

# Work Contracts Let For Baseball Arena

## Home Of Gems Being Rushed To Completion

Contracts were let last night for construction of a grandstand and fence and installation of floodlights and work was scheduled to begin today on the erection of a home for the Gems, Klamath Falls' team in the Far West class D professional baseball league.

When the whole works is completed and a team is on the field, the organization owning the Gems will have a layout representing the neighborhood of \$80,000 — a right class neighborhood.

The contract for construction of the grandstand, seating capacity of some 2000, was awarded Verne Schorgren of the contracting firm of Burkhardt and Schorgren, Klamath Falls. That firm will also erect the fence.

**POWERFUL LIGHTS**  
Lights have been ordered and will be installed by the Leach Service company. The lighting system will include 160 acres of 1500 watts each, mounted on 10 90-foot poles. The system will be a good one, costing about \$17,000.

Bill Canton was to do the surveying work today, laying out the diamond, locating the light poles and fence. Posts for the fence are already cut and boards are going through the kiln now. Some advertising has already been sold on the fence panels and arrangements are being made for a scoreboard.

The Philadelphia Phillies have a national advertising arrangement which may contribute to filling the wall panels. Advertisements are also being sold on a permanent one-year agreement.

Since the Gems are scheduled to play their first game at home May 6, only about 40 work days remain for construction of the park, but Schorgren, the contractor, and Jack Evans, trouble-shooter for the baseball organization, are confident it can be done.

Meanwhile, more stock is being sold in the home-owned corporation to finance the construction work and the ball club and now for the first time stockholders can begin to see their money getting into action.

**BUY EIGHT ACRES**  
The board of directors voted to buy approximately eight acres of ground in the vicinity of the fairgrounds between S. 5th and Shasta way. The ball club will have a 550-foot frontage on Crest street.

That much ground will give ample room for the park, plus parking space for some 200 cars.

Formation of a "knothole gang" to let youngsters see baseball games for a small admission fee, was virtually assured by the directors of the club last night, and the "gang" probably will include branches in Dorris, Merrill, Malin, Tulelake, Chiloquin and other nearby towns.

**Holy Cross, Kentucky In**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP)—The tournament basketball pot was boiling today with naming of Holy Cross and Kentucky to the NCAA meet and the mailing this afternoon of bids to the national invitation tournament.

Holy Cross' selection yesterday as district No. 1 representative came as no surprise. The Crusaders (18-3) are the defending NCAA champions and the class of New England.

Kentucky, which has competed in the national invitation the last two years, accepted the district three NCAA bid last night after beating Temple, 58-30. Kentucky has won 26 and lost two.

The other NCAA berths will be decided mainly on the finishes in the various major conferences. Eight teams are picked for this tourney, scheduled March 11 through 17, in the Garden.

**Raiders Heading For Kansas City**  
ASHLAND, Feb. 25 (AP)—Southern Oregon College of Education, winner of 25 out of 26 basketball games, will compete in the national collegiate basketball tournament at Kansas City starting March 8.

Ted Schopf, coach, said today that the Ashland school was named representative of the Oregon and Western Idaho district. Willamette and Portland also were eligible, but when they declined to enter a play-off, the berth went to Southern Oregon, Schopf said.

**Crowd Greet Joe**  
LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Joe Louis arrived in London today and ambled through the biggest crowd of back-slapping boxing fans ever assembled at Waterloo station.

The heavyweight champion will give training and sparring exhibitions at Earl's court. He brought along 300 steaks.

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## By Hale Scarborough Student Body Prexy Clears Up Standing Of KUHS School Fund

Out of the furor this column apparently stirred up a couple of days ago by having the brassness to suggest that Klamath Union high school contribute financially to sending its good rally squad to the Eugene basketball tournament, comes a letter from Bill Southwell, KUHS student body president.

We suggested that the student body fund had between \$18,000 and \$22,000 from which it might be able to find enough money to pay the expenses of the eight girls and a boy rally squad members to Eugene, and Bill's letter goes into some detail.

... the amount of money in the KUHS student body fund as of January 31, was \$21,008.41. This money, however, actually belongs to 42 different school organizations, departments, classes and clubs. Each club or organization has complete control over the expenditure of its individual funds.

"A fund, such as El Rodeo's (school yearbook) \$1637.01, will be exhausted by the end of the school year. The same holds true for many of the other balances. The balance of the athletic department fund was \$5964.44, to which has just been added its share of income from student body cards, amounting to approximately \$1500, making its total \$7464.44 at this time.

"The general fund whose chief source of income is one-fourth of the student body card sales (averaging about \$500 per year) now stands at \$2220.01, and this is none too large to care for regular expenditures."

**Athletic Kitty Looks Solvent**  
That breakdown does not change the picture materially. The item of \$7464.44 earmarked for the athletic department was undoubtedly built up to a great extent by athletics. Football and basketball, the varsity games, pay off at the high school, and the band and rally squad help to draw in the customers. If nothing else, they fill in that 15-minute between-halves dead spell at football games.

Nobody is suggesting that the school or student body adopt the rally squad as a perpetual expense for every out-of-town game that comes along, but the suggestion still stands that somehow (without asking for a handout) the \$360 or whatever amount is necessary to send the cheerleaders to Eugene be raised at the high school.

**Play One For The Rally Squad**  
A game between the Rickys Jewelry basketball team of the Basin league and a colored touring outfit, the Iowa Ghosts, is in the making—money from that venture to go toward making up a kitty for the rally squad. With a good turnout, the game might net \$75 after the gym, officials and the Ghosts are settled.

Here's a better idea. Friday and Saturday nights the Pelicans play Ashland here. The district 4 championship is already won and nothing at all is riding on the week-end games. For that reason, the gate both nights probably will be considerably smaller than those for contests in the home championship race.

How about staging a Notre Dame "win this one for the Gipper" and play the Saturday night game with Ashland for the rally squad. With the proper build-up and with the understanding that all proceeds go into a pot to pay the legitimate expenses of sending the rally squad to Eugene, Pelican court might be packed. A crowded house would net the \$360 with some to spare.

**WILLIE PEP RETAINS FEATHER RING TITLE**  
MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 25 (AP)—Cuban Humberto Sierra's effort to lift the world featherweight championship from Willie Pep was just water over the dam today.

Pep, probably the busiest and best little man in the boxing business, retained his title in a most convincing manner in the Orange Bowl last night when he knocked out Sierra in 22 seconds of the tenth round.

And the rain, pouring down on 10,000 spectators in the open air stadium, probably will be remembered longer than the fight.

Pep set the Cuban up for the finish with a left hook to the body that left Sierra gasping in the ninth. Then, Willie cut loose. A fight smash to the head sent Sierra down for a count of five. He managed to get up, but it was obvious that he couldn't go much farther.

Starting the tenth, Pep drove the Cuban across the ring with a series of left hooks to the head, then slammed home a right cross that was the finisher.

Pep weighed 125½, Sierra 126. And the rain, pouring down on 10,000 spectators in the open air stadium, probably will be remembered longer than the fight.

**Skiers Negotiate Fourth Of Trek**  
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 25 (AP)—Adventurers Jack Meissner and Emory Woodall have covered the fourth of their 300-mile ski trek along the Cascade mountain summit between Mount Hood and Crater lake.

Two civil air patrol pilots sighted the two men near Mt. Jefferson yesterday and dropped supplies and two carrier pigeons.

Pilot Marvin Jensen said the men on the ground did not signal they were in any distress. The pigeons will carry any message they may have to "home roosts" here.

Meissner, of Cascade Summit, Ore., and Woodall, of Arlington, Va., left Government camp last Wednesday. They expected the trip, never before attempted in mid-winter, to take 29 days.

**Three Unsigned**  
BROOKLYN, Feb. 25 (AP)—Floyd (Arky) Vaughan and Gene Mauch, two Brooklyn infielders, signed their contracts today, the Dodgers announced. That leaves three Dodgers who have not agreed to terms — Shortstop Pee Wee Reese, Second Baseman Eddie Stanky and Catcher Bruce Edwards.

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## Briefs Left Hand Edges Out Petersen

SEATTLE, Feb. 25 (AP)—Heavyweight Bill Petersen still was seeing left hands today.

The 195-pound Seattle boxer dropped a 10-round decision to Baby Dutch Culbertson, 185, Los Angeles, last night after going to the canvas twice and being kept constantly off balance by the Californian's off-side hooks.

**Preliminaries:**  
Buford Ransom, 148, Seattle, knocked out Bruce Miller, 149, Klamath Falls, 3; Eddie Cotton, 163, Seattle, decisioned Roy Keeney, 163, Bellingham, 6; Wilf Desjardins, 130, Spokane, decisioned Joe Franklin, 147, McChord field, 4; and Bernice Olson, 183, Seattle, decisioned Hector Fillion, 183, Vancouver, B. C., 4.

**Watch The Ducks**  
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 25 (AP)—Oregon is the "team to watch" in the 1948 Coast conference football race.

Vic Schmidt, conference athletic commissioner, told members of the Oregon club here yesterday that southern division schools have tabbed the Ducks as the team most to be feared during the fall campaign.

**Novikoff Agrees**  
SEATTLE, Feb. 25 (AP)—Outfielder Lou Novikoff and Third Baseman Hillis Layne, both previously listed as holdouts, have signed new contracts with the Seattle Rainiers, club officials said today.

Layne won the Pacific Coast league batting title last season. Other contract signers reported are Herbert Karpel from Newark; John Thrush, Detroit Rookie; James Keating and Tom Reis, who played with Seattle last season. All four are pitchers.

**Zags Slate CPS**  
SPOKANE, Feb. 25 (AP)—Gonzaga and College of Puget Sound basketball teams will meet in the near future, Gonzaga athletic officials said today, for the right to play Pacific Lutheran college.

Winner of the latter game will represent Washington State in the annual championships of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB) at Kansas City in March.

**Speedy Grappling**  
EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 25 (AP)—Homer Pettigrew of Grady, N. M., five times world champion steer wrestler, turned in a mark of 11.5 seconds last night to move far out in front at the Southwestern championship rodeo.

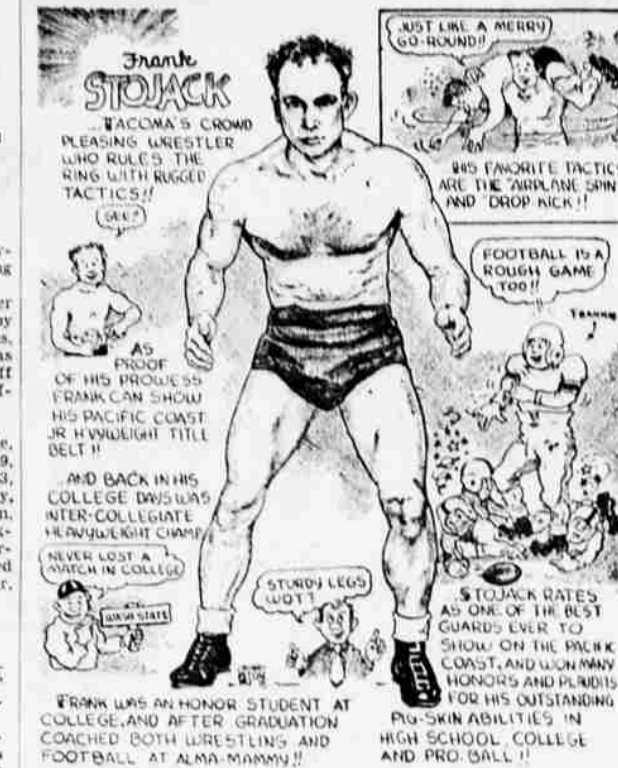
Behind him were Vern Castro, Richmond, Calif., with 25.2; Steve Heacock, Phoenix, Ariz., 28.8, and J. D. McKenna, Sheridan, Wyo., 39.6.

**High, Of Course**  
RIVER FALLS, Wis., Feb. 25 (AP)—Nate Lelong, River Falls Teachers college center, scored 32 points last night as his team defeated the Winona, Minn., Teachers 96-48.

**Three Prong Playoff Seen**  
SEATTLE, Feb. 25 (AP)—A possible three team playoff for the Pacific Coast professional league basketball title was announced today by league directors.

Two of the finalists will be Seattle's first half champions and the eventual winner of the second half race scheduled to end March 16. A possible third team may get into the titular playoff in round robin games to follow the regular season.

Should a third team win the round robin, one of the three contenders will be into the championship round. The other two will play a two-out-of-three series to enter the final round. Both finalists will enter the world's championship tournament in Chicago in April.



## Brownout May Slight Little Ball Circuits

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25 (AP)—Northern California's drought-born power brownout will curb but not blackout night sports.

The state public utilities commission yesterday ordered lighting for night sports reduced 50 per cent. The emergency may extend into the fall.

Commissioner R. E. Mittelstaedt said that if pre-game lighting was curtailed, the Pacific Coast Baseball league probably could play at night. Oakland, Sacramento and San Francisco members are in the affected area.

However, smaller leagues may not fare so well. President Jerry Donovan, whose Far West league comprises six California teams in the affected area and two in Oregon, called directors to discuss the problem. He speculated that night games would have to be rescheduled for twilight.

Joe Devine, spokesman for the California State league, said his loop would shift to afternoon or twilight. Northern California members of the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey league said they would comply immediately by reducing illumination and also by reducing the thickness of the ice. The latter would cut the power used in freezing plants.

**Late Cage Scores**  
High School  
By The Associated Press  
Newberg 82, McMinnville 44.  
Junction City 38, Eugene 35.  
Columbia Prep 46, Seapoope 41.  
Taft 45, Siletz 32.  
Milwaukie 82, Canby 27.  
Oregon City 57, Molalla 34.  
Sherwood 47, Hill Military 32.  
Willamina 71, Stayton 38.  
Bendleton 65, Hermiston 32.  
Tigard 55, Tillamook 47.  
Parkrose 49, Seaside 26.  
University H 34, Cottage Grove 29.

The Dalles 43, La Grande 37.  
Corbett 37, Condonia 35.  
Jefferson 48, Benson 37.  
Washington 35, Roosevelt 31.  
Commerce 52, Franklin 40.  
Grant 46, Lincoln 43.  
Corvallis 46, Newport 28.  
Idaho 43, Washington 41.  
Gonzaga 44, Whitman 23.  
Puget Sound 77, British Columbia 54.

Lewis & Clark 70, Linfield 67.  
Grays Harbor J. C. 44, Everett J. C. 43.  
Clark J. C. 40, Centralia J. C. 31.  
Northern Idaho 64, Eastern Oregon 48.  
Tulane 73, Mississippi 46.  
Kentucky 58, Temple 38.  
Pennsylvania 64, Harvard 54.

**FIGHTS LAST NIGHT**  
MIAMI — Willie Pep, 125½, Hartford, Conn., knocked out Humberto Sierra, 126, Havana, 10. (Title). Ollie Tanberg, 206½, Stockholm, outpointed Walter Hafer, 202, Washington, D. C., 10.

COLUMBUS—Arturo Godoy, 201, Chile, outpointed Irish Pat Richard, 185, Columbus, 10.  
LOS ANGELES — Fred Wermey, 195, Tulsa, outpointed Billy McClure, 185, Los Angeles, 6.

SEATTLE — Baby Dutch Culbertson, 185, Los Angeles, outpointed Bill Petersen, 195, Seattle, 10.

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## Vandals Sneak Past Huskies

MOSEOW, Ida., Feb. 25 (AP)—The University of Washington had only a mathematical chance today to win the northern division Coast conference basketball title.

The Huskies fell into third place last night as cellar-dwelling Idaho sneaked out an upset 43-41 decision. It was the third win in 14 conference starts for the Vandals, and Washington's sixth loss.

To gain even a tie for the conference crown, Washington must take both its remaining games with Idaho in Seattle, pace-setting Washington State must lose two of its four Oregon road starts and second place Oregon State must lose one of its three remaining games.

Both Idaho and Washington started out in a deliberate style last night with Idaho not making a field goal in the first 11 minutes of play as the score stood 7-5 Washington. Then Preston Brimhall knotted the count with a long-handed push shot. Moments later he hit again and sent Idaho out in front to stay.

The Vandals held a 21-14 halftime lead.

Sammy White, Bill Taylor and Jack Nichols each hit for Washington counters to narrow the count to 40-39 with 90 seconds remaining in the game, only to have the Idahoans go into the inevitable stall. Dick Giebler's free throw and Wendell Christensen's field goal offset a closing mid-floor shot by Andy Opacich, husky guard.

Brimhall paced the Idaho attack with 17 points, including seven foul shots. Washington's Nichols collected 16 counters.

**Colonials Nab Spot**  
The Washington Colonials of Portland last night lined up with five other earlier basketball district winners to step into the state game tournament in Eugene.

Washington finished second place in the Portland city league by pounding over Roosevelt 35-31. That gives Washington the district 16 bid to the state tourney. Jefferson, leader of the Portland league, has already taken district 15.

Portland has two places in the Eugene playoff.

Washington's victory is important in that the Klamath Pelicans are paired with the district 15 team in their first game of the tournament, March 17 at 7:30 p. m.

Jefferson turned as the strong boy of the Portland circuit, having won 22 straight ball games.

The playoff lineup now includes Klamath Falls, district 4; Springfield, district 6; Astoria, district 10; St. Helens, district 14; Washington, district 15; Jefferson, district 16.

**Students Order Good Football**  
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 25 (AP)—A committee of students and alumni today told the University of Pittsburgh to get out of big-time football or get a team that can play it.

The recommendation came in a 14-page report submitted to Chancellor Rufus H. Fitzgerald. He will lay it before the university board of trustees on Friday.

The report also suggested that the university fire Athletic Director James Hazan, who was blamed for many of the school's ills. It recommended that Head Football Coach Mike Milligan be given another chance next season to see if he can make good. His team won one, lost eight games last fall.

**Panthers Drub Paisley, 46-26**  
ELY, Feb. 25 (AP)—Chiloquin's Panthers, Klamath county high school basketball winner, last night trounced Paisley 46-26 in a Klamath-Lake playoff here and earned the right to meet Jacksonville of the Jackson-Josephine circuit for the district 5-B title.

The Panthers led 27-7 at halftime and were paced by Gilis Hannigan at 16 points. Claud Baird at 14.

Chiloquin will start its two-out-of-three playoff with Coach Donald Tingley's Jacksonville team Thursday night at 8:15 in the Oregon Vocational school gymnasium.

**Four Burn To Death In Blaze**  
WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 25 (AP)—Four persons, two of them small children, perished early Tuesday as their home was destroyed by fire at nearby New Castle, Del.

Police Capt. Charles L. Murray of New Castle said those killed were Charles Bungy, his six-year-old daughter, Evil, a son, Roger, four, and the children's aunt, Alberta Chandler, all negroes.

**CONVICTED**  
SEATTLE, Feb. 25 (AP)—A Port Angeles post office employee, George Bohmstedt, used stamps the wrong way.

A federal court jury deliberated one hour yesterday before convicting him of using an already cancelled five-cent postage stamp.

Two other counts — that he similarly used a 10 and 20-cent stamp — were dismissed.

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