

Funston on Wisemen Honor List

Jim Funston, Medford high's all-star football center and linebacker, is among 10 Oregon gridders who were recognized in the Wigwam Wisemen's 11th annual prep All-American selections.

Only Greg Willener, Eugene end, named to the fourth eleven, made one of the seven teams selected. Funston and eight others received honorable mention.

The others are Jim Smith and Mike Sparlin, Grants Pass; Frank Hawley, Vale; Larry Peterson, Vale; Bob Bellisle, South Salem; Charles Warren, Eugene; Bob Kervaeke, Baker, and Jerry Williams, LaGrande. Those named to the teams and honorable mention lists are eligible to play in the all-star game at Memphis, Tenn., in August, provided they meet requirements of the selection committee and all-star game coaches.

Wichita Faces Test Against Bradley Quint

By UNITED PRESS

While most college basketball teams have called time out for mid-term examinations, members of the University of Wichita squad undergo a different test tonight when they play Bradley in an important Missouri Valley conference game.

The Shockers are leading the conference with a 3-0 record but a setback tonight at Peoria, Ill., will drop them into third place and permit Bradley (6-1) to tie Cincinnati (7-1) for the top rung.

Arkansas, top dog in the Southwest Conference, entertains Tulsa, Detroit visits Bowling Green, Tampa hosts Loyola (La.), and Middle Tennessee is at Western Kentucky in other games on tonight's slim schedule.

St. Bonaventure scored its 73rd straight victory on its home court by downing Niagara, 69-66; Auburn upset Georgia Tech, 80-72; Duquesne rolled to a 67-54 triumph over Toledo, and Al Norville pumped in 40 points in leading Loyola of Chicago to an 86-58 victory over western Michigan in Wednesday night's major games.

SPORTS

Aggies Pick Jim Myers, End Search

College Station, Texas.—Texas A&M college has a new head football coach and athletic director today, ending almost eight weeks of harried searching by the school.

The not-so-funny comedy of errors the Aggie coaching search developed into was ended Wednesday when Dr. M. T. Harrington announced Jim Myers of Iowa State had accepted the position.

The 36-year-old Myers, the "forgotten man" of the long hunt, signed a four-year contract at \$16,000 a year, plus the rent-free use of a college owned house.

Stranahan Favored in Thunderbird

Palm Springs, Calif.—Frank Stranahan, finally coming of age in the pro golf game, took over the role of "man to beat" in the \$15,000 Thunderbird Invitational golf tournament starting today.

Already winner of the \$40,000 Los Angeles Open this year, Stranahan moved into the favorite's role today after taking the 6680-yard Thunderbird course apart Wednesday with a stunning nine-under-par 62.

Holing out every putt and playing from the back tees, Stranahan capped a brilliant round by sinking a 140-yard, seven-iron approach shot on the 405-yard 17th hole for an eagle two.

Among the men Frank will have to battle for the bundle of loot are Ken Venturi, Tommy Bolt, Al Balding, defending champion Jimmy Demaret, Gene Littler, Jackie Burke, Mike Souchak, and National and World Champion Dick Mayer.

The first 36 holes of the tourney are staged on a pro-amateur basis, and the movie stars, basking in the sun at this winter resort, team with the golf pros.

Boston.—Massachusetts' new registrar of motor vehicles is Clement A. Riley. His initials fit the job.

Hunting & Fishing Southern Oregon

By MEL REES

Now that the boys have hung up the old musket and drowned their sorrows in the anticipation of a "better one next year" it may be possible to hold a short post-mortem. Some very interesting facts have come to light which may or may not hold part of the answer to our shortage of birds.

About three weeks ago one of the local citizens made an extensive trip into the central part of Washington state. He reported that he was astounded by the tremendous flocks of ducks which he saw there. He said that all the bodies of water were littered covered with birds.

On investigation he found that since much of the former desert land has been opened to irrigation and cultivation a new situation has arisen. When the farmers are through with the irrigation waters they are diverted out into the waste areas and in this way thousands of acres are flooded at this time of year.

With the extensive agriculture in that section of the state, there is an abundance of food and the ducks are ill disposed to leave this paradise. The winter has been mild thus far and therefore there is no reason for the birds to migrate south.

FUTURE PATTERN

Now the large question is whether this is going to set a pattern for future years. Is it possible that the birds which used to come into the Klamath valley to feed before heading south, will now stop in central Washington until after the season closes here—then when the hard snows of January come up there—bypass us entirely in the migration to Mexico?

MANY GEESE REPORTED

A Grants Pass hunter just returned from a trip down the Columbia highway to Portland and reports that he never saw so many geese congregated in the area from Arlington to The Dalles. This has always been a major goose shooting area—but usually the birds are there early in the season and by this time of year are long gone.

Is it possible that as we change the contour of the land, water it and farm it, that we are also changing the migrating habits of our waterfowl? Who knows?

VARYING SUCCESS

The last steelhead season opened on the Rogue and Applegate rivers with varying degrees of success. The Rogue is still a little high and about one fish per boat was a good guess on the average. Eggs of the cured variety seemed to beat fresh ones—probably because the water was a little murky and these eggs "milk" better.

The Applegate is in excellent shape but as is usual, the boys who have pet holes do well while the others complain. There aren't too many good fishing spots on the Applegate due to the shallowness of the water in most places. Closer to its confluence with the Rogue was reported the best.

ILLINOIS CLOUDS

The Illinois river is still producing some nice fish but here again Deer creek has kept it a little too high and murky for good fishing. It seems that it will start pretty well in the morning but as the day warms, the snow melts and the river clouds up. Fisherman's luck? When it gets to the "green" stage—it should be good and if the rains hold off that will be this week end.

SPEEDBOAT ON SMITH

It finally happened to me. Last Sunday I was fishing one of those steep bluffs on the south fork of the

Smith river. One needs to have billy goat ancestors to fish there anyway. We had landed two fish—one at 17 pounds, when I couldn't believe my ears or eyes but there they were—two fellows in a speedboat with a hot-shot outboard came tearing up that narrow, crooked waterway!

It wasn't long before they came back at full throttle. That ended the fishing for good. Someone suggested tossing a rock at them but anyone knows for they already have rocks in their heads! I fail to understand why, with all the water there is around the country to run a boat in—why do they have to chance rocks through the hull and damage props just to clobber the fishing for some poor old innocent anglers.

Golf Proceeds To Polio Fund

March of Dimes golf sweepstakes are planned on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25 and 26 and Feb. 1 and 2, at Rogue Valley Country club, Club Professional Al Williams has reported.

Williams said that the pro shop will donate the prizes each day and the all proceeds from the tourneys will go to the fight against polio.

Children Thrown Out of Windows In Tenement Fire

Chicago.—A baby died during a fire that destroyed a five-story tenement building early today but frantic parents saved the lives of a dozen other children by throwing them out of third and fourth story windows to bystanders below.

Twenty persons were injured in jumping from upper floors of the crowded building. Others hung precariously on ledges until firemen spread safety nets under them.

Many children ran naked from the flaming structure into the cold morning air. Spectators took off their own coats to protect the shivering children.

One of the children thrown from the building missed the arms of a would-be rescuer and died after striking the pavement.

Dropped Too Fast George Spicer, 26, who saved children by catching them, said the fatally-injured six-month-old tot "shot by me." He said the parents were dropping them too fast.

The dead child was not identified immediately. Jesse Carham, 37, another bystander, described the panic.

"At one point I saw two young men rush in to try to save the children but they were beaten back by the flames. People were standing at windows screaming."

Joseph Colbert, 3, was hospitalized in critical condition. Police said the blast, which occurred shortly after midnight, apparently was caused by an explosion of paint thinner in the basement. The flames flashed through the old building in a matter of minutes.

REDS SEIZE 'RIGHTISTS' Taipei, Formosa.—A former official in Red China's secret police said today that the Communists have arrested more than 3,000 "rightists" since last year. Wu Chan Fei, former deputy chief of the secret police in Canton, arrived with eight other mainland refugees. He said more than 3,000 rightists had been arrested in Kwantung Province alone and were branded enemies of the people.

B Leaguers Vie Friday

Talent is expected to fortify its position in the Jackson County B. Basketball league Friday as it starts the second half.

The Bulldogs, who are undefeated, go to Prospect. The Cougars are still hungry for their first loop triumph.

Butte Falls is favored at home against Jacksonville in the other league fray but could run into trouble if the Redskins respond with the defensive play of which they are capable. The Loggers won by a comfortable margin in their first outing of the season with Jacksonville but were pushed to two overtimes later on the Redskin floor.

Clubs Name Ed Pease

Directors elected E. W. (Ed) Pease president of Medford Gun club last night.

He succeeds Bert Peck, who will serve as vice-president this year. Harry Eldon, secretary and Jack Burns, treasurer, were re-elected.

Annual meeting and dinner of the club were held last night. The membership named Martin Clogston and Burns, both reelected, and Pease, to the board of directors. Pease has served previous terms as president.

Sixteen-yard, handicap and skeet shooting practice are planned for this Sunday at the club. Traps will open about 10 a.m.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Sluggo Denies Ankle Fractured

Boston.—The latest chapter in the Ted Williams saga—a report that the Boston Red Sox slugger's baseball career was in jeopardy because of a broken ankle—was branded today as "completely crazy," "a lie," and "the work of some sadistic newspaper reporter."

Williams, himself also denied the story, telephoning Boston from his isolated Florida Keys home to see what "all the fuss is about."

Sports writer Bill Liston wrote in a front page Boston Traveler story Wednesday that the 39-year-old Williams had suffered "two small broken bones in his right

ankle" on a fishing trip last fall.

But Dr. Russell F. Sullivan, a Boston orthopedic surgeon, told United Press he

Tornado Jayvee Quintet Winner

Medford high junior varsity basketball B team downed Eagle Point 48 to 38 at Eagle Point yesterday.

Count at halftime was 23 to 19 for the Tornado. George Ice was high scorer for Medford with 18 points. Hugg led EP with nine.

read X-ray plates taken of Williams' ankle and they were negative.

"It was just a sprain," nothing more," said Sullivan. "That story is completely crazy."

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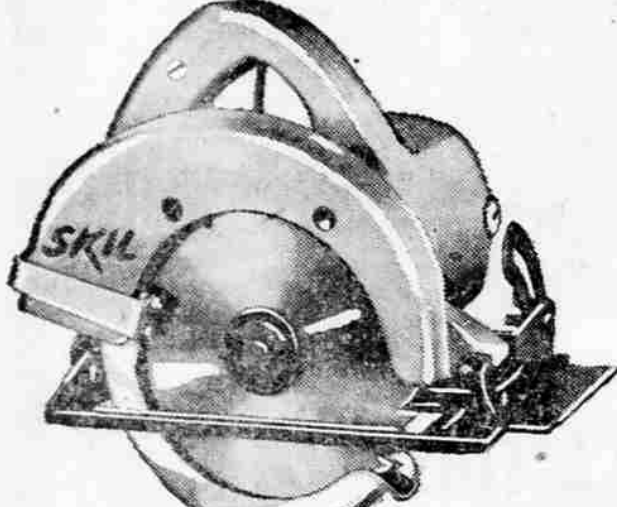
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