

Weiser Benefit Thursday

Welters Headline Ring Card

Promoter Mack Lillard has signed two new, but outstanding welterweights for the main event of the Second Annual Ralph Weiser Benefit boxing card this Thursday evening at the armory, as the first boxing show of the season unfolds before the public, and for a very worth while cause.

Dick Jones, one of the Southwest's fastest rising writers, battles with Seattle's YoYo Lewis in the 10-round main event to maintain the Weiser Children's Fund, which was established last December upon the death of Ralph Weiser. The Beatty Bomber died after an armory fight with Teddy Hall of Seattle.

The Weiser Committee then staged a benefit card with all of the net proceeds being set up in a trust fund for the five children of the popular Beatty fighter. It was a tremendous success last year and is again expected to provide the youngsters of the late Weiser a more pleasant life. Since the opening of the fund, the five children have received approximately \$900 in help.

Jones, who originally called Klamath Falls his hometown, has been setting the Southwest fight circles afire with some splendid boxing performances and a red-hot record, both as an amateur and professional. The 146-pounder has won 18 of 19 pro fights, 10 of which have come via the knock-out route. The only loss suffered by Jones was in a close decision to Eddie Williams, the welterweight champion of the Southwest.

Fighting out of the same stable as Jimmy Martinez and Charlie Salas, the 23-year-old battler has been a crowd-pleaser in several top ring towns including Tucson and Phoenix. Seven of Lewis' 19 bouts have been main event appearances.

SHARP SHOOTING
The amateur record of Jones, a sharp-shooting puncher with a solid left-hook as his main weapon, is just as impressive as his 18 of 19 in pro ranks. Dick won 37 of 42 amateur fights before turning pro, these coming in Portland and Salem fight arenas as well as in Arizona action.

Jones' opponent for the evening's top bout will be no new name to Pacific Northwest fight fans. YoYo Lewis is regarded as one of the most popular fighters ever to appear in Northwest rings. Three times this year, Lewis has been selected as the "Most Popular Fighter" in Spokane, Vancouver, B.C. and Tacoma, these honors were given to the 147-pound Negro for his stylish boxing.

The record compiled by Lewis, like Jones' is very brilliant, included in the long list of glove triumphs by Lewis is a 10-round decision over Blackie Vandover, a local favorite at a short time back. Besides the main event, which may develop into the best exhibition of boxing since the Jimmy Grow-Ralph Weiser fight last season, Lillard has five other top bouts plus the evening's special, a featured battle between Bogie Gallagher and Larry Lewis, two live-year olds from Chilquin. These two 35 pounders have stolen the show in several previous meetings and will open the benefit program Thursday night.

SEMI-WINDUP
In the six round semi-windup, hard-hitting Donnie Windup of Chilquin will test the punches of George Dixon of Seattle. Pickard is rated by many as the next "big name" of local boxing talent, and his reputation will be at stake in the "Turkey Day" bout. Dixon lost a close decision to Ralph Weiser in 1933 and is one of Seattle's leading preliminary battlers. Another six rounder will pit Rocky Jimenez against an opponent yet to be named. Lillard said he had hopes of obtaining a stable mate of Lewis for Jimenez, who has just recently been discharged from the Marines.

In the four round bouts of the evening, Curt Stanton of Bl will meet Louie "Corky" Gibbon of Chilquin and Pummie Wright of Chilquin has signed to face the blows of Jerry "Red" Castle, a Seattle pugilist. Lillard said another four round bout is in the making to give the fight fans of the Basin a program loaded with 34 scheduled rounds of excitement.

Besides the stellar fight program the awarding of the Ralph Weiser Sportsmanship Award will be made to some worthy person who has been selected by the Weiser Committee. The selection, which will

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Waldorf Sees Better Sports Years At Cal

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—University of California athletic fortunes, at their lowest ebb in history, are about to take a turn for the better, Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf predicts.

The biggest school in the West (enrollment around 20,000) has been beaten at every major sport three years due to a down cycle, says Pappy, that is ending.

"During the past year we've been licked at football, basketball, baseball and track," says Waldorf, "but I think you'll notice an up-trend starting next year."

"Only in water polo and rugby have we had good teams in the last few years."

Waldorf, who announces that he will be back at the old stand coaching the California football team next fall for the 10th year, says that the freshman teams in all the major sports are better this year.

"We are on our way up. We had a good frosh football team, and last year we had fine freshman basketball and track teams; and an unbeaten freshman baseball team," says Waldorf.

"With very few exceptions, you'll find that athletic superiority goes in cycles at all schools. We had it here at Cal when we went to the Rose Bowl three years in a row when I first took over as football coach; there was a while when it was at Stanford when the Indians went to the Rose Bowl three years in a row; and then it was at Southern California.

"The same thing happened in the Big Ten when I was there — Minnesota, Michigan and other schools holding sway for a few years, then dropping down to the second division."

University of California athletic department supports 22 sports on its campus — and the major source of revenue, of course, comes from the football team.

For the first time in many years, the attendance dropped below the 200,000 mark this year — 194,000 to be exact. So it is obvious that the school is going to have to put out a winning football team to support the other sports.

SOME SUNSHINE
But Waldorf, who is the world's most pessimistic coach when he is winning, from the depth of the well that saw his team win only two games this year, sees nothing except sunshine ahead.

When California was at the top of the heap, other coaches predicted that due to the huge enrollment, California always would be a top gridiron power in the future.

"They've got the ball rolling at Cal now," was the quote, "and all the high school stars want to go where there is a winner. That plus the big enrollment will make Cal a power in all major sports in the future."

But the Golden Bear recruiting agencies apparently slacked off and settled back with a feeling of complacency when they were at the top.

Kircher Fired As WSC Boss

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Alton Kircher, a "nice guy" who couldn't win, was fired as football coach at Washington State College last night after four years of trying.

He had another season to go on a \$12,500-a-year contract but WSC said it is buying him out and will take its time picking a successor. He had a poor 1-7-2 record this fall.

Kircher's two chief assistants, Dale Gentry and Mike Scarry, were also let out. Don Stavelly, the freshman coach, will stay on.

"I don't know what I'll do," Kircher said. "I don't even know whether I'll stick with coaching any more."

Even before the firing, there was a string of suggested replacements. They ranged from Roy Hobbs, coach of the unbeaten local high school team, to Johnny Lujack, an assistant with the Chicago Bears.

Kircher got the job here in 1932 by popular demand when Forest Evashevski quit to go to Iowa. He was a man everybody liked but in four seasons he never had a winning team.

He came here as an assistant to Evashevski and was regarded as his chief strategist. They had a fine 7-3 record in 1931. Alone, Kircher was 4-6 for three years running, then 1-7-2.

He jacked the single wing and went into a split-T offense this season. It seldom worked. The Cougars were thumped 50-12 by USC, 19-0 by Kansas, 55-0 by UCLA, 14-7 by Oregon State, 30-0 by College of Pacific, 35-0 by Oregon and 27-7 by Washington. They managed to tie San Jose and California and beat Idaho 9-0.

Alumni discontent grew weekly but there were few if any personal words against Kircher.

"It was a hard decision to release a perfect gentleman like Al Kircher," said a WSC statement on the discharge. "However, we believe circumstances dictate that we employ a new football coaching staff."

President C. Clement French said the decision to relieve Kircher was made on recommendation of Stan Bates, WSC athletic director.

Kircher, a great all-around athlete at Michigan State in his college days, said he has the highest regard for the job Bates is doing.

"I hope this is the answer to the football situation at WSC," he said and has confidence in the administration.

Kircher was virtually "drafted" for the job here. He had a chance to go to Iowa with Evashevski but WSC at the urging of alumni and signed a five-year contract at school officials.

"I'm sorry," he said Monday night, "that things haven't worked out the way they were expected."

Ironically, Kircher's 15-year-old son, Bob, is a tackle on the Pullman High School team which hasn't been beaten in two years.

In Brief

Oklahoma remained the nation's No. 1 college team in the weekly Associated Press poll, but Michigan State ousted Maryland from second place in the rankings by a narrow margin of six points.

LOS ANGELES — UCLA was officially designated the Pacific Coast Conference representative in the Rose Bowl against Michigan State on Jan. 2.

RACING
SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Mintaka (\$14.10) took the feature at Tatoran.

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Pitt '11' Receives Bowl Bid

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Pittsburgh, shunted from football bowls for 19 years, will flaunt its revitalized power in the 1936 Sugar Bowl Jan. 2.

Pitt, ranked No. 13 in the nation by this week's Associated Press poll, has a 7-3 record. Detests have been at the hands of top-ranking teams.

Fred Digby, general manager of the Sugar Bowl Committee, announced Pitt's selection today. He said the Panthers' opponents will be either Georgia Tech, Auburn, Vanderbilt or Mississippi.

That will be decided, he said, after the four Southeastern Conference teams play their final games Saturday.

If Pitt's substitute fullback Bob Grier is sent into the game by Coach Johnny Michelosen, he will be the first Negro to play in the Sugar Bowl.

Digby said the invitation to Pitt was made "without conditions." He said Pitt may play Grier and may sell tickets to Negroes if it wants to.

The Panthers closed their season last Saturday with a convincing 20-0 victory over Penn State. Pitt conquerors include Oklahoma, No. 1 team in the nation, Navy, No. 11, and Miami of Florida, No. 14.

Pitt's victims have been California, Syracuse, Nebraska, Duke, Virginia, West Virginia and Penn State. The 26-7 victory over Duke came a week after the Blue Devils upset Ohio State, the Big Ten champions. Pitt's 25-7 victory over West Virginia knocked the team out of the undefeated class and the Sugar Bowl picture.

In its last bowl appearance, Pitt routed Washington 21-0 in the 1937 Rose Bowl.

Until this year it has not been able to build another powerhouse. This year's 7-3 mark is Pitt's best since 1938, when the Panthers won eight and lost two.

Pitt began its resurgence in recent years under Lowell (Red) Dawson, who resigned last season because of illness.

Michelosen mainly uses the split-T offense although the traditional Pitt single wing pops up frequently.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

MONDAY'S FIGHTS
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK — Carmine Fiore, 149½, Brooklyn, outpointed Rinzy Nocero, 155½, Brooklyn, 10.
BROCKTON, Mass. — Tommy Nee, 148, Boston, drew with Teddy Murray, 153, New York, 10.
SAN JOSE, Calif. — Star Gony, 138, The Philippines, outpointed Jorge Macias, 141, Mexico, 10.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Rocky Caballero, 153, Corpus Christi, stopped Elroy Tellez, 160, San Antonio, 2.
NEW ORLEANS — Charley Joseph, 159, New Orleans, outpointed Charley Cotton, 153, Toledo, 10.

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