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Caught in the Rounds

By DEB ADDISON
Listening to the panel of experts on the Build the Basin program on how to improve the value of sports, we detected one continuing thread that tied all the statements and questions and answers together. That one matter of most importance, on the value of sports, can be expressed in one word, participation.

more go on.
Ralph Carroll brought up the matter of American Legion junior baseball. We can't speak for the Legion, but imagine that some thinking is being done. The plight of professional baseball is well known. The Gems management could be depended upon to do everything possible to bring its big investment back to a going concern.

Also, hearing Harold Hendrickson's long recitation of sports activities and all the others that were brought up in the course of the program, the only conclusion that could be reached was that there is, right now, tremendous participation in sports by all kinds of boys and girls, men and women.

The schools' physical education, intra-mural and interscholastic sports programs (augmented by the city's 4-year-old recreation program) are all-inclusive. Any child or young man or woman can take part to the extent of his ability and inclination.

Well, there are 13 square dancing groups; there's the Victory and City League basketball; there's skating and skiing; there's sledding and tobogganing; there are nearly 2000 boys taking part in Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Explorer activities; there are the Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, the Brownies and Blue Birds.

There must be 20 or 30 active Sunday Schools, and there are all the many divisions of the many fraternal groups. There are about a thousand young people active in 4-H and FFA programs.

There are many people who say that we should have a community center—a recreation center—for young and old alike.

There were two requests brought up on the Build the Basin panel for adult sports which now are lacking and which could not be included in the community center.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

WHAT A BREAK FOR GOOD OLD JOE. HE WON'T HAVE TO PAY ANY DUES NEXT MONTH—THAT IS—IF HE HOLDS OUT TILL NEXT MONTH!

WE REALLY GOT SOME BISHOPHEARTED GUYS ON THE BOARD—LOOKS TO ME LIKE THEY'D HAVE DONE BETTER TO BUY JOE A HARP AND A PAIR OF WINGS....

SIX TERMS AS SECRETARY—THREE TIMES PRESIDENT—AND THEY WAIT UNTIL GABRIEL IS TURNING UP THE TRUMPET BEFORE HE FINALLY PAYS OFF!

IT'S WHAT I ALWAYS SAY ABOUT THIS CLUB—IT GETS AROUND TO DOING EVERYTHING FIFTY YEARS TOO LATE—

ALSO—THEY ONLY GIVE DINNERS TO GUYS WHO DON'T NEED A FREE MEAL—

THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO LUCY P. MASON, 508 DENVER ST., CLEVELAND, O. 9 MO

Coal Fumes' Value Studied

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—The smoke from hot, smoldering and boiling coal will make good drinking (ethyl) alcohol.

Also, perfumes, gasoline, medicines, rubber, clothes, plastics and scores of other synthetic chemicals.

The smoke is the result of lighting a fire in a seam of underground coal, and then boiling, instead of consuming most of the coal. The quality of this coal smoke is all-important, and how to get it is the subject of a two-day symposium here at the first international conference on the underground gasification of coal.

Two of the fumes already produced by these underground fires are carbon monoxide and hydrogen. They are the basic materials for the perfumes and all the rest of the miracles to come from smoke.

Dr. Carl Bordenca, of the Southern Research Institute, at Birmingham, explained that the synthetic methods and catalysts already exist for making all these conversions. As soon as the engineers are able to produce these gases in useful quantities, Dr. Bordenca said, new industries will become possible.

He said the alcohol made from the coal fumes may compete in cost with fermentation and petroleum alcohols.

Cross Burned For Governor

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Unidentified persons fired a seven foot cross on the Governor's mansion lawn here Monday night.

And Gov. Earl Long's comment was "They're not scaring me."

Firecrackers tied to the burning cross set off a popping roar that awakened the Governor.

Firemen, police and detectives swarmed to the scene about 11 p.m.

"I raised the front window and looked out to see what was going on," the Governor said.

"A mansion guard ran out with a broom and knocked the thing to the ground, but he couldn't put it out."

"That's the fourth one, in 60 days," Long added.

Asked what he thought it was all about, Long replied, "I'll be darned if I know—I never belonged to the Klan."

Police Chief Fred Parker, Jr., said Louisiana's capital city has had no Klan activity since the middle 1920's.

"Just some prankster or practical joker," he asserted.

Four firemen put out the blaze with a hand pump.

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Room in the Home!
Calhoun's Main

James Marlow

ABC's

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of four stories on the voters' struggle to pick a president.

WASHINGTON (AP)—For 165 years the voters have been in a long and not very energetic struggle to get a word in edgewise in picking a president. This election year is a good time to see why.

The 85 men who met in Philadelphia in 1787 to make the Constitution saw to it the people couldn't vote directly for the president. We still don't. We have to vote for electors who vote for the President.

We can't even choose the candidates. The professional politicians see to that. They do it for us as they will once again at the Republican and Democratic national conventions in Chicago this summer.

Those 85 conservatives of 1787 agreed with George Mason of Virginia who thought "it were as unnatural to refer the choice of a proper character for their chief magistrate to the people as it would be to refer a trial of colour to a blind man."

The only point they conceded was in letting us vote directly for the members of the House of Representatives. Until the constitutional amendment of 1913 we couldn't vote for Senators. The state legislatures picked them.

And the 55 men worked out a plan—it's in Article Two, Section One, of the Constitution—which, it was expected, would let Congress itself pick the president 19 times out of 20. Each state would select a group of electors who'd vote for a president.

If the electors in each state voted for "favorite sons," as it was thought they would, any one candidate would have a time getting a majority of the electoral votes.

And when no one did, the House of Representatives would choose the president from among the top runners.

Actually, it worked out that way only twice: In 1800 the House chose Thomas Jefferson over Aaron Burr when both tied in electoral votes; and in 1824 the House named John Quincy Adams over Andrew Jackson when neither got an electoral majority.

But on the important question—would elect the electors, and now? The 55 constitution-makers left that up to each state legislature to decide.

In those earliest days, when only one-seventh of the adult males had the right to vote, a few legislators kept the right to themselves.

Eventually—but it wasn't until Civil War days, and the South Carolina legislature was the last to yield—all the legislatures let the people vote for electors. This change came as more people voted and the big political parties emerged.

There had been no parties as we know them up through Washington's first two terms. The parties finally took over the naming of electors for whom the mass of the people could vote on election day.

So now the electors of the party getting the biggest vote in each state vote for that party's presidential candidate.

This would seem to mean the electors have become mere rubber stamps, which they are most of

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—The smoke from hot, smoldering and boiling coal will make good drinking (ethyl) alcohol.

AAUW Luncheon Meet Saturday

The American Association University Women regular luncheon meeting is scheduled Saturday, 12:30 p.m. in the Pelican Party Room.

Mrs. Don Zumwalt, music chairman, has arranged for Margaret Gerber to sing several selections.

Mrs. Lyvianne Fish, KUHS teacher, will speak on "Business Cycles."

Decorations will be under the supervision of Mrs. Clay Burrell and Mrs. Wesley McNeer Jr.

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Disease Hope On Molecules

PORTLAND (AP)—Dr. Linu Pauling thinks science may soon discover that disease—and cure—are a matter of molecules.

Pauling, head of the chemistry department at California Institute of Technology, told a Reed College audience here Tuesday that, "as soon as this understanding of the molecular nature of disease and the molecular action of certain drugs is available to him, the research man will be able to tackle disease in a scientific and straightforward manner. Then, we shall have a true science of medicine," he said.

Pauling is a native of Portland and a former Oregon State College student.

Graham Says Man Drifting

WASHINGTON (AP)—People in the time of Jesus Christ were "just like the men in Washington," Evangelist Billy Graham said, except they missed a chance at salvation without knowing it.

An estimated 8,000 persons at the National Guard Armory Tuesday night heard the young preacher continue.

"The blood of this city won't be on my hands. For four solid weeks I've preached the gospel here, and I want to tell you there's one sin men won't be forgiven as long as the world lasts. That's turning down Jesus Christ when they had the chance to accept him."

Graham's capital crusade, begun Jan. 10, ends next Sunday.

Naval Reserve Inspected

Capt. C. P. Kerschner, U.S. Navy flew into Klamath Falls Monday afternoon, inspected the local Naval Reserve Armory at the airport, and spoke before the regular Navy reserve meeting.

He explained the means by which reserve pilots can obtain flight training. He suggested men interested contact Lt. Comm. John Sterling here in Klamath Falls.

Roy Thompson, Florida State University halfback, returned six kick-opts for an average of 27.8 yards during the '51 grid season.