

Sport Chips

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Al Kircher, Oregon shortstop for the Medford Craters during the season just ended, returned last week from a try-out with the San Francisco Seals. Al, who was accompanied by his father, worked out with the regular Seals team under the watchful eye of Frank (Lefty) O'Doul, veteran manager of the San Francisco club.

Since Kircher has his senior year of high school yet to finish, there was no talk of a contract but both O'Doul and Charley Graham, president of the Seals, instructed Kircher to return next spring and accompany the team on their spring training. The club plans to spend two or three weeks in the Hawaiian Islands for conditioning.

Except for making a few bobbles during the early part of the first day's try-out, mainly due to nervousness, Kircher did not make a single bad throw and did not let one ball get through his position during fielding practice. He was given many valuable pointers by O'Doul and the regular Seals shortstop.

After batting a round or two, Kircher asked O'Doul to correct his stance at the plate but O'Doul told him if his bat-

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ting was not correct he would be told. O'Doul did not say one word to correct the kid's hitting but accepted his natural ability. At one time while Kircher was at the plate taking his four hits during batting practice, Bob Joyce, the great Seals pitcher, was heard to remark, "the kid sure knows how to hit that ball."

After the trying days of the work-outs ended, Kircher was instructed to report to Graham's office where he was given considerable encouragement and told that he had the necessary ability. His father and Graham arrived at a "gentlemen's agreement" that Al will be on hand when spring training begins.

The Seals plan two new farm clubs next year. Kircher was told. One will be at Salt Lake when the Pioneer league will be revived but, of course Kircher has no idea where he will be sent if he is given a contract.

In the meantime, Kircher has reported to Al Simpson for the Medford high football team, where he will probably play end.

We feel Al is very fortunate to secure the chance to try out with the Seals and the best wishes of this department go with him. He is a fine clean-living kid and takes excellent care of himself. That coupled with his natural ability—well, he just can't help but make good. If he does click, it will be a definite pat-on-the-back for the Medford Athletic Association for developing him to the extent that he can get the chance and also a boost for Medford, long his home town.

G. Pass Veteran To State Post

Grants Pass, Sept. 5—W. R. Faris of Grants Pass has been appointed representative for western Oregon for the State Department of Veterans Affairs. Faris planned to leave today for the American Legion convention in Portland and will take up his new duties immediately after. His headquarters will be in the Portland office.

The new representative has been active in veteran affairs in Josephine county for several years, is a past commander of the Josephine County Veterans' council and is currently executive secretary of the council. Mr. and Mrs. Faris will continue to maintain their home in Grants Pass.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon

POSTWAR FUTURE SEEN FOR STATE APPLE GROWERS

Chicago — A far greater volume of post-war business looked for Oregon apple growers today with reports by federal agencies of a rapidly growing market for apple juice.

From a negligible pack of juice in 1936 the government reported that the 1944 nationwide total was 3,034,495 dozen packs in tin and glass. The figure included sweet cider, which represents only a small amount of the total, it was explained.

Oregon growers, with 3,288,000 bushels of apples in 1943, are watching the new market.

In the first quarter of this year, a total of 752,167 dozen packs were reported with a considerable increase in tin packs, although civilian use of tins is still limited.

The marked increase in the production of apple juice took place during the wartime years. An official of a nationwide food company listed apple juice as a minor item before the war. Even the government maintained no figures on the pack until last year.

"Aiding in this continued increase in consumer acceptance is research work on apple juice canning practices and packaging procedure which have resulted in greatly improved quality," said Dr. B. S. Clark, director of the research division of the American Can Company.

Work on apple juice, according to Dr. Clark, has not been limited to improving methods of manufacturing and packing the pressed or "cider" type of juice but also has included the development of a new type "pulpy" or "whole" apple juice.

CEMENT MIXING PLANT BURNS AT GRANTS PASS

Grants Pass, Sept. 5 — Fire completely destroyed a structure housing bins, ramps, and loading equipment at the Charles P. Cook ready-mix cement plant on East Park street Tuesday afternoon.

Cook said the blaze was started by high winds which whipped

the flames from a small fire where sacks were being burned. Cook estimated cost of replacing the building at \$3,000 to \$3,500.

BLAZE DESTROYS CLUTE HOP KILNS

Grants Pass, Sept. 5 — Fire completely destroyed the Bert Clute hop-kilns near Murphy, Tuesday about 7:30 a. m.

Clute said the fire had apparently started from sparks flying from the flues of the dryers, burning the five kilns to the ground. About \$2500 worth of hops in the kilns drying at the time the blaze started, were lost. The crops and buildings were fully insured.

The warehouse where 100 bales of dried hops were stored, the cooler and storage rooms, located about 150 feet from the kilns, were saved. The estimated loss of the property was approximately \$8000. The remainder of the hops from the Clute yards will be dried at other yards.

Central Point

Central Point, Sept. 5 — Mr. George Hayes, who has been in the hospital for the past ten days, returned home Saturday.

Dale Kilburn left August 28 for Crescent City for a few days' visit.

Marna Sandvig is working for Copeco now. She has been attending Business College in Medford. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bursell returned last week from a visit in Eugene.

John Burns is staying at Holcomb mineral springs. Bernice McCue is confined to her home suffering with pleurisy.

A farewell party was given Monday at the Church of Christ honoring those who plan to leave soon for college. Those who expect to leave this week are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fate, Milton Hare, Billie Sullivan and Marjory Jewett.

Lettie and Lysle Gregory went to Crescent City Monday, to visit for several days.

In Iraq, home of the Shelk of Bagdad, is where tradition places the Garden of Eden and from its port, Basrah, Sinbad the sailor made his voyages.

TALENT SCHOOLS MUCH IMPROVED; OPENING SEPT. 17

Talent, Sept. 5—Talent schools will open Monday, Sept. 17, for both high school and elementary students according to R. B. Parr, superintendent.

During the summer many improvements have been made to buildings and grounds. All school buildings have been completely renovated and many new additions made, including a new classroom to take care of increased enrollment, a health room, grade school library, and a music room. Also the gymnasium has been remodeled and the athletic field has been leveled and lighted, making night football possible for this fall.

Members of the high school faculty will be Superintendent Parr, Mrs. Delilah Jennings, Mrs. Elenita Bales and Harry Phillips. The elementary faculty consists of Mrs. Alvin Wheeler, Miss Flora Stokoe, Mrs. Nina Hopper, Mrs. Nell Young, Mrs. Harriette Parks and Mrs. Cecilia Fifield.

CORN, PEAS, TOMATOES HOLD PRICE LEVELS

No substantial change from last year's retail price levels on

canned corn, peas, tomatoes and tomato juice is expected according to a release from the district OPA headquarters. A subsidy on foods holds them to substantially 1942 price levels, the release states. Minor increases may occur for other canned fruits and vegetables, the release states.

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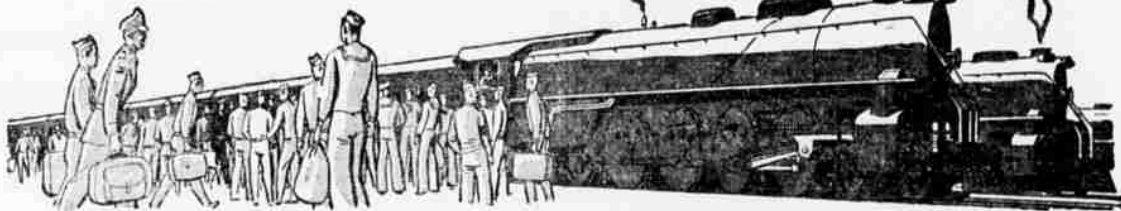
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