SPORTS INDOOR AND OUTDOOR

Rules Given For Girls Walking Race April 12

In connection with the meeting of the Lower Columbia Associated Chambers of Commerce at Longview April 12, there will be a girls walking race. The following rules have been set forth:

Start will be made about 6:00 p.m.

Heel and toe walking insisted upon, with absolute disqualification for running, trotting, or loping.

Contestants must have reached their 15th birthday. No other age limit.

Entrants must live in Cowlitz, Lewis, Wahkiakum, or Pacific counties, in Washington; or in Clatsop or Columbia counties in Oregon.

While there is no requirement as to dress, contestants will find the less clothing the better. Gymnasium costumes, running trunks, bathing suits, or sport suits, are suggested. Comedy costumes will not be barred.

Contestants will be required to be at starting point one-half hour before time of actual start.

The course is three and one-half miles, and start will be at L. P. & N. Railway passenger station. Course lies up Broadway, around Jefferson Square, out Washington Way across bridge, then south and east on Nichols Boulevard to Oregon Way, north to the community "Y", east on Douglas and up Commerce to the finish at Broadway and Commerce.

Walkers will be protected from traffic during the race.

If you have school or community colors, wear those colors.

While no physical examination will be made, the committee urges that contestants be in good physical condition. A uniformed nurse will be in attendance at start and finish. Provision will be made for caring for garments during the race, and a place to change will be provided.

Prizes are: First, $50 cash; second, $35 cash; third, $15 cash.

Brady, Nelson and Scott To Appear in Next Figh Card April 13

The next boxing card to be presented at the Legion hall by the Vernonia boxing commission will be held Saturday, April 13, advised matchmaker Pat Murphy.

Some of the local boys who will feature on this card consist of Kid Nelson, Dane Brady, and Young Scott, their opponents havenot been picked as yet, but many are anxious to see Jock Lange again be matched against Kid Nelson, on account of the splendid battle Lange put up at his last fight in this city March 9.

A good opponent for Dane Brady would be Micky Dolan who fought Brady a few months ago losing on a foul, and who last Saturday night fought Tuffy Wing of Portland.

Scott, a fast snappy battler who although never appearing in the local ring will probably feature in the semi-windup, has fought in Forest Grove and St. Helens in the last few weeks, and impressed the fans of these cities with his clever battling.

An earnest effort will be made to have the card presented advertised, for we have been advised that one of the draw backs in the fight game is the fighter who usually walks out or withdraws at the last minute, which as a rule makes it nearly impossible to get a suitable man to take his place on the card, and as a rule the matchmaker is forced to reply on a quick substitution which ordinary he would not have considered as a drawing power for his lineup.

The sooner the state boxing commission organizes all commissions in Oregon so that they can lay the law down, and make fighters sign up for their bouts, under a penalty of one year suspension for breaking a contract without the approval of the local commission the better.

There is no surer way of ruining the fight game than having the public think that, the names of popular fighters are being used to sell the house, and that the main event especially is in the bag, as far as the matchmaker knows. The only solution to this withdrawal after promising to fight, is a severe penalty which would effect the fighter in his earning and contract capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Boarding Contender

Another fighter hailing from Vernonia is now boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dane Brady.

This new nine pound yougster accounts for the swellest manner which Dane has assumed lately, and it is rumored that Dane has already taught the kid, who by the way was born March 19, to jump rope and handle his dukes.

Well we hope the youngster, if he enters the ring, is as good a clean living, square shooting glove slinging sport as his dad, who happens to be about one of the most popular, best fighters in this vicinity.

Location of Baseball Grounds Is Topic For Meeting This Evening

There will be a meeting of the Vernonia baseball club, boosters and fans and any others interested in seeing a success made of the local club Thursday evening, April 4, at 8 o'clock in Mike Miller's barber shop. The club hopes that all persons interested in seeing Vernonia put on some real games this summer will attend this meeting. Mike says in case the shop gets too small for the crowd they can all adjourn to the curb.

The principal object of this meeting is to discuss plans for securing a ball park more centrally located than the present one is. The main trouble with Vernonia's teams in the past has been their lack of a place to get in their early practice and turn outs. The team does not need outside players, it does not need outside bolstering of any kind but what it does need is a place to practice.

A number of the boys in talking the matter over among themselves have decided that the ideal location would be the vacant lots owned by the Oregon-American Lumber company between the company's orchard and the house occupied by G. W. Laird on Bridge street. Of course, permission would have to be secured from the O.-A. for the use of these grounds but it is the belief of the club that the company would be perfectly willing to grant this permission if the club will guarantee to keep the grounds in first class shape at all times.

This location would not only permit the team to take in a lot of four bit pieces they would not ordinarily take in at the present grounds, but would also permit of proper drainage and therefore afford the team early spring practice.

Another thought in connection with this matter is that of getting the high school to join with the ball club in helping them to clear the field and in building a fence and grandstand. At the present time the high school has absolutely no place where they can get the proper track practice and training they need. The ball club would be perfectly agreeable to letting the high school do their practicing there and also holding their meets provided they would help in the upkeep of the grounds.

Of course, no definite action has been taken in this matter but the meeting to be held tonight is for the purpose of stimulating interest in the proposition. A ball park situated as this one would be in the center of town and with a drainage system that would permit of use at almost any time during the year would not only be a material help to the ball club and the town of Vernonia but would also be of decided advantage to the local high school.

200 Fans See Good Fight Card Saturday

At the smoker last Saturday night, about 200 fight fans witnessed Kid Scott of Timber win from Billie Little of Portland by a technical knockout in the third round of their scheduled four round affair.

Both boys weighing around 115 started the bout off with a series of rushes and passes, which ended with Scott on the floor and Little straddled on top attempting to pound Scott when he was flattened. The referee immediately gave the fight to Scott, who in turn declined to accept the verdict stating his choice to continue the battle.

Joe Spivey, owner and manager of Spivey Athletic club, advised that this was Little's first fight and that he was rather undecided just what course to take when both contestants flopped, and naturally continued to wallop Scott. The second round found Scott forcing the fight, and after one minute of fighting had Little in a droggy condition, with a barrage of blows to the head and face, but Little managed to save himself by hanging on, and barely was able to retain his standing pose when the bell saved him for another chance.

The third round still found Little in a weakened dazed condition and Scott waded in with a straight left to the chin and head, forcing Little to his knee and the game little Filipino was saved from further punishment, his manager throwing the towl into the ring, resulting in Scott winning the fight in the third round by a technical K. O. Little received a generous hand from the fans for his game fight, and Scott, who had made his first appearance in the Vernonia ring, was hailed as a favorite for his clever way of handling himself and gritty battling.

The second prelim on the card between Chet Bennett of Timber 132 and Eddie Edleman 133 of Portland started off with a reproduction of slow movie pictures each fighter apparently shifting himself about in the ring with an elephant like movement, and making false wastless jabs at each other.

Bennett carried a molasses grin on his face throughout the entire first round, it being suggested by Dave O'Donnell that he had already heard a faint chirp of the birdies that would soon be hovering over him when he took his canvas snooze, as Edleman was feeling the outline of Bennett's map and laying a foundation with mild pats, to make way for a K. O. wallop.

The second round started off with an exchange of blows and Edleson forced Bennett to the ropes where he rained a series of blows to the head and body, which left Bennett in a weakened condition to receive the knockout to the chin, which tallied the count of ten.

The first half of the main event between Dane Brady of Vernonia and Young Hansen of Portland kept the fans in an uproar for the entire length of their six round battle, by Hansen's comical antics.

Brady the fastest, and better fighter of the two, who had been trained to fight, was puzzled by the style of the man who he was fighting.

Never before in the Vernonia ring had any fighter displayed the sense of humor which Hansen did, even after taking a good beating and between the rounds would ask the fans how many more rounds were left, however not worrying but continuing to exchange cheerful remarks and displaying fancy steps and actions which kept the fight fans in a gleeful mode.

While the first round was tame the second found Brady forcing the battle, and in the following rounds Hansen seemed to get by somehow until the last round, when the judges and referee rendered their decision of a draw, which we are inclined to believe was a better show of sportsmanship on the judge and referee parts than judgement.

The second half of the main event which originally should have been fought between Dove Knight of this city and Young Topaz of Portland, both boys who fought the main event here March 9, was fought Saturday night between Micky Dolan and Tuffy Wing of Portland.

Knight who gave no intentions of not fighting until Friday advised the matchmaker that some relation being sick he would be unable to take part on the card and left for Umatilla Friday.

A quick change of plans left the matchmaker upon the mercy of Spivey of Portland who through influence on his part had Tuffy Wing, a fighter up in the game and known not alone on the Pacific coast but throughout the country, consented to fight, his opponent being Micky Dolan who fought Dane Brady here about six weeks ago.

Wing who hails from San Francisco has fought main events in nearly every important fighting center in the United States.

The first round between Nolan and Wing was a clever display of boxing, Wing apparently wearing his man down with swift jabs to the chin and body, but realizing that Dolan's decision to take on a fight with him was a pure sign of gameness which deserved consideration, for neither men had been slated to fight until late Friday after the withdrawal of Knight when with not sufficient time on hand for a substitution for Topaz, the whole main event had to be changed.

The fans seemed to be under the impression that neither Wing nor Nolan were attempting to exert themselves and numerous calls for action was heard the referee also cautioning the men to fight or mix it up.

The second round, like the first seemed a show of skillful boxing with few exchanges of blows, until the third round when Wing knocked Nolan to his knees twice and with a hard clip to the chin Nolan took the count of ten. Nolan received a good hand for his willingness in attempting to mix with a nationally known fighter like Tuffy Wing.

Frankie Grandetta, well known fighter on the coast, won from Dane Brady of Vernonia by a technical knockout in the fifth round of their six round semi-final battle at Walla Walla on March 27.

Brady had traveled all day Wednesday by car to Walla Walla from Portland and was actually in a tired condition to battle that same day, but received a great hand from the fight fans in the Washington city for putting up a game fight.

THE NEHALEM VETERAN

Extension to American Lake U. S. Veterans' hospital to cost $250,000, and add more than 100 beds to present 400-bed capacity, and to enlarge recreational occupational thereby and kitchen structures, being planned.

With a large gang of Forest Grove Legionnaires attending the meeting next Tuesday night at Vernonia April 9, the local post will put on a feed and some kind of entertainment to amuse the visitors from the Washington county post.

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux held their regular meeting last Tuesday night at the Legion hall.

The Legion show which is being coached by Dr. Pasto, has been postponed for another month until the players are more familiar with their parts advised Dr. Pasto.

Campbell and Hensley, partner's in the painting business and members of the local Legion post have returned to this city after spending the winter in Portland on contract work.

Another Legion dance will be held Friday April 12, with B. Lauder in charge.

A few members of the local Legion post seem to favor chartering a special train for the trip to the State convention at Salem this August.

Al. Ritchey, service officer of Vernonia post of the Legion, is at the service of all veterans, regarding Government or ex-servicemen's compensation, etc.

Farm Population Decreasing

The farm population of the United States is now **the smallest** in twenty years **according to the** U. S. department of **Agriculture.** It is estimated that on **January** 1, 1929, there were **27,511,000** persons on farms, **as compared** with 32,000,000 in 1909.

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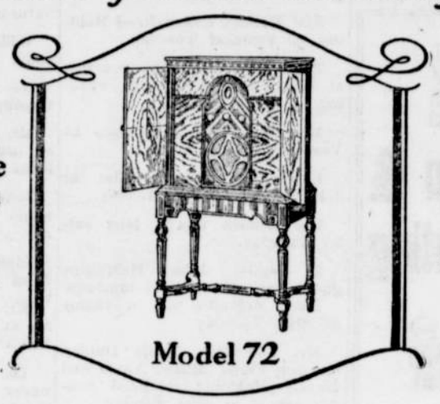

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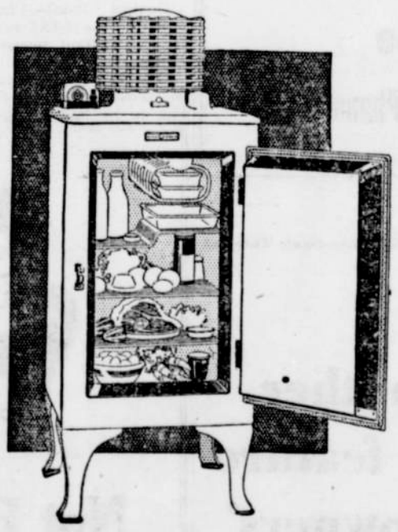

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