

MARKING TIME with HANK GREEN

Once again it has been proven in athletic endeavor that southern Oregon schools produce some of the top sports talent Oregon puts out each year.

Grants Pass high, which some observers in that city expected to do little more than give Medford and Klamath a rough battle for district honors, pulled through to be runner-up in the state high school A cage tourney.

The Chieftains of Rogue River high school found little trouble in capturing the state B school basketball title also.

Probably the biggest factor in making southern Oregon athletic teams into champions or near champions is the tough competition they face in their own district. A team just will not produce at its best when its opponents are comparatively weak.

The Cavemen under Coach Hank Anderson certainly looked like the proverbial "world-beaters" when they played Medford although the Tornado lost by but three points one time. Grants Pass looked a bit weak against

Eagle Point, we thought, but they rallied early enough to win.

It is our opinion that the fact Grants Pass could use a kind of "platoon" system by inserting separate teams any time it wished without losing offensive and defensive power, was its ultimate downfall against Salem.

The weakness in that type of playing, we think, is that a coach often does not have one or two unusually good youths that he can put in when points are needed. The Cavemen seemed to be in that boat for their scoring power in the championship game certainly was lacking.

True, Grants Pass probably was tight and nervous and that counted against it. The Cavemen had been a high scoring outfit all season but usually the point-making was evenly divided among the first eight or 10 who played.

And speaking of Grants Pass and Rogue River, what ever happened to that idea of having a game between these two outstanding high school basketball teams of the state?

Several weeks ago fans in Rogue River tried to get such a game scheduled but financial difficulties stopped the plan. The teams could not agree on how to divide the expenses and any profit and they were not able to decide on a site.

How about staging the game as a post-season affair in either Eagle Point's gym or at Medford as neutral floors with the proceeds after expenses going to the Red Cross drive?

Softball possibilities seem to be taking a turn for the better in Medford with this corner's recent statement that there might not be a softball league in Medford this summer, bringing out more potential sponsors and players than had been expected earlier.

There are still many things to iron out before the kitchball sport is definite but the picture is not as dark as it was. Chances are that Medford will have a league of four to six teams with games being played as twilight affairs rather than under the floodlights.

Eagles Game Friday 'Out'
Eagle Point, Mar. 23 — The scheduled practice baseball game between Eagle Point and Central Point high schools Friday afternoon at the Camp White Veterans center field was postponed to next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, Coach "Shy" Callaghan said today.

A muddy field at the Camp White site and possibility of more rain between now and the scheduled game tomorrow brought about postponement, he said.

Eagle Point will open its J-D-J league season at the Camp White field on Saturday, April 8 against Sutherlin. The Eagles will play a Southern Oregon conference game against Medford at Medford's field Friday afternoon, March 31.

Hockey
By United Press
Los Angeles Monarchs and New Westminster scored narrow one-point victories last night both in "suicide death" overtime periods of Pacific Coast Hockey league playoff games.

In a southern division contest, the Monarchs downed the San Francisco Shamrocks 4 to 3 on Sam Kennedy's quick goal just 23 seconds after the overtime period opened.

Up north, it took New Westminster more than 10 minutes in an overtime period to finally down the Seattle Ironmen 3 to 2. Wingman Amy Default was the hero of the contest, scoring both the tying and winning goals for the Royals.

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STOJACK HERE—Frank Stojack, above, will tangle with Georges Dusette in the top main event of tonight's three-pley wrestling card at the armory. Other matches send Charley Carr against Tony Ross and Danno McDonald in with Ler Grable. Starting time is 8:30 p.m.

C.P. Hoopsters Honored, Dinner

Central Point, Mar. 23—More than 100 boys, parents and guests crowded the school cafeteria here last night for the banquet honoring members of the boys' seventh and eighth grade basketball squads who had won top honors in the recent county grade school tourney.

Principal speaker of the evening was Al Simpson, football coach at Southern Oregon college, who called on the boys to continue to fight hard as they go on into high school and never to hang up their basketball shoes but always to try and improve their ability.

Others who talked briefly were Coach Al Simpson of the eighth grade team and Coach Harry Tonn of the seventh grade. Sports Editor Hank Green of the Medford Mail Tribune and members of the school board in Central Point.

The turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served by girls on the school cheering leaders' squad and other volunteers and was prepared by several of the mothers.

Basketball

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
NAAU Men's Tournament, Denver
Caterpillar Diesels 77, Inland Empire (Spokane) 56
Alpine Dairy (Seattle) 57, Los Angeles Cliftons 52
Allen Bradley 72, All Stars 54
Golden Dukes (Santa Maria, Cal.) 69, Ada Oilers 36
Phillips Oilers 35, Los Angeles Police 31
Denver Chevrolet 40, Kings Motors 45
NAAU Women's Tournament (St. Joseph's, Mo.)
Harville Byrd 40, All Stars 23
Steamfitters 23, Kansas City 17
Little Dixie Queens 38, Commercial Extension 19
Reynolds 62, Iowa Wesleyan 38
AIB 41, Nashville Generals 37
Hanes Hosiery 27, AIC 24
NBC 39, Goetz (St. Joseph's, Mo.) 30

Ted Williams 'Spoils' Braves Pitching Star

Bradenton, Fla., Mar. 23.—(U.P.) Johnny Sain's fine spring form was the lone bright feature of the Boston Braves' 12-day-old exhibition season today.

Sain turned in his third consecutive impressive performance against the Boston Red Sox yesterday but Ted Williams and company spoiled what appeared to be a happy day for manager Billy Southworth by smashing Vern Bickford for five runs in the fourth inning and a six-inning 5 to 4 verdict.

Butte Falls Gun Club Trapshoot On April 2

Butte Falls, Mar. 23 — The Butte Falls Gun club will hold a trapshoot Sunday, April 2, starting at 10 a. m. with prizes in the form of chickens and hams. It was announced today.

Site for the shoot is four miles east of Butte Falls. Anyone wishing to enter whether a club member or not will be welcome, officers stated.

BEVOS VS. ANGELS
Fullerton, Cal., Mar. 23.—(U.P.) The Portland Beavers will be gunning for the upset of the spring training season when they invade the Los Angeles camp here for an exhibition game today.

SOLONS DOWN YANKEES
Winter Garden, Fla., Mar. 23 (U.P.)—Bucky Harris had the satisfaction of his first victory over the New York Yankees since he was fired two years ago today. The Senators won 11 to 9.

Small Supplement To Welfare Funds Received Locally

A small supplemental budget for the year 1949-50 ending in June, for aid to dependent children and old age assistance has been granted the Jackson county public welfare department by the state public welfare department, according to reports given at the monthly meeting of the commission held this week.

The sum allowed was \$18,855 for aid to dependent children, and \$5,798 for old age assistance. A supplemental allotment of \$3,128 for general assistance was not approved because of the objections of the Jackson county court, it was said. The court stated that the sum would run the county over the approved budget for public welfare.

Standards Increased
The administrator stressed that the supplemental funds were necessary because of raised welfare standards which went into effect throughout the state in December due to a new Oregon law. It was also pointed out that even with the addition of these funds, the total approved budget for the year is less than that first requested last year for the fiscal year of 1949-50. The state denied the first requested budget, saying insufficient funds were available at that time.

Commissioner L. G. Morthland during the discussion made it clear that he questions the policies of the public welfare department as far as general assistance is concerned, saying at one time that the state should be made to carry the entire burden of general assistance.

Assistance Up
Monthly reports showed old age assistance for February totaled \$58,559 for 1,076 cases, as compared to \$44,034 for 922 cases in February of the preceding year. General assistance totaled \$17,047 for 285 cases, an increase over both the preceding month and the same month for 1949. January totaled \$13,451 for 263 cases.

Twenty-six children were cared for in foster homes at a cost of \$1,073, and aid to dependent children for February totaled \$14,800 for 388 children. Aid to the blind was \$822 for 11 cases.

Grants Pass Guernsey Sets Production Mark

Portland, Ore., Mar. 23.—(U.P.) Redland Flossie, a registered Guernsey owned by Everett E. Robinson of Grants Pass, today held a new state milk production record for junior two-year-old cows.

The American Guernsey Cattle club said her record of 12,606 pounds of milk and 589 pounds of fat is the highest made on herd improvement registry testing for an animal of that age.

SIX PERSONS KILLED

London, Mar. 23.—(U.P.) Six persons were killed today when a royal air force two-engine training plane crashed in a field near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Thomas Murray Picked To Succeed Lillenthal

Key West, Fla., Mar. 23.—(U.P.) President Truman today selected Thomas E. Murray, New York industrial engineer and bank director, to succeed David E. Lillenthal as a member of the atomic energy commission.

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The Grange

Gold Hill Grange
A large candidate class was initiated in the third and fourth degrees at the March 18 meeting of Gold Hill Grange. Candidates from Upper Applegate were Mrs. Omar Culy, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Pool, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamman, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred West. Gold Hill candidates were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hasso, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hancock, Ms. M. B. Merriman, Joan Jore, Raymond Jore, Carol Cameron.

Master O. W. Mayfield and Mrs. Mayfield, Mrs. Verna Culy and Omar Culy were visitors from Upper Applegate Grange. Grangers were reminded that April 6 will be election of state Grange officers.

Pomona Secretary Nora Waite announced Pomona Grange will meet the evening of April 22 at Lower Applegate hall. Ladies are to bring salad or dessert.

Next Gold Hill Grange meeting will be anniversary night. Charter members will be honored in a program given by the younger members.

The lecturer announced organization of a Grange dramatics club. A play is to be given in the near future.

H.E.C. Chairman Ethel Askin announced next meeting will honor those with birthdays in January, March and April. H.E.C. met at the hall March 5 with 20 members and four guests present for a covered dish luncheon. Two more quilts are in the frames. A rummage sale will be held April 14 in the Medford Eagles hall. It was voted to send a donation to the Arthur Brown memorial.

22 Diseases Reported By Health Officer

Twenty-two cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Jackson county health department for the week ending March 18, according to A. Erin Merkel, county health officer.

Chicken pox headed the list with a total of eight cases, five in Medford, one in Ashland, and two at West Side. Mumps were second with a total of seven, Eagle Point one, Medford one, Jacksonville one, Prospect and Ashland two each. Three cases of infectious mononucleosis were reported in Medford and other communicable diseases reported, all in Medford, were pneumonia, one; strep throat, one; tuberculosis one, and measles, one.

Washington State Pair Killed In Plane Crash

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Dead line Sunday Classified in at Noon Saturdays

Sweetland Rapped By Multnomah Demo

Portland, Ore., Mar. 23.—(U.P.) Another personal squabble bobbed up again today within the ranks of the Oregon democratic party.

Nick Granet, chairman of the Multnomah county democratic central committee, sent a rough-edged letter to Monroe Sweetland, party national committeeman.

Granet asserted that Sweetland's "clannish, cliquish, and sectarian activities have destroyed the opportunity to build an organization to elect many fine liberal democrats."

Granet added: "I am not giving up hope that you and the rest of your group will see the light and come down off your high horses and work with the rest of the party for the sake of the democratic party as a whole."

Medford Man To Face Manslaughter Trial

Allen E. Gebhard, 1519 North Riverside avenue, a cabinet worker, said today that he plans to leave tomorrow for Enterprise, Ore., where he faces a charge of manslaughter in connection with a fatal hunting accident last November 17.

Gebhard pleaded innocent to the charge at a circuit court hearing in Enterprise December 8. He has been free under bond since that time. He said today he would be represented by Attorney Sid Burley.

The accident which resulted in the charge against the Medford man resulted in the death of Reed Wate, 32, Lostine, who died after a seven-hour trip by rubber boat down the Grande Ronde river from the isolated Wallawa mountain area where two hunting parties were seeking elk.

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GP Committeewoman To Talk Here Monday

Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, national committeewoman from Oregon for the Republican party, will speak at the March meeting of Jackson County Republican Women to be held Monday, March 27, at the Girls Community club at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Cornett's topic will be "Prominent People in the Political Picture," and it is announced that she will also speak of the new book, "Women Are Here to Stay," by Agnes Rogers. She is expected to discuss the national committee's work and activities in connection with the May primary election.

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