasion was the second annual sports award dinner of the Los Angeles Times, at which gold medallions were awarded 21 athletes judged tops in their sports by a special award committee.

Mack got one of the special awards handed out during the evening as the 2,000 guests cheered the recipients—and laughed at the antics of such comedians as Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Jerry Colona. Stagg got no award, but was on hand to meet Mack—and such "youngsters" as former Heavyweight Champion Jim Jeffries, now 66.

DIETRICH TO CENTER ON ENTERTAINING GI'S

Paris, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—The French press agency quoted Marlene Dietrich today as saying that she had decided to give up her film career for the duration and "devote myself entirely to entertaining those who are far from their homes." The agency's dispatch from Lille said she arrived there today on a tour to entertain troops in the battle areas.

China Staff Chief Seen As Stumbling Block To Dispute

Calcutta, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Ho Ying-Chin's retentions as Chinese army chief of staff was regarded in authoritative quarters today as one of the principal stumbling blocks to a settlement of the long dispute between China's communists and the Kuomintang.

The communists insist it will be impossible to agree to Kuomintang demands that they submit their armies to a Chungking command as long as Ho retains his post.

He not only is recognized as one of the most bitter and outspoken foes of China's communists but also has been openly accused as being responsible for corruption of the Chinese armed forces.

Shuttle Bombing Over For Winter

Washington, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Shuttle bombing of Germany by big American bombers using Russian bases was abandoned by mutual agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union because of the difficulties of winter operations in Russia and the shrinkage of Nazi-held Europe, it was disclosed today at the War Department.

The last shuttle raid in which Russian bases were used took place on Sept. 18.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 p. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

TRUCKER MARRIED TOO MANY TIMES

Washington, Dec. 28—(U.P.)—Karl William Church, 40, ex-truck driver of Baltimore, who is alleged to have married an enlisted Wave and four other women without going through the formality of divorce, was placed under \$3,000 bond today on charges of illegally wearing a naval uniform and of issuing a fraudulent check.

Church was arrested by FBI agents here last night when he kept a dinner appointment with the Wave he married in Baltimore on Dec. 19 while allegedly posing as a navy commander. At the time, it is alleged, Church was maintaining an apartment in Washington with a wife he married in Portland, Ore.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said that Church also is known to have married women from Seattle, Baltimore and Detroit.

THE GRANGE

Eagle Point Grange held its last meeting for 1944 on December 19, at which time the following new members were added: Alma McIntyre, Claud McIntyre, Myron D. Andrews and Sharon Andrews. Obligated in 3rd and 4th degrees were Geo. D. Hook, Edith L. Look, Austin C. Smith, Mary Pauline Smith, Mrs. Belle Carman and Herbert D. Tyler.

Visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stanley of Lake Creek.

Nora Matthews was reappointed H.E.C. chairman, and Lulu Thurston was appointed pianist for the following year.

A special feature of Lecturer Gertrude Stanley's Christmas program, in charge of Mrs. Wm. Lang, were several numbers by Mrs. Prentice's accordion girls. In addition, several numbers were played by the three children of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Peck of Lake Creek, who are students of Mrs. Prentice.

The welcoming song was sung by Linda and Dudley Lang, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Wm. Lang. Other numbers were readings by Philip Stickle and Bobbie Kimmel; a piano solo, by Ralph Humphrey; a saxophone solo by Richard McCorkle, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Dwight McCorkle; a vocal solo, by Jean Freshwater, accompanied by Mrs. Lang; a duet by Kay McCorkle and Dudley Lang, and a solo by Dudley Lang, accompanied by Mrs. Lang.

After the Christmas carols all joined in singing "God Bless America," accompanied by the Accordion Girls. The program concluded with the distribution of Christmas stockings contain-

ing nuts, oranges, apples, and popcorn balls and delicious peanut brittle, made by Mrs. Stanley.

At the next meeting, January 2, installing officer, Gertrude Haak will have charge of installation of officers, with Lake Creek and Prospect Granges participating. Installing assistants are Clara Chamberlain, Julia Davies and Ruby Wyatt. Serving committee for this meeting is Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lakey and Betty Lou Lakey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humphrey and Barbara Jean Olsen.

The Christmas gift exchange was announced in error for the card party to be held Saturday, Dec. 30, 8 p. m. at the Grange hall.

Gold Hill Grange

Due to the absence of Master Howes, newly-elected Overseer Glen Chase called the Gold Hill Grange to order, Dec. 21. Application of two more candidates were favorably balloted on.

Grange voted to continue our custom of New Year's dinner. This year it will be held Sunday, Jan. 7, at 1 p. m. Grange will furnish the meat dish and members are to bring vegetable and desserts for their own groups. All grangers and their families, as well as prospective members, are urged to attend.

Worthy lecturer asked that grange be closed so her program could be given along with distribution of gifts by Santa. A short program of music, recitations and group singing was enjoyed. Brother Buckingham made an interesting Santa and distributed gifts to old and young. Coffee was served by H. E. C., along with treats of

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