



RETIREE—Two of the happiest "retired" men in the world autograph a fan's football after the Philadelphia Eagles 17-13 victory over Green Bay for the National Football league championship. They are Eagle Coach Buck Shaw, left, and quarterback Norm Van Brocklin, who called the game and passed the team to victory. They announced their retirements from pro football after the game. —(UPI Telephoto)

BASKETBALL MEETING
A meeting of the Medford YMCA Church Basketball league will be held at 7 o'clock this evening at the Y. Chairman C. H. Thompson said that all teams planning to participate should be represented. Entry deadline is Friday, Dec. 30. Loop action will begin the week of Jan. 9.

SPORTS

1960 Rookie Honors Go To Cogdill

New York—UPI—Gail Cogdill, a 6-foot-2, 190-pound offensive end who caught 43 passes for the Detroit Lions, today was named the 1960 National Football league Rookie-of-the-year by United Press International.

The 23-year-old former Washington State star, who possesses all the qualities for becoming a star end in the NFL received 17 votes in a poll of 39 writers—three from each city—who covered league games.

Halfback Tom Moore of the Green Bay Packers, and fullback Ted Dean and line-backer Maxie Baughan, key operatives in the Philadelphia Eagles' march to the Eastern division title, each received four votes.

Guard Mike McGee of the St. Louis Cardinals and end Don Colchio of the San Francisco Forty-Niners each had two votes and six other players each got one vote in the wide-open balloting.

Cogdill, a native of Spokane, Wash., got his chance to play in the Lions' second game during last season—against the Post-Niners—and he made the most of it by catching eight passes for 115 yards.

"That gave me a big lift, knowing he had that much confidence in me," said Cogdill. "From then on I had all the confidence in myself I needed."

Cogdill went on to catch 35 more passes for a season total yardage pickup of 642. Team-mate Jim Gibbons caught 51 passes for the Lions but Cogdill gained more yards with his 43 receptions.

Lumber Transport Company Fined

Salem—UPI—The Utah Pacific Lumber Transport Co., Clackamas, Tuesday was fined \$100 by Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill after being charged with moving 634 bags of beet pulp from Nysa to Corvallis illegally.

Cats May Carry Scratch Disease

Chicago—Cats may be innocent carriers of cat scratch disease without ever baring their claws.

4-H NEWS

Forestry Squirrels
The Elk-Trail 4-H Forestry Squirrels met Dec. 14 at Mabel Hansons for their club meeting and Christmas party. We got our mounting cards and "Trees to Know in Oregon" books.



ROOKIE-OF-YEAR—Gail Cogdill, above, Detroit Lions offensive end, was named National Football league rookie of the year by United Press International. He is shown working on the family car before a trip to Florida. He will take part in the Play-Off Bowl next Sunday. The Lions meet the Cleveland Browns. —(UPI Telephoto)

Gambling, Grit Turned Florida Club Into Winner

(The following is another of the dispatches on the teams appearing in the major bowl games—the Rose, Cotton, Sugar, Orange, and Gator.)

By ANDREW J. REESE JR., Gainesville, Fla.—UPI—A mixture of gambling and grit turned the Florida Gators into a game-winning combination this year which earned them their best season in 31 years and a third appearance in the Gator Bowl classic at Jacksonville New Year's Eve.

Ranked as a second division team before the season opened the surprising Gators roared through a tough 10-game schedule in a way that delighted Florida fans and had new coach Ray Graves beaming with pride.

A Gator Bowl victory, against Baylor of the Southwest conference, would make the year complete for Graves, wrapping up his first season as a head coach on his 42nd birthday, Dec. 31.

Florida finished its regular season with an 8-2 record, the best since 1929, and a 5-1 mark in the Southeastern Conference—putting the Gators in second place in final SEC standings behind mighty Mississippi.

Although this was Graves' first year on his own, he is no stranger to bowl action. During a 13-year span as assistant to Georgia Tech coach Bobby Dodd, Graves helped direct several teams which saw post-season duty.

To Florida he brought a wide-open pro-type offense which didn't hesitate to gamble when the situation demanded taking a risk.

This became apparent early in the season when the Gators went for two points—and made them—on a 13-17 upset over Georgia Tech in the final seconds of the game.

Florida also scored upsets against Georgia and Louisiana State, with losses to Auburn and Rice. The Gators' other wins came against George Washington, Florida State, Vanderbilt, Tulane and arch-rival Miami.

The gambling paid off—but Graves said it was the grit which really gave Florida its winning ways.

The players themselves "believe they can win any game they enter," he said recently. How could they lose with that kind of determination, he asked.

Sophomore Larry Libertore, a bantam-sized quarterback at 138 pounds, is an expert ball-handler, good runner and Florida's most consistent threat. But by no means is he the only one.

He shares signal-calling chores with sophomore Bobby Dodd Jr., son of the famed Georgia Tech coach. Young Dodd is an excellent passer.

Red Skelton To Leave Hospital

Hollywood—UPI—Red Skelton, hospitalized Dec. 3, goes home today to celebrate a belated Christmas with his wife and daughter.

The red-haired comedian underwent surgery Dec. 12 to correct a hernia in his diaphragm, the thin layer of tissue separating the abdomen from the chest.

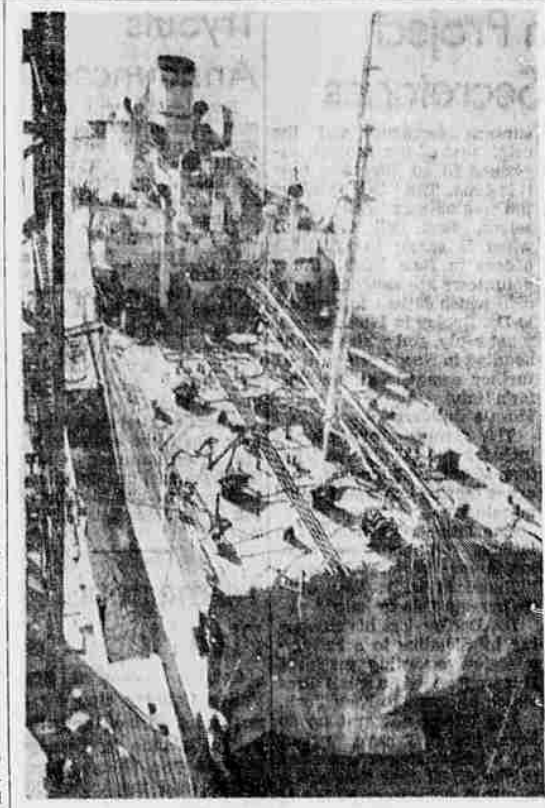
Skelton, 47, had hoped to be released from Cedars of Lebanon hospital before Christmas. When doctors advised him to remain in the hospital until today, his wife, Georgia, and his daughter, Valentina, agreed to await the exchange of Christmas presents for his homecoming.

Skelton will have to spend an undetermined period of convalescence at his home before returning to work on his regular CBS-TV show.

Body Found in Portland Ashes

Portland—UPI—A body found in the ashes of a Portland house fire last week end was identified Tuesday as Jane Blankenship, 40, formerly of Mossy Rock, Wash.

Police said the woman had been housekeeper at the Loren G. Smith residence when the home burned. At first, it was believed no one was in the house when it caught fire.



TANKER AT WORK—This is a view of the stern section of the tanker Pine Ridge, which tied up at the dock of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. at Newport News, Va., following its arrival Tuesday. The ship broke in two at sea Dec. 21 and seven crew members, including the captain, perished. Chief Engineer John Richard stayed aboard as it was towed into port to protect salvage rights. (UPI Telephoto)

Willamette Valley Supermarkets Sold

Salem—UPI—Thirteen Erickson supermarkets in seven Willamette Valley cities have been sold to Mayfair Markets of Los Angeles effective Jan. 1, it was announced Tuesday.

The Erickson chain was started here in 1946. The principal owner, Arthur Erickson, was killed in a traffic accident last Aug. 17.

Stores affected include five in Salem, two in Corvallis and two in Albany, and one each in Springfield, McMinnville, Woodburn and Independence. One of the Corvallis stores is due to open Jan. 1.

George Rhoten of Salem, attorney for Mayfair President Earl Garrett, Los Angeles, said the sale involves more than \$2 million.

The name Erickson's will be retained. Last year Mayfair purchased the McKay Market chain here.

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Oilers Place Five On AFL's All-Star

By NORMAN MILLER
New York—UPI—Abner Haynes, the Dallas Texans' versatile 185-pound halfback, was the outstanding choice today on the first All-Star team selected by United Press International.

The Houston Oilers, who won the Eastern division title, placed five players on the 22-man two-platoon squad selected for UPI by the votes of 24 writers—three from each league city.

The Los Angeles Chargers, whom the Oilers meet in the championship playoff at Houston next Sunday, were represented by four players.

Scientists Tackle Wide Assortment Of Problems

New York—UPI—Some of America's keenest scientific brains were occupied today with moon exploring, street-fighting juveniles, and the distressing things city dwellers are doing to farming communities.

They were among the wide assortment of scientific brains assembled here for the 127th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Since the moon exploring was plotted mainly in mathematics, a scientific answer to big city street gangs was more immediately practical. This answer is to treat the gang leaders as "psychos."

Dwellers Spilling Out
A land-use scientist from California presented a problem which exists wherever there are cities bursting at their seams. City dwellers are spilling out over agricultural areas.

Karl J. Belsler of Santa Clara county spoke of the plight of California whose population will double in the next 20 years and triple by the year 2,000, according to statistical projections. And 90 per cent of this population expansion will be in the cities.

Already Santa Clara county's fabulous rich farm lands are being swallowed into the metropolitan complex of San Francisco, and that goes also for farm lands of Los Angeles and Orange counties. He urged governmental intervention to preserve prime farm lands for food growing.

The government might buy the land and regulate its usage. Or it could be left in private hands but restricted to agricultural use. One way to do that would be to defer some portion of annual taxes as long as the land was farmed. All deferred taxes would become immediately due if the land was bought to be divided into building lots.

Far West Cage Meet Underway

The fifth annual West Coast Classic, moved to Portland's new Memorial Coliseum, opened today with seven quizzets shooting for Oregon State's defending title.

Seattle university, rated one of the top teams in the tourney, opened games at 2 p.m., with a game against Washington State.

Coach Steve Belko's Oregon Ducks played Arizona State at 4 p.m., while Oregon State meets Wisconsin at 7:30 p.m. and Portland plays Idaho at 9:30 p.m.

Oregon State has won all four previous classics. The event was expanded to include eight teams last year. Previously four-team tournaments were held.

LA Classic
Five nationally prominent squads are among the eight entrants in the second annual Los Angeles Basketball classic.

Today's first round found UCLA (5-1) facing Michigan State (3-2) and California (6-1) battling Iowa (5-1) in afternoon action. Southern California (6-1) faces Minnesota (1-5) and Indiana (5-1) takes on Stanford (1-4) in evening tussles.

The West Coast Athletic conference is having a holiday tourney of its own in San Francisco. St. Mary's, San Jose State, and Santa Clara will move into the semifinals.

San Jose State upset defending champion Loyola Tuesday night, 53-51. St. Mary's got an unexpectedly stiff tussle from Fordham before winning, 75-74. The Gals led 70-70 with seven seconds to go and the Rams' Cornell Hess scored four points in the final seconds to almost bring off the upset.

Dividend Declared by First Federal Savings
Investors and savers at First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Medford, 29 North Ivy st., will receive a current dividend of 4 per cent per annum on Dec. 31, 1960.

Robert F. Kyle, manager, said that over \$91,000 will be paid to investors for the last six-month period.

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