

Fanfare

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Ballots have been placed in the mail for the annual selection of the Medford Mail Tribune's All-Southern Oregon conference football team. It is hoped to have the ballots in and the results tabulated in about 10 days. Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Lamath Falls and Crater made up the circuit this year, the latter being a participant in the big school football loop and District 6 A for the first time.

Sportscasters, sportswriters and coaches in the cities of the member schools participate in the poll. Since there is no radio station nor daily paper at Central Point, where Crater is located, two residents of the community, who have seen the Comets in action against conference teams, have been chosen to cast ballots.

MASTERPIECE

Following is the comment of George Curtis, sportswriter of the Grants Pass Daily Courier, concerning the 1956 Medford High school football team.

"Coach Fred Spiegelberg and his assistants, Paul (Tay) Evensen, coaching the line and Bob Newland coaching the backs, have turned out consistently good teams since Spiegelberg became head coach in 1952, but this one is their masterpiece."

PRaise FROM MEL

We've also heard roundabout that Coach Mel Ingram of the Grants Pass Cavemen voiced praise of the Medford high line for its terrific game against the Cavemen last Friday, stating that the Tornado wall was one of the best he'd seen and that his club had no alibis for losing.

AT U OF P

Laval Meunier and John Walsh, 1956 graduates of St. Mary's high of Medford are on the University of Portland's junior varsity basketball squad. Frank Rector, ex-Medford high (1955), is a member of the 18-man U of P squad. A sophomore, he cracked the Pilot varsity as a freshman last year, breaking into the starting line-up. He was brought up to the varsity be-

cause his coolness under fire and his long set shot ability. But he's facing stiff competition on the squad this season.

SPECIAL OFFENSE

Coach Al Negratti of Portland's Pilots reportedly has sought to mold his club around a special offense he devised during the summer. He has begun scrimmage sessions behind locked doors and has been uncommunicative about the exact nature of the new patterns. He has said that the new scoring thrust of the Pilots would be as modern on the basketball floor as "rock and roll" is on the dance floor.

CRATER IN JAMBOREE

At a league meeting last Saturday at Grants Pass, Crater was included in the Southern Oregon conference basketball jamboree, expanding it possibly into a five team event. The Crater floor at Central Point could be the scene of the Dec. 1 jamboree. Medford's Hedrick Junior high court is the scheduled site but, if Medford's football team is in the state finals that same week end, the jam will shift to Central Point.

Reason is obvious. Medford in the grid finals will mean that Tornado fans will be in Portland for the game or will have their ears glued to their radios. Jamboree attendance would suffer.

In past seasons with four teams in the jamboree, each club played each other one or eight minutes quarter, the equivalent of three quarters of a game. Five school participation would complicate the plan of play.

If each other team would play each other a full eight-minute period, it would be the same as a full game and likely would count as one of the 22 allotted to each school for the season by the Oregon School Activities Association. For the jam the periods then may be shortened or two or three of the schools could see less action than the others.

Personally, we hope that Black Tornado football success will un-complicate the jamboree.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



1957 MODEL—University of San Francisco's two-time national championship basketball team has lost some stars but have acquired new and promising material. Left to right: Art Day, Hal Payne, Al Dunbar, Bill Mallen and Charles Russell. Day and Dunbar transferred from Hannibal, Mo. Junior College. Russell, brother of USF's All-American Bill Russell, is just out of the armed services. Payne was reserve last year and Mallen withdrew from the squad early last season. The Don's are riding a 55 consecutive game victory string.

Italian Archeologists Map Life of Pre-Historic Man

Rome—(U.P.)—Italian archeologists are pushing back the frontiers of the pre-historic era and gradually rounding out a remarkably detailed picture of what human life and culture in Europe was like tens of thousands of years before Christ.

Recent findings by leading scientists such as Prof. A. C. Blanc and A. M. Radmilli of Rome University's Institute of Geology and Paleontology indicate a relatively well-developed culture on the Italian peninsula dating back approximately to 20,000 B.C.

It is speculated in these scientific circles that Neanderthal man—a pre-modern species of man, now extinct—may have roamed the area that is now Italy as far back as 100,000 B.C.

Blanc is carrying out excavations at Tor in Pietra on the outskirts of Rome. Here he unearthed tools and bones showing that early man was a skilled and resourceful hunter who managed to survive under conditions that would have wiped out present day humans. Radmilli has made many important discoveries, especially in southern Italy.

Digging and finds at the Grimaldi caves, near Ventimiglia, on the French border, on the island of Palauzia, Po; La Spezia, at Monte Circeo, Gaeta, Positano, Ansedonia, Cape Palinurus and elsewhere have helped round out the picture for scientists.

Colder Climate

This is what Cro-Magnon man (of the same species—homo sapiens—as modern man) and his environment probably were like, according to the evidence found:

He first appeared in the Italian area about 20,000 B.C., or roughly about the time the Fourth Ice Age began to recede northward. The weather was considerably colder than it is now.

Cro-Magnon man was a hunter with spears tipped with flints he had chiseled himself with tools of quartzite and volcanic rock.

He lived a tribal life, settling throughout most of what is now western Europe. He organized great herds of wild horses, driving herds of them with bonfires and blazing torches along carefully laid-out routes to a precipice, where the terrified animals leaped to their death.

At the bottom of the cliff, other members of the tribe skinned the animals and cut them up for food.

Cro-Magnon man may have been a cannibal. At least he sac-

Tom Prothro Chosen Coach of the Week

By HOWARD APPLIGATE

Corvallis, Ore. — (U.P.) — He played in the Rose Bowl game once but the Rose Bowl itself was more than 3,000 miles away.

This time he'd like to get his boys at least close enough to smell the flowers, and the way they are going that fragrance could be theirs to enjoy on New Year's day.

He's the United Press coach of the week, Tommy Prothro of those rising, surprising Oregon State Beavers.

Just a year ago when Prothro took over as head coach, he inherited the remnants of the worst football team in Oregon State history. He guided the Beavers to a 6-3 won and lost record and this season he has

steered them to the top in the tough Pacific Coast conference.

Desire To Win

If they can get by Stanford Saturday, they should make it to Pasadena, because only Idaho and Oregon, both comparative weaklings remain after that.

State's 28-20 victory over Washington's Huskies last week wasn't a surprise. In fact the Beavers had been favored to win. But it was just another workmanlike demonstration of Prothro's single wing efficiency.

"This team goes places because it has a great desire to win," declared Prothro, who was a standout football player himself at Duke. He played in the 1942 Rose Bowl game against Oregon State and the Beavers won that thriller, 20-16, in Durham, N.C. It was transplanted from Pasadena because it was only a few weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and there was fear of bombing attacks on the Pacific coast.

Prothro grew up in an atmosphere of defeat. His dad was Doc Prothro, the frustrated dentist who managed the Philadelphia Phillies to three eighth place finishes in a row from 1939 through 1941. Early in his life, young Tommy got the idea that life could be happier in a household where the team involved was a winner. Prothro, senior, has become his son's most ardent rooter, following the Beavers week after week.

"It is good to have a winner in the family at last," he quips.

Spirit High

The campus spirit right now is higher than at any time since the 1941 championship campaign. Prothro is a little concerned about it.

"This team is much better than last year's but maybe people are getting too high on us too quickly," he said. "The spirit may be a little ahead of the team. Don't forget we have a lot

of sophomores." Prothro learned his single wing magic when he was an assistant to Reg Sanders at UCLA. He still thinks Sanders is "the greatest."

"I'm pleased to be honored as coach of the week," he said. "But I thought Sanders would get it for beating Stanford. I hope we'll do as well Saturday."

There was one election note on the campus after last week's victory over Washington and it didn't involve Ike or Adlai. There was a bold poster which said:

"Prothro for president."

BOP

DAY

NOV. 9

Dead line Sunday. Classified in at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday's other days \$300 previous day.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

These Games Are On the National Network — KBES-TV

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