

Fanfare

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Name for this column today really should be "Are You Kidding?" At least, those were our sentiments after reading the letter and story which follows. If the writer is serious, we wonder how long he's been back in the woods or way out on the farm - or if he's ever played basketball, especially the modern racehorse style. Maybe, he just doesn't like whistles - the referees' and the wolves' kind, too. Anyway, here goes not quite in full (and we hope our readers will bear with our friend in the hills):

Dear Sir:

I enclose for your thoughtful consideration an article entitled "BASKETBALL TO BE PLAYED BY GIRLS ONLY - STARTING WITH THE WEST." I request its publication in full on the sport page, requesting the views of readers of your paper. Basketball is a fairly recent importation from the East - unknown in the old West.

Old cattlemen and other old timers of the West refer contemptuously to male basketball players as the Basketball Buckaroos who dance around on a hard floor in their summer underwear and bus loads of girls and boys are transported over dangerous mountain highways at night to see them perform - and the taxpayer pays the bill.

An old cowboy of the Klamath Basin - now raising cattle - gave me his views about a bus load of girls (no boys) being snowbound all night in a Cascade Mountain pass in the Fall. The driver had to hike many miles to summon aid - Highway workers with rotary snowplows,

Forest Service men and others arrived and cleared the snowdrifts, the bus was turned around and driven out. The account was in The Oregonian two years ago. He commented: The boys stayed at home because of treacherous snow, but the bus was packed with girls who wanted to see the boys scantily clad for the same reason that men go to see girls at a burlesque show. He used rough language about the taxpayers being gouged to pay for such foolishness.

Over the United States, especially in the East, the Armed Services have rejected in the large cities and elsewhere 50 per cent or more of the males because of physical unfitness. Sports that build endurance, such as mountain climbing and baseball, should be a part of the school program, and athletic exercises every day at school to keep physically fit. Basketball should be played by girls only, supervised by a young woman physical director, and no males present.

Please develop enough courage to publish my article. I request a courteous reply after you get the views of readers of your newspaper.

Robert R. Johnston
Ashland

THE STORY:
"Basketball should be played outdoors in southern Oregon and all States with a mild climate, by girls only. Everywhere in the United States, schools should have a young woman physical director for training girls in athletic exercises and suitable sports daily as part of the school program to maintain their health and that of future generations. A sound mind and sound body go together."

"The boys who do not get vigorous exercise at home over the week end on a ranch or farm, should indulge in mountain climbing, baseball and other vigorous exercise in the open, and suitable physical exercises supervised by a male physical director be made a part of the school program daily, so the boys will be physically fit for military service or any emergency duty."

"BASKETBALL. As the name suggests, it is a proper sport for girls. It should be played outdoors in suitable weather with clothing and footwear supervised by a young woman physical director. Games should be where no males are present. "To maintain school spirit and high public interest, the girl seniors at High School could organize a basketball team to represent the school and play a similar team from another city . . . "For girls and ladies only. A game could be broadcast over radio, but not television . . .

"NOTE: Readers of this newspaper, please write to the sports editor, giving frankly your views concerning this new and startling idea about basketball."

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SPORTS

First Place At Stake

United Press International
A full week end of college basketball gets underway on the Pacific Coast tonight with first place at stake in both the Big Five and the West Coast Athletic conference.

The league-leading California Bears get a real test in Big Five competition. They face the Southern Trojans tonight in Berkeley and entertain UCLA Saturday.

Southern California holds the only victory over the NCAA champions in their last 34 games, although the Trojans have won only three of seven conference games. The Bears have won five out of six.

UCLA has a record of four wins and one defeat. The Bruins play Stanford tonight and could be ready to battle Cal for first place Saturday.

The Trojans move Saturday to Stanford.

In WCAC competition, Santa Clara gets a chance to take over undisputed first place. The Broncos are presently deadlocked with St. Mary's at 5-1, but the Gaels are idle this week end.

Santa Clara meets the University of San Francisco tonight.

San Jose State meets Pepperdine tonight and moves to Loyola Saturday. The Spartans have a record of 1-4. Pepperdine stands at 4-2, and Loyola's mark is 3-3. College of Pacific, with a 1-5 record, is idle.

NO FRACTURE

Philadelphia - (AP) - The face injury of Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia Warriors' scoring ace, showed no jaw fracture today but it cost him two teeth and dampened his chances of playing in the home series against Boston this week end. The injury, which occurred when he was struck in the mouth by a rival's elbow in a game against St. Louis, sidelined him for the Hawks' game here Thursday night.

YOUNGSTERS TIE

St. Petersburg, Fla. - (AP) - The favorites went into the second round of the \$7,500 St. Petersburg Women's Open today trailing a pair of sub-par 69s carded by two youngsters, Murlie MacKenzie of St. Petersburg and Jo Ann Prentice of Birmingham, Ala., turned in the two-under-par cards Thursday to tie for top spot after the first 18 holes of the four-round tourney.

The average American spends about \$53 a year on alcoholic beverages.

Games to be played on Saturdays from 12 noon till one o'clock, so that all girls and parents can be home before dark. Girls and ladies only see the games - boys and men listen to the radio broadcast by a girl."

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

Public reaction to the new winter regulations is now in full cry and the loudest noise of all is being made by the official rumor-mongers of the areas involved. The Grants Pass group has its version as to why the regulations are changed, and the Medford group is sure it knows the inside story. The only thing that keeps the situation from being downright funny is the fact that people get mad enough to fight over it. Rather than think a thing through, they would prefer to feel their way into it.

MEDFORD VERSION

The local version of the whys and wherefors that brought about the change to the Hellsgate deadline begins with the sure knowledge that the fish biologist who recommended the closure did so under the influence and the pressure brought to bear by the Grants Pass guides. They stand to profit by the change in two ways. The daily trip rate is \$10 more and the season lasts all winter.

GRANTS PASS VERSION

The boatmen in Grants Pass

ENDS COACHING

Portland - (AP) - Bob Douglas, football coach at Grant High school since 1955, said today he has resigned his coaching job. Douglas will remain in the Portland school system as a physical education instructor. Douglas is a graduate of Willamette University and came here from coaching duties in Honolulu.

GOLF COURSE PLANNED

Salem - (AP) - Plans unfolded Thursday for a \$750,000 18-hole golf course just south of here. Developer will be State Finance company. The new course, on 400 acres, will be located just south of Willsey road between Sunnyside road and Highway 99E.

DARK HAS LEAD

Miami - (AP) - Al Dark of the Phillies headed into the second round of the baseball players golf tournament today with a five stroke lead over the field. Dark fired an even par 70 over the Miami Springs golf course Thursday for a fine start in his quest for a fourth title in the annual event.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT

Leroy Warren Walland, 522 Pennsylvania ave., reckless driving, \$25.

Donald Louis Clark, excessive noise, \$5.

Leah B. Brown, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Kalvin Herman Mathews, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Lester Wayne Barber Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.

Charles Ereston Wilson, improper left turn, \$5.

Kalvin Laka, violation of basic rule, \$5.

Vivian Marie Chase, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.

John Faux, improper left turn, \$5.

David Richard Neet, failure to stop on entering public street from private property, \$5.

Janet Lee Johnson, embracing another person while driving, \$5.

Peggy Ann Gillispey, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Roland Roberts, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Griffith Garman Hoover, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Eugene Leon Coggins, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Maurice Wayne Murray, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.

Larry Alan Brown, violation of basic rule, \$10.

William Anthony Cobb, inadequate equipment, \$5.

Albert Gilice Miller, failed to yield right of way, \$10.

James Leonard Stenerson, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Doris Marie Henry, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.

Otha Marie Adams, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Charles Ernest Bennett, improper lane usage, \$5.

Bill McMeatekja, driving in wrong direction, \$5.

Ralph David Tipton, violation of basic rule, \$20.

Robert Otis Greb, violation of basic rule, \$10.

James Leroy Quincey, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5; violation of basic rule, \$10.

Roland John Laird, operating vehicle without lights, \$5.

Howard Jack Veal, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Gale Allen Eastwood, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.

Irene Louise Williams, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.

Melvin Howard Franklin, excessive noise, \$5.

Patricia Mae Pellett, violation of basic rule, \$10.

William McKinney, wrong lane usage, \$5.

Merle Hawkins, violation of basic rule, \$5.

George Terry Taylor, improper right turn, \$5.

K. C. Wernmark, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Grant Allen Quincey Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.

Charles Albert Langston, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Carol Darlene Carr, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Chester Boyd Keene, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Chauncey Lee Barnes, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.

Robert Elton Phillips, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Donald Lee Westfall, improper lane change, \$10.

James Lawrence Gault, no vehicle registration plate displayed, \$2.50.

Connie Margaret Smith, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Fred Merrit Root, failed to yield right of way, \$10.

Ernest Terry Cooper, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Dean Lloyd Westman, raced with another vehicle, \$25.

John Duane Austin, expired operator's license, \$2.50.

Corinna Lee Butts, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.

Louise Knudsen, inadequate equipment, \$2.50.

Terry Ned Crumm, inadequate equipment, \$2.50.

Reginald Paul Bieeze, improper lane usage, \$2.50.

Harriet Emily Oman, learner's permit only, \$5; improper left turn, \$5.

are sure that the fish biologist made his recommendation due to pressure coming from the Medford area. The change, though appearing to benefit the guides, will cause increased friction between boatmen and bank fishermen to the extent that a law will be passed banning the use of boats for fishing. Due to the fact that bank fishermen outnumber boat fishermen ten to one, they feel justified in their fears.

THE ODDS

These odds are making the rounds in their respective areas and the odds are that neither version has little fact to uphold it, but much fancy to keep it ballooning around. The probable reason for this is that the fanciers find biology far less interesting than human motivations. Their difficulty is that they can find no motivation other than a poor one.

There are good reasons for the change, and even though the change may not be the best possible way to remedy a bad situation, it is a step in the right direction. The winter fish can stand a lot of pressure and it's time the fishermen gave it to them.

WINTER STEELHEAD

Population increases have occurred in the middle and lower sections of the basin since 1948 or 1950. Census studies on rifles of the Applegate show that spawning has increased from 1 to 14 from 1945 to 1953. This growth on the Applegate hasn't been achieved by any other tributary, although they all show increases.

This comeback in winter steelhead populations is believed to be related to three factors: The cessation of mining silt; the screening of irrigation diversions; the restrictions of angling regulations. The screening of the irrigation diversions protects downstream migrants and the lack of mining operations has allowed the lower river to cleanse itself to the extent that spawning is again possible.

Despite these gains in improved habitat, the steelhead populations are always in danger. The increased angling pressures and resulting angler-catch can wipe out these gains unless the fish are given maximum protection during critical times.

THE ANGLER'S LOG

The weatherman tells us that the rain won't amount to much locally, but that raincoat may be the best gear along this coming week end. The fish have had a good rest in lots of muddy water, so let's sic 'em.

Applegate River - The odds are in favor of this water being in the best shape. Reports indicate there are quite a few fish in and that they ought to be fairly well scattered by this time.

Illinois River - Deer creek has been throwing in mud all week with not much chance of a letup. There are lots of big, bright fish in and our only chance is some really cold weather.

Klamath River - The fish are in and there are a few fishermen picking up the strays with nightcrawlers. Water has been low, but reports give it a rising trend. The Klamath boys guard their secrets well.

Rogue River - The experts doubt that there will be a recovery in time for the week end mob. The butte construction on Little Butte creek is throwing in mud by the buckets. Reports say the river is full of fish. (That's a safe guess for anyone).

Smith River - The river had a lot of water in it and should have attracted every Smith river fish in the Pacific ocean. No reports as to whether or not any are being caught and the weatherman claims a halt to an inch of rain by Saturday morning. Let's hope he's wrong.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

There may come a time when most fishermen will believe that there are individuals dedicated to a job of providing them with the best fishing possible. This time will come when these fishermen insist on facts and not fancy as reasonable arguments.

GOOD LUCK!



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