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SCRAM GRAHAM: Do you want to give --- what was your name?

PAULINE BRAYMEN: Pauline Braymen.

SCRAM: Do you want to give Pauline the information so we can go get it straight? Your dad was Nollie's brother?

WALLY REED: Right.

SCRAM: And that makes you, his, Nollie's nephew. And he played

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WALLY: Well Uncle Nollie graduated in '07. This was when Dad was a player and coach, that's '10 and '11.

SCRAM: Oh, your dad was C. L. Reed?

WALLY: Yeah C. L., Teddy they called him down there.

SCRAM: Okay C. L., Teddy Reed, R E E D.

WALLY: R double E D.

SCRAM: And Nollie was class of '07. So this was your dad's, this is your dad's record after he had been graduated?

WALLY: No, my dad got out in '11.

SCRAM: Oh, I see. Nollie was class of '07, and Teddy was class of '11.

PAULINE: Class of '11.

WALLY: Dad started --- that would be ---

SCRAM: So he was, was he playing and coaching his senior year?

WALLY: His senior year.

SCRAM: '10 and '11. Now is Nollie still alive?

WALLY: No.

SCRAM: Your dad? Okay. Oh, I see. This is the official score book for the season, that's what this is. This is what I was saying. See, in a lot of this time the classes would play against each other, and orange was --- had been the color all the time for the Oregon State, had been known as the Orangemen, since the turn of the century. And then the shade of the sweater in which it went normally, was identified by the class they were in.

PAULINE: By the classes.

SCRAM: The sophomores versus the juniors, and the seniors the freshman.

WALLY: You got the keys to the car?

SCRAM: Yeah. Then they would --- kind of have an elimination, okay the finals --- the inter-class series ---

WALLY: There's some in there where they played Willamette? I believe, in Portland?

SCRAM: Yeah, well then they --- see they played the pre-season

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WALLY: Washington State there, I believe.

SCRAM: They played pre-season, and the last one was the 13th of January. Then that same day evidently, they played --- they played, OAC beat Albany 41 to 10. And then they went into their season, but after they ---

WALLY: May I have that one picture; I want to rub it into University of Oregon over here a little bit.

SCRAM: Yeah, that first one --- See this goes on now, they're into the --- of a freshman refers to the HMA. No idea, we'll have to look that up. But the place was in Corvallis, and the time keeper

was so and so, and the scorer --- Reed was the referee; maybe he was coach and referee. Maybe that had something to do with this.

PAULINE: It might have helped.

SCRAM: OAC versus Portage. I haven't the slightest notion. They didn't score a point. Oh, yes they did. Let's see, final score

--- we may have lost. We did, 14 to 22. Don't show that.

WALLY: I want you to see that Del.

SCRAM: All right, here is Willamette.

MAN: Hey Wittrock, who was Winlock?

SCRAM: That's north of Castle Rock, Washington. That's the Winlock A. C. That's the egg capitol of the world. (Laughter) True story. It's on the Great Northern. Willamette University evidently beat them 25 --- oh no, wait a minute, 2, 4, 6 --- 25 to 15 maybe?

WALLY: I'll tell you what, if you do believe this score Craig, this group here will take up a collection for your athletic fund.

SCRAM: They beat Albany 24 to 10 that was February 11, 1911. The ... was infested with two Weatherfords. What can be the results? The Weatherfords are still very large. Well, we have Weatherford Hall on the campus. They were evidently playing for

--- No, they don't show, oh, they must have been the spectators. There's a Dement --- put them in the same spot. Let's see, beat Albany College 24 to 10. You have that one.

WALLY: Maze that's in there, he was a colonel of the field that I got discharged from. I didn't know him that well.

SCRAM: I'll be darned! Beat Willamette the next time 28 to 21. The referee was Kecks, that's probably Chief Keck down from Astoria.

WALLY: He had a --- they had a motel and service station there in...

SCRAM: He's still alive, and still in Seaside.

WALLY: Is he? God, he'd be 80 years or something, he'd be damned near 90.

SCRAM: Yeah, he is. All right, beat Washington State, March 1st. One of the scores being ---

This must have been at Pullman. No, place was Corvallis, but the score was some guy by the name of Bohler, B O H L E R.

WALLY: I haven't any idea. My dad's told me about them but I can't ---

SCRAM: Go ahead and put that down because that Bohler, Bohler Gym at Pullman is named after this guy at Washington State.

PAULINE: The which gym now?

SCRAM: Bohler, B O H L E R at Washington State. And the Beavers survived 33 to 9.

WALLY: Ungodly ... aren't they?

SCRAM: Well Keck looks like he made 22, no he couldn't --- well I guess he did, or is that two baskets, two baskets I guess. The first half and second half.

WALLY: Isn't this your final scoring deal here --- the points?

SCRAM: Yeah, yeah, 33 to 9. Maybe the end of the year.

PAULINE: Well now when did you, was that Corvallis or Washington

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SCRAM: That was at Corvallis.

PAULINE: But Washington State beat ---

SCRAM: No, Oregon State --- he switched.

PAULINE: Oh, okay.

SCRAM: Normally back here...

PAULINE: Yeah, that's what ---

SCRAM: This was Washington State, and Oregon Agricultural College, and you might say a couple of other --- well, Reed is playing, but a couple of other long time familiar names in Oregon are Walter Keck from Astoria, and one of the Dements, D E M E N T S, plural, one of the Dements, probably from Coquille.

WALLY: I don't know what all of those things are, I just...

SCRAM: Of particular interest to me, the alumni director, there was a game played January 7, 1911.

PAULINE: Why don't you...

SCRAM: Of particular interest to me, Scram Graham, the current alumni director at Oregon State, was the OAC game played January 7, 1911, against the alumni. And you can guess who won; otherwise I wouldn't be talking about it. The alumni 30 to 26. Some of the people --- some of the names that played for the alumni were people like Hayes, Rupper, Tripp, Reinhart, Cate, Swann, S W A N N. As I remember he was a lawyer in later life in Albany. I think he held the Pacific Coast Pole Vault Championship with a bamboo pole, I'm sure at eleven feet, zero inches. On the basketball championship team of which year? Of '10 and '11? This one?

WALLY: Yeah, '10 and '11, I believe.

PAULINE: Now, I didn't catch all that. What ---

WALLY: Well --- I don't remember what Hamilton's name was. Is Mary Hamilton's uncle?

SCRAM: We'll just say about this same time there were three boys from Bend who were on the --- I mean Burns, on the championship basketball team.

WALLY: There was three of them on it.

SCRAM: Two of the three played baseball?

WALLY: Right.

SCRAM: I think that's right. And of those three, two of them played baseball.

MAN: Pauline, want some coffee?

PAULINE: Yes, please. Thank you.

MAN: How about you, Wally?

WALLY: You might heat it up a little bit, please. Thank you. The baseball team were northwest champions. My dad was third base, and Horton was second, or shortstop I --- And Dad also pitched on that ball club.

SCRAM: All right now, he was from --- your dad was from Burns?

WALLY: Yeah.

SCRAM: Okay, these are the two baseball players, are Reed ---

PAULINE: What was his first name? What was Horton's first name?

WALLY: Mervin.

PAULINE: Mervin?

WALLY: Mervin Horton.

MAN: Is that ...

SCRAM: Yeah, yeah.

PAULINE: This was 1910?

SCRAM: This was 1910, and the picture is put together by --- it looks like photographer was Alben Droth, A L B E N D R O T H, and it shows as 1910, on the picture.

WALLY: There's my dad as coach on the 1910 ball club.

SCRAM: Then we have another picture here, which shows the 1910 basketball team with Mr. Reed as the coach.

PAULINE: The baseball coach was Fielder Jones?

SCRAM: F I E L D E R J ---

WALLY: Well, it doesn't say.

SCRAM: On the 1910 base --- northern division, or the northwest champion baseball team, the coach was Fielder Jones, which had the two Burns boys Reed and Horton. Reed and Horton were cousins, that is Reed and Horton were cousins. Horton played second base, and Reed played third base. Beside Walter Keck, who we have discussed before, who was center field, there was a fellow familiar to Oregon, whose name is familiar to Oregon State Athletics. The pitcher was a fellow by the name of Keene, K E E N E, whose younger brother later was a great baseball star, and coach, and athletic director, Spec Keene. This was his older brother who was the pitcher on the northwest champion baseball team of 1910.

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