

Duck Population Down, Wildlife Expert Says

Gloomy Announcement Of Census Result May Be Forerunner Of Shorter Waterfowl Hunting Season, Reduced Bag Limits

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Early indications of a critical decline in the duck population of the North American continent have been reported from Chicago by Clarence Cottam, assistant director of the U. S. fish and wildlife service, and that announcement may well be a forerunner of a shorter bird season and smaller bag limits for 1947.

The wildlife service took a January census of waterfowl remaining after the last hunting season, but Cottam's report that last year's kill was over 26,000,000 is not final. A complete tabulation will not be furnished until next month, but the service's preliminary said that a preponderance of local reports showed "a marked decrease for the year."

Pelican Boxers Face Test Against Umpqua Ringsters

Klamath high school boxers will get a chance to test their punches and skill against the Roseburg ring team Friday when the nine Pelicans travel north. Bob Hendershott is tutoring the boxing squad.

Game Tithing Not Changed

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—The legislature's biennial quarrel over taking the state game commission out from under the state tithing law was postponed Tuesday in the senate, which decided 17 to 13 to leave the commission under the law.

Under the law, all self-sustaining state activities pay 10 percent of their receipts into the state general fund. This will cost the game commission \$89,000 during the next two years.

Sponsors of the bill to take the commission out from under the law said sportsmen feel their money should be used to promote game facilities, and that they are angry because 10 percent of their license fees go into the general fund.

Opponents defended tithing, asserting it is needed to balance the state's budget. They also said tithing is a justifiable fee which an independent commission pays for doing business in the state.

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Chevs Take Region AAU Hoop Crown

The Ashley Chevrolet squad last night grabbed another title, that of AAU independent basketball champs for southern Oregon, and will now go to Portland Sunday to compete with cage squads from 15 other districts in the state for the Oregon crown.

The Chevies easily defeated the Ashland Elks, 64 to 40, in a game played on the Medford high school court.

On the home basketball front the Klamath Basin league's four top teams start a playoff grind tonight at Altamont gym for the local championship.

The Chevrolet hoop squad, first placers in the city division, hook up with the Henley Town team at 7:30, and Rickys Jewelers go in with the Tulalake Associated Flyers in the second game of the evening.

Tule Flyers, undefeated, won the county division flag hands down, while Henley took second place in a playoff. The Rickys squad copped second place in the city standings.

Losers of tonight's battles come together in a consolation round Saturday, and the winners fight it out for the Basin league championship.

The Ashley quintet will be in the position of defending champion for the playoff tourney, and immediately after the Saturday night games will have to hit the road to Portland for further AAU action.

Voigts Gets Wildcat Job

EVANSTON, Ill., Feb. 26 (AP)—Robert W. (Bob) Voigts, ranked as one of Northwestern university's greatest all-star athletes, is the new football coach at his alma mater, the first alumnus mentor of the Wildcats since 1913.

Voigts, 31-year-old line coach of the Cleveland Browns of the All-America Football conference, was named last night as head grid coach by the Northwestern board of trustees to succeed Lynn Waldorf, who resigned 10 days ago to become head football coach at the University of California.

He was signed to a three-year contract, but the salary was not disclosed. The Wildcats may have had to offer at least \$12,000 to lure him from the Browns where he was reported to be getting \$10,000 a year on a 5-year contract. Waldorf was said to have received \$10,000. Voigts earlier demanded that "the price be right and that I can name my own assistants."

Linfield Raps Raiders, 70-55

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—Linfield college will meet University of Portland for the right to represent the Oregon smaller colleges in the national invitational basketball association meet in Kansas City.

The collegians knocked over Southern Oregon College of Education 70-55 last night. It was the third defeat in 26 games for Coach Al Simpson's Red Raiders.

Halftime score was 37-11. Vermont and Peterson paced the winners with 18 and 15 points respectively, but Southern's Peters took over all honors with 20 tallies.

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Baseball Training Flashes

Joe's Heel Bothers

SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 26 (AP) Joe DiMaggio was scheduled to be flown to the United States today to undergo a second operation on his heel but the New York Yankee ballhawk is expected to rejoin the Bombers at their St. Petersburg, Fla., base, March 11.

Larry MacPhail, president of the Yanks, said that the hard-hitting centerfielder will go to Baltimore where Dr. George Bennett of Johns Hopkins would wield the knife "in the next several days."

Torgeson Stars

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Feb. 26 (AP)—Ed Wright, Lou Tost and Johnny Sain will pitch for one Boston Braves today when the National leaguers play their second intra-squad game. Hurling for the other nine will be Lefty John Christensen, Emerson (Steve) Roser and Glen Ellisor.

Rookie First Sacker Earl Torgeson of Snohomish and Third Baseman Bob Elliott drove in four runs each yesterday as the "Cooney's" trimmed the "White's" 11-3.

Musial Stand-Ins

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 26 (AP)—Manager Eddie Dyer of the St. Louis Cardinals plans to work both Vernal Jones and Dick Sisler at first base in the event Stan Musial is still unsigned when the Cardinals begin training Saturday.

There have been no late developments in Musial's holdout status. Stan says he has had no further word from the Cardinals' front office and is standing firm on his increased salary demands.

Squeeze Drills

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 26 (AP) The hit and run play and bunting continues to take up most of the time at the New York Giants' spring training base here.

Manager Mel Ott of the Giants drilled his crew in the art of hitting behind the runner yesterday while Coach Travis Jackson

Monte Chills Carlson For Spectacular End To Fight

Monte Montgomery, 140-pounder, knocked out Rudy Carlson in one round at the armory last night, in what was the most spectacular fight on the six-bout card.

There was action in that welterweight fight from the opening bell, but halfway through the round Rudy took an uppercut to the chin and went down on his back for an eight-count.

When he got up Monte caught him with a right-hand smash to the head, folding Carlson over the second rope strand just as the bell sounded. Rudy was carried to the corner, but hadn't come to by time for the second round.

In the main event Bob Eastman decided LeRoy Barkley would win by a right-hand smash to the head, but Barkley was all but out on his feet when the fourth round ended.

Bruce Miller and Eddie Johnson, middleweights, went five rounds to a draw, punch for punch. Miller never cleanly connected his right-hand knockout punch, and Johnson, who is fast improving at the game, picked up lots of points counterpunching.

Joe Maravilla, Napa, Ida., Mexican, took a close decision from Billy Sunday in a slugfest. There were no knockdowns, and it was a tough fight for the boys.

Darrell Harrington reversed an earlier decision by knocking out Shadow Kirk in two rounds of their lightweight encounter. Harrington received a jolt in the

mouth and was down for seven in the first round, but in the second he had Kirk constantly in trouble before tagging a right cross to shadow's face in close to end the fight.

The opening lightweight bout saw Herbie Snell chop and batter Darrell Captin for two rounds before Captin's handlers tossed in the towel. It went as a TKO for Snell.

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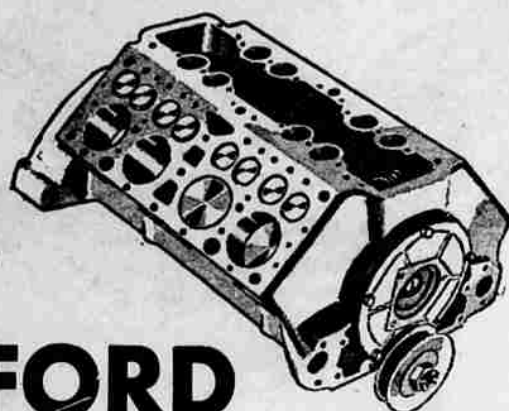
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