

Medford PAL Club Plans To Be Reactivated; Boxers Needed

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Aspiring young pugilists in the Rogue valley area are urgently needed.

The need is that of the Medford Police Athletic League, more commonly known as the PAL club, which last week announced that it would again be reactivated.

The club has surmounted many of the obstacles which forced its withdrawal into relative inactivity early last year, but it still lacks one basic ingredient to ensure its success - boxers.

A PAL club without boxers is like a fish out of water. All ages, sizes and shapes of boxers are needed. There is a minimum age limit of 12; no maximum.

Interest Required
- Prior experience is not a prerequisite - all that is required is interest and a desire to learn. Providing training and experience is the job of the PAL club itself.

- There is no charge. But it will first be necessary to obtain a PAL membership card from the city parks and recreation department in the Medford city hall. Cards will be made available starting tomorrow.

- Once the card has been obtained, the next step is to show up tomorrow night at 7 o'clock at the upstairs gym above the Medford Beauty school on Sixth st., between Fir st. and the railroad tracks.

- All the young Jack Dempseys have to do is to bring themselves. The necessary equipment - ring, gloves, jump ropes and the rest - is already there. Experienced trainers will also be on hand.

Training Hours
- Training will continue Mondays through Fridays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jim Zack, head trainer, said he hopes the club can have at least two boxers ready in time to enter the Golden Gloves tournament in Portland's Memorial coliseum Feb. 3 and 4.

- Following the Golden Gloves tournament, Zack said the PAL club plans to stage several fights at the Armory before June. In addition, weekly or bi-weekly "smokers" will be held as well as an exhibition or two at the White City Domiciliary.

- Zack said the police department-sponsored organization now has the support and help of the city's parks and recreation department, and added: "We hope to establish

a much better program than we've had in the past."

Hampered by Circumstances
Actually, there has been nothing wrong with the club's past program, it has simply been hampered by many outside circumstances over which it has had little, if any, control.

Chief among these has been lack of an adequate place in which to hold fights. But, the recent seating improvements at the Armory have resolved this problem. Zack said the Armory now has a seating capacity of 2,000 which makes it "a very good facility for putting on boxing shows at a nominal cost."

Another problem has been

a cumbersome ring that the club has been using. The ring now belongs to the Domiciliary and takes anywhere from 10 to 15 men to move.

Zack said it is hoped that if a few successful fight shows can be staged, the club will have enough money to purchase a portable ring that two men can set up in a half hour. Cost of the ring, Zack said, will be about \$2,500.

Training Quarters
The club's former training quarters, above the Beauty school, are now being leased by the Medford Athletic club. However, the quarters are furnished with PAL club-owned equipment, and Zack said the athletic club has agreed to

let the PAL club use the quarters rent-free in exchange for its use of PAL equipment.

Zack said the club will provide only a boxing program at the start, although it is possible it may expand its activities at some time in the future.

There are still several good boxers in the area who have boxed for the PAL club before and who Zack hopes will again fight for the club. Among these are Bobby Little and Larry Lewis. The latter won the state AAU fly-

weight championship in 1959. But, Zack said, the boxers already having experience will still have to vie with newcomers for spots on fight cards.

Turn Out Good Boxers
During its nine-year history the Medford PAL club has

turned out a number of good boxers who have gained names for themselves in the amateur fight ranks.

Among these are Jackie Puskas, winner of the National AAU 135-pound championship in 1955; Larry Nored, state novice champion in 1955; Bobby Lyons, state AAU 110-pound champ in 1954; Junior McDonald, Calvin McDonald, Steve Crippen, Jerry Jennings, Bobby Apple and others.

It doesn't take much to join the ranks of these headliners. What is needed is a lot of interest, a little talent, the desire to learn and some good experience with the Medford PAL club.

Grants Pass Will Get Navy Reserve Unit Facilities

Grants Pass - Announcement was made recently that Grants Pass has been chosen as one of four sites for the construction of Naval Reserve Electronics facilities.

Li. Com. Maurice W. Anderson, representing the local Reserve unit, said Thursday night that the facilities would be located in Grants Pass, Ore.; Pocatello and Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Pasco, Wash., all in the 13th Naval District.

Construction and completion dates of the project are to be set in the 1964 fiscal year, according to Anderson. Speed of construction depends on the selection of a proper site, officials reported.

Anderson pointed out specific advantages or having such a facility in Grants Pass. He said: "A Naval Reserve Electronics facility is an asset . . . in that it has many services to offer. Payroll of 51 men presently attached to the local unit is approximately \$25,000 annually. The proposed facilities are designed to care for five divisions. In view of this fact, it is entirely possible, in the future to multiply the payroll by five."

Provide Opportunity
In addition, he continued, the local Reserve can provide the opportunity for high school boys to participate in the Naval activities and at the same time complete their

education. This gives high school students a chance to graduate and gain experience prior to going on two years of active duty.

The proposed construction project suggests a building with about 5,000 square feet of floor space, besides landscaping and a parking area. The proposed site is expected to cover at least an acre, located "conveniently."

Anderson explained that the local Reserve believes that the proposed facility plan is a "culmination of the efforts and support of many persons."

Film Scheduled On Medical Program

"Decision," a film showing hospital procedures, will be featured on the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association television program "Adventures in Medicine" over KBES-TV at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The film presents factual information on hospital services and costs, with a breakdown of hospital budgets and how the patient's dollar is spent. Modern equipment and advances in laboratory techniques and facilities are explained, and emergency and every-day hospital events are depicted in dramatic form.

Although the film was made for Blue Cross, it gives an accurate and graphic description of life inside any modern hospital.

Live medical panel discussions on "Adventures in Medicine" will resume Jan. 22, according to the television committee of the association.

Medford Lawyers To Serve in Salem

Three Medford attorneys have been selected to serve in Salem in the Oregon State Bar's program of legal assistance to the 1961 session of the state legislative assembly.

Chosen were Carl M. Brophy, Sam B. Harbison and Edward Branchfield. Brophy will serve in late January, and Harbison will assist in early May. Branchfield will serve as an alternate.

A total of 20 members of the Bar were selected besides another 20 attorneys chosen as alternates. The delegates represent all parts of the state and were chosen after screening by a committee.

The legislative staff will donate their time for the two weeks of duty at Salem. The bar provides hotel accommodations and a weekly meal allowance. The legislative session, which convenes Monday, will continue through the week of May 22. If the session is extended, additional legal personnel will be selected from the list of alternates.

More than 150 lawyers in the state were considered for the Salem job, according to the Bar.

Adult Education Classes Continue

Registration for winter term adult education classes sponsored by the Medford school district will be taken during class meetings for late comers, according to Lindsay Vinsel, adult education director for Medford schools.

Classes are offered in general education, hobby and craft, homemaking, college extension, business education, auto mechanics and electronics. Tuition may be paid at any time during the first four weeks. Classes will be scheduled for nine more weeks, Vinsel said.

Additional information may be obtained from the adult education office of the Medford High school, SPring 3-7220.

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