

O.S.C. Coach Urges Cut In Practice

Paul J. Schissler Will Go to New York to Present Idea to Meet of Coaches; Limited Practice Will Hit Spears' Methods.

By JOE PIGNEY

There has been one coach among all the football leaders in the Pacific coast conference sufficiently courageous to voice unvarnished emphasis on gridiron activities should be reduced. This was Paul J. Schissler, Oregon State. While many of the coaches are shouting "How can we put out a real team with such a deplorable lack of practice time?" the Oregon State coach will go to the annual coaches conference at New York late this month to urge a reduction in practice sessions as one method of lessening the emphasis on the game.

Schissler's suggestion, if it goes any farther than simply a suggestion, will do much to place football back on the "extra-curriculum" position it naturally should hold in university and college life. The Oregon State man believes fall practice should be limited to two hours each night, and spring practice to one and a half hours.

A serious application of this principle would strike home particularly hard at the University of Oregon where fall practice periods begin in 3 o'clock twilight and often continue deep into the evening under the electric lights of Hayward field. Dr. C. W. Spears' high class teams have not been developed through brief two-hour daily practices. Football men at Oregon drag themselves away from their ward fields for bed. When and how they resume the normal functions of study in university life is something of a mystery. Some of them never solve the mystery themselves.

Captain McEwan's spectacular Oregon squads were never worked, yet they had unusual fire and stamina. Cap had the knack of judging his men individually, and accurately estimating their capacity for work.

Bob Robinson, brilliant negro half and quarter who played in the Oregon backfield for three years, never knew the severity of practice expounded by Spears. Robinson was a high-strung ballcarrier always in superb condition, and hard work would undoubtedly have done him more harm than good.

Lynn Jones, Oregon fullback who made the all-coast team his first year on the varsity, was one player who needed an abundance of work, and sometimes almost had to be driven to it. McEwan had Jones for one year, but unlike Robinson, Jones was sent into every scrimmage.

Unnecessary hardships in practice has routed at least one football man off the Oregon team since Spears' regime. Johnny Londahl, diminutive halfback who performed so splendidly in 1929 when Johnny Kitzmiller fractured his ankle in the Oregon State

College Editors Blamed for Shift In Coaches

EDITORS TAKE RAPING FOR RESIGNATIONS

By L. S. CAMERON

United Press Sports Editor NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (UP)—The college newspaper editor may not have much to do with the hiring of football coaches but he's having plenty to do with firing them.

Al Wittmer of Princeton is the latest coach to have quit in face of written criticism by undergraduates. The Daily Princetonian politely suggested that a change of coaches would not damage Tiger football prestige.

The New York university Daily News came out with a "time to retire" editorial. Head Coach Chick Meehan resigned.

Wittmer was declared to have lacked technical football knowledge; Meehan was branded as a disciple of the bigger and better type of football and hence inimical to N. Y. U.'s impending sports purification.

But whatever the basis of the attacks, all were successful. By way of contrast, the Missouri Student, publication at the University of Missouri, has not won its editorial battle. The

game, quit the team after the first year with Spears.

Londahl became the center of Captain McEwan's backfield attack late in 1929, and for such a small man his exhibitions were spectacular. The following year Londahl, under Dr. Spears, was very near useless in the backfield.

Night after night of long, severe practice, accompanied by incessant verbal "dressing downs" from the new coach from Minnesota, apparently sapped both the spirit and stamina from one of the best little men Oregon ever had.

Londahl, disappointed and discouraged, didn't even return to the university last fall for his final year of competition.

If it is impossible with definitely limited practice to develop the sort of teams colleges want, perhaps it would be better to start practice earlier in the fall and then hold down the daily grind to two hours. Five days means a lot in conditioning a team, and the whole Pacific coast conference would feel much better if the starting time was moved to September 10 instead of September 15.

That would allow almost three weeks' training before the majority of schools take up class work, and it most certainly would go a long way to eliminate the much discussed question of football's present conflict with the business of mental education.

Student urged that Coach Gwin Henry be discharged but Gwin is still about.

Maybe the attacks which preceded resignations of coaches were not the compelling reasons for the resignations of coaches, but it is certain that coaches on the "border line" were in no wise aided by the written criticisms. Wittmer proved that the editorials do matter when he attributed the reasons for his resignation to "the press." He must have referred to the Princetonian, for metropolitan dailies have sympathized with Wittmer rather than condemned him. One New York morning newspaper today contained a sports column announcing that Wittmer would be retained. The column was killed in the second edition.

In addition there have been many other coaching shifts. Burt Ingwersen, veteran coach at the University of Iowa, roundly criticized for having failed to produce a winner, resigned at the close of the season.

O. "Fritz" Crider quit as head coach at Minnesota, but remains as athletic director. Bernie Bierman of Tulane, succeeds him.

Marty Brill, once a brilliant Notre Dame halfback, quit as assistant at Columbia. John Law, 1929 Notre Dame captain and all-America guard, quit as head coach at Manhattan college.

George Little, athletic director at the University of Wisconsin, proposed the resignation of Head Coach Glenn Thistlethwaite. The suggestion did not jell and Little himself resigned. Oklahoma university students have petitioned President W. B. Sizell that Coach Adrian Lindsay be removed.

Pacific Coast Athletes Named

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (UP)—Names of athletes of the Pacific coast area predominate in the list of nominations for the annual Sullivan medal award announced today by the Amateur Athletic union.

The 10 athletes nominated are: Percy Beard, New York A. C.; hurdler; Barney Berlinger, University of Pennsylvania, track and field athlete; Clarence De Mar, Keene, N. H., marathoner; Thomas Hitchcock, New York, polo player; Helen Madison, Seattle, Wash., swimmer; Helen Wills Moody, California, tennis player; Francis Oulmet, Boston, golfer; Ellsworth Vines, Pasadena, Cal., tennis player; Vic Williams, University of Southern California, quarter mile runner; W. Barry Wood, Harvard university, football.

The medal is awarded annually to the athletes whose performances have been outstanding.

SPORTSMEN MEET TONIGHT Klamath County Sportsmen's association will meet in regular session at 8 p. m. tonight at the chamber of commerce rooms. It is important that all sportsmen attend this meeting as several very interesting matters will be brought up.

PHOTOMEN NOT EXCLUDED FROM OREGON GAMES

CORVALLIS, Dec. 21. (UP)—A Pacific coast conference rule barring newspaper cameramen from football sidelines was aimed at California stadiums and will not affect games in Oregon.

Word that the rule that angered sports writers would not be applied at Oregon State college, at the University of Oregon, or at games at Multnomah stadium, Portland, was given today by Carl Lodell, graduate manager of Oregon State.

The rule was aimed primarily at news photographers at California games, Lodell hastened to explain to Oregon sports editors. The editors, incensed, had announced that pre-game publicity would include no pictures if action-shots of games had to be taken from "crow's nests" in grandstands.

"Cameramen have never interfered with us, or been bothersome during games here," Lodell said. Coach Paul John Schissler seconded him.

Oregon stadiums are so constructed that "crow's nests" for photographers would not be practical, Lodell said.

Georgia Sports Profits Large

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21. (UP)—The state auditor's department filed with Governor Richard B. Russell of Georgia today a report on the financial return from sports at the University of Georgia, showing a gross of \$188,794, from all sports from May 1, 1929, to June 30, 1931.

Football led, with a net total of \$172,991, while baseball showed only \$1,622, and basketball \$1,669. Expenditures for the year were \$182,603, including \$35,840 for salaries of coaches and association officials.

Suit by Boxer's Wife Set Aside

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (UP)—Mrs. Margaret Walker's jury award of \$5,000 at the expense of her pugilistic husband, Mickey Walker, was set aside in federal court today because the jury inadvertently had the benefit of unadmitted evidence during its deliberations.

Mrs. Walker sued for \$25,000. When the jury returned its \$5,000 verdict it was discovered that two briefs prepared by Mrs. Walker's attorneys but which had been refused admission as evidence, were carried into the jury room.

Democracy is rather a ridiculous thing among college students, —Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, Wisconsin U.

Horse Racing Season Will Be In Full Swing Saturday

By THOMAS H. NOONE

United Press Racing Editor NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (UP)—With the opening of Oriental Park in Havana, Cuba, Saturday and Frank Bruen's tropical park at Coral Gables, Florida, next Saturday, horse racing will be well in full swing of the winter season.

New Orleans, with Jefferson Park and the fair grounds, Acua Caliente, Mexico, and Tanforan in California, are the other winter tracks in operation, while Joseph E. Widener's Hialeah Park, at Miami, will share the Florida season with Tropical Park.

Profit Made Last Year The Havana meeting last year was one of the few racing seasons to show a profit, and the Oriental Park management, entertains high hopes of success at the start of the 18th consecutive year of racing at the Cuban capital.

More than half a million dollars is scheduled to be distributed during the eighty or more days of racing there.

After pari-mutuel betting was legalized by a referendum of Florida voters, a bitter struggle for choice dates ensued between the Bruen and Widener factions,

but the Florida racing commission has split the season equitably and the dispute seems at an end.

Had Weather Hits Blow The Cuban racing association will operate 19 days from Dec. 26 to Jan. 16, the Miami racing association will conduct a 25-day meeting from Jan. 14 to Feb. 27, after which the Bruen plant will hold its final session of 25 days from Feb. 29 to March 19. There will be nine days during the winter when both tracks will be running.

Unfavorable weather has hit the Jefferson Park management a stunning blow, and in order to cut down losses the purses have been reduced. The same expedient was found necessary at Acua Caliente, but the Tanforan meeting has experienced no economy drives as yet.

While winter racing has few rich prizes comparable to the valuable stakes decided in mid-summer, there is the \$100,000 Acua Caliente handicap, which will see the Australian champion Phur Lap in action and the Florida and Louisiana derbies, in addition to several state events to be decided down at Havana.

TEAMS ENROUTE TO FRISCO FOR ANNUAL CLASH

city out of the hazy area of Mason-Dixon gridiron exploits, comparatively unknown.

While the east is known to pack a powerful punch, the west is confident.

With "Bud" Tosecani of St. Mary's, Merle Hufford of Washington, "Speedy" Mason of Southern Methodist, Chuck Ebrorn of Stanford and other brilliant westerners in its lineup, the west feels all bets safe in the charity contest for the San Francisco Shrine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21. (UP)—Members of the all-western team will gather here Monday for the annual east-west game at Kesar stadium New Year's day.

Hot on their heels will be the members of the all-eastern team, 22 of whom entrained tonight at Chicago with Coaches Kerr of Colgate and Hanley of Northwestern.

Eastern stock rose considerably in the betting line with Marchmont Schwartz' decision to join the eastern team.

Cancelling his non-acceptance owing to an old spine injury, Marchie reconsidered and decided to join the eastern team at the Stanford stadium, December 24. The easterners will complete their practice at Palo Alto.

The eastern squad includes four players named on a number of all-America teams and come from schools representing 15 schools.

Teams Confident Besides Schwartz it also boasts of one of the wildest cats of the Northwestern Wildcats, "Reb" Russell; flashy Bill Morton of Dartmouth, and Herbert Hickman, the romping Tennessee guard who astounded New York when Tennessee came to that

A'S LOOK TO NEXT SEASON MINUS FEAR

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21. (AP)—Bill Hoasting of the American League's batting champion, a "Big Three" among pitchers that won 72 games last season, and the best catcher in baseball, the Philadelphia Athletics look forward to the 1932 pennant race with no trepidation.

Connie Mack, who will celebrate his 69th birthday December 23, still regards his A's as the best club in baseball.

The closeness and outcome of next year's competition depends upon how much the New York Yankees and Washington Senators improve.

Cochrane Recovered While Washington seeks more punch and the Yankees better pitching, the three-time American League champion, with one exception, will place the same club in the field that started winning titles in 1929.

The Athletics again will be fortified with the presence of the leading hitter of the league—Al Simmons. They will have Mickey Cochrane, who is fully recovered from the ailments that hampered him in the world series.

Strengthened Reserves They will again present the rotation of pitchers that turned in 72 victories last year, Letty Grove, George Earnshaw and Rube Walberg, including Roy McWhaffer and his 15 victories, the Athletics had four hurlers in 1931 who produced 87 triumphs. The best of the young pitching prospects is Lew Krausse, schoolboy star, who made his big league debut last season.

Connie Mack's efforts since the close of last season have been devoted solely to increasing the batting strength of his utility corps. To this end he purchased first baseman Oscar Roettger from St. Paul and outfielder Ed Coleman from Portland, Ore. Coleman

may give Bing Miller a contest for the right field job. Roettger is slated to replace Paul Toot as understudy to Jimmy Fox.

CAVENEY IS NAMED MANAGER OF SEALS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21. (UP)—A gratifying Christmas present was what Jimmy Caveney tonight called his surprising appointment as manager of the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League baseball club.

Until this afternoon Jimmy had no idea that he was manager-elect.

Nor had he applied for the job. Furthermore, only recently the San Francisco club had announced that no player would be selected for the post vacated by Manager Nick Williams immediately after last season's close.

Caveney came to the Seals in 1919, having been purchased from the Columbus American association club in 1919. Within the short space of two years, the \$1,000 purchase blossomed into a \$65,000 sale to the Cincinnati Reds, after scouts had reported his brilliant work at short.

One of the few women diamond cutters in the world is Mrs. Helene Lewedow of Pittsburgh, Pa. She learned the art as a girl in Belgium.

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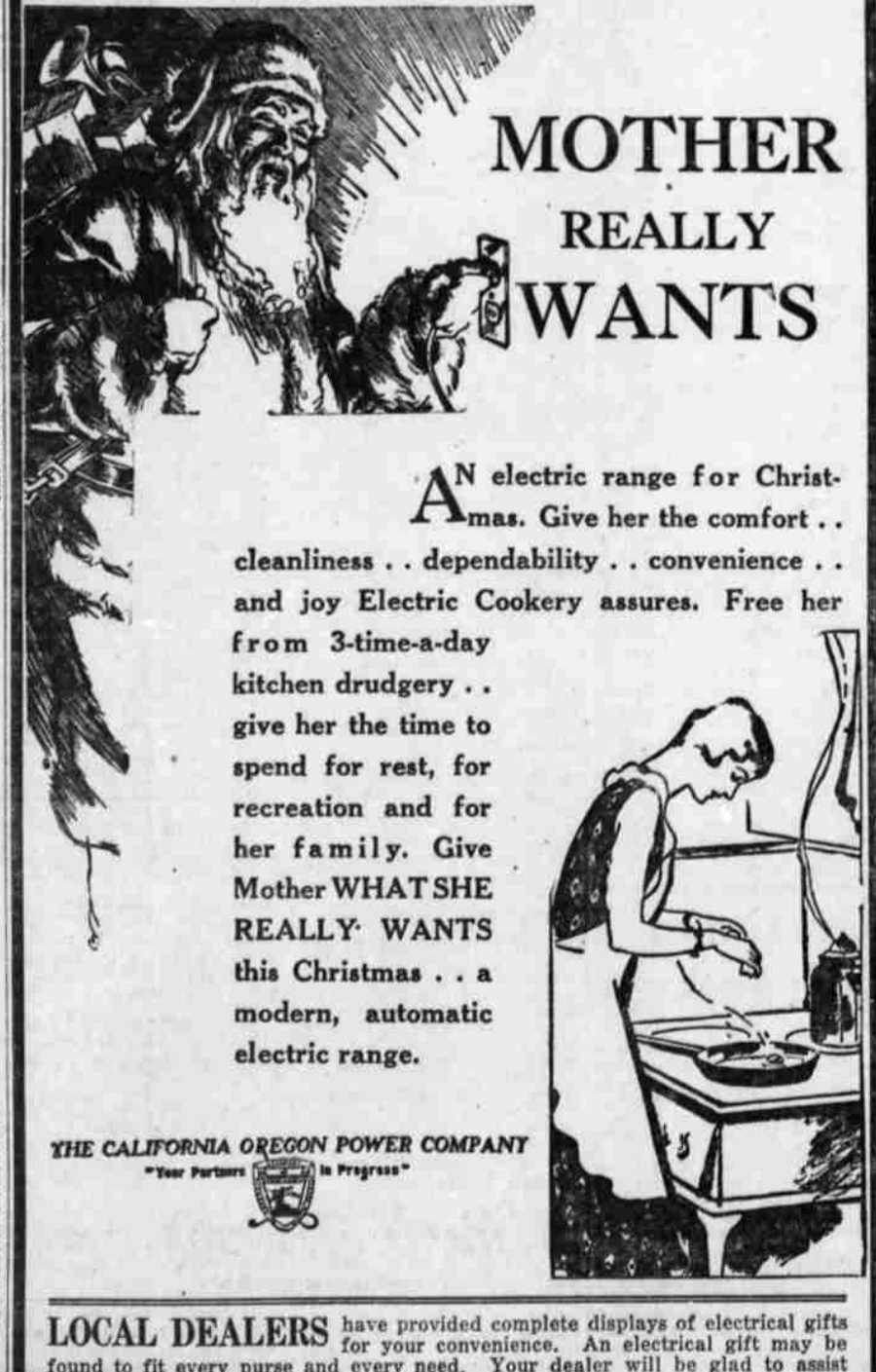
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