

# SPORTS PAGE

## SPORT SHORTS

By HOPPY

The new year has started off with a bang already with the opening of play for whistle toters and off-court referees and high school basketball.

Now we have the inauguration of a semi-professional circuit in the Canyon area with home town teams from Detroit, Aumsville, Turner, Scio, Sublimity and Mill City in a six team Santiam valley league.

Most of these fellows turn out on their own time to practice and play. They enjoy the game, and would not play if they didn't, but they also put in their own money.

Last year the biggest gate taken at the home court in the high school gymnasium was \$10. Where were the local sports fans?

These boys are out to give you a good game of ball, and your home town team took the league championship last year. They also went to the AAU meet in Portland, but received no support from the local area.

They are again out this year, with many of last year's participants, and additional talent. Give them your support and see the home series. Professional basketball is a game that needs the support of the local citizenry, and it gives you the chance to feel that you are in the game, because it is your friends in there fighting for the glory of your town.

The fellows this year have paid out of their own pockets to get suits cleaned, rent the high school gymnasium, and carry on advertising to let you know when they play. See basketball at its best with such stars as Bob Dowling, who formerly played with the national leading Santa Clara Broncos, and Don and Gale Carey,

## Wolves Play Tigers Here Friday Night

The Mill City Timberwolves will go into action again Friday night when they meet the Turner Tigers in a southern section Marion county B league tilt on the Mill City high school gymnasium floor.

Turner, with one victory under their belts over the Gates varsity, will be out for their second win of the season over the Wolves. Mill City, on the other hand has won eight games in eight starts, has victories over the power ridden Sublimity and Aumsville squads.

This game will mark the first appearance of new uniforms for the local team, purchased with money from various projects by the student body.

Game time is 7:15 for the preliminary "B" game while the varsity encounter starts at 8:30 p.m.

The Chemawa game, originally scheduled for Tuesday night, was postponed to a later date because of bad road conditions.

last year's standouts.

Don't forget the high school game this Friday night on the local court with Turner. The charge is only 50 cents and the preliminary and varsity games are well worth the price to see your own teen-agers in action. The "B" game starts at 7:15 and the varsity at 8:30. See you there.

About 2,600 wooden crossties are needed for every mile of railroad track in the U. S.

# Semi-pro Basketball To Open

## Rockets Open Season Here With Detroit

Mill City's own home town basketball team will officially open the 1950 semi-pro circuit in the Canyon area tonight, Thursday, with a game with the Detroit hometowners on the high school gymnasium floor at 8 p.m.

Last year's Santiam league champions are out again this year to take the trophy and the trip to the A.A.U. meet in Portland at the close of the season.

This year's Rockets are made up of some of the fastest moving material in the area with many of last year's members again on the squad. All of the players give their time and own money to get the season started, and then its play for pay.

One of this year's standouts on the Mill City court ball handlers is big Bob Bowling, six foot four inch center, who formerly played on the Santa Clara varsity squad. Also the two speedster brothers, Gale and Don Carey, are on the varsity again this year. Their brother, Norm, is now playing for Stewart's Chevrolet in Portland.

Other's turning out for the squad are Leland Manning, Joe Lalack, Eugene Armstrong, Ronnie Johnson, Joe Boyle, Stayton high-school coach, Woody Heller and Tom Shelton, shortie man of the outfit.

Coach Ken Chance, who last year engineered the team to ten victories and only one defeat in league play, made up of Aumsville, Turner, Sublimity, and Mill City, is again at the reigns of the hometowners.

Plenty of good basketball is in store for local sports fans to follow in the semi-pro league and if a bigger audience does not show at the home games, the squad may have to drop participation in future years, Chance said.

This year's home schedule is as follows:

- Detroit here, January 5.
- Turner here, January 12.
- Sublimity here, January 19.
- Scio here, January 30.
- Aumsville here, February 13.

## Officer States Can't Dance To Late Hour

Oregon state "don't allow no dancing done in here after midnight on Saturday nights", was the cry of a deputy sheriff at the Idanha fireman's dance New Year's eve night. The 400 participants, however, carried on and everyone had a happy and enjoyable New Year beginning by dancing through the twelve bells on the new high school auditorium floor.

The Rhythm Makers, a small band from Portland, furnished the music for the dance and the firemen grossed nearly \$400.

Following a visit with relatives in Mill City, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swift and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hathaway and family of Emmet, Idaho, left for Oklahoma, where they will open territory in their work.

## Dimes Drive To Kick Off With Parade

The annual March of Dimes campaign will get under way for the 1950 activities with a parade Saturday, January 14, in Salem with all communities in Marion county participating, it was announced by Howard C. Ragan, county chairman.

The parade will start at 10:00 am in the capital city with Governor Douglas McKay leading the affair. Also other state, county and city officials will participate.

The several high school bands throughout the county will also participate as well as Boy Scout units, Girl Scout units, 4-H, Hi-Y, and various other organizations.

The parade forms at 10 A.M. in the Marion Square on North Commercial street and will end at the March of Dimes booth on the county court house lawn.

At the same there will be a Dimes contest with Girl Scouts competing against Boy Scouts to see which organization can lay the most dimes in a straight line, a block long.

The parade will be followed by entertainment. The activities will take place in the Armory if it rains, Ragan reported.

Monday and Tuesday, January 16 and 17th, opening days of the campaign, there will be a Talent discovery show for Marion county with \$100 in cash prizes for the winners. This will take place at the Salem high school auditorium. All are invited to participate in the no-age limit contest. Register for the contest by writing to the 1950 March of Dimes, 409 Oregon building, Salem.

The 1950 campaign will be climaxed in Marion county with a public dance January 31, at the Crystal Gardens in Salem, sponsored by the Elks. Two bands will entertain the dancers, with dancing to be held on two floors.

During the 1950 campaign a traveling entertainment unit will visit the various communities in the county. Also 16 millimeter films of various polio victims in the county will be available to all civic and fraternal clubs.

Ragan said the '49 funds are completely exhausted and the organization is now in debt. He has issued an emergency plea to all citizens in the county to back this year's drive.

Charles Kelly, local postmaster, is chairman of the Mill City drive.

## COUGARS TO PLAY SUBLIMITY CAGERS

The Detroit Cougars will meet the Sublimity courtmen in a league tilt Friday night at the Detroit high gym with the "B" squad taking to the floor at 7:00 p.m. The varsity will begin play at 8:15 p.m., according to Coach Stan Whipple.

Jim Poole, Jr. and a friend, Miss Lloyd Hayes, both of McMinnville were visitors at the James Poole home during the holidays.

## MILL CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Swan spent New Year's weekend in Eugene visiting their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. George Gillenwater.

Miss Lucille Corbin left for San Francisco after spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Corbin and sister and family Mrs. Donald Sheythe.

At the J. B. Love home were his nephew Bob King and wife of San Obispo, Calif. and niece and nephew, Imogene and Bob Love of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Boroughs and three children motored to Eugene during the holidays, accompanied by his mother, who spent Christmas day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell King and daughter, Marian have just returned after spending the holiday season with his mother in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson and family attended a family reunion in Waterloo at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mercer, during the holidays.

Mrs. Belle Hawkins was in Salem during the holidays to be with her daughter and family.

Miss Eleanor Simmers of Portland and Mrs. Everett Hoover and hus-

band of Klamath Falls spent the holidays with their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morris.

The Carl Chance home was the scene of activity for many relatives during the holiday week. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Percy Chance of Sweet Home, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carey and Diane of Portland, Mrs. M. Miller of Salem and Mrs. Velma Carey of Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Budlong and daughter Claudia were in Salem over the holidays with her parents, the Percy Budlongs.

Miss Betty Class of Salem spent the holidays at the Charles Day home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rogers, Sr. spent the holidays in Portland at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wambaugh. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. George Bertillon and daughter of Oregon City, another daughter and family.

Miss Isabelle Mason of Salem and Mrs. Delos Hoeye, two children and husband, daughters of Mrs. Harry Mason, spent the holidays with their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Cree and three children spent the holidays with relatives in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhlman spent the holiday week in Idaho. They also took their three sons, Arlone, Ronald and Charles.

Mrs. Bertha Shepherd spent the holidays with her son, Richard, in Junction City.

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