

By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

We were passed an interesting letter the other day by John Guernsey, Herald and News staff writer, one that we thought local sports fans would be interested in. It has never been factually known why James Murphy, a fight manager and promoter of the golden era, didn't follow up the tip outlined to him in the following letter which was written in 1916. Maybe he didn't have the time... maybe he didn't feel that looking up the youthful pugilist was worth his while. In any event... it was a mistake... perhaps the biggest one Mr. Murphy ever made. It was, in fact, a mistake worth several millions of dollars. The tip was extended by Martin A. Allen, a cousin of James Allen, currently the superior judge in Siskiyou County, California. The letter from which this copy is made is now in the files of the Siskiyou County Historical Society. The letter is an exact reproduction of the original.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 18, 1916
Mr. James R. Murphy,
Burk, Idaho,
Friend Murphy—

Just got your letter and without dwelling upon any details of the "bumps and hollows" of the last few years, I want to tell you about a human gold mine that I believe I have discovered for you.

It is nearly a year ago since, while watching a bunch of youngsters performing at a local boxing entertainment one evening, I noticed a tall, gaunt looking young fellow enter the ring to mix with a man, who as far as I could see, might have been a John L. Sullivan in his palmist days.

He looked to be a well proportioned 200 lb. man, who judging from the way he shaped himself, was no slouch at the work in hand. He went in apparently to make short work of this boy whom I now believe can be developed by you into a human gold mine.

The boy was rushed in as effectively as he might have been by old John L. himself, and I am sure that not only my own heart, but that of everyone present went out in sympathy to that willowy looking youngster, who was apparently about to be massacred in that corner, when all of a sudden his royal kidelets made a move that can only be compared to the sword that Woodrow Wilson said "carries the light of Heaven on its blade when it flashes," and in my opinion, he has even Woodrow Wilson's sword skinned just a little bit, for I doubt if there was a single one of the 1,500 or more people present who could say that they saw how the trick was done, for just when it seemed as if the game was up, this youngster slipped out and like a flash from Woodrow's sword, side step the big man with such force that he dropped like the proverbial ox, and this future champion of the champion's in his class stood by very coolly, waiting for his vanquished foe to arise and come again... but the big man was out.

And now, Murphy, listen, I was so completely carried away by the performance of that boy, whose name by the way is Dempsey, Harry Dempsey, 21 years of age, and whose brilliant ability as a fighter easily makes him a worthy successor of the famous nonpareil of that name, although this Dempsey boy is at present only a "light heavy," and what I mean by human gold mine, Murphy, is that he is such a clean cut square acting young fellow and so well liked by everybody who pays any attention to the game, either in Nevada, Utah or Idaho, that I am confident a house worth anywhere from \$10,000 to \$25,000 would gladly assemble to witness a meeting between this young western giant killer and the very best man the east has to offer in his class, and if you feel that there is a possible chance of getting him on with Battling Levinsky you would make no mistake, or even Jack Dillon would find him entirely worthy of his steel.

And in conclusion, I will say, Murphy, that you may rely absolutely on what I tell you, when I say that he will, if given an opportunity, make a creditable showing against any 175 lb. man in the business in the United States today, and if you can possibly provide the opportunity, I would say, do so, and he will, without any particle of doubt, prove to your entire satisfaction, that he is all that I claim for him, a human gold mine, both for himself and for any competent man in the business who may be fortunate enough to become his manager.

Sincerely Yours,
(S) Martin A. Allen

Ed Note: The Harry Dempsey above described was fighting with out a manager at the time the letter was written. A short time later he came under the management of Jack Kearns and fought under that old familiar name... Jack Dempsey.

Hockey

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Fort Wayne 6, Louisville 5
EASTERN LEAGUE
Johnstown 3, Clinton 2 (overtime)
New Haven 2, Philadelphia 1
WESTERN LEAGUE
Victoria 8, New Westminster 6



OREGON COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS, Oregon Tech basketballers finished the most successful season in the history of the school with a 20-6 record. Above from the top, are Rod Alessio, Dall Francis, Ralph Norgaard, Charlie Wilson, John Rhine, Jerry Fasten, Truman Williams, Charlie Bogle and John McCutcheon. Alessio, Rhine, Fasten, Williams and McCutcheon are all seniors and have completed their collegiate eligibility.

Slats Gill Defends Cage Play

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—Basketball is not a game for young men who flinch, coach Slat Gill said Tuesday night.

Gill, president of the National Basketball Coaches Assn., made the comment after Navy athletic director Slade Cuffer said "basketball is a sissy game."

"I do not think basketball is a sissy game," said Gill, head coach at Oregon State for many years. "It is a game that is more demanding than any other if you play it right."

"The game has no place for a softy. It demands fortitude, concentration and the ability to take bad breaks in a constructive way. There are situations in the game where—even though it is a no-contact sport supposedly—a boy has the most severe body contact," Gill said.

The Navy athletic director also said Monday that he hoped the Navy team would play even rougher in the future. Navy now is second in the NCAA personal foul list.

Gill said in an interview that there is no point in playing rougher basketball unless the rules should be changed to permit it. I don't think they should be changed.

"One of the points of the game is that players should play according to the rules. I don't think it is justifiable to play it otherwise," Gill maintained.

The veteran coach contended that basketball is a game in which action is sustained longer and more physical stamina required than in any other. If they play in the big time, he said, the game demands the best of men or they couldn't play it.

"What does it demand?" Gill asked. "It demands a great amount of quick thinking and mental poise. It demands an emotional stability that is pretty great."

"I have seen very few basketball people who were not great people. The game is so demanding that it can't be otherwise. A boy cannot lack courage in getting under the basket where 6-6, 215-pound men are going to come down on him with everything they might have. It takes courage not to flinch. A boy who flinches would be run off the court."

"You lose one night, and are very happy," Gill said. "The next night you lose and are very dejected. Basketball players run through that over and over again. These are situations life is made up of—situations that come about through stress and strain. Any training a young man can get in meeting life certainly would be a great part of his education," Gill said.

Klamath Rifleman District Winner

MEDFORD — Fritz Thoecke, Klamath Falls, came out winner of the Southern Oregon Sectional Rifle Tournament which is part of the rifle championship sponsored by the National Rifle Association throughout the United States. This section sponsored by the Medford Rifle and Pistol Club is one of twenty-five held throughout the country. The scores from this meet will be collected in Washington to pick team and individual champions.

Other local shooters who took part in the tournament and came out with awards included: Mrs. Violet Griffin, Medford, California; Ted Tellin, Larry Klein, John Pariso, and Robert Parkhiser all of Klamath Falls, Francis Flowers of Midland and Charles Meigs of Dorris, California. Mrs. Griffin set a new record for Oregon riflemen as she fired 51 perfect shots in the prone position before dropping a center shot. The previous high was 39 set by Bill Jones of Roseburg.

Herald and News SPORTS Today's Sport Parade

Collegiate Bowling Picks Up Boosters

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Staff Writer
NEW YORK (UP)—Bowling has reached the stage, TV star Frank Clouse said today, where it deserves a national intercollegiate championship the same as any other sport.

"There are more than 25 million bowlers in the United States," asserted the Old Forge, Pa., high school teacher who doubles in brass as one of the nation's leading tournament bowlers. "Can basketball or football or any other sport you name make this kind of a claim?"

Police Guard Fistic Champ

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Lightweight champion Joe Brown, an old pro and a navy veteran of seven Pacific invasions, wasn't too perturbed today as large forces of police guarded the spanking new two-million-dollar Sports Palace where he fights Cuba's Orlando Echevarria tonight.

Brown, Echevarria and other fighters on the inaugural program for the 18,000-seat arena, also were protected by special police details. The red-faced cops vowed there would be no repetition of the Fongio incident. Juan Manuel Fongio, Argentina's famed auto racing champion, was kidnapped by Fidel Castro's rebels on the eve of the Gran Premio race. Fongio was released unharmed Tuesday.

"I haven't received any threats and I don't expect any," said the 32-year-old champion from New Orleans. Brown, unbeaten in his last 15 fights, was a 3-1 choice to beat the Cuban lightweight ruler in a non-title 10-rounder.

The fight will be telecast via special facilities into the United States for the weekly Wednesday night TV hookup (ABC, 10 p.m., EST). It will be the first live sporting event to be televised from overseas into the U.S.

This will be Echevarria's first TV shot. The 27-year-old southpaw is a fairly good fighter with a 47-19-4 record, including 30 knockouts. Brown has a 68-14-9 record. He also has scored 30 kayos.

Shuff-Stuff

TUESDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS
Verna's 4, Dairy 0
Gervais 3, South Sixth 1

Baylor Out, But Seattle Nabs Win

SEATTLE (AP)—Sweet Charlie Brown took over scoring duties for the ailing Elgin Baylor Tuesday night as the Seattle University Chieftains humbled the Buchanan Bakers, a Seattle AAU outfit, 94-77.

Brown hit for 28 points while Baylor, the nation's leading scorer, was held to 17. Baylor had been confined to bed with influenza Monday.

PLUMBING

• Repairs • Remodeling
• Drain Lines • Septic Tanks
• New or Old Work
• Free Estimating
• Trailerhouse Plumbing

Kimes Plumbing & Heating
2720 So. 6th TU 4-8620

The answer, of course, is no. Only 17 colleges now are promoting intra-mural bowling competition. These include such as Syracuse, Ohio State, Minnesota, Purdue, SMU, Utah State and Notre Dame.

NEEDS MORE SUPPORT
But, while there are organized leagues in the Midwest and in the East, there has been not even a whisper from such national organizations as the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. or the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference about the formation of organized college competition.

"It is about time that such an organization as the NCAA thought about organizing a national college bowling tournament with titles for singles, doubles and a five-man team championship," says the man who has been a high school teacher for 20 years and a bowling instructor for 13 of those years.

Two of the theories against inaugurating collegiate bowling on a nationwide scale are that it would be too expensive or would require too few participants to make it attractive in college circles.

A BOWLING LETTER
"There are golf teams in most major colleges," Clouse illustrated. "But every time they take a swipe at a ball they are hitting a little pellet which costs them \$1.50. Then, too, there are greens fees and caddy fees as well as the expensive country club life. But the lobbyists of golf have pushed this sport over and nobody seems to mind."

"Most college teams in basketball have no more than 11 to 15 players on the varsity squad," he added. "But basketball still is regarded as one of the great participant sports."

College baseball, Clouse pointed out, doesn't make money to assist the average collegiate athletic program and yet, while it caters to relatively few players, is accepted as a part of college life. "It's about time we realized that there are more bowlers per capita in the average college than there are competitors of any other type," he said. "The smallest man thus can qualify to win his letter and win a national collegiate championship."

Guards Garner 98-47 Victory

The National Guard smothered the Farmer's Sand and Gravel quintet, 98-47 and Coca Cola defeated the DeMolay Blues 55-45 in Victory League basketball Wednesday night at the Mills School gym.

Gordie Sellers led the overwhelming guard five as he hit 13 field goals and one free throw for a total of 27 points. In the runner-up spot was Ron Croxford with 24.

Bill Worlein and Pat O'Collon led the losing Farmers with 12 points each.

K. Larson was topscorer in the Coca-Cola game, with 24 of the winners' total while Dixon led the losers with 13.

OPENING

Saturday, March 1st
Under new management
We Just Bought, Come On Out. Go A Round With Lorraine & Ott (Dingler)
PLAY SHUFFLEBOARD
Midway Tavern
Merrill Highway

OTI Ends Finest Basketball Year

The Oregon Tech Owls under coach Wally Palmberg completed their most successful basketball season in the history of the school last weekend by sweeping both ends of an Oregon Collegiate Conference series with Oregon College.

The double win gave the Owls an over-all season record of 20-6 and in conference games the won-lost mark was 14-2.

The previous high for OTI basketballers was 18-6, last year. Palmberg's four-year record at the Mile High Campus now stands at 61-44, 17 of the losses coming in his first year with the Owls.

Big Charlie Bogle, the Owls 6-9 center, spearheaded the Tech quint in the final statistics, sweeping top spots in five difference columns in the season-ending figures. Bogle topped the Owls in scoring for the 26-game season with 373 for an average of 14.3 per game.

Charlie was also high in rebound with 201 and personal fouls with 85. Bogle hit 148 field goals, high

for the club, and led the OTI "regulars" in field goal percentage with a .487, 148-303.

Truman Williams led the team in free throws with 84 and Charlie Wilson topped the squad's free throw shooting with 23 of 27 tries converted for a .852 percentage.

Guard John Rhine led the starters with a .721 free throw shooting mark, 37-51. Rod Alessio was the club's top field goal shooter, hitting 46 of 89 for a .517 percentage.

The Owls as a team scored 1,820 points for an average of 70 points per game. The Tech opponents averaged 55 points a game, scoring 1,439 against the OTI zone defense this season. The 1,820 season total is a new school scoring record for one season. The previous high was 1,818 in 29 games in 1954-55. The low for opponents scoring was 1,338 in 1951-52. This year's points-against total of 1,439 was second best in OTI history.

The final season scoring figures:

OTI Team 26 715-1616 442 390-503 666 399 1277 1820 70.0
Opponents 26 544-1497 350 342-527 649 458 783 1430 55.0

Basketball Scores

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
COLLEGE
Syracuse 55, Canisius 41
Holy Cross 92, Connecticut 89 (two overtimes)
Villanova 77, Brandeis 65
St. Bonaventure 67, Providence 57
St. John's 80, Rutgers 75
Harvard 73, Kings (Pa) 46
Thiel 63, Slippery Rock 72
Ursinus 69, Washington 66
Hamilton 73, Utica 64
Brookport 62, Alfred 58
SOUTH
Virginia 70, Duke 66 (three overtimes)
Savoy 63, Penn Military 26
Virginia Tech 72, Wm-Mary 68
St. Johns (N.Y.) 73, Richmond 67
Juniata 80, Wolford 66
Erskine 84, Mercer 61
Belmont Abbey 67, Georgia Tech 43
MIDWEST
Kansas State 68, Oklahoma 31
Calipatria 92, Marquette 74
Butler 82, Ball State 76 (overtime)

Philadelphia Blasts Nicks

By UNITED PRESS
The Philadelphia Warriors, who dealt a death blow to the New York Knickerbocker's hopes for a third place finish in the Eastern Division of the National Basketball Association, will get a chance to nail down the coffin tonight.

Philadelphia beat the Knicks, 132-110, in the feature game of a Madison Square Garden double-header Tuesday night to gain a four-game lead for the last playoff spot. With only nine games left, the Warriors can virtually clinch it with another win tonight when the two teams meet in the opener of a Syracuse twin-bill.

In the opener of Tuesday's double-header, George Yardley scored 44 points as the Detroit Pistons edged St. Louis, 114-113, in overtime.

In addition to the Philadelphia-Knicks battle tonight, Minneapolis will engage Syracuse in the night game of the double-header. St. Louis will face Cincinnati at Detroit and Boston will tackle the Pistons in the feature.

Small College Poll

NEW YORK (UP)—The United Press small college basketball ratings (first-place votes in parentheses):
1. St. Bonaventure (13)
2. Wheaton, Ill. (11)
3. Western, Ill. (11)
4. Evansville, Ind. (9)
5. W. Va. (8)
6. Penn. State (7)
7. W. Virginia Tech (6)
8. Texas Southern (5)
9. Pac. Wash. (4)
10. St. Peter (N.J.) (3)
11. North Dakota (2)
12. South Dakota (2)
13. Belmont Abbey (2)
14. Montana State (2)
15. Grinnell (La.) (2)
16. Pasadena (Calif.) (2)
17. McNeese (La.) (2)
18. Mississippi Southern (1)
19. Wittenberg (Ohio) and Regis (Colo.) (1 each).

Syracuse University's lacrosse and assistant football coach, Roy Simmons, is president-elect of the city's common council.



AUTO GLASS

Promptly Replaced
For All
MODELS
CARS - TRUCKS
KIMBALL'S
GLASS SHOP
521 Walnut Phone TU 4-7378

Miteff Boosted In Ratings

NEW YORK (UP)—Young Alex Miteff of Argentina jumped from ninth place to fifth among heavyweight contenders in the Ring Magazine's latest ratings today because of last Friday's gory victory over big Nino Valdes.

Miteff, 23 years old Tuesday, is now ranked just below the United States "big four"—Eddie Machen, Zora Folley, Willie Pasternak and Roy Harris.

Valdes of Cuba dropped from sixth to eighth because of his split-decision defeat at Madison Square Garden. Miteff now has 15 victories in 16 starts.

Coincidentally, big Mike DeJohn of Syracuse, N. Y., who tagged Miteff with his only defeat on Oct. 9 with a first-round knockout, was dropped from seventh clear out of the top 10 because he hadn't fought since then.

Ingemar Johansson of Sweden was boosted from 18th to seventh because of last Friday's impressive 13th-round kayo of Joe Erskine of Wales. Johansson also gained the Ring's "Fighter of the Month" award. Willie Besmanoff of Germany re-entered the top 10 at number nine because of his upset victory over Pat McMurtry of Tacoma, Wash., who sank from fifth to 10th.

Davey Moore of Springfield, O., became top contender for the featherweight crown because of another in his series of victories—a win over Mexican Fili Nava. Moore replaced Cherif Hamia of France, who dropped to second because of inactivity.

In the light heavyweight division, Canadian Yvon Durelle advanced a notch to second because of his kayo over Clarence Hinant. Yolande Pompey of Trinidad, B.W.I. slipped from second to third.

Young Gene (Ace) Armstrong, of Elizabeth, N. J., entered the middleweight ratings at number 10 because of his 14th straight professional victory on a decision over Charley Joseph of New Orleans, who dropped from ninth out of the ratings.

In the lightweight class, Cuban Orlando Zulueta of Cuba sank from number nine, out of the rankings, to make room for Dave Charnley of England.

OTI Banquet Set March 9

The annual Oregon Tech basketball banquet will be held at the school cafeteria Sunday, March 9. It was announced Monday night at the regular weekly meeting of the Owl Hoops, OTI booster club.

John Hobson, OTI dean of men, will act as banquet chairman. Carl Cluff, sports writer for the Portland Oregon Journal, will be the evening's guest speaker at the dinner honoring the 1956-57 and 1957-58 Oregon Collegiate Conference champions.

Coach Wally Palmberg and all his Owl basketball players will be honored at the banquet. The public is invited to attend and join the Owl Hoops in congratulating the two-time conference winners.

Tickets will be placed on sale in downtown Klamath Falls later this week, the places and time will be announced within the next few days, Hobson reported.

Valdes' Manager Asks For Floyd

HAVANA (UP)—Bobby Gleason, manager of Cuban heavyweight contender Nino Valdes, said today he will try to promote a world title fight between champion Floyd Patterson and Valdes at the new Havana Sports Palace "before June."

Gleason said, "A very wealthy Cuban is interested in backing the fight. No. 1 can't disclose his name at this time."

ATTENTION FARMERS

WE NOW HAVE COMPLETE STOCKS OF
Anhydrous Ammonia
and
Aqua Ammonia

With complete Equipment for Application of both!
WE CARRY A COMPLETE LINE OF
Dry's and Insecticides

For Information Call

Mr. Everett Lynam, Sales Representative
Phone Tulake 7-1961

Norcal Gas Co.
Ph. Tul. 7-2611
Klamath Gas Co.
Ph. TU 2-2451

Jess McCall
Ph. Bonanza 2231

Al Kengle
Ph. Newell 4-2146

Basin Chemical Co.

Tulake, California

WSC To Honor Vet Cage Coach

SEATTLE (AP)—Jack Friel, who is scheduled to retire at the end of this season as head basketball coach at Washington State, will be honored here Friday night when the Cougars play the University of Washington.

Even though it will be "Jack Friel Night," Coach Tippy Dye of Washington warned his Huskies will still be out to beat the Cougars.

Friel will be succeeded by Marv Harshman, currently athletic director and coach at Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland.

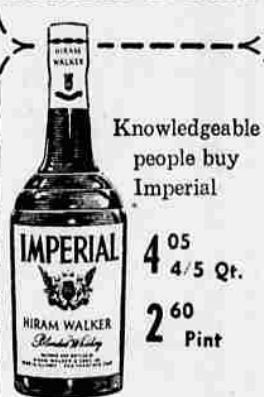
Fights

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
HOUSTON — Paul Jorgensen, 130, Houston, outpointed Gil Cadillac, 126, San Francisco, 10.

ALL FAMOUS HIRAM WALKER QUALITY



HIRAM WALKER'S
TEN HIGH
BOTTLED-IN-BOND



IMPERIAL



HIRAM WALKER'S
Clearly the best
VODKA



TEN HIGH • BOTTLED-IN-BOND
WHISKY • 100 PROOF—IMPERIAL
BLENDED WHISKY • 86 PROOF
70% GRAIN NEUTRAL SPIRITS
HIRAM WALKER'S VODKA • 80
PROOF • DISTILLED FROM GRAIN
HIRAM WALKER'S GIN • 90 PROOF
MADE FROM 100% AMERICAN
GRAIN • HIRAM WALKER & SONS
INC., PEORIA, ILLINOIS