

SPORTS

LEAGUE-LEADING TORNADO FACES ASHLAND FRIDAY

Medford high's crew of hoop tossers, fresh from their two game conquest of Klamath Falls, will travel to Ashland Friday night for a Southern Oregon conference clash. The two teams met here January 5 with Medford taking a 39 to 27 victory in the first conference tilt of the season. This week-end winds up the first half of the league season, when each team will have played the other twice. Klamath Falls moves to Grants Pass Friday and Saturday nights.

Medford still holds the conference leadership with five straight victories while Ashland is in second place with three wins and two losses. The Pelicans hold third spot with one victory and three defeats while Grants Pass has sole possession of the cellar with four losses.

Should Medford defeat Ashland Friday and Klamath Falls take a pair from the Cavemen, Ashland and Klamath Falls would be tied up for second place. On the other hand, if Ashland wins from Medford and Grants Pass dumps the Pelicans, as they are likely to do, the Grizzlies will hover close to the Tornado for first place and Klamath Falls will take over Grants Pass' spot in the cellar.

Medford's next home appearance will be the big infantile paralysis benefit game with Grants Pass January 30, proceeds to go to the Jackson county polio campaign.

Seals To Exchange Ball Players With New York Giants

San Francisco, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—The San Francisco Seals today announced that the New York Giants have taken an option on Neil Sheridan, slugging young outfielder star, that calls for 1946 delivery in exchange for \$50,000 in player talent.

WILLIAMS SCORES KO, RESUMES HONEYMOON

Philadelphia, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Bridgeman Ike Williams, ranking lightweight from Trenton, N. J., resumed his honeymoon today, after taking time out to knock out Maxie Berger of New York in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round bout last night.

BASKETBALL

By United Press
Michigan State 58, Albion 38.
Iowa 56, Indiana 51.
Oklahoma A. & M. 89, Phillips University 28.
Ohio State 50, Purdue 35.
Great Lakes Naval 66, Wisconsin 51.
Kentucky 64, Georgia Tech 58.
North Carolina 65, Wake Forest 40.

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CENTRAL PT. TO PLAY TALENT IN POLIO HOOP TILT

Talent high school, leaders in the western division of the Jackson county "B" league, and Central Point, in first place in the eastern division, clash at Central Point Wednesday night in an infantile paralysis benefit game with gross proceeds to be turned over to the county fund. Officials for the game will donate their services, according to H. P. Jewett, Central Point principal.

Talent won the county championship last year, beating the Pointers out in the semi-finals and this is the first time the two teams have met since.

There will be no admission charge, Jewett said, but each person attending is expected to contribute at least an amount equal to the regular admission price.

A preliminary game between the reserve teams will begin at 7:15.

Louis Says Story About Retirement From Ring Untrue

Ottawa, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, who apparently can change his mind faster than he can floor an opponent, did a mental quick-change today and insisted that he has no idea when he will retire from the ring.

The G. I. staff sergeant, here to appear as a referee in a boxing card at the Uplands air station, said it was all a mistake—those stories saying he would defend his title only once after the war, then retire to a life of pork chops and fried chicken.

"That is what I want to do, fight Billy Conn and then retire, but then a lot of things can happen to make a fellow change his mind," he said. He admitted that probably would happen.

FRICK KEEPS RESULTS OF CONFERENCE SECRET

Washington, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Ford Frick, president of the National league, said today that he had conferred with Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director, on the possible effect of tightened manpower restrictions on baseball, but that he could not disclose details of the meeting.

Frick, who requested the conference, reportedly met with other Washington officials.

TEAMS CONSIDERED FOR NATIONAL HOOP TOURNEY

New York, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Sponsors of the national invitational basketball tournament listed DePaul, Tennessee, West Virginia, Kentucky, Bowling Green, O., Hamline, Valparaiso, Muhlenberg and defending champion St. John's today as the teams getting top consideration for bids to the eighth annual meet which begins in Madison Square Garden on March 17.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United Press
Pittsburgh—Bee Bee Wright, 151, Clairon, Pa., decisioned Oscar Suggs, 151, New York (8).
New York—Fernando Menicelli, 199½, Buenos Aires, drew with Vince Pimpinella, 179½, Brooklyn (10).
Newark, N. J.—Georgie Parks, 186, Washington, D. C., decisioned Teddy Randolph, 184½, New York (10).
Baltimore—Nate Bolden, 171½, Chicago, decisioned Walter Woods, 165½, New York (10).

Automatic Coffee

The aroma of coffee wafting into the bedroom as one awakens has been removed from the "dream stuff" realm. There is an electric range attachment by means of which the coffee-maker can be "set" the night before.

Baseball World Eyes Outcome Of Frick-Hershey Conference

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Correspondent
New York, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—While the bewildered baseball world speculated today on possible developments at the Frick-Hershey conference, George M. Weils, manager of New York Yankee farm operations, asserted that neither the major leagues nor upper-classification minors could carry on if forced to depend entirely upon teen-age players.

A similar opinion of the teenagers may have been given by Ford Frick, president of the National league, to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, during their conference at Washington yesterday.

Frick—who, since the death of Commissioner Landis, seems to have become a long-needed spokesman for baseball—requested the Hershey conference, thereby deviating from the sport's stupidly passive policy of asking no wartime questions of Washington brass hats. Frick

THORRIS JACKSON GETS MEDAL FOR PACIFIC SERVICE

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The sergeant entered the army July 6, 1943, but army life was hardly new to him, for he had seen previous service in the CMTC, held a lieutenant colonel's rank in ROTC at Amarillo high school, and served as a sergeant in the 142nd infantry regiment of the National Guard.

Arriving overseas late in February, 1944 Jackson accompanied an advance party into the Admiralty Islands, where he was in charge of the office engineering, maps, and plans connected with the construction of the strategically important airdromes there. In hazardous territory and working through an almost impenetrable jungle, the army engineers completed their work two weeks ahead of schedule, and bombers were able to begin their "softening up" missions on Saipan, Guam and Palau at a much earlier date than had previously been anticipated.

Sgt. Jackson's part in the operation did not go unrecognized, for his many sleepless nights spent preparing plans for the next day's work, and his ability to maintain a high degree of efficiency under trying conditions was rewarded when he was honored by being presented with the Bronze Star Medal.

Following the Admiralties campaign, Jackson accompanied his organization to New Guinea where he has continued their work on airdromes.

Sgt. Johnson is authorized to wear the good conduct ribbon, bronze star medal, and three battle stars on his Pacific-Asiatic ribbon.

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Rogue River

Rogue River, Jan. 23—Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church held an all-day meeting at the church room on Friday. A quilt was tied and finished. A potluck dinner was enjoyed at noon. The usual business meeting and de-

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WOMEN AND BOYS CALLED TO HELP DEFEND GERMANY

Russian Breakthrough Has Herrenvolk Jittery; Sabotage Reported in Silesia.

By United Press
Swedish dispatches said today that Germany, threatened with disaster by the Russian breakthrough in the east, has declared a state of emergency in jittery upper Silesia and ordered women and boys to help build fortifications outside Berlin.

The Berlin newspaper Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung told its readers that Germany was "in her greatest hour of peril." Reserves were being brought up to new defense lines, the newspaper said, "but this naturally will take some time."

Swedish newspaper accounts reported to the Office of War Information said a state of emergency had been declared in upper Silesia following unrest in Butthen, Gleiwitz and Ratibor and several other towns in the path of the Red army advance.

Sabotage at Butthen caused "large fires," the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet said. Numerous arrests were made, "especially among the foreign workers," the newspaper said.

At Gleiwitz, Aftonbladet added, three Gestapo men were killed, but the "center of the national German peace movement" there was detected and "wiped out."

Another Stockholm newspaper, Expressen, said Berliners had been "entrusted" with the construction of a 62-mile stretch of fortifications from Frankfurt on the Oder to Oderberg, east and southeast of Berlin.

The work will be performed "first" by the Volksturm (home guard), foreign workers, women and members of the Hitler Youth Organization "as it is desired to maintain armament production as long as possible," Expressen said.

German propaganda broadcasting over Berlin radio varied between assurances that defenses were being organized to halt the Russian advance and "scare news" apparently designed to stiffen morale through fear of consequences.

Hans Fritzsche told his listeners that the Russians would feel the strongest counterblows from the "core of resistance" within the Reich, then chilled them with the warning that a Russian victory would result in the dispatch of German masses to Siberia.

BOWLING

In Classic league last night Jim's Super Service defeated Medford Feed and Seed two games to one (Barr 248—Pruitt 601). Signal Oil won two out of three from Domestic Laundry (White 207—Merriken 559) and Maid Rite took two out of three from Rolling Pin (Bell 212—592).

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Daily Weather Report

Forecast: Medford and vicinity: Continued fair with little change in temperature tonight and Wednesday.
Oregon: Clear south portion with cloudy north portion tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest 44 degrees; lowest 37.
Total monthly precipitation 1.46 inches. Deficiency for the month 20 inch.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 7.55 inches. Deficiency for the season 1.26 inches.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 45%; 4:30 today 72%.

| City | High | Low | Prec. |
|-------------------|------|-----|-------|
| Boise | 28 | 25 | — |
| Boston | 37 | 27 | .25 |
| Chicago | 34 | 17 | — |
| Denver | 42 | 20 | — |
| Eureka | 55 | 36 | — |
| Hava | 48 | 31 | — |
| Los Angeles | 48 | 37 | — |
| Medford | 31 | 24 | .01 |
| New York | 38 | 31 | — |
| Omaha | 53 | 20 | — |
| Phoenix | 53 | 37 | — |
| Reno | 46 | 36 | — |
| Roseburg | 46 | 27 | — |
| Salt Lake | 32 | 12 | — |
| San Francisco | 32 | 22 | — |
| Seattle | 40 | 29 | — |
| Spokane | 31 | 19 | — |
| Washington, D. C. | 31 | 28 | .59 |
| Yakima | 33 | 24 | — |

TWO INJURED AS AUTOS COLLIDE

Mrs. W. M. Bowden and her small daughter, who reside at 222 West Jackson boulevard, were treated by a Medford physician yesterday afternoon for slight injuries received in an automobile accident at the intersection of Ivy and Fourth streets when the sedan driven by Mrs. Bowden collided with a coupe driven by Thelma Severson of route 1, box 545A. The child suffered lacerations about the head and face.

According to the report on file at the city police office Miss Severson was driving west on Fourth when her car was struck by the Bowden sedan which had failed to stop at the Fourth and Ivy stop sign. Both cars were badly damaged, the report states.

Miss Severson was cited for having no operator's license in her possession at the time of the accident.

GANG SLAYING

Minneapolis, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Police today held Miss Pearl Von Wald, 34, as a material witness in the gang slaying of Arthur Kasherman, 43, publisher of the Public Press who was shot to death last night as he prepared to enter his car in downtown Minneapolis.

Closing time for Classified Ads 4 p. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 a. m.

DAMAGES SOUGHT AS OUTCOME OF CROSSING WRECK

Suit for \$20,000 was filed in circuit court yesterday by John Ragsdale of Eagle Point, blind operator of the courthouse cigar stand, against the Talent Sawmills Inc., as the result of injuries received in a logging truck crash at a Talent district railroad crossing, on the evening of February 17 last. The plaintiff also seeks \$1000 special damages.

The complaint alleges that Glenn Ragsdale, driver of the logging truck, in which John Ragsdale was a passenger, was negligent and careless in the operation of the truck and ignored warnings sounded by the freight train in driving onto the crossing. The driver is a relative of the plaintiff.

The force of the crash hurled John Ragsdale from the cab of the truck and he sustained injuries which he alleges incapacitated him for several months. The driver escaped serious injury. The complaint states that as a result of injuries received John Ragsdale is incapacitated from following his trade of piano tuning. Attorney Allison Moulton is listed as counsel for the plaintiff.

WILLIAMS NAMED HEAD OF REA BY ROOSEVELT

Washington, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today nominated Aubrey Williams, former head of the national youth administration, to succeed Harry C. Slattery as chief of the rural electrification administration. Slattery resigned in December as climax of a long dispute over his handling of the office. He charged that he had been "bypassed and displaced" in authority by Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, who named a deputy REA administrator with "co-ordinate" authority.

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