

SPORTS

MAIN EVENT OF WRESTLING CARD DRAWS INTEREST

Tomorrow night's wrestling struggle between Gus Johnson and the Gray Mask is drawing considerable attention from local mat enthusiasts, according to Promoter Mack Lillard who has signed the pair to appear in the top main event of his weekly Medford Armory program.

Johnson, who asked for the bout, was given preference over Ernie Piluso of Portland, also seeking the contest, because of his incredible showing here for the past several weeks. Johnson has lost but one match, later squaring accounts, and two weeks ago held Pete Belcastro to a draw, Belcastro and the Mask went to a draw last week.

Tony Ross will be out to even things with Jack Kiser when they come together in the semi-windup. They met recently in a match that had customers standing in their chairs before the bout was awarded to Kiser on a foul because Ross refused to relinquish a choke hold.

Piluso, who was defeated in his last appearance here, agreed to Lillard's proposition that he start at the bottom to earn a shot at the Mask. He will collide with Milt Olson in the three round opener which will go to the mat at 8:30.

PROSPECT SCORES

HOOP WIN, 17-15

Prospect high's basketball quintet chalked up their second win over Butte Falls last night when they edged out the Lowers 17 to 15 in an overtime period. It was a nip and tuck game all the way with halftime score knotted at 9-9 and the regular playing period ending 15 to 15. Brown, Prospect center who tied with Ellis of Butte Falls for high point honors, looped in the winning basket in the extra period. It was a non-conference game.

In the preliminary game Prospect's third team defeated an eighth grade team 18 to 2.

Lineups:

Prospect	Pos.	Butte Falls
Dolenshock	f	Baker
Mullen	f	Madden
Brown	c	Ellis
Neville	g	Stevenson
Wright	g	Phillips
Carlton	g	Davis
		Low
		Oden

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMP CHALKS UP RING WIN

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Willie Pep, featherweight champion, picked up one more ring victory today before he returns to military service, winning a hard fought decision last night over Ralph Walton of Montreal in 10 rounds.

Pep, who was almost swept off his feet by the early aggressiveness of his opponent, suffered lip and eye cuts in the first round and the fifth round also suffered an injury to his left ear. However, he finished strong and took the last five rounds.

GARCIA CONVINCED SNAP GONE, HANGS UP GLOVES

Los Angeles, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Cefirino Garcia, one-time middleweight champion, said today that recent workouts had convinced him he no longer had the snap that carried him to former ring successes and he was thru fighting.

The Filipino, one of the few men to conquer Henry Armstrong when the whirlwind negro champion was at his peak, knocked out Fred Apostoli to win the middleweight title in October, 1939, and lost it to Ken Overlin in May, 1940.

TROJAN MENTOR SAID MISSING IN BELGIUM

Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Ernie Holbrook, University of Southern California basketball coach in 1943, has been reported missing in action in Belgium since Dec. 16, his father said today.

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BEAVERS SWAMP WASHINGTON BY 57 TO 43 SCORE

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Towering Red Rocha, center for the Oregon State Beavers, scored 27 points as the Orangemen swamped the northern division basketball champions, the Washington Huskies, 57-43 here last night.

The Beavers got away to a fast start and were never headed by Washington.

Rocha scored 11 baskets, or 22 points in the torrid 14 minutes he played in the first half.

The halftime score of 36 to 27 in favor of Oregon State was gradually increased in the Beaver's favor as the second half got well under way.

Washington's Jorgensen, a guard, made 16 points to win high point honors for his team.

Despite the defeat, Washington still rules the northern division by a half game, while the Staters remain in third place. The two teams play again tonight.

UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO SWAMPED IN HOOP TILT

Madison, Wis., Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—A Truax field basketball team swamped the University of Mexico 73 to 45 last night on the Wisconsin field house hardwoods in a game in which the Mexicans showed marked effects of their strenuous "good will" tour. High point man was Pvt. Owen Hunt of Truax who scored 18 points.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United Press
New York — Marvin Bryant, 160 3/4, Dallas, Tex., decisioned Joe Agosta, 158 3/4, New York (8).
White Plains, N. Y.—Vince La Salva, 145 1/2, Mount Vernon, N. Y., knocked out Pat Scanlon, 138, Ozone Park, N. Y. (4).
Jersey City, N. J.—Steve Dundas, 194 1/2, Edgewater, N. J., decisioned Buddy Knox, 205, Dayton, O., (10).

APPLEGATE TO SPONSOR DANCE FOR POLIO FUND

Edward Kubli, chairman in charge of the Applegate district for the annual infantile paralysis fund drive, announces that the annual President's Birthday ball will be given Saturday, Jan. 27, in the Lower Applegate Grange hall. Supper will be served at midnight, Kubli said.

Court House News

Marriages
Jack Hastings Evans and Geraldine Genevieve Ameral.
William Frank Ostman and Fay Frances Parker.
Joseph W. Sheahan and Lorraine Virginia McClelland.
Noah N. Kaufman and Dorothy Agnes McClure.
Robert Merritt Hanlin and Opal Mae Frost.
Eugene Gordon Dunagan and Dewyna Margrette Hickman.

Divorces Filed
Flora Waggener vs. Howard Waggener.
Ruth A. Ross vs. Clarence E. Ross.

James R. McIntire vs. Thelma McIntire.

Pearl Victoria Humphrey vs. James Victor Humphrey.

Ethel L. Clary vs. William R. Clary.

Selmer E. Lewis vs. Dorothy M. Lewis.

Probate Court
Estate of Shipley Ross, deceased.

Estate of W. H. Norcross, deceased.

Guardianship of Grant I. Hubbell, a minor.

Estate of Walter Norcross, deceased.

Guardianship of Mary Ann Moss, a minor.

Estate of L. M. White, deceased.

Estate of Lulu M. Ring, deceased.

Estate of Nettie Belle Kaufman, deceased.

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The cagey Nips, often under-rated as fliers, score a direct hit on flight deck of U. S. Navy carrier, setting fire to planes and blasting gaping hole in deck. Fire-fighting crews pour streams of water and chemicals to prevent spread of flames. This dramatic scene is from new Navy-OWL motion picture, "Brought to Action," which depicts sea and air blows against Japs in Pacific. U. S. Navy photo.



SALUTE TO THE GHURKA—Four WACs serving in India give smart salute as they stride past a Ghurka guard. Servicewomen from left are Lt. Genevieve O'Brien, Scranton, Pa.; Cpl. Dorothea Ripperger, Belmont, N. Y.; Pfc. Cordelia Gerow, Houston, Tex., and Cpl. Mae Timmer, Ft. Payne, Ala.

Reports Increase Confusion Of Wartime Sports Picture

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Correspondent

New York, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—The wartime sports situation attained new heights of confusion today, due to the following hodgepodge of fact, report and rumor:

- (1) President Ford Frick of National league disclosed that major league club owners will decide at their New York meeting, Feb. 3, whether club owners will be able to open the 1945 season, under existing conditions.
- (2) A well-informed Washington source tipped us that Col. Larry MacPhail may be appointed national sports co-ordinator on Feb. 10, when he obtains inactive army status, although he does not want the job.
- (3) A certain New York racketeer is willing to bet even money that racing will be resumed in non-critical labor areas before summer. He says his inside info is "straight from the

box." (4) A person who is closely acquainted with both President Roosevelt and Jimmy Byrnes, director of war mobilization, insists that these two gentlemen desire professional sports to continue for the duration; but that both are dead set against participation by able-bodied athletes who have been masquerading as 4-F's and medical discharges through the laxity or sports-enthusiasm of examining physicians.

Frick's disclosure about the opening-or-closing decision to be made at the Feb. 3 meeting accentuates the gravity of the major league situation. It was their first intimation from any baseball official that the owners might find it necessary to throw in the sponge in advance of the season.

The National league prexy made this disclosure when questioned by reporters about his Monday conferences at Washington with heads of various war agencies, to whom he had gone seeking "factual information." He will turn this information over to the owners' meeting on Feb. 3, he said, and let them decide whether to open. Frick would not hint at the nature of his information.

Parent Night At Methodist Church To Be Held Friday

Annual parent night of the Methodist Church school will be observed Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the social hall of the church.

The pastor, Dr. Louis C. Kirby, announces there will be a program consisting of two Bible plays following a speech of welcome by Jean Kyle and recitations by the Beginners and Primary department. Eleanor Meeker will give a pantomime in costume of "Rock of Ages." Joyce Bateman will sing: "Help Somebody Today." Doris Kendle will read during the dramatization of the Good Samaritan.

CAPT. MINEAR IS BACK FROM DUTY IN PACIFIC AREA

Captain Robert C. Minear, son of Mrs. Jessie M. Minear of Route 1, arrived in Medford early Sunday morning from overseas service and will enjoy a 21-day furlough with his family and friends.

Capt. Minear has completed 34 months in the southwest Pacific area. He was among the first American troops to land at Port Moresby, New Guinea, and participated in four major campaigns in and around this area. In October he sailed with Gen. Krueger's 6th army into the Philippines, landing on Leyte Island.

Capt. Minear entered active military service in June, 1941, immediately after being commissioned a second lieutenant at Oregon State College of which he is a graduate in the Engineers' Department.

He was met in San Francisco by his wife who, with their son Phillip, have been making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Maris, of Smith River, Calif., during Capt. Minear's absence.

After a short visit here they went to visit their son whom Capt. Minear has never seen and will return later for a longer time with relatives and friends here.

Upon the expiration of his furlough Capt. Minear will report to the Santa Barbara Rehabilitation center from which place he will receive his re-assignment.



Olive Barber's Observations

Mail bag: A letter from Private Buck, still in the Marianas. He enclosed a 10 yen note which he said had been taken from a dead Jap December 7th. "You asked me what the boys like to hear about. The main thing is any hint we can get about when we are to be allowed to go home. That is discussed from the time we get up until hours after we've gone to bed. My own time out here will be up in 130 1/2

more days. Then all I'll have to do is wait several months for my turn! The names come alphabetically. As my last name starts with a W you see where that puts me. I wish I had a name beginning with A; or double A.

"Too, the boys like to hear about parties; small ones, not big pretentious ones. And nothing about service men in the states, if you please, but we can never hear too much about those we know in theatres of operation. Families writing to their boys should write as much as they can about the dog; or horses, if they have them. All the boys are afraid things will be changed when they get back. They don't like to think about that. They are afraid they won't fit in. And there's no such thing as enough letters. Especially those about home and members of the family. They like to know every little detail. I know I do. Also they like to hear about the factory or plant or store or mill where they worked before they went into the service.

"Our Christmas this year wasn't so hot. For most of us it was the third Christmas out here. Our Christmas dinner was good yet the men just came in and ate like it was any other meal, get through it as quickly as they could and went back to their tents. There was no sitting around the table and talking as there should have been."

So goes the last letter from Private Buck. He mentioned one other thing. He says the favorite radio singer of all the boys is a Lena Machado; that they can never hear too many songs sung by her. I am not familiar with this singer of Hawaiian songs but I mean to become so. If she pleases the GI's, I'm sure she's worth hearing.

Steel Bibles Of No Protection To GI's

Washington, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—The federal trade commission, which conducted some experiments with a .45 caliber pistol, announced today that it was a mistake to send soldiers steel-jacketed Bibles to wear over their hearts.

The commission said that a bullet not only smashed through the Bible, but through three inches of wood behind it. The steel cover distorted the bullet, the commission added, indicating that a wound with a Bible was worse than one without.

JAPAN GROWS UNEASY OVER TREATY RENEWAL

Washington, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Japan showed mounting signs of uneasiness over the future of her relations with Russia today with the approach of the date for either automatic renewal or denunciation of the Soviet-Japanese neutrality pact. Debate in the Japanese imper-

ial parliament during the last two days indicated that Japan herself would not denounce the treaty, but revealed official Japanese concern that Soviet Russia might do so.

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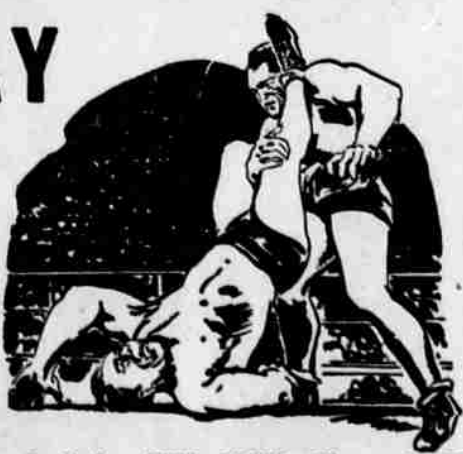
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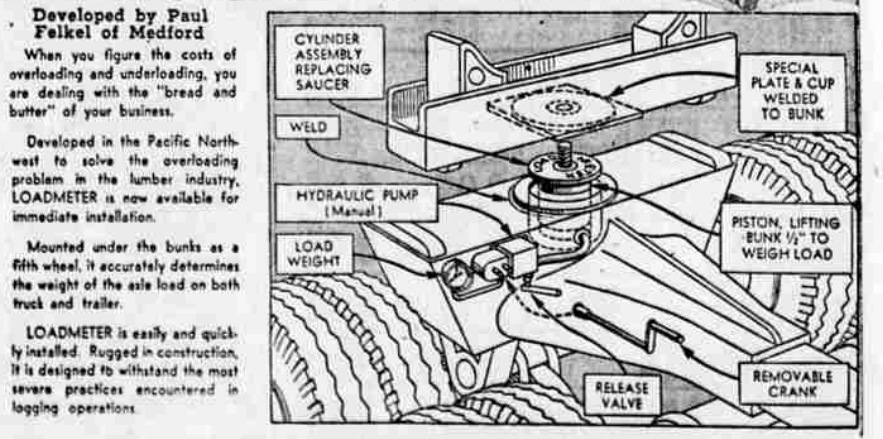
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