

Detroit Lion Offices, Mice Only Things Stirring For Christmas Before Big Game

By JACK BERRY
Detroit—(AP)—Not a creature was stirring not even a mouse—except at the Detroit Lion offices in the shadow of Briggs Stadium where Christmas this year is just another day.

The only concession the Lions are making to Christmas is setting practice up to 12 noon instead of 10 a.m. as they make

preparations for Sunday's National Football League championship game with the Cleveland Browns.

Lion Coach George Wilson and his assistants—Buster Ramsey, Aldo Forte, Red Cochran and Bob Nussbaumer—spent all day in conference Monday and continued through the night while the players enjoyed a day

off after Sunday's 31-27 comeback victory over the San Francisco Forty Niners.

"Our schedule is mixed up because of Christmas," Wilson said. "Normally we have a meeting following the Wednesday practice but we've switched that so the boys can get home to their families."

Holiday Makes Coaches Work
"That meant that we had to work twice as hard Monday to put our playbook together so we could give it to the boys Tuesday," said Wilson who is gunning for the NFL title his first year as head coach.

The Lions' playbook contains all the plays mapped out and used from the start of training last summer, how often they were used and how they succeeded as well as all those used against Detroit. In addition, Wilson and his aides viewed and reviewed movies of the three games the Browns played this season and the film of Cleveland's last victory over the New York Giants.

The Lions and Browns split their exhibition series and the Lions defeated Cleveland, 20-7, in a rough contest Dec. 8 which cost Detroit the services of quarterback Bobby Layne who fractured his ankle.

"The Browns will probably come up with something new," Wilson said. "They've had an extra week to get set up for this one. We know they'll be rough, they always are."

Good Shape Physically
"We got a break in San Francisco as far as injuries are concerned," Wilson said. "I think we'll be in pretty good shape. Jim David, defensive halfback, and Gene Gedman, right halfback, should be okay and Charley Ane, offensive tackle, who sat out the Forty Niner game should be able to play some."

"We have no new injuries and none of the old ones acted up," Wilson said.

Meanwhile, not even the Lion office force could get in their last-minute shopping. Ticket sales will go on all day Christmas for season ticket holders. A winding line greeted box office treasurer Maurice Shubert Monday.

The Lions will have just over 9,000 seats, including bleachers, to sell to the general public if all season ticket holders purchase their tickets. The general sale won't start until Friday but the fans received a boost when Commissioner Bert Bell announced the Lions can sell standing room tickets which should place the crowd at about 55,000. The Detroit area will be blacked out on television.

Cal Scribe Discovers Poem Talent In Ode To Sports Year Woes

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer
San Francisco—(AP)—Pome: 'Twas the day before Christmas And all through the land Sports empires were crashing Like castles in sand.

In Brooklyn there was sadness: "Dem Bums" sprouted wings. They moved to Los Angeles, The land of "big" things.

And the Yankees in New York Had things all their way; The Giants moved to "Frisco By the Golden Gate bay

The Pacific Coast Conference In a muddle for years, Was about to break up With no shedding of tears.

Jim Norris' boxing club, Once king of all fights, Was losing its grip On men who wear tight.

A victory string went down In one brilliant flame. Oklahoma was defeated By old Notre Dame.

The minor league clubs, Invaded by teevee, Were threatening to sue The majors for a fee.

Sports leagues in general Were just a bit wobbly As the Justice Department Looked into monopoly.

With all this ill will It's hard to believe That good ol' Saint Nick Had gifts up his sleeve.

But the Lions of Detroit Knew this to be true Because with the chips down The Forty Niners blew.

For as Santa Claus left With a din and a clatter San Francisco handed Detroit The game on a platter!

Former Illinois Coach's Funeral Services Held

Champaign, Ill.—(AP)—A host of the great from Midwest football paid final tribute today to Robert C. (Bob) Zupke, University of Illinois gridiron immortal.

Funeral services were held today at 12 noon (EST).

Zupke, nicknamed the "Little Dutchman" by those who respected his football judgment and admired his warmth, coached Illinois teams for 29 years. They earned a .621 mark with a 131-81 won-loss record during the years 1913-1941.

Football greats of the past and present gathered here Monday as Zupke's body rested in a casket draped with a blanket orange "I."

HOCKEY

New York—(AP)—Willie Marshall of Hershey scored six points in two games last week to regain the American Hockey League leadership in all three offensive departments.

According to official league statistics released today, Marshall now has 21 goals and 30 assists for a total of 51 points. Trailing the 25-year-old scoring star are Dunc Fisher, also of the Bears, and rookie Bill Sweeney of Providence, each with 41 points. Fisher, a linemate of Marshall, had five points last week while Sweeney was held to two.

Montreal—(AP)—Camille Henry and Andy Bathgate, the ace sharpshooters of the surging New York Rangers, took advantage of a scoreless week by three Montreal Canadiens to close in on the scoring leaders in the National Hockey League, official figures showed today.

Henry, the smallest player in the league at 145 pounds, enjoyed one of the biggest weeks of the season notching four goals and three assists to jump from ninth to sixth place in the scoring derby with 30 points, only five back of leader Henri Richard of Montreal.

SPORTS

Utah Coach In Line for Stanford Job

Portland—(AP)—Jack Curtice, University of Utah football coach, is in line to replace Chuck Taylor as head coach at Stanford, the Oregon Journal said today.

Curtice is head coach of the West Shrine team which is working out on the Stanford campus.

George Pasero, sports editor of the Journal, said in a story that it was learned from an authoritative source close to the Stanford situation that Curtice may already have been offered the Stanford post.

Announcement is expected to be withheld until sometime Saturday after the East-West Shrine game, the Journal said.

Ohio Coach Crying Over Team's Fate

Pasadena, Calif.—(AP)—Using Ohio State Coach Woody Hayes' yardstick, there's an awful lot of people with holes in their heads today in Southern California.

The OSU mentor told members of the Southern California Football Writers Association Monday that everyone who picked Ohio State by 19 or more points in the Rose Bowl "had holes in their heads."

Ignoring Hayes' admonishment, the writers then selected the Buckeyes by an average of 21.4 points to win the New Year's Day classic. Seventeen of the 83 voters picked Oregon to win and five voted for a tie.

Oregon's Len Casanova said if desire would do it the game was in the bag for the Ducks because his team wanted badly to win.

"We've not beaten anyone badly but we were not beaten badly by any team and I hope we can keep on the right side of the ledger Jan. 1," Casanova said.

Kansas Claimed Best in Nation By UP Rate Poll

New York—(AP)—The United Press college basketball ratings (first-place votes and won-loss records through Dec. 21 in parentheses):

Team	Points
1. Kansas 19 (7-0)	290
2. Kansas State 5 (7-0)	258
3. West Virginia 3 (8-0)	254
4. North Carolina 2 (5-1)	244
5. San Francisco 1 (6-1)	202
6. Michigan State 2 (4-0)	178
7. Cincinnati 3 (6-0)	150
8. Bradley (3-1)	66
9. Maryland (5-0)	65
10. Utah (6-0)	36

Second 10 Group: 11. Kentucky, 29; 12. Temple, 24; 13. Seattle, 23; 14. Iowa State, 17; 15. Oklahoma State, 15; 16. St. Louis, 12; 17. OREGON STATE, 10; 18. Illinois, 8; 19. St. John's, N.Y., 5; 20. (tie), Louisville, Wichita and Yale, 4 each.

Others: Texas A. Christian, UCLA, Evansville, Western Kentucky and Mississippi State, 3 each; Notre Dame, Niagara, North Carolina State and Rice, 2 each; Purdue and Colorado State, 1 each.

PORTLAND POSTS WIN
Portland—(AP)—Larry Applegate hit two free throws with two seconds to play to give Portland State a 47-45 basketball victory over Western Washington here Monday night.

Colorado Victor By Free Throws

Boulder, Colo.—(AP)—Four free throws by guard Gerry Schroeder gave Colorado a 61 to 58 victory Monday night over Stanford in a basketball game.

Schroeder and center John Musciano tied for high point honors with 16 each. Guard Paul Neumann was high point man for Stanford with 15 points.

STEP CLIMBING WORKOUT
Knoxville, Tenn.—(AP)—Tennessee's football players, greeted on their return from a pre-Christmas holiday by a stint of step-climbing, are scheduled to arrive in Jacksonville, Fla., today for Saturday's Gator Bowl game with Texas A&M. Tennessee left Knoxville by train Monday. Before the players climbed aboard, assistant coach John Bailey had them race up and down their stadium's 64 steps three times.

ST. MARTIN'S RIP LINFIELD
Olympia, Wash.—(AP)—St. Martin's defeated Linfield 72-69 here Monday night in a college basketball game.



YOUTHFUL RECEIVER—All-American Back Walt Kowalczyk of Michigan State hands off to youthful football fan Kim Sargent, 5, during practice session of the East squad at Santa Clara, Calif., for the 33rd, Shrine East-West classic in San Francisco Dec. 28.

Bill Martin Reason Jack Tighe Happier

(Editor's note: This is the seventh of 16 dispatches on the off-season outlook of each major league team for 1958, written by the managers of each club.)

By JACK TIGHE
Written for the United Press

Spring Lake, Mich.—(AP)—I feel a lot happier than I did a year ago at this time even though I had just been hired to manage the Tigers.

One of the big reasons I'm happier is Billy Martin. At this point I believe we're improved over the team that finished fourth this season. The reason? Martin.

The big thing is whether Billy can play shortstop and I think he's a winning ballplayer, a smart ballplayer and will be helpful to the other boys. And you can't forget his cutting hitting.

PIRATES SIGN OSBORNE
Pittsburgh—(AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates today named Don Osborne, manager of the Miami Marlins for the past two seasons, as their farm club representative to handle pitchers.

BOWLING

SENIOR JUNIOR LEAGUE

On Saturday the senior league Christmas Tournament was rolled off with mixed doubles only winning scores will be sent to Chicago to contend in National Competition.

Top three Joy Bauman and Dick Atkins 1037; Linda Eccels and Ralph Goode 1014; Pauline Denyer and Bill Crowell 1006.

Split conversions: Don Smith 5-7, Ralph Goode 5-8-10, Joy Bauman 5-8-10.

Girls high game Pauline Denyer 156.

Boys high game Bill Harmon 181.

Standings:
Sewing Machine Center 42½ 25½
Lampert's Sporting Goods 39½ 28½
Morris Motors 39½ 28½
E. H. Mann Co. 37½ 30½
High Real Estate 36½ 31½
Oak Knoll Golf Course 35½ 33½
Henry's Broker 33 35
Haver Oil Co. 32½ 35½
Trail Creek Lumber Co. 25 43
Sam's Sporting Goods 20 48

Results:
Sewing Machine Center 3 (Rex Morgan 337), 2,525; Lampert's Sporting Goods 1 (Harold Vessey 550), 2,507.
Oak Knoll Golf Course 3 (Ray Wise 562), 2,674; Trail Creek Lumber Co. 1 (Don Harmon 552).
Morris Motors 4 (George Clark 475), 2,693; Henry's Broker 0 (Jack Gardiner 564), 2,578.
Haver Oil Co. 0 (Frank Knox 650), 2,781; E. H. Mann Co. 0 (Andy Anderson 596), 2,519.
High Real Estate 3 (Buz Green 542), 2,594; Sam's Sporting Goods 1 (Cliff Proctor 529), 2,524.

Standings:
Bauman's Fire Equipment 32½ 11½
Medford Paint 27 13
Star-Bell Works 27 13½
Rainbow Cafe 26 18
Women of the Moose 21 26
Veterans of Foreign Wars 17½ 27½
Cummings Insurance 17 27½
Laurines Carpet House 14½ 29½

Results:
Bauman's 4 (Joy Bauman 434, Dick Atkins 375 and Dennis Bauman 375) 2,525; Cummings 0 (Sharon O'Brien 386, Carline Schuppen 307) 2,431.
Star Body 3 (Janice Mathews 326, Stewart Schroeder 425, 2287, V.J.W. 1 (Judy Booth 321, George Schuler 435) 2,257.
W.O.T.M. 4 (Pauline Denyer 334, Butch Tompkins 385) 2,401; Laurine's 0 (DeLores Williams 371, Don Smith 435) 2,242.
Medford Paint 1 (Jerilyn Burroughs 371, Bill Crowell 391), 2,475; Rainbow Cafe 3 (Linda Eccels 400, Ralph Goode 432) 2,614.

Girls high game and series—Joy Bauman 189-454.
Boys high game and series—George Schuler 169-455.
Split conversions—Butch Tompkins 6-10-7, John Clouston 5-7, Don Smith 5-7, Pauline Denyer 5-6-10.

BANTAM LEAGUE
Standings:
Hawthorne Market 21 12
Laurines Carpet House 21 12
Veterans of Foreign Wars 17 17
Star-Bell Works 16 17
Gilman's Dairy 15 18
Hudson Pharmacy 14 18
Women of the Moose 14 19
Courtesy Chevrolet 11 22

Results:
Laurine's 2 (Ranch Schuhard 261, Celia Batten 162) 968; Courtesy 1 (Monty Jantzer 245, Bob Christianson 221) 978.
Gilman's 3 (Robert Chiles 213, Pam Wast 121), 1009; Hawthorne Market 0 (Terry Winetrou 214, David Wilson 180) 963.
Ginn's 3 (Fritzie Beck 202, Tom Ginn 223) 1002; Hudson Pharmacy 0 (Daryl Christianson 226, Ron Beaman 175) 921.
Girls high game and series—Fritzie Beck 127-202.
Boys high game and series—Frank Schuhard 151-261.

Brown Rookie Prefers To Let Performances Tell His Grid Story

By EARL WRIGHT
New York—(AP)—Jim Brown, Cleveland Browns fullback who prefers to let his performances tell the story, today was named the National Football League's outstanding 1957 rookie in the annual United Press poll.

Brown's 942 rushing yards gave him the league ball-carrying championship by 242 yards. He finished even farther ahead of his rivals in the voting for rookie honors.

The former Syracuse All-America player received 28 of the 32 votes cast by sports writers who covered the campaign in the 11 league cities. Don Bosseler, Washington Redskins fullback, was a distant second with two votes. Jim Podoley, Washington fullback, and R. C. Owens, end and halfback for the San Francisco Forty-Niners, split the other two votes.

Brooks Colts' Monopoly
Brown snapped a two-year Baltimore Colt grip on the rookie award. Lenny Moore of the Colts led the 1957 voting after Alan Ameche of the Colts won in 1955.

Coach Paul Brown was able to grab Jim in the NFL draft because Cleveland had the only losing season in its history in 1956.

Enroute to the ball-carrying championship, Brown set an all-time league rushing mark for a single game when he gained 237 yards against the Los Angeles Rams Nov. 24.

Scored 4 Against Rams
Brown scored four of the 10 touchdowns he made this year in that game. One of his runs against the Rams covered 69 yards and was the longest scoring run from scrimmage made

Red Sanders Still Keeps Mouth Shut

Los Angeles—(AP)—A decision as to what Coach Henry (Red) Sanders will pull from his Christmas stocking—an improved UCLA contract or a new pact with Texas A&M—appeared still up in the air today, while the Texas school grabbed the ball and said it might name a new head coach today or tomorrow.

The UCLA Board of Control met for three hours yesterday to discuss his contract and what to do to improve it. Then it announced it had "discussed various aspects of the situation" but that nothing would be made public pending another session between Sanders and Athletic Director Wilbur Johns.

Christmas Message Given at Roundtable

Christmas has a deep emotional and sentimental attachment for everyone, according to the Rev. Richard M. Jones of the Eastwood Baptist church. He spoke at the Monday luncheon of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable.

Mr. Jones spoke to the group in his annual Christmas message. He told them at this time of the year everyone seems to attempt to assume a "peace on earth, good will towards men" attitude for a short period which "rescues people from the cynicism and pessimism" which they have most of the year.

He hoped people of the world could have the friendly feeling of Christmas all year, not only for the emotional and financial benefit, but also the spiritual benefit of the season. He said the spiritual gain would be much greater than emotional or financial if the coming of Christ had not taken place.

He told of the "age of fear" people in the United States are living in and the melting of fear during the Christmas season. "There is a need for this feeling all year," he said.

He assured the group below the layer of commercialism surrounding Christmas, there is a deeper layer of Christian faith.

BALLINGER SIDELINED
Pasadena, Calif.—(AP)—Gary Ballinger, fourth string Ohio State halfback, probably will miss the Rose Bowl game because of a broken bone in his right hand. He suffered the injury while practicing against the varsity Monday.

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Pettit Takes Scoring Lead In NBA Test

New York—(AP)—Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks, who staged the biggest single-game scoring spree of the National Basketball association with 51 points Saturday night, took over the league total scoring lead today.

Pettit, who racked up his big score against Syracuse, held a 44-point lead over balding George Yardley of the Detroit Pistons in weekly scoring statistics issued today by the league.

Adolph Schayes of Syracuse held third place in total points with 682 and Bill Sharman was fourth with 658. However, on average points they were tied for third at 24.4. Big Clyde Lovellette of Cincinnati was fifth both in total, 655, and average, 23.4.

Michigan Threatens To Take Over Rating

By UNITED PRESS
Can Michigan State turn the usually wide-open Big Ten basketball race into a "walkover" this season?

The experts say no but the Spartans' early-season record suggests that the answer may be yes.

They're reeled off five straight victories, including Monday night's 57-51 conquest of Iowa State at Ames, Iowa, and are the only Big Ten team unbeaten in pre-conference competition.

Indiana and Ohio State were rated Michigan State's chief conference challengers but they've won one game between 'em so far. Indiana lost to 17th-ranked Oregon State, 62-51, for its fourth defeat in five games Monday night while Ohio State bowed to Oklahoma, 64-55, for its fifth straight setback.

Eight-ranked Bradley whipped St. Mary's (Calif.) 77-61, 10th-ranked Utah beat Washington State 70-48, 11th-ranked Kentucky dunned Utah State, 92-64, and 16th-ranked St. Louis defeated Washington, 89-63, in other games involving top-rated teams.

Michigan State, rated No. 6 by the United Press Board of Coaches, trailed Iowa State, 30-28, at halftime and went into overtime when Don Medsker's free throw as the final buzzer sounded rolled off the rim.

Jack Quiggle, who led the

Fighter Looking For Bright Days In Coming Year

New York—(AP)—"It'll be the merriest Christmas I ever had," said lightweight Tommy Tibbs, the former shoeshine boy who unexpectedly blossomed into a red hot ring attraction this year and outpointed Lulu Perez impressively Monday night.

Tommy's lopsided decision over flashy Perez of Brooklyn in their TV fight at St. Nicholas arena was his 10th victory in 12 1957 fights that included one draw.

Those 10 wins and the rapid-fire body attack that achieved them made promoters forget his woefully spotty record of the past. Now he has practically evened his won and lost score. He has 42 wins and 43 defeats; also three draws. And he is only 23.

Tibbs, lightweight champion of New England, weighed 132 pounds to Perez' 133 as he gave the former featherweight challenger a severe body beating before 1,007 at St. Nick's.

TORNADO CAGERS BEGIN HOME SLATE ON FRIDAY

First home game of the season for the Medford high Black Tornado highlights basketball action in this area this week.

The Tornado, in its final warm-ups before embarking on its Southern Oregon conference slate, will be host to the Astoria Fishermen. The varsity tussles Friday and Saturday will be at 8:15 p.m.

Preliminaries are set for 6:30 p.m. on each occasion. On Friday Medford junior varsity will meet Rogue River Varsity. Saturday's curtain lifter will match Medford and Grants Pass junior varsity players.

All members of the Southern Oregon conference with the exception of Ashland will have non-conference skirmishes on Friday and Saturday. Crater will meet Willamette at Central Point and Grants Pass will entertain Coquille on Friday. For the following night the Comets and Camemen will exchange foes. Klamath Falls also will be "at home." The Pelicans will play Tigard.

Two Players Injured
Medford will have one player, and possibly two, sidelined for the Fishermen series. Don Bowling, who suffered a broken bone in his foot and missed the Marshfield-North Bend trip, is now shooting around but can't run. Coach Frank Roelandt said Bowling may be ready to play in a couple of weeks.

In drill last Wednesday Tom Hamlin, only regular returning from last season, turned an ankle. He may be able to play against Astoria, however. Roelandt said.

Night Skiing Set At Mount Shasta

Mount Shasta, Calif.—The first night skiing in this part of the country is planned for Snowmen's hill near the foot of Mt. Shasta.

Starting Christmas day, lights will be on daily from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Manager Gordon Hart said his area has 12 inches of packed snow. A tow rope will be in operation daily from 9:30 to 4 p.m. and again at night. The T-bar will be started when about 1½ feet of additional snow has fallen.

Snowmen's hill is in an area between 4,500 and 5,000 feet with tows that can handle about 600 skiers per hour. The rope tow area has a capacity of 200 and the T-bar area can handle 600.

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