

After yesterday's contention that the Pelican gridiron season was the only ray of light in an otherwise dark local sports year for 1942, we must justify ourselves. Chief blame for a droopy season must be laid at the door of war and war industries.

The shadow of war made itself generally felt on Klamath county sports, curtailing some, and bringing others to a sharp postponement.

Chief among those postponements was wrestling, long the regular Tuesday night entertainment of Klamath fans, which held what might be its last triumph in the local arena for the duration with the appearance of the French Angel, Maurice Tillet, in the local arena against Irish Jim Casey during July. The Angel dropped Jim Casey in two straight falls.

After the regular three week summer layoff, the mat card failed to reappear. The blame for its non-appearance being laid directly at the door of war. Wrestlers are usually younger men who feel the actual bite of selective service; those remaining serve in war industries and wrestle—on off nights—in territory surrounding these towns. Thus, the promoter, Mack Lillard, was unable to find the class of talent he usually supplied for the Klamath arena.

Another local sport curtailed by war, but not dropped entirely, was hunting and fishing. Fishing season opened two weeks late in Klamath county this year, and hunting was delayed until near season's end by the fire hazard scare induced by threatened sabotage. Chief among local hunting 'beefs' during the year was the government refusal to open Sheepley lake district to hunters and the closure of a zone around the Japanese relocation center. Tire rationing, too, played its part in slowing hunting travel.

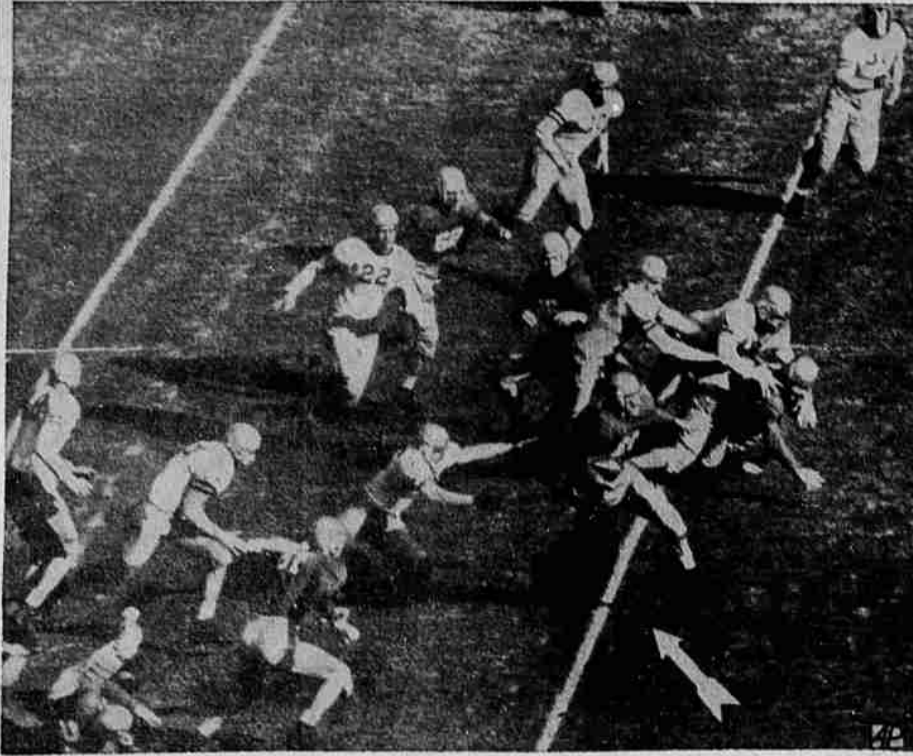
Even local golf felt the touch of war. The tire situation reduced play somewhat, but the local enthusiasts managed to hold a match with Bend, where they were beaten 181 to 171, and the annual President's Cup tournament.

Baseball experienced the most difficult season in many years. At the beginning of the season, the Oregon State Baseball league, meeting in a surprise session two weeks early in Portland, dropped the local hardball club and the Medford club from the loop. Then began a series of charges and counter-charges which ended with the disgruntled local club tearing off to form a league of their own with Medford, Grants Pass, Redding and Dorris which they called the Oregon-California baseball loop.

After all this effort on the part of the Klamath club, it might be expected that they would win their own pennant. Such was not the case. At the end of the season, Medford topped all comers, heading the Pelicans by 21 games. The one-half game was due directly to a called home run in a Dorris game when a ball hit by Paul Crapo bounded over the fence. Dorris protested that the ball should have been a called two-bagger. This protest was upheld, so the game split.

In the President's Cup base-

Lamar Davis Returns Rose Bowl Kickoff 44 Yards



Before a throng of 93,000 persons, Lamar Davis (arrow), Georgia halfback, took the opening kickoff and returned it to his own 44-yard line, almost breaking away for a touchdown in the game at Pasadena, Calif. He was pulled down from behind by Bob Waterfield, UCLA quarterback. Georgia players shown are Trippi (62), and Huaniansky (46). UCLA players are Wiener (30), Riddle (22) and Fears (10). Georgia won, 9 to 0.

Frankie Sinkwich Goes To Washington; Honored

Georgia Grid Star, Future Marine, Hobnobs With Great and Near Great

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Frankie Sinkwich, Georgia football star and future marine, hobnobbed with the great and the near great in the nation's capital today and admitted he was a bit awed by it all.

Twice an all-America back, Frankie often has heard the plaudits of the gridiron crowds, but he's never been around such a company of admiring big-shots as are scheduled to be on hand when he receives the Washington Touchdown club's Walter camp memorial trophy tonight. The award is made annually to the outstanding collegiate gridder of the year.

Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the U. S. maritime commission, is president of the club. The guests include majority Leader Alben Barkley of the senate, Speaker Sam Rayburn of the house, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, Marine Commandant Lieut. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, Admiral Ernest J. King, U. S. naval chief, coast guard commandant Admiral Russell R. Waesche and numerous members of congress.

Sinkwich arrived late yesterday by plane from Los Angeles, where he sparked the Georgians to a 9-0 win over UCLA, in the Rose Bowl New Year's day.

Bob Dove, Notre Dame's great end, will be given the club's Knute Rockne trophy as the outstanding collegiate lineman, and Bruce Smith, former Minnesota all-America, will be awarded a

ball meet held after the regular season was over, Medford again came out on top, but in a post-season tilt the Pelicans dropped Medford for a resounding 5-2 defeat.

So local sports really did have a tough season. Whether or not 1943 will be any better depends on the gods of chance and war.

Baseball to Air Travel Questions

Travel-Weary Officials Meet Today to Air Spring Training Travel Problems

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (AP)—Struggling into the Palmer house today for Commissioner K. M. Landis' emergency parley, travel-weary baseball officials were more determined than ever to draw up a rigid mileage conservation plan after getting a personal taste of transportation difficulties their teams will face this season.

It was a relief for the magnates to know their problems finally were coming to a head. Only a month ago they closed their annual meeting here with the little matter of 1943 baseball drifting in the air with their cigar smoke.

During the past month there have been mostly rumors as to where and when clubs will hold spring training—lengthy trips to California, Florida, Texas and elsewhere cancelled in accordance with Eastman's suggestions for clipping rail miles.

Only the Boston Red Sox, who will condition at their back door in Tufts college gymnasium, appeared to have definitely solved their spring conditioning before coming to the meeting. They were "in" no matter if Landis requests training at home or near home.

General Manager Jack Zeller of the Detroit Tigers, one of the early arrivals, voiced the consensus of most of his colleagues: "We've got two or three alternate sites, but if the opener is postponed we likely will stay right at home."

"As for all this talk about merging the two major leagues for the duration," he added, "and then divide them into east-west sections—that won't do at all. The American league and National league must keep their identities."

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Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—There's been a lot of talk about post-war planning lately, so why not do a little of it in the sports field, too? . . . Nobody ever has proved that international sports lead to friendship, least of all the guys who had to settle some of the more famous disputes raised in the Olympic games, but we still believe that it's easier for people to understand one another when they play the same games than when they remain total strangers. . . . And the best games we can think of for international competition are soccer, football and basketball. . . . Soccer is known as the game that is played in every country and only the U. S. apparently doesn't give it the attention it deserves. . . . Basketball is a local product, but maybe our soldiers and sailors will give it a good start in other countries.

Lu Lu Backs Up Title Bid With Phillips Win

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5 (AP)—Carl "Lu Lu" Costantino of New York, who says he is ready to win either the featherweight or lightweight boxing championships, backed up his words last night by decisively whipping Ellis Phillips, Philadelphia negro, in a 10-rounder at Convention hall, the second match in Promoter Herman Taylor's elimination tourney to determine a challenger for the lightweight championship.

Charley Johnson, Costantino's manager, said the fighter would rest a few days, then leave for San Francisco, where he fights Ray Lunny on January 18. After that he is matched tentatively with Bob Montgomery, of Philadelphia, at the arena on January 26.

SUGGESTION

Walt Hanson of the Long Branch (N.J.) Record recalls a conversation with Jack Doyle, old-time Tiger scout, that is worth the attention of big-league ball clubs in these days of training near home. . . . Doyle's idea was that the teams should play exhibitions wherever possible in the smaller cities near their home towns. . . . In that way they would build up friendship and interest new fans right in their home territory.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Don Donaghey in Philadelphia Evening Bulletin: "Judge Landis' wig saved itself a lot of trouble when it turned gray at leisure years ago."

DOTS ALL, BROTHERS

Pauline Betz, national tennis champion, and Peggy Welsh, another good racket wielder, are the stars of the Rollins college girls' basketball team this winter. . . . They also coach the team and book the games. . . . Although they're both working for Uncle Sam, Pvt. George Edmond, former St. Paul Dispatch sports editor, and Lieut. (JG) Perry Dotson, who used to work for him, managed to get leave New Year's day to cover the Cotton Bowl and East-West games, respectively.

Henry Armstrong's Tonsillectomy to Delay Tribuani Bout

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5 (AP)—It's tonsils before Tribuani.

George P. Moore, manager of Henry Armstrong, said last night Armstrong is about to undergo a tonsillectomy, and that the former triple-title boxer would have to defer his Philadelphia bout with Al Tribuani "until about February 1."

Armstrong's New York engagement with Beau Jack, said Moore, probably will be delayed until 10 days after the Philadelphia fight.

Montanans Beat Invaders From Idaho, Utah

BOZEMAN, Mont., Jan. 5 (AP)—Basketball teams of Montana State college and Montana State university triumphed over invaders from the University of Idaho and Utah State in games last night at the Montana State gym.

Montana State stopped the Idaho winning streak at 10 games with a 39-37 victory, their first win in the four game series. The university slowly narrowed Utah's early game lead and came out in the last minute of play to win 44-43.

Tonight Montana university will play Idaho and the State college will engage Utah.

TEACHERS WIN

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—Oregon College of Education defeated Lewis and Clark college, 44 to 39, last night in a basketball game here.

Georgia Bulldogs Crush Hopes 9-0



PASADENA, Calif.—Bruin Ken Snelling (center) foiled this Georgia scoring chance by knocking down pass intended for Lamar Davis (64) (right), Georgia halfback, on Bruin five-yard line. Kenneth Keuper, Georgia quarterback (45) (left) was also in on the play. The University of Georgia Bulldogs romped over University of California at Los Angeles Bruins 9-0 in the 28th annual Rose bowl classic at Pasadena, Calif.

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Sugar Bowl Considers Cancellation

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NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5 (AP)—Sugar Bowl officials meet Thursday night to decide whether to cancel the Sugar Bowl football game for the war's duration or wait for the government to decide its future.

Prevailing sentiment among board members appears to be that outright abandonment of the classic would be unwise, and it would be best to await word from Washington officials and act in accordance.

Joseph B. David, president, declines to express an opinion as to what should be done, but says he will acquiesce in whatever action the board decides.

Other board members feel that as long as there is football there is a reason for bowl games, and that suspension at this time would not contribute to the war effort. These men believe that if the government wants the bowl games abandoned it will say so.

With ticket sales confined strictly to New Orleans and all travel to the game discouraged by gasoline rationing, a total of 70,000 persons saw the classic last Friday when Tennessee defeated Tulsa 14 to 7.

The turnout was just 3000 short of capacity.

Jones Names Youngsters to Juvenile Stakes

By The Associated Press
Trainer Ben Jones of Warren Wright's Calumet farm has named eight youngsters for Hialeah park's juvenile stakes on March 6 to gain a numerical advantage over four other leading breeding establishments in that Florida fixture.

William Woodward's Belair stud, Mrs. Henry C. Phipps' Wheatley stables, Mrs. Payne Whitney's Greentree stables and Joseph E. Widener's Elmendorf farm also have made nominations.

Among the eight colts picked for the juvenile by Jones is Pensive, a chestnut by Hyperion out of Penicuk II. The youngster is regarded the best of Wright's prospective 1944 Kentucky Derby candidates.

CHICAGO—Jimmy Joyce, 139½, Gary, Ind., knocked out Eddie Brent, 135½, Detroit, (1).

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PASADENA, Calif.—Off to a flying start, Georgia Halfback Lamar Davis (No. 64) eludes UCLA End Herb Wiener (left) and Halfback Ev Riddle (No. 22) to return UCLA kickoff for 30 yards in first play of Rose bowl game at Pasadena, Calif., between University of Georgia and University of California at Los Angeles. Georgia won 9-0.