

Comprehensive Report Dealing With School Athletics Readied

A nine page report recommending principals and policies governing administration of elementary school athletics in Oregon was mailed to the state department of education from here today.

It will be considered by the department and by the state board of education for possible adoption. The report was the work of the statewide committee for study of elementary school athletics, physical education and health, sponsored by the Oregon County School Superintendents' association.

Four Year Study
Submission of the recommendation climaxed four years of research and discussion involving cooperative effort of 18 interested organizations. Alf B. Mekkold, Jackson county school superintendent, headed the project.

Aim of the statewide group was to propose policies placing elementary school athletics in the proper perspective and under proper controls and direction in contributing toward the total goals of education. Mekkold stressed that the committee never attempted to eliminate competitive athletics.

May Effect Control
He said that the report goes to the state board and department with the thought that action on their part might effect some control on the state level, through state standards. He mentioned that while the Oregon School Activities association guides secondary schools in the state. Policies and an organization to administer interschool sports have been lacking on the elementary level.

The detailed recommendations may not be released until after the state board has an opportunity to consider them. However, tournaments and tackle football probably are the "hottest" issues covered in the 27 regulations proposed by the committee to meet its objectives.

Question Tackle Football
The report frowns on elimination tournaments leading to championships and on undue publicizing of championships. Value of tackle football in elementary schools is termed "highly questionable."

Other rules for athletics, limited to sixth, seventh and eighth grade participants, concern parental consent, physical examinations, extent and times of practices, conditioning, limitations on number of contests and travel, ban on boxing, publicizing team effort rather than individual, and qualification of coaches and game officials. Court sizes and length of playing times are suggested. Approved track and field events are listed.

Need Recognized
The committee, prefacing its proposed rules, recognized need of vigorous physical activity by boys and girls for proper growth and development. Priority was given to a program of physical education, intramural athletics and interschool play days and sports days, placed in operation in that order, before consideration of inter-school athletics.

Need was expressed for protection of the health and welfare of children with activities appropriate to physical and emotional maturity. Good sportsmanship and playing for sheer fun were stressed, with winning given secondary importance.

The study was originated by the county school superintendents in 1951 with a committee headed by Walter Shold, who is now one of the supervisors of

education in the state department. A new committee was organized in 1952 with Mekkold as chairman.

Other Groups Join
Other lay and professional groups were invited to participate, with 15 of them naming representatives to the statewide committee. They were the elementary, junior high and high school principals' associations, the city superintendents', classroom teachers', coaches and state supervisors' associations, Oregon Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Oregon Education association, Oregon School Activities association, Oregon Medical society, Association for Childhood Education, state department of education, Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers and the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Following a meeting of the state committee a tentative re-

Cattfish Derby Date Week From Sunday

The 19th annual National Cattfish derby will start at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 19, at Tou Velle State park on Table Rock rd. The Medford 20-30 club sponsors the annual event.

A Cattfish Derby queen will be chosen from four Junior High school girls, and entertainment will be furnished by local residents.

The Medford 20 - 30 club's Derby committee has asked entertainers interested in providing entertainment to contact a committee member or write post office box 781, Medford.

The Derby got its start in 1936 as the result of an argument between club members over fish catching abilities. The rivalry grew to include more than two club members, and the first derby was held at Savage Rapids Dam. Entertainment and a queen were added to the Derby in later years.

Herb Grey Re-elected By Motor Association

Portland (U.P.)—The Oregon State Motor Association's new headquarters, building in southwest Portland was dedicated yesterday.

The association reelected C. E. Francis, Portland, president; William Bell, Portland, treasurer; and William Walsh, Coos Bay, vice-president. Walsh gave the principal address at the dedication ceremony.

Eight directors of the association also were reelected. They include Ralph R. Cronise, Albany; Herb Grey, Medford; Capt. A. Leppaluoto, The Dalles; L. H. Hoffman, Portland; Gov. Paul Patterson, Hillsboro; H. W. Roberts, Portland; James F. Short, Redmond, and David B. Simpson, Portland.

Norman Gail Files School Board Notice

Central Point — C. Norman Gail of Gold Hill has filed his candidacy for a member of the school board in district 6C. He is the only one to file thus far.

School board members will be elected at a state-wide election June 20. Monday is the final day for filing petitions for candidates.

port was sent to the various organizations for consideration. Representatives of those groups reported back and revisions followed. The last revised report was accepted last February by the statewide committee.

Mekkold, H. P. Jewett, superintendent of schools in Jackson county District 6, and Lee V. Ragsdale, Medford schools physical education supervisor, were detailed to edit the report. That work has been done and stencils on the report in its final form were cut in Mekkold's office.

Numerous authorities and references in the field were used in formulating the report, the school superintendent said.

Mekkold said that his office has received information from the state department of education that it is going on with its physical education program with no immediate plans for revision despite repeal by the legislature of compulsory PE legislation. The repeal, he brought out, only served to take the responsibility off the legislature. It is hoped to make the recommendations of the statewide committee a part of the state program.

President To Speak At Penn State Rites

Washington (U.P.)—Weather permitting, President Eisenhower will fly in his new two-engine plane to Pennsylvania State University this week end where he will speak at commencement exercises on Saturday.

The President will leave here tomorrow afternoon by plane, or by train if it is not possible to fly.

He will stay with his brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, who is president of the university. Another brother, Earl, will be there.

Woman Hospitalized Following Accident

Mrs. Dorothy Lorraine Casey, Shady Cove, is reported in "fair" condition at Community hospital where she was taken late yesterday afternoon for a back injury received in an automobile accident north of the Eagle Point junction on Highway 52. Her attending physician reported that her condition is not critical.

The accident occurred when a pickup owned by the Eagle Point Irrigation district and driven by Henry Ray Serr, Butte Falls Star route, Box 15, Eagle Point, attempted to cross the highway, according to a report of the accident made by state police. A sedan driven by Mrs. Casey hit the pickup as she was going north on Highway 52, police said.

County To Be Served By New Drug Division

Jackson county is one of nine counties which will be served by a new division of the McKesson and Robbins, Inc., drug wholesalers, at Eugene. The counties formerly were served by the company's Portland wholesale house.

Increasing Oregon sales and the need for improved service to retail drug stores and to manufacturers McKesson represents in the area were listed as reasons for the expansion.

Jacksonville Queen Contest Plans Told By Lions Sponsors

The Jacksonville Jubilee queen contest, for girls between the ages of 13 and 21, will start Monday, June 21, and end August 4, Lloyd Evans of the Crater Lions club has announced.

The Crater Lions has joined the Jacksonville club and other clubs in the Rogue valley in sponsoring the jubilee this year.

The queen contest is open to any girl between 13 and 21 and may be sponsored by individuals, businesses or civic groups. Girls who have no sponsor may also enter the contest.

Two Committees
Interested parties may contact Don Pilling at the J. C. Penney company here or Floyd Eastwood at the United States National Bank here.

Prizes will be awarded girls weekly who are leading in the contest.

Evans said the joint effort of the Lions clubs is to provide a larger and better jubilee than in previous years.

Daily Weather Report

DATE June 9, 1955
Sunset tonight 7:46 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:24 a.m.
FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Variable cloudiness through Friday with scattered afternoon thunderstorms in mountains. Low tonight 60. High Friday 85-90.
Western Oregon: Considerable cloudiness tonight and Friday morning with scattered thunderstorms early tonight. Mostly cloudy on coast Friday and mostly sunny in interior Friday afternoon. Cooler all sections tonight and Friday. Low tonight 45-55. Highs Friday 70-85 in interior, 55-65 on coast.
Northern and Central California: Fair tonight and Friday except for coastal fog. Not so warm in coastal valleys.

LOCAL DATA

TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 80; above normal 17.
Record high this date 98 in 1918.
Record low this date 40 in 1954.
PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, none. Midnight to 10 a.m., none. Total this month none. 32 in. below normal.
Total since Sept. 1, 8.87 inches. 8.33 inches below normal.
HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 20%, highest this a.m. 75%.

CITY High Low Prec.

Brookings	55	47	
Crater Lake	78	45	
Grants Pass	108	56	
Klamath Falls	94	64	
Medford	101	60	
Portland	94	64	
Seattle	85	63	
Spokane	80	55	
Yakima	90	56	
Eureka	68	52	
Red Bluff	108	74	
Sacramento	102	56	
San Francisco	68	52	
Los Angeles	74	60	
Phoenix	112	76	
Denver	61	44	.04
Chicago	73	60	.01
Miami	88	73	
New York	82	51	.09
Washington, D.C.	68	52	

Roseburg Television Station Permit OK'd

Washington (U.P.)—The Federal Communications Commission today granted Southwest Oregon Broadcasting Corp. authority to construct a new channel four television station at Roseburg, Ore.

Southwest, owned principal-

Formula Hoped In British Rail Strike

London (U.P.)—Leaders of Britain's striking railway men met for two and a quarter hours today with government representatives in their second emergency conference seeking a settlement of the disastrous labor tieup.

They adjourned the ice-breaking talks until tomorrow when they hoped to work-out a formula which may get Britain's nationalized railway system running again by the week end.

The rail strike, now in its 12th day, has forced a shutdown of many of British industries, forced layoffs now approaching one million men and has snarled and hampered the lucrative tourist business.

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