

# From MIDFIELD

By WES GUDERIAN

Resting last Tuesday night in the unaccustomed luxury of slippers and pipe, we cast a reflective eye on previous Tuesday nights and recalled that for three years straight we had attended and pictured Mack Lillard's regular rasslin' rows at the armory.

Mack, fighter, manager, promoter, and darn good guy, just couldn't stand the possibility of not getting into the war. In desperation he hired out last November as armed guard at the American Aviation company plant in El Segundo, Calif. In his contribution to the war effort we know that Mack is working with the same thoroughness and reliability that he displayed last year as special investigator for the district attorney's office, and through ten years or so as wrestling, boxing promoter.

One of Lillard's wrestlers—Prince Mihalkis—once told us that Mack could get any wrestler or boxer within reason to fight for him in Klamath Falls, because Mack knew the fighters and the fighters knew they would get a square deal without trouble. After three years of working with him on the matches, we still agree. Mack is the squarest man that ever walked in fighting circles.

Along with his commendation of Mack, Prince Mihalkis told of other promoters who were so crooked the fighters would post a member at the ticket window to watch and count every dollar that came through the wicket. They would then figure their share, and confront the promoter with their calculations. After the battle, the promoter usually paid off.

In the mail the other day we got two letters from ex-Klamath pugilists. Back in the old days there was Tony Ortiz, a featherweight boxer who fought for Mack. Tony writes from the signal corps training center at Camp Crowder, Missouri, enclosing a clipping concerning a post bout he fought with one, Al Dorlac. In commenting on their fight the clipping says: "Both fighters had to call on all of the craft and skill they learned in their years of professional experience. Ortiz, who fought for the 9th Regt. team, was a featherweight of some repute before he entered the army, while Dorlac, nationally known as a lightweight contender before he was called to arms, met such boys as Joe Ghonuly, Chino Lopez, and Pat Kissinger. For his bout with Ortiz, Al weighed 137 1/2. Ortiz came in at 130."

Fred Molschman, who as Lew Fontaine directed a boxing tourney in Chiloquin in 1940 and sent local boys from Canada to Los Angeles to fight in the Golden Gloves battles, writes from Fort Benning, Ga. He was to graduate from officer's school in December, but an incoming tonnel acquired in post football tiffs, hampered his drill. Fontaine expects opportunity to visit Klamath Falls again after his graduation.

Our best local correspondent is Phil Blodgett, the irrepressible football fan. Phil missed three out of five of his bowl predictions, however. He picked—like us—UCLA over Georgia.

## Kampouris Trades Baseball Suit for Fireman's Uniform

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 15 (AP)—Alex Kampouris, property of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has decided to trade his baseball suit for a fireman's uniform, at least temporarily.

Kampouris, who played for Montreal in the International league last year, announced today he had received an appointment to the Sacramento fire department and will go on the job Sunday. He makes his home here.

Kampouris said he had not decided whether he will return to baseball.

## Oliver Gets Called To Active Duty From St. Mary's Preflight

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15 (AP)—Staff duty with the commander of the Atlantic fleet's air force became the lot of Gerald A. Oliver, former University of Oregon football coach, today. The assignment is effective next Monday.

Oliver, who coached the St. Mary's pre-flight navy football team to six victories and three defeats, had applied for active service.

## Alley Oop! Coming Down?



In all sports, no thrill like this. A skier takes jump on Mt. Baker course in state of Washington.

## Grapefruit Circuit Gets More Clubs

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. Jan. 15 (AP)—Indiana's growing "Grapefruit Circuit" (without the grapefruit) had two more members to-day following announcement last night that the Cincinnati Reds of the National league and the Indianapolis Indians of the American association would conduct spring training at Indiana University.

The Reds were the fourth major league club to select an Indiana site for spring workouts, and there were indications the number might grow to as many as seven before training begins.

The Cleveland Indians were said to be negotiating for Victory field, home of the Indians in Indianapolis; the Pittsburgh Pirates were reported seeking to close a deal with Earlham college officials for use of the field-house and other facilities at Richmond, and representatives of the St. Louis Browns were said to be looking over facilities of Purdue at Lafayette.

The Chicago Cubs and White Sox will train at French Lick, only 55 miles from Bloomington, and the Detroit Tigers will be at Evansville, about 100 miles away.

## Giants Crab Dodgers Tilt With Yankees

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—Ford Frick, president of the National league, disclosed today he had received a formal telegraphic protest from the New York Giants over an exhibition series which the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees have arranged in conflict with games scheduled by the Giants and Washington Senators.

Frick said Horace Stoneham, president of the Giants had wired him "the New York club objects to the Brooklyn club invading its territory for exhibition games at Yankee stadium April 17-18."

Edward G. Barrow, president of the Yankees, fumed at the mention of a feud, declaring "we've got those games booked and they're going to stay booked. I'm not going to get into any silly arguments with anybody. There's no feud as far as we're concerned."

He acknowledged that he had received "some kind of a telegram from Mr. Stoneham" this morning.

"I don't know whether I will answer it or not," he added. "I don't know any reason why I should."

## Whirlaway, Refugee From Florida Races, Goes to Louisiana

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 15 (AP)—The mighty Whirlaway was riding an express railway coach to New Orleans today, refugee from the ban on pleasure driving which closed Florida horse racing tracks.

Trainer Ben Jones said Warren Wright's great horse will be entered in two or three races at the Louisiana track.

Whirlaway was stranded in California last year when Santa Anita closed.

He and a carload of stablemates left Miami last night.

GREAT LAKES — Great Lakes basketball team will appear in 11 states, with the season closing at Notre Dame, March 8.

# Sports

Midland Empire

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## Pelicans Meet Lakeview Hoop Squad Tonight

The Pelican hoopsters battle with the dark horse Lakeview Honkers on the local floor tonight at 8:00 p. m. in another district hoop tilt.

Colds and flu have left their ravages on the Pelican players, but it is expected that the usual starting lineup composed of Cox, Foster, Welch, Conray and Bocchi will take the floor.

The preliminary game will be between the First National bank hoopmen and the Tik Tok squad from the Victory league.

Game time for the preliminary is 7:00 p. m. The Pelican-Honker tilt will begin at approximately 8:00 p. m.

## Academy Has Close Win in Victory Loop

The Academy basketball team finally edged out a 28-26 win over the Signal Oil hoopmen — now called the "Buzards"—in the first game last night in Victory league play at the high school.

The LDS team took an easy win from the Great Northerners with a 38-15 score.

Leading 18 to 11 at the half, the academy withstood a last half rally by the Buzards which almost swamped them. Game high point man was Talbert Senora who dropped six sinkers for 11 points. High man for the Academy was Mahoney with eight.

In running up his team's 38-15 victory over the Great Northerners, Jay Maynew of the LDS team scored 17 points. Hjalmer Johnson, also of LDS, tallied 12. High point man for the Great Northerners was Tiburcio Alvarez, who made 10 points.

Summaries:  
Academy 28 26 Buzards  
Mahoney, 8 Senora  
Smith 11, Senora  
Crawford, 6 Caristy  
Derran, 6 Benson  
Hyde, 6 Short  
Substitutes: Academy—Fogarty, Pickett, 2 Buzards—Barin, Sneldon.  
LDS 38 15 GN  
Ervin, 1 Case  
Johnson, 12 Alvarez  
Smith, 6 Pickett  
Maynew, 17 Bucinoz  
Martin, 2 Contreas  
Substitutes: LDS — Senecal, Hallmark, Roper, Abbey. Great Northerners—Jamewright.

In view of the Harlem Globetrotters-Klamath All-Stars game at the high school Monday night, the Victory league will play the Guerrillas-oappiss battle as the preliminary. The other Victory league battle scheduled for tonight will be postponed until January 28.

Terry, now a contented farmer, said he naturally was much interested in the baseball outlook, and was as bewildered as everybody else as to what the future holds, but as far as his plans for returning to the game in some capacity were concerned he "had nothing for publication."

## Bill Terry Won't Talk About His Baseball Return

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—Bill Terry, former star player, team manager and farm system boss of the New York Giants, planned to leave today for his home near Memphis after a flying visit to this city for a purpose, he insisted, not remotely connected with baseball. He came here to attend a banquet last night.

## Bowling

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE		Gross Tallies	
Kilgore	220	197	107
McCormack	157	127	195
Hamilton	158	158	142
Potter	156	165	163
Wakeman	164	231	202
Handicap	50	50	50
TOTAL	505	959	945

Knights Columbus	
Pickett	151
Delory	127
Pappy	126
Clark	174
Lavenik	209
Handicap	97
TOTAL	1091

Superior Toy Laundry	
Low	151
Hutchinson	176
Holman	151
Arthur	151
Telford	174
Handicap	56
TOTAL	849

Eins Club	
Booth	194
Van Doren	177
Holman	154
Martin	159
Driscoll	149
Handicap	66
TOTAL	919

Black and White Service	
Robinson	150
Edson	153
Lehleiter	156
Wright	151
Finley	175
Handicap	136
TOTAL	821

## Cruz Meets Proctor in Ten Rounder

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 (AP)—Costello Cruz of California, one of our better middleweights, will meet Powder Proctor of Portland, who hopes to become one of them, in a scheduled 10-round-er tonight here.

Although Proctor had a fair amount of odds-on backing, the consensus hereabouts was that Cruz would win with something to spare.

It will be the third appearance of the noted California ringman here. In two previous bouts he decided and knocked out Leo Turner, Oregon middleweight.

In other bouts Dallas Bennet of Bonneville will box Otto Stowe, Springfield, Ill., for six rounds in the heavyweight division; Buddy Peterson, Portland, will meet Speedy Cannon, San Francisco, for six rounds, middleweight; Pancho Lupe, Portland, vs. Richard Mathewson, Woodburn, four rounds, lightweight; Ken Ray, Portland, vs. Ken Quinn, Portland, welter.

## High School Athletics Get Backing

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (AP)—High school officials strongly back a program of emphasizing, rather than de-emphasizing, interscholastic athletics this year and feel it is their patriotic duty to do so.

This was revealed today by H. V. Porter, executive secretary of the National Federation of State High School Athletic associations, after a survey of schools in 40 states represented in the organizations.

"Our survey showed that last September many school officials were on the fence, not knowing whether to continue sports or not," Porter said. "As a result, about five per cent of the schools dropped 11-man football. But now they are almost unanimous in the belief that it is their patriotic duty to carry on."

Transportation will be the big problem, he added, but it may be partially solved by scheduling events nearer home. The consensus is that the draft of 18 year olds will have little effect since the average age of high school athletes is 17.

## WSC Battles Oregon With Frosh Team

PULLMAN, Jan. 15 (AP)—Washington State college will face the University of Oregon tonight and Saturday night, in the first Pacific Coast conference basketball game for the Cougars, without the services of their scoring ace, Captain Owen Hunt.

Hunt was reported ill with influenza yesterday and may not see action in either game. Coach Jack Friel announced that Phil Mahan will replace him.

The WSC yearlings will get their first taste of action in preliminary contests both nights. Tonight the Cougar freshmen will meet the junior varsity of Eastern Washington college and on Saturday they will tangle with Branigan's Celtics, a team made up of WSC football stars.

Standout freshmen in practice are Ed Aibers, 6 foot five inch center from Centralia; Ward Rockey, Olympia, and Archie Gackey, Raymond, guards; Don Millikan, Seattle, and Wayne Clough, Snohomish, forwards.

## Henley Hornets Play Keno Cage Team Tonight

The Henley high school basketballers will play a home and home exchange with the Keno boys this weekend. On Friday, January 15, they play at Keno and on the 16th at the Henley gym.

## No Taxi Rides For Bowlers—It's a Pleasure

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—A New Haven, Conn., bowling team arrived here by train and prepared to take a taxi to the alleys, many blocks from the station.

"Bowlers?" inquired the taxi driver, noticing their bags. "Sorry, can't take you. That's pleasure. The subway is just around the corner."

## Baseball Officials Attend Funeral of Billy Webb Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (AP)—Will Harridge, president of the American league and officials of the Chicago White Sox headed the group of baseball personalities attending the funeral today of Billy Webb, head of the White Sox farm system. Representatives of other American and National league officials were among the hundreds at the services.

Webb, who was 47, died Tuesday of a heart attack.

## Diver Recovers Precious Pellets For Miami Golfers

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 15 (AP)—A diver recovered 209 golf balls yesterday from the Biscayne canal, one of the hazards on the Miami Shores golf course.

Every once in awhile Willie MacFarlane, former national open champion and pro at the club, hires a diver to retrieve the lost pellets, which he grades and sells back to club members.

## Leo the Lip Gets Call to Report for Physical Examination

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—Leo Durocher, 37, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been ordered by his draft board, No. 133 in Brooklyn, to report for his physical examination, President Branch Rickey of the club said today.

Durocher, signed as player-manager for 1943 when Rickey became head of the club last fall, at present is at the Mayo clinic for a routine check-up.

# Baseball's Manpower Query Here

Dodgers Have 31 Players Left on Shrinking Roster Due to Army Calls, Work

By JUDSON BAILEY  
NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—Confronted by the imminent entry of Manager Leo Durocher into military service and with Pete Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers says "baseball's question no longer is in the distance—it's here."

Durocher has been notified to report to a draft board for a physical examination, Rickey revealed yesterday, and if he passes this "screen test" presumably will be reclassified immediately from 3A to 1A and placed in line for an early call to colors.

Rickey said that right now the Dodgers have only 31 players on their roster and this number was shrinking daily.

He told of talking to Outfielder Dixie Walker, who is serving as recreation director at a plant of the Sperry Gyroscope company and who may keep the job on a year-around basis.

"When men of Walker's earning power in baseball consider quitting for some other job, which is not in itself a vital function to the war effort, but which he is thinking about keeping for the security it offers him in later years, then you have a real problem," Rickey commented.

"The double A leagues have a continuously threatened loss of players and I don't see how hope to operate. Leagues that have expected to have an adequate number of players are going to find that industry and the draft will leave them very little with which to start."

## Alpine Dairy, All-Stars in Lead Battle

SEATTLE, Jan. 15 (AP)—With Seattle's Alpine Dairy and Bremerton's All-Stars both undefeated, their clash here next Tuesday night for leadership in the Northwest Basketball league looms as a natural for hoop fans. Both won their games last night.

At Bremerton the All-Stars easily kept their slate clean by trouncing Lohrer's Sport Shop of Seattle 61 to 43. Bremerton led all the way. High scoring honors, however, went to two former University of Washington stars in the Lohrer lineup—Roy Williamson with 16 and Bobby Lindh with 15.

Alpine Dairy, Northwest AAU champion, got only a light workout in routing Lake Washington Shipyards here, 54-19.

## Softball Has Government Green Light

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 15 (AP)—A governmental green light for softball was flashed today by Paul V. McNutt, United States manpower commissioner and director of the office of defense health and welfare service.

In a telegram to Raymond Johnson, president of the Amateur Softball Association of America, McNutt said:

"Today more than ever the American people are concerned with promoting their physical well-being and enjoying wholesome recreational sports and activities. Softball certainly is one popular and inexpensive sport which should be continued and extended. I hope therefore that the Amateur Softball association will make every effort to stimulate this worthwhile and wholesome sport."

Johnson said the telegram clears the track for an estimated 400,000 players to take to the diamond next spring for what he believes will be the sport's greatest season.

## IDAHO DROPS LEWISTON

CALDWELL, Ida., Jan. 15 (AP)—Sparked by "Deadeye" Dick Bourland, whose "deadeye" is approximately six feet, seven inches from the floor, College of Idaho defeated Lewiston Normal 39 to 28 in a basketball game here last night. College of Idaho took an early lead and Lewiston never was able to come closer than four points.

## OS MAN IN MARINES

ST. HELENS, Jan. 15 (AP)—Orv Zielaskowski, stalwart lineman of Oregon State's 1942 football team, has reported to the marine corps base at San Diego for active duty. He had been in the officers' reserve.

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## Swift Sno Bird



Art Devlin of Syracuse set competitive record for intervals hill with ski jump of 411 meters and won downhill race over Whitney trail course of about a mile in 1:36.3 in college men's meet of Lake Placid club Sno Birds. Devlin expects call to air force.

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# Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fulleton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—It's a natural assumption that the first thing a fighting man ought to learn is how to fight and Col. Heine Miller of the marines comes up with the idea that this requirement should make boxing the No. 1 sport. . . . Of course, Col. Miller, a former NBA president, has more than a passing interest in boxing and there might be some good arguments in favor of water polo for sailors, but here's what he has to say:

"With such of present warfare, particularly against Tojo hand-to-hand stuff, boxing is too important to monkey with. More kids should box. The old bayonet manual does not go in for footwork to the left or the right. Yet any boxer, if thrust at with a bayonet, would instinctively side step and, with his 'inside' hand throw a counter punch while going outside of or out and under the thrust. In the ring that would mean the difference between scoring a knockdown or being knocked down. With a bayonet it would mean life or death."

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