

Second Meeting To Discuss NW Loop Team For Medford Scheduled For Next Week

A second meeting to discuss a possible Medford entry in the Class B professional Northwest Baseball league will be held next Monday evening, Nov. 28, at 8 o'clock in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel.

Groundwork for the session was laid last night at a meeting of some 12 men interested in seeing pro ball return to the community.

Medford recently received an invitation from O. E. (Babe) Hollingberry, retiring president of the Northwest loop, to join the circuit. The new president, Jim Fleishman, has said he will work to get Medford into the league.

Those attending last night's meeting will contact various industries of the county and urge them to be represented at the Jackson hotel Monday. Class B league operation and its benefits to the valley will be outlined and proposals for backing a Medford team will be presented. It is probable that a partnership plan for financing and underwriting expenditures for a club will be explained.

NWL Men May Come

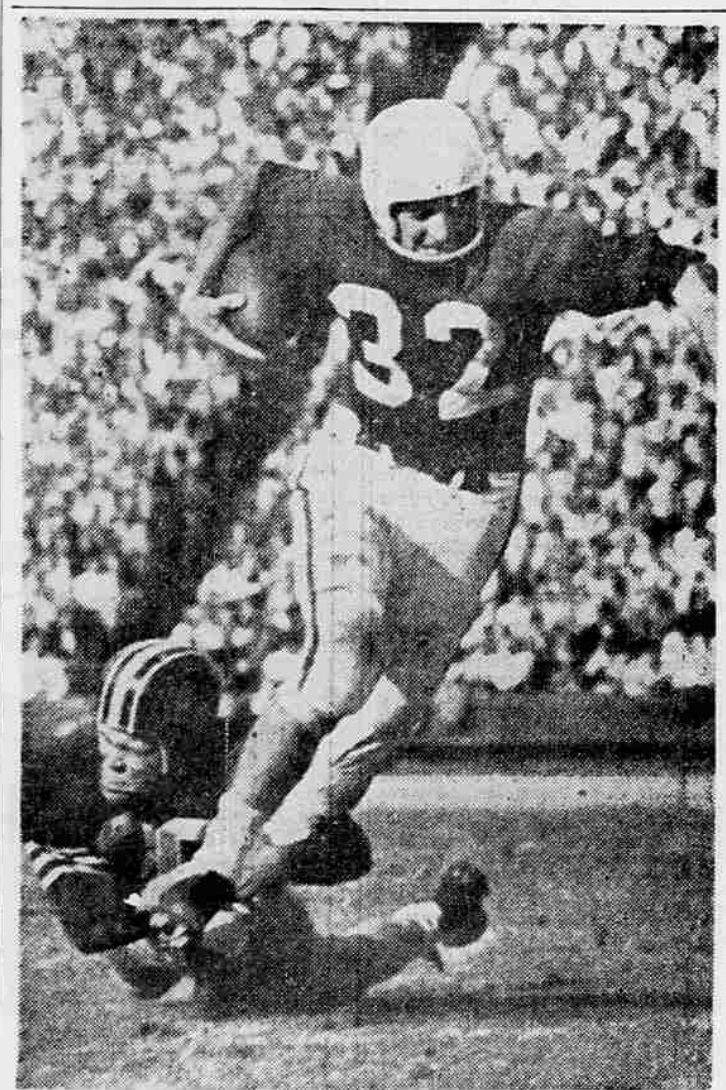
It is planned to have representatives of the league and teams of the NWL here from Eugene and Salem to give an accurate picture of club operation and to tell how cities in the loop have financed their teams. They would answer questions on club and league problems.

Information obtained from the league and reported at last night's session by Bill Askwith, Central Point, indicated that a Class B club could function for a season with a working capital of as low as \$53,800. It was brought out that the local situation might alter this figure to a higher amount.

Not included in the sum were the repairs, renovations and additions that may be deemed necessary to the fairgrounds ball park for pro ball. An architect is expected to inspect the park layout this week and to report Monday on what should and can be done. Several suggestions for improving the park and adding seating were made last night.

Hale Greenman, Medford, reported on the Eugene plan for backing its pro club. There the baseball venture is underwritten by a number of men. They guarantee losses if any. The

SPORTS



T-I-M-M-B-E-R!—California quarterback Hugh Maguire fells Stanford's Paul Camera with a real "shoe-string" tackle in the second quarter in the Big Game at Stanford, Calif. Camera, star halfback, had taken a pass from fullback Bill Tarr which was good for 38 yards only to have it called back on a penalty. The Indians, however, scalped the Bears, 19-0.

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Dick James Wins Hoffman Award

Eugene — (U.P.) — Dick James was named last night as winner of the Hoffman award for the most valuable player on the 1955 Oregon football team and Phil McHugh was selected captain for 1956.

James, senior halfback from Grants Pass, is the 14th winner of the annual award which last year went to George Shaw. James will play in the East-West Shrine game.

McHugh, junior end from Central Catholic high of Portland, also was a regular on last sea-

'MAN OF THE YEAR'

Cleveland — (U.P.) — Outfielder Al Smith has been named as the Cleveland Indians' "Man of the Year" by the Cleveland Chapter of the Baseball Writer Assn. of America.

WINS CROSS COUNTRY

Austin, Tex. — (U.P.) — Texas won the Southwest Conference cross-country championship Monday for the second straight year. Texas A&M finished second and Arkansas was third.

son's basketball team. Oregon has had a lineman as captain every year since 1947.



HOW CAN YOU TELL?—His name could be mud but it's Oregon's Tom Crabtree driving across Oregon State's line for his team's fourth touchdown at Eugene to give Oregon an upset, 28-0, win over Oregon State.

Al Kircher Fired As Head Coach At Washington State

Pullman, Wash. — (U.P.) — Alton S. (Al) Kircher, Washington State College football coach, was fired last night after his Cougars finished the 1955 campaign with a sorry 1-7-2 record.

C. Clement French, college president, said the college would buy up the one year remaining on Kircher's five-year contract. The contract called for an annual salary of \$12,500.

Kircher, a letterman in three sports at Michigan State, came to WSC in 1950 as an assistant to Coach Forest Evashevski and was promoted to head coach when Evashevski left for Iowa at the end of the 1951 season.

A great 1952 season was predicted for the 1952 campaign but the Cougars won but 4 and lost 6. This year's mark of 1 win in 10 starts was the worst in WSC history. Kircher's four-year mark at WSC was 13 victories, 25 losses and 2 ties.

Alumni had been howling for Kircher's scalp ever since the Cougars lost to UCLA 55-0, worst defeat of a WSC team since 1922. Kircher was also hanged in effigy once during the season.

Also affected by the announcement were assistants Mike Scarry, line coach, and Dale Gentry, end coach, both hired on a year-to-year basis. Freshman Coach Dan Stevly was not affected.

French said his decision to

buy up Kircher's contract was made "following a recommendation from Stan Bates, director of intercollegiate athletics, on the basis of what's best for the Washington State athletic program."

Bates said nothing had been done about replacing Kircher.

"We are in no great hurry," he said. "We want to make sure the man we hire will fit into the athletic picture at WSC."

NBA Season May Be High Scoring

New York — (U.P.) — The present National Basketball association season promises to be the highest scoring in history, and the rise is directly traceable to free throw shooting.

The NBA reported today that in 27 games played so far in the young season, teams have scored an average of 96.6 points per game—compared to an average of 92.6 at the same time last year. The difference can be quickly found in the free throw department, where the average has jumped from 26.9 per game to 30.7.

The scoring spurge has seen at least one team go over the 100 mark in 16 of the 27 games. Five times both teams did it, with St. Louis turning in the season high of 121 points against New York on Nov. 15.

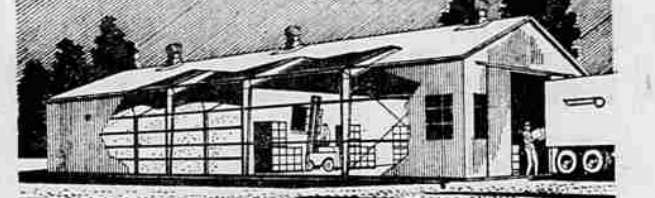
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OSAA Asked To Change Class B Hoop Tourney

Baker — (U.P.) — The Oregon School Activities association was asked by a local group to change dates of the class B basketball tourney here next year from March 12-14 to March 8-10. Reason given was so that the tourney would not interfere with the A-1 and A-2 tourneys the next week.

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