

(Guesting today is Nancy Merkl, the nation's outstanding girl swimmer and once a victim of dread infantile paralysis. Miss Merkl's story is released by Grantland Rice, noted sports authority heading the sports council drive in conjunction with the committee for the celebration of the president's birthday.)

Throughout the United States, sports charity shows are being organized to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. This column herewith proposes that a similar show be organized in Klamath Falls either by Klamath Union high school or city recreation officials. Can it be done?)

By NANCY MERKL As Told to Richard L. Neuberger

I know there are families in our country who look at such gifts as skates, hockey sticks and swimming suits with sadness this holiday time. In those families, there are boys and girls suffering from infantile paralysis—boys and girls who cannot swing baseball bats, or go swimming, or skating.

I have a message for those families. I want to tell them to keep the bats and skates and swimming suits. Their children will be able to use them some day, probably very soon. Thanks to the millions of people all over America who have helped in the fight against infantile paralysis, many of us who have been struck by this disease are well and lively and strong today.

The committee for the celebration of the president's birthday is about to begin its annual campaign to raise funds for the national foundation for infantile paralysis. I urge you to patronize the benefit sports events in your community, to join the march of dimes and to attend the Diamond Jubilee birthday ball or party in your home town. Your contribution will help a little child walk again and run again and laugh again. Believe me. I know.

One afternoon in 1934, I came home from school feeling as though my arms and legs could hardly move. I had infantile paralysis. I was then 7 years old. It looked like the life of a cripple awaited me. My father and mother were discouraged. I didn't know all that had taken place, but I knew I had some dread disease.

But, in hospitals and foundations and sanitariums, doctors and other scientists were studying this disease. This study was—and is—made possible by the generosity of people in all our 48 states. My parents heard about some of the wonderful new methods of treatment which had been discovered. They decided we should try them.

I received light treatments with special lamps and rays. For several hours each day, I was massaged and rubbed. I took special exercises in the Multnomah club swimming tank in Portland. All the information was sent to us by the men who were working out new means of curing the victims of infantile paralysis. The Merkl family blessed those men. I can tell you.

I took this treatment for three years—until I was 10. Finally, a great day came. I could walk to school again. I felt my limbs getting stronger. In the swimming tank, I no longer just took exercises. I found I could swim all the way across the tank. When I had done that, I knew I was cured. I knew that the lamps and massages and exercises had saved me from being a cripple.

To the treatment I took, I owe more than my present good health. I also owe the fact that I have been able to compete in championship swimming events. The exercises introduced me to swimming and showed me how to use my muscles to the best advantage. I think only people who have lost the use of their limbs can really appreciate what walking and swimming and things like that actually mean.

After I had set new records in the 800-meter and the 1500-meter races at High Point, N. C., in the 1941 National AAU championships, I thought back to the afternoon in 1934 when I came home from school, stricken with infantile paralysis.

If anyone had told my father and mother then that eight years later, when I was 15, I would be a high-point winner in the national swimming championships, my parents would have broken into tears.

I don't think any family in the land is as grateful as the Merkl family to the men who have worked out the scientific treatments and cures which made me well again. And we are grateful, too, to all the people whose participation in the president's birthday celebrations has made the work of those men possible.

Cram Course in Swingology



Nation's No. 1 woman athlete, Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks Newell, shows long line winning form on Long Beach, Calif., municipal course. The national women's amateur champion recently turned professional.

Bowl Elevens Polish Attacks For Annual New Year Contests

Devils Eye Left Arm Of Durdan

By FRANK B. GILBRETH DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 30, (AP) Coach Wallace Wade is doing his best to make sure that the highly polished Duke football machine won't be wrecked in the Rose Bowl Thursday by a left-handed monkey wrench, tossed by Oregon State.

The westerners have such a monkey wrench in Don Durdan, a southpaw who passes left-handed and kicks left-footed.

Lon Stiner, coach of Oregon State, had high hopes that the unorthodox delivery of his star mail carrier would befuddle the Ducks.

But Wade, who tries to think of everything, is teaching his boys all he can about left-handed backs. George McAfee, perhaps the best southpaw triple-threat in the country, has been working out with the Blue Devils for the last three days.

It may be some comfort to Stiner and his squad to learn that McAfee has had considerable success against the Blue Devils. However, it's hard to tell whether this success should be attributed to the idiosyncrasies of a southpaw or to natural ability.

Yesterday, for example, George romped through the varsity with the greatest of ease. Sometimes the big Duke line would crash through and nail him before he got started, but if McAfee danced into the clear nobody could bring him down.

CHI LOYOLA WINS, 57-52

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 30, (UP) Loyola of Chicago defeated Santa Clara University 57 to 52 in an overtime basketball game Monday night.

The score at halftime was 26 to 25, with Santa Clara ahead, and at the end of the regular playing time it was 50-50. Loyola decided the issue quickly in the 5-minute overtime period.

We are going to express our appreciation again by buying our tickets for the ball in our home town, which is Portland, Oregon.

So, to the fathers and mothers, who think their children may not be able to skate and play baseball and swim again, I say:

"Keep those swimming suits and hockey sticks and skates they got for Christmas. They'll use them soon. I know they will!"

Ending another night of hoop activities, the church league basket boys advanced a little further into the basketball season Monday.

In the first game of the evening the Baptists took honors by defeating the Lutheran five, 21 to 16.

Eso Naranche Stands Out in Shrine Drills

By MORTIMER KREGER BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 30, (AP)—Eso Naranche, who made himself husky by digging for gold and copper in Montana mines, will be digging into the turf of Tulane stadium Saturday for cash to make crippled children strong.

For several years the sparkling halfback of Montana university has been working in the mines, mostly in the summer. Hauling ore cars and digging tunnels have developed powerful legs and shoulders on his 195-pound, six-foot frame.

He'll be using those legs and shoulders in New Orleans Saturday, playing with the western All-Stars in the annual East-West game for the Shriners' crippled children's hospitals.

The Montana star is adept at plunging, passing and punting. Says Coach Babe Hollingbery of Washington State, co-coach of the western team:

"The only reason Naranche hasn't been in the headlines more is that Montana has been out of the conference race the past three years. His coach, Doug Fessenden, claims the boy is the best back he's ever coached. He does everything well, and I expect him to fit into the Shrine backfield like a glove."

Ward Given Spokane Club Sports Award

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 30 (UP)—Gov. Arthur B. Langlie Monday presented Marvin Ward, national amateur golf champion, the national sportsmanship award for 1941, including a \$500 check which Ward promptly endorsed for the Red Cross in Spokane.

The governor presented the award for the Spokane Athletic Round Table, of which Ward was secretary until his recent enlistment in the U. S. army air corps. Besides the check, Ward received a scroll and a gold watch with his name instead of numbers on the dial.

Langlie called Ward "the best amateur golfer in the world" and said he had set "a splendid and fine example" in putting aside personal ambition and enlisting in the air corps. He complimented Ward's sportsmanship at Omaha, where he won the national title before a hostile gallery.

Winston-Salem, N. C., produces one-half of all the chewing tobacco manufactured in the United States.

Midland group sank eight points to take high man position. Wisner and Foster of the Presbyterian hoopers each sank the ball through the hoop to give them nine points apiece. High man for the Little Pelicans as well as the whole evening was Rush, who dropped in 11 counters for his team.

Play resumes Wednesday evening when the Algoma five meet the Lutherans, LSD's meet De Molay, and the Midland hoopers match with the Baptist quintet.

When in Medford Stay at HOTEL HOLLAND Thoroughly Modern Joe and Anne Earley Proprietors

Woolly Tiff Expected in Sugar Bowl

By ROMNEY WHEELER NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30, (AP) If Canal street had cats on every corner, the uncertainty of where they'd jump would be no greater than Thursday's Sugar Bowl quarrel between Fordham university and Missouri.

To New Orleans' curbstone authorities and thousands of football-minded visitors from the east and middle-west, it added up to just one answer: Probably the wildest, woolliest Sugar Bowl game ever played in the 73,000-seat stadium. Betting favored Missouri by the unprofitable margin of 6 to 5.

Each team is a specialist, and that specialty is the other's weakness. Missouri, an exponent of the old battleship strategy of power, has a great running attack. Fordham, in the past, has found that sort of power troublesome.

Fordham has built its attack around aerial bombardment, with Fullback Steve Filipowicz as chief bombardier. That sort of overhead warfare has given Missouri fits.

Filipowicz completed 37 of 101 tries for 722 yards last fall pitching mostly to Jim Blumenstock and Jim Noble. That was only a little short of one-third the total yardage made by Fordham all season.

Missouri, meanwhile, made its record on the ground, piling up 2771 yards by rushing and only 339 by passing. The Tigers completed just 15 passes all year. Half of their 34 touchdowns came on runs of 20 yards or more.

Norwich Skier Cops Langlauf At Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY, Ida., Dec. 30, (UP)—Allan Beck of Norwich college Monday won the cross-country race at the opening of a four-day intercollegiate skiing tournament entered by skiers from 27 schools. Beck slipped over the course in 39:26 to score 100 points.

Bill Brown of the University of Idaho placed second. Bob Smith of the University of Washington was third, and Richard C. Bradley of Dartmouth came fourth. Other finishers in order were Mack Measer, Utah State; Robert Behne, University of Washington; Bill Neckrodt, University of Wisconsin; Merrill Barber, Norwich; Carl Neu, University of Washington; Gordon Lavigne, Washington State, and Art Strom, University of Washington.

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Coaches Find No Deaths Mar '41 College Season

Grid Mentors Hear Professor's Report, Discuss Effect of War

By CHARLES DUNKLEY DETROIT, Dec. 30 (AP)—Not a single death attributed to football occurred in the nation's ranks of 65,690 college players during the 1941 season.

It was the first year in an 11-year period that no collegian sacrificed his life, either directly or indirectly, because of the gridiron game.

This cheerful report was presented to the joint meeting today of the American Football Coaches association and National Collegiate Athletic association by Dr. Floyd R. Eastwood, of Purdue university's school of physical education for men. Members of the two associations discussed the possible effects of the war on intercollegiate athletics and heard addresses on the question: "How can collegiate athletes best contribute to the national crisis?"

Prof. Eastwood's report revealed that although there were no fatalities among the collegians, a slight increase in deaths occurred among so-called "sand lot" athletic club players which brought to 14 the total number of fatalities in all classifications of football deaths during the year. This was compared with a total of 11 last year and 33 in the peak year of 1931 when the survey was begun.

Columbia's Lou Little, chairman of the coaches' rule committee, said the fewest suggestions for changes in the rule book were made since the body was organized 10 years ago. The suggested changes will be recommended to the NCAA rules committee at its meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., January 4.

They include: 1. The team scored upon by either a touchdown or field goal is to have optional choice of goal. This is designed to create offensive balance, Little said, particularly when the wind advantage is great.

2. Clarification of the substitution rule to remove the possibility of the so-called sleeper play.

3. Revision of the lateral pass rule which nullifies a play downfield when the ball is passed forward. The coaches would make this a five-yard penalty from the point of infraction. Now the ball is returned to the line of scrimmage.

4. Placing a penalty for sending a substitute on the field after the offensive team has left the huddle or gone into formation. Penalty: loss of a time out.

5. Revision of the substitution rules to permit players to report to any one of the officials.

Sullivan Award to Runner

Miler MacMitchell Voted Outstanding Amateur NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP)—Leslie MacMitchell, who scored a virtual grand slam in cross country and mile running during 1941, is the winner of the James E. Sullivan award, annually given the nation's outstanding amateur athlete.

By a vote of 600 sports critics polled by the Amateur Athletic Union, the New York university senior became the first native of the Empire state and the youngest athlete ever to win the honor.

During the past season MacMitchell, at 21, completed his fourth year of collegiate cross country without a defeat and in track annexed the NCAA mile, both the indoor and outdoor ICA4 crowns and the AAU 1500-meter, or metric mile, championship.

Last Sunday he captured the Sugar Bowl mile, doing the distance in 4:13.1 despite a stiff wind.

MacMitchell, on a basis of five points for a first place vote, three for a second and one for a third, collected 848. Cornelius Warmerdam, the California pole vaulter, was second with 662. Joe Platak, Chicago's handball expert, was third with 463.

Bowling for Beginners

By Joe Falcaro

Youngsters Start Rolling Duck Pins; Women Chalk Up Many 200 Scores

Tenth of 12 Articles By JOE FALCARO Greatest Match Game Bowler Bowling is the fastest growing sport, not only with men but among women and youngsters.

Six- and 7-year-olds usually start by rolling duckpins. This gives them an opportunity to use a small, light ball and develop correct form without straining themselves.

After they have mastered fundamentals, children should be encouraged to bowl with regular pins and a light ball. It is a healthful sport and a child's natural ability often brings real success.

Women have taken up bowling even more rapidly than children. A few years ago, 200 scores among the fair sex were a rarity. Today there are hundreds of top-notch women bowlers.

Women should not try to bowl with high heels or crepe soles. They should dress comfortably. Slacks or shorts are fine.

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SALEM, Dec. 30, (AP)—Troy Walker, secretary of the Oregon State High School Activities association, met here today with Willamette university officials to discuss whether the high school basketball tournament should be held at the Willamette gymnasium.

The association's board of control recently voted to have the tournament here for the 23rd straight year, but Roy S. Keene, Willamette athletic director, said he is not much interested in whether the tournament is held here.

Should the members of Willamette's athletic board appear as "disinterested" as Keene, it is probable that the high school officials will look for some other place to hold the tournament.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30, (AP) Francisco Segura of Ecuador, holder of several South American championships, and top-seeded Ted Schroeder of Glendale, Calif., were matched today in the finals of the Sugar Bowl tennis tournament.

SALEM, Dec. 30, (UP)—Oregon State's towering basketball team had things all its own way in the second half Monday night after a close first half and defeated Manhattan college, 47-34 in the first game of a double-header at Madison Square Garden.

The Oregon State boys were ahead all the way and at half time the score read 23 to 15 in favor of the Beavers.

In the second part of the double header, Wyoming nosed out City college by a last-minute sport which netted a 49-45 victory.

SCORES Oregon State 47, Manhattan 34 California 30, Athens Club 27 Wyoming 49, City 45 Loyola of Chicago 57, Santa Clara 52 Gonzaga 34, Idaho 31 Temple 49, Southern California 48 Wayne 34, Cornell 30 St. Francis 35, Davis Elkhorn 36 Rice 41, LaSalle 41 Rochester 24, Michigan State 27 Butler 45, Michigan 37 HIGH SCHOOL Ashland 41, Chemawa 31 Hood River 21, Silverton 28 Corvallis 16, Granite Pass 13



SUGAR JIM HENRY TAKES BOW AS FIRST GOALIE TO MAKE LONG HOP FROM AMATEURS TO NATIONAL LEAGUE SINCE ANOTHER NEW YORK RANGER, LORNE CHABOT, DID IT 15 YEARS AGO.

HENRY, 21, WAS CALLED SUGAR BECAUSE OF FONDNESS FOR CANDY, BUT APPELLATION IS APPROPRIATE NOW. HE'S AS SWEET A NETKEEPER AS HAS BEEN UNCOVERED IN RECENT SEASONS.

Bob Rucker, Stanford Skier, Dies Sunday

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 30 (UP)—Robert H. Rucker, Stanford university student and a prominent golfer and skier, died Sunday night after collapsing while skiing on Mount Spokane.

The cause of his death was not immediately known, but his physician said it might have been due to complications from an injury suffered at the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity at Stanford.

Rucker was northern Idaho golf champion and a member of the Stanford ski team.

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