FLYING EAGLES TAKE CAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Knock Down Stonewall Jackson Men 40 To 37

Control Of Rebounds Tells Tale In Great Part For Van Meter Men; Three Of WWHS Five On All-Tourney Team; Four—Bakalis, Caldwell, Hunt, Hope Play Their Last Game For Beckley

By BOB WILLS
Register Sports Editor

MORGANTOWN—Coach Jerome Van Meter's high flying Eagles brought Beckley their first West Virginia High School Basketball Championship here tonight in one of the most thrilling contests this tournament-conscious town has ever witnessed, as they downed Clyde "Pud" Hutson's Stonewall Jackson Generals in the finals of the 33rd Annual State Basketball Tournament by the close score of 40 to 37.

The Flying Eagles got off to an early lead and were not headed as they countered every Stonewall effort with goals and came through in every pinch although the Generals nipped at their heels all night long.

The straw that broke the camel's back came in the closing minute after substitute Nickell's had made good a one hander to give Beckley their 40 to 37 margin. Just a second before, King, Stonewall guard, had stolen the ball from Hope and passed to Jarrett who made an easy crip to bring the General within one point of the Van Metermen at 38-37. After Nickells had made his two pointer, King then stole the ball again and passed to Pierson who missed with no one around. Caldwell took the ball off the bank board and the Eagles managed to hold control of the ball from there on out.

Big Lawrence Hunt, all-tournament center, playing his last game for Woodrow Wilson and finishing out his only year as a basketball player, racked up the high point score of the night with 14 points. Nicky "Greek" Bakalis, fast breaking Eagle forward and all-tournament too, along with Hunt and Frankie Rodriquez, was all over the floor as he gathered in 12 markers for second place honors. Co-Captain Bill Caldwell, who plays his best brand of ball when the going is tough, was in there every minute of the game and along with scoring seven points took many a ball off the backboard to stave off a threatened Stonewall rally. Co-Captain Bill Hope, although held scoreless from the floor was a standout on defense along with substitute Pat Nickells.

For Stonewall, all-tournament players Bill Jarrett, George Pierson and Bob Blubaugh stood out during the tourney although George King probably played the best game of the outfit as he gathered in 10 points to lead the Stonewall scoring. Most of these came on long shots from far out.

Rebound Tells Tale

Controlling the rebounds over three quarters of the time was the big factor in Beckley's victory. The Flying Eagles brought Beckley their second state championship in a week with the Central Junior Blue Eaglets (who watched their big brothers from the balcony) taking the Junior State Championship at Charleston last week-end from Fairmont 22-21.

Play By Play

The Flying Eagles got off to a five point lead before Stonewall could score as Bill Caldwell dropped in a one hander from the side to open the scoring, Hunt followed with a rebound and Rodriquez cashed in at the charity line before Pierson got a one pointer for Pud Hutson's boys to make it five to one. Rodriquez hit with a free throw and Bakalis followed with two of the same kind to make it eight to one. Hope missed a free toss before Maddox made a rebound. Bakalis then stole the ball and dribbled the length of the floor to cage a lay-up to make it 10 to three. Blubaugh connected with a free toss and Maddox put a left handed toss in the hoop from the side as Maddox fouled Caldwell in scoring. Caldwell made the free shot shortly before the end of the first frame as the Flying Eagles led 11 to six.

Stonewall came to life in the opening minutes of the second period with King dropping in a double decker from the foul line to open the rally. Pierson, Stonewall forward, committed his fourth personal of the game as he fouled Caldwell who missed. Rodriquez fouled Jarrett and the fast, bespectacled forward for Stonewall connected to make it 11 to nine. The Van Metermen got back in the ball game on a rebound by Hunt and after Jarrett had missed two free tosses and Bakalis one, Hunt hit the hoop for a one pointer to make it 16 to 11.

Stonewall's center Maddox then rebounded Blubaugh's miss and Jarrett hit with a one hander to make it 16 to 15 and close the first half scoring for the Generals.

After Rodriquez fouled Jarrett (the crowd booing the referee's decision) Bakalis caged two free throws and all tournament center Lawrence Hunt rebounded Caldwell's long shot to make it 20-15 at the gun.

Third Quarter

Pierson made a rebound to start the second half scoring and Hunt promptly countered with a crip to make it 22 to 17 Beckley. Rodriquez fouled Maddox who missed both chances and in the scramble for the ball Caldwell fouled Blubaugh who made both chances to make it read 22 to 19. Pierson then hit with a long shot to draw up 22-21. King then stole the ball from Hunt but fouled the Eagle center after he had

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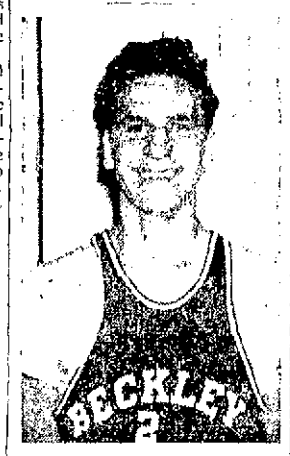
Champions All

Coach Jerome Van Meter

Forward Bill Caldwell



Forward Nicky Bakalis

Center Lawrence Hunt

Guard Bill Hope

Guard Frank Rodriquez

Operators In Fog Over Lewis' Aims In Parley

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House Reverses Itself On Schools

Suspect Ulterior Motive For AFL

By HAROLD W. WARD
Associated Press Labor Editor

WASHINGTON — Bituminous coal operators declared today that contract negotiations with John L. Lewis are on dead center, adding they were at a loss to define precisely what Lewis is aiming at this time.

Only one week is left in which to make a contract under threat of a strike April 1, when the present agreement may be terminated by Lewis.

Operators who would not be quoted by name said the committee asked for a week-end recess to permit meetings with advisors and to allow negotiating in the field, hoping to reach accord on some reply to Lewis' demand for a health and welfare fund. Up to now he has made this proposal—not specifically tied to a ten-cents-a-ton royalty as it was last year—his number one demand. He has eight others, including more pay for shorter hours.

Concern of the operators over what they say is lack of progress in negotiating was based mainly on the fact that Lewis has talked of little else than his health and welfare proposal. They expressed belief in private conversations that it indicates he is in no hurry to negotiate a contract.

Some operators said the coal contract negotiations might even be a side issue in an effort by Lewis to break the government's new wage-price policy, or to win control of the American Federation of Labor and strengthen his own forces for a showdown with the C.I.O.

One thing is sure—Lewis is reversing his usual procedure in bargaining negotiations. Traditionally, the "bread and butter" demand for higher wages and shorter hours would come first, with other demands such as the health and welfare proposal left for solution after the wage issue is out of the way.

The suggestion that Lewis has any thing but the U.M.W. and his 400,000 bituminous miners' demands on his mind at this

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Kilgore Again Is Churchill Critic

By The Associated Press

Senator Kilgore (D-W.Va.) declared at Jackson Day Dinner in Indianapolis. "... Churchill's remarks (at Fulton, Mo.) gave comfort and encouragement to the pseudo-internationalists within the Republican Party. They recognized in his bellicose phrases a wedge with which the unity of the United States could be split before it becomes firmly cemented.

"They saw in his intemperate and provocative remarks a chance to create an atmosphere in which they would no longer have to pay lip service to the ideal of international cooperation in which they have never believed . . .

"Fortunately for us, and for the world, Mr. Churchill over-stepped himself on this occasion . . the reaction to his speech was not what he had hoped for."

Bailey, Ratcliffe Head State Democrats

R. D. Bailey

W. Edwin Ratcliffe

Pineville Man Succeeds Joe Smith As Chairman

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Joe L. Smith of Beckley, who represented the Sixth District in Congress for nine consecutive terms, resigned today as Democratic state chairman and was succeeded by Former State Senator R. D. Bailey of Pineville.

The state executive committee in session here today accepted Smith's resignation, submitted by letter in which the Beckley banker and business man said that the pressure of private affairs prevented his continuing as the party's leader.

Bailey, a former circuit judge and one time Wyoming County prosecutor, will fill out Smith's term, which was scheduled to have run until the 1948 presidential primaries.

W. E. Ratcliffe of Beckley was chosen committee treasurer, succeeding Chairman C. E. Nethken of the Public Service Commission who resigned to take his present position.

Committee vacancies filled included:

Mrs. Ruth Hill succeeding Miss Ruth Baxter of Chester, deceased, in the first state senatorial district; H. J. McKinley, Elkins attorney, replacing Frank C. Baker, also of Elkins, deceased, in the 12th district; and L. L. Scherer of Beckley, named to a vacancy created in the ninth district by the resignation of A. K. Canterbury to become chairman of the State Liquor Control Commission.

Mabscott Man Fined, Jailed For Trespass

James Buckhannon, of Mabscott, has been fined $10 and costs and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail on a charge of trespassing on Salvation Army property, according to Magistrate G. O. Mills.

Buckhannon, according to city police, was taken into custody for attempting to enter the Salvation Army building on South Fayette street by force.

WAIVES HEARING

Eskimo Coleman has waived preliminary hearing on a charge of breaking and entering the home of Elizabeth Adaway, of Eighth Sreet, East Park, and taking $50, according o Magistrate G. O. Mills.

Reds Sought Atom Data Five Months Before Announced

By The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Soviet agents were on the trail of Canada's atomic energy secrets at least five months before the world first heard of the atomic bomb last August, according to evidence submitted by the government in its spy trials today.

Special Prosecutor F. Philippe Brais submitted for the first time documents purportedly stolen from the Soviet embassy in Ottawa, documents which form the backbone of the government's case against its employes and others accused of conspiring to give Russia scientific and other wartime secrets to the detriment of the safety of their own country.

According to these documents:

1. Soviet agents as early as March 28, 1945, knew of Canada's work on atomic energy and were instructing their Canadian cooperators to report on it.

2. Canadian members of the espionage network accepted money for their services.

3. The Canadians were given orders through the Soviet embassy in Ottawa to get specific information on certain phases of Canada's secret research as well as to supply general information. Among the inventions sought was "a radar device for use in the Pacific," and a new explosive propellant, algonite, in which "the Americans are said to be very interested."

4. Many of the meetings between the Soviet agents and the Canadians were held at night on street corners in Ottawa, the Canadian capital, with the Russians paying taxicab fares for those who lived far away. The Canadians were instructed specifically not to take the cabs all the way to the rendezvous.

5. The Russians ordered and had printed in a government publication an article on "The Conflict Between Parties" in last summer's dominion general election.

6. "The direction," heretofore identified only in this way, the guiding hand in Moscow of the spy operations here, was "the chief of the first intelligence headquarters" in the Soviet capital.

7. Fred Rose, Communist member of Parliament accused as a conspirator and the man directly on trial in today's hearing, "obtained data from conversations

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Del. Ward Files For Senate Seat

John C. Ward, of Beckley, member of the House of Delegates and former deputy circuit clerk, filed his candidacy yesterday for the Democratic nomination for state senate, to represent the Ninth District which consists of Raleigh and Wyoming counties.

Ward, son of the late Judge C. M. Ward, is serving his second term in the House and as a member of legislative interim committee studying education. He is at the present time assistant state workmen's compensation commissioner.

The Ninth District's two senators at the present time are Dr. Ward Wylie of Mullens and O. D. Hall of Beckley. Senator Wylie's term runs until 1949. The term of Sen. Hall expires at the end of this year, and is to be filled at the November general election.

Beckley Will Welcome Her Champions Home At Six P.M. Tonight

It will be "All hail the conquering heroes" when Beckley's Flying Eagles come home today proud possessors of the first State High School Championship in the city's history.

The school band left Clarksburg at 9:30 p. m. yesterday and arrived in Sutton where they joined the new state champs and the Beckley Junior high school team, also state champs in heir bracket, in time for noon luncheon.

Their departure from Sutton will be timed so the delegation will reach Beckley by 6 p. m. today to receive he well-earned plaudits of the city.

The automobile procession will discharge its triumphful passengers at the filling station on the corner of South Kanawha Street and Johnstown Road.

W. R. Fugitt announced from Morgantown that arrangements were already underway by the Chamber of Commerce to give the victorious team a public dinner during the week.

Woodrow Wilson High School will hold a special assembly Monday at 10 a. m. to pay its tribute to the team, principal C. G. Peregoy said last night. Since he will be in Chicago attending the North Central Principals Association convention, the assembly will be conducted under the chairmanship of C. D. Munson, jr., superintendent of schools.

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce will also attend the assembly, Peregoy said.

Mayor W. A. Burke stated that the champions will be officially greeted by the city fire truck and a police escort.

Soviets Vow To Leave Manchuria By April 30

By The Associated Press

CHUNGKING — The Chinese government announced today that Russia had promised to withdraw all Red Army troops from Manchuria by April 30, as reports circulated that Chinese Communists were maneuvering to move in behind the Russians.

Relief was expressed over the Russian note, but the domestic scene was darkened by growing evidence of non-co-operation between the Communists and Chiang Kai-Shek's Kuomintang.

Foreign Minister Wang Shih-Chen told the people's political council that Russia had delivered Friday the long-awaited reply to a Chinese note asking when the Red Army would carry out its agreement to quit Manchuria.

Wang promised to furnish a written report of negotiations over Manchuria, a subject concerning which the government has been highly secretive.

Government sources said it was unlikely that the Soviet troop withdrawal would apply to Darien or Port Arthur, where Russian rights have been established by treaty.

The Central News Agency said 5,000 Chinese Communists had filtered into the northern Manchurian city of Harbin. The World Daily News asserted that Communist troops were massing in neighboring Jehol province.

Other Chinese dispatches reported a column of government troops was marching on Communist-held Szepingkai, railway city 100 miles north of Mukden.

These accounts said all Chinese government-appointed officials for Heilungkiang, northern province where the Communists have been reported setting up an independent regime, would leave Changchun, Manchuria's capital,

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Agriculture Agent Sued By Dairymen

By The Associated Press

WARREN, O.—Temple McAllister, operator of a large dairy farm near here, said tonight he would request a coroner's investigation of his wife's death, which he attributed in a court suit to "unlawful, malicious and illegal conduct" by a federal Department of Agriculture agent.

Thomas E. Maulsby, a Department of Agriculture agent working out of the Chicago office, was named defendant in a suit for $100,000 damages filed by McAllister in Common Pleas Court yesterday.

In his petition McAllister said Maulsby came to his 1,200-acre farm Thursday and by "unlawful malicious and illegal conduct" caused his 50-year-old wife to suffer a fatal heart attack later in the day.

Maulsby had checked out of a local hotel and was not available for comment.

The complaint asserted the federal agent called one of McAllister's employes a liar and a "vile and indecent name" and when ordered to leave the barn where the man was working "purposely . . . drove his automobile over the plaintiff's lawn when he saw Mrs. McAllister hanging up clothes in the back yard."

McAllister contended Maulsby came to the farm "under the guise of seeking information," but that "his real purpose has been to undermine the plaintiff's business."

Sen. Johnson Lauds Kilgore's World Aims

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON—U. S. Senator E. C. Johnson (D-Colo) declared today that his colleague, West Virginia's Hartley M. Kilgore, made the right approach to helping the folks back home by attacking problems from the national or even international level.

"The failure to understand this," Johnson said of the senior senator from the Mountain State, "makes the going difficult oftentimes for some of the most effective men in the senate.

"It is an error to contend that a senator is doing nothing for his home state when, at that very moment he is attacking the problems of his state in the only way they can be approached effectively, that is on a national or even an international level.

"Where this criticism is raised, it is up to the responsible members and officers of the party to show real statesmanship themselves and back up the man who indirectly is doing such a good job for his state."

Johnson spoke at a Jackson Day dinner which drew such an attendance of Kanawha County Democrats that separate affairs were held at two downtown hotels and the senator and his party of state administration leaders appeared at each dinner gathering.

Beckleyans Attend Jackson Day Dinner

Those present from Raleigh County at the Jackson Day Dinner, which was held in both the Daniel Boone and Kanawha hotels because of the large number in attendance, included:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, Judge Ben H. Ashworth, John R. Smith, Edwin Ratcliffe, W. A. Thornhill, Jr., L. L. Scherer, Garner Williams, Noel Thurman, Mrs. Marie Ames, Mrs. Irma Sutphin Huettner, Dr. E. H. Hedrick, John Ward, B. B. Chambers, O. C. Flint, O. D. Hall, Robert Burns.

State To Vote On Amendment; Body Adjourns Session

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON—The West Virginia Legislature, completing a program only partially pleasing to Governor Clarence W. Meadows who called it into special primarily to act on educational reform, adjourned sine die at 8:21 p. m. tonight.

Most of the final hours were dawdled away by Senate and House while awaiting the report of House and Senate conferees on emergency appropriations for state colleges, finally reaching agreement on a figure of $1,029,977.

Despite objectionable House amendments, the Senate passed a resolution submitting to the people on next November's general election ballot a proposal to broaden the authority of the State Board of Education and the West Virginia University Board of Governors.

It had been badly mangled by an obstreperous House from the original version in which it was submitted by the Legislature's own Education Committee, and in which it had the blessing of Governor Meadows.

Weary from a session that started at 10:45 a. m., many of the delegates already had departed when adjournment of the one-week special Legislature, finally was voted at 8:21 p. m. The senate had taken a similar vote one minute earlier.

Aside from the educational phase of its program, the Legislature enacted legislation giving the state auditor control over medical and hospital insurance associations, and set up a committee with a $15,000 operating fund to investigate facilities and opportunities being made available for veterans in West Virginia.

The Senate-House conferees wrestled with appropriations figures throughout the afternoon, finally submitted an agreed amount of $1,029,977 to see the state colleges through the immediate period of drain on their facilities because of peace-swollen enrollments.

Both Senate and House, with

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Body Of Soldier Found In River

By Register Staff Writer

GAULEY BRIDGE—The body of Roy Shelton, a 22-year-old soldier, of Summersville, was taken from the Kanawha River near here yesterday at 2 p. m., it was revealed by state police at Montgomery last night.

An inquest held after the performance of an autopsy by Dr. C. W. Stallard, of the Laird Memorial Hospital, announced the death was accidental, caused by shock and exposure.

The body was discovered by Mary Montgomery, of Glen Ferris, yesterday at 10 a. m. lodged against brambles and brush 100 feet from the Conley Hotel at Gauley Bridge where the soldier was reputed to have gone in.

After the performance of an autopsy by Dr. Stallard the body was removed to the White Funeral Home, at Summersville, where it will remain until funeral arrangements are completed.

White had been missing since February 23. The coroner's report said his body had been in the Kanawha River for 28 days.

Shelton had been home on a re-enlisted furlough from Camp McClellan, Ala., where he had signed up for an additional three years of service in the European theater with the Military Police.

Hope Seen For Break In Iran-Soviet Crisis

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Hope of a real break in the Iranian crisis ran strong among United Nations officials today, and it appeared the Security Council, meeting Monday, might pass without injury its most dangerous test to date.

U.N.O. speculation based on statements by Premier Ahmed Qavam in Tehran is that in the next few days the Russians may begin to pull their troops out of Iran and back into Russia.

Such a movement would take the wind out of the Iranian crisis, reducing it to a situation the Security Council should be able to handle with relative ease.

This speculation privately expressed by many authorities here was checked, however, by their fear that nothing might come of the bright prospects raised by Qavam—prospects heightened by Prime Minister Stalin's assurances yesterday of Russian backing for U.N.O.

One new element of uncertainty is just where the Iranian government stands at the moment in relation to Russia, the United States and Britain. Qavam, who predicted a satisfactory solution of the Russo-Iranian situation, termed "unauthorized" an appeal to the Security Council by his ambassador here, Hussein Ala, for quick action on the Iranian case.

Russia is asking for a delay until April 10. The United States has come out for immediate action and so has Britain. However, if Iran as the nation in trouble, says there is no need to hurry, or if it actually favors delay in the interest of more direct negotiation with Russia, the props would be knocked from under the U. S. and Britain.

Both American and British of-

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Thomas Blames UAW's Split On AFL Leaders

By The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY — Walter P. Reuther, leader of the long and bitter General Motors strike, tonight announced that he would seek the presidency of the C. I. O.'s United Auto Workers union.

The red-haired fiery vice president of the Auto Workers voiced his formal acceptance at a rally of supporters, thus entering the lists against R. J. Thomas, incumbent, and setting the stage for the U. A. W.'s hottest political fight in nearly a decade.

Reuther, describing himself as "another guy who pays a dollar a month to the union," told a cheering crowd he was accepting its decision as representing the "democratic will" of union members.

By The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—President R. J. Thomas of the C.I.O.-United Auto Workers accused industry and "top leaders of the A.F.L. today of conspiring to destroy the C.I.O. "from within" after having failed "from without."

The auto chief, addressing the opening session of the U.A.W.-C.I.O's tenth convention, singled out David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (A.F.L.) for attack and made an oblique reference to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers (A.F.L.)

His speech embraced a ten-point program for the union including "industry-wide" agreements and an annual wage guarantee for auto industry workers.

"There is a man in the A.F.L." Thomas said, "who during the General Motors strike gave money to the General Motors strikers.

"I say to you frankly that I am worried about that situation. That same man, during the period before Homer Martin was expelled from our union, gave $25,000 to the U.A.W.-C.I.O. That man is none other than Dave Dubinsky.

"There are many people who say Dave Dubinsky is an honorable man. But I say he's a good friend of John L. Lewis."

The mention of Homer Martin was a reference to the time when Martin was ousted as president of the auto union in 1938 after a split in the U.A.W.'s top leadership.

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Street Scene

Drunk with body flattened against wall of Prince Street building, fingers clinging tightly to bricks for support.

Man at court house flinging hat into air with a yell upon hearing final score of Beckley-Stonewall Jackson game.

WEATHER

WEST VIRGINIA: Showers Sunday and possibly Monday, continued mild.

Temperatures

Yesterday's high 58
Yesterday morning's low 42
Last midnight 48

Precipitation

In 36 hours ending last midnight—trace.