



CLEARING BAR at 15 feet 5 inches, Villanova's Don Bragg sets new Madison Square Garden pole vault record during Knights of Columbus games in New York. Rev. Robert Richards withdrew because of pulled leg muscle. (International)

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

IWL To Foster Bear Creek Watershed Conservation

Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America last night announced plans to sponsor a Bear creek watershed development program.

Bill Thorndike was named to head up the project for the chapter. The matter has been under consideration of chapter officials for the past month.

Thorndike will contact other interested organizations to make up a committee to carry through on the program. First step is apply for a federal soil conservation service survey of the watershed needs. Flood control likely would be a major part of the development. Other possibilities are range and forest management practices and policies aimed at conservation of soil.

Members of the chapter were brought up to date last night on the efforts of its officers in the chapter's aim to secure federal appropriation for screening of the Grants Pass Irrigation district turbine intakes at Savage Rapids dam. Oregon Congressman Haris Ellsworth is reported ready to appear before the House of Representatives appropriations committee on the proposal.

Turbines Major Factor
Destruction of downstream migrating fish in turbine intakes has been judged to be the major factor in the decline of salmon and steelhead runs on Rogue river. Four screens are needed at the cost of approximately \$208,000. The Oregon State Game Commission and the irrigation district cannot pay for

this greatly needed installation. However, President Norton Smith and State Director Paul Welland of the Jackson Walton chapter report that the irrigation district has expressed willingness to pay a portion of the operating and maintenance costs of the screens after installation. The two Medford men are serving as go-betweens and aides in working out a possible contract between the State Game Department and the district for operation and maintenance of the screens. A proposition may be worked out in time for the Department to take it before the May 16 meeting of the State Game Commission for consideration.

Members of the chapter last night heard a talk by Bob Smith, U. S. fish and wildlife service biologist here, on his waterfowl survey work. He travels from the Arctic to the tropics by amphibious plane to take the waterfowl census.

Welland will attend a state directors meeting at Eugene on March 10 and 11. Rogue basin development and Savage Rapids turbine screening may be subjects.

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Tornado 4th In Prep Poll

Medford high school's Black Tornado retained its fourth spot rating in the weekly Associated Press prep basketball poll.

The Tornado picked up a total of 102 points compared to Eugene's first place total of 159. Franklin of Portland was second with 144 and Jefferson third with 110.

Eugene got all but one first place vote, which went to Franklin. The Axemen were at the top of the list for the sixth straight week.

1. Eugene (21-2) 159
2. Franklin (18-4) 144
3. Jefferson (18-4) 110
4. Medford (17-5) 102
5. Milton-Freewater (18-4) 70
6. Marshfield (14-7) 67
7. Baker (17-5) 67
8. Corvallis 27
9. South Salem (17-7) 26
10. Beaverton (17-5) 26
- Others: Bend 18, Central Catholic 17, Ontario and Klamath Falls 14, Pendleton 12, St. Francis of Eugene 10, Lincoln 9, Cottage Grove and Redmond 5, Coquille 4, Molalla, Elkton, McMinnville and North Salem 2, Washington 1.

Sports Broadcasts

Radio station KYJC will broadcast the Crater-Coquille high District 6 A-2 play-off game at 8 o'clock tonight.

UMC Annual Dinner Meeting Tomorrow

The third annual United Medford Crusade dinner meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Medford High school cafeteria.

Included on the program are presentation of awards for outstanding service in the fall campaign, and election of five directors to the UMC board. The Rev. Charles A. Epple, pastor of the United Lutheran church, Eugene, will be principal speaker.

All contributors to the UMC have the privilege of voting during the election, according to Russel DeForest, annual dinner chairman. Music will be furnished by the Medford High school boys act.



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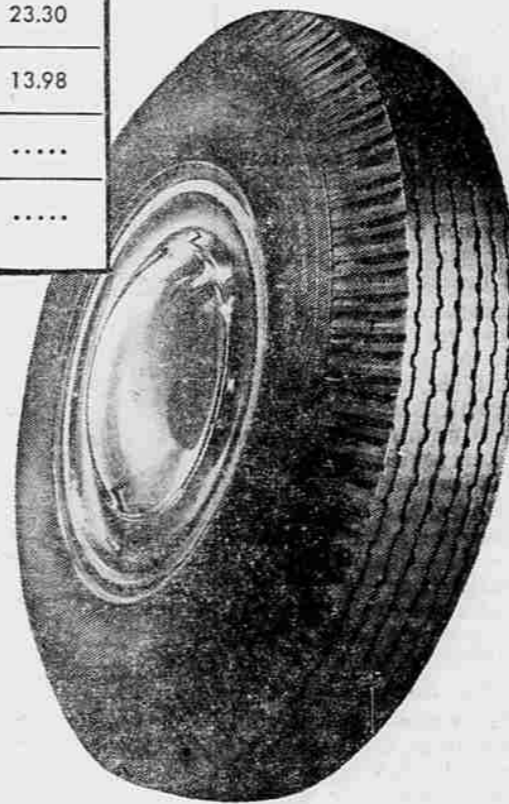
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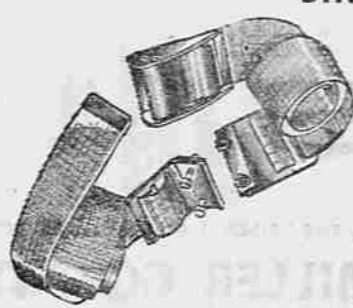
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