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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon ... Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Cloudy tonight; light rain Thursday.

Pre-War Ball Stars Shine in Season Debut

Home Run Hitters Thrill Fans in Major Leagues; Feller Blanks White Sox

(By the Associated Press) Baseball is back on the gold standard today with such pre-war glamor names as Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Feller, Ted Williams and Hank Greenberg in the headlines once again.

Mel Ott and Hal Newhouse were the only holdovers from the wartime campaigns in the select circle, dominated by ex-GIs, that delighted 236,730 fans at yesterday's eight big league openers.

The first day of the 1946 campaign, widely hailed as the beginning of a new golden era in sports, was a huge success both financially and artistically. Attendance showed more than a 100 per cent increase over the 1945 figures and was the second highest in history.

DiMaggio, Williams, Greenberg and Ott revived the home run fever that has been running low in wartime seasons and Feller, Newhouse and Spud Chandler showed the boys some fancy pre-war chugging.

Hank's Homer Needed ... The Newhouse-Greenberg team probably was the most eye-arresting of the lot. Lefty Hal spun a neat six-hitter for his first opening day win but he needed five Hank's line drive homer to get a 2-1 decision for the world champion Detroit Tigers over Nelson Potter and the St. Louis Browns.

DiMaggio and Chandler also provided a one-two punch for the New York Yankees who appear to be headed back toward the heights. Solting Joe's 400-foot clout with Tommy Henrich on base eased the ace righthander along the way to a five-hit 5-6 shutout of Philadelphia at Shibe Park.

Williams, making his first big league appearance since 1942, thrilled President Truman and 30,372 Washington fans with a 430-foot home run, the longest seen at Griffith Stadium in 15 years. Tex Hughson sprinkled 11 Senator hits along the route for a 6-3 Boston verdict over Ezzog Wolff.

Feller Blanks Cleveland ... Feller turned in the price-pitching job, a three-hit, 1-0 blanking of Chicago but the Cleveland fireball artist needed a belly-flop catch by Bob Lemon, another ex-GI, to save the game in the ninth inning. A chilled crowd of 20,106 watched Feller win his duel with Specs Dietrich.

New York Giant power, widely advertised all spring, was very much in evidence as Manager Ott's 511th round tripper soaked the Polo grounds to an 8-4 decision over the Phillies.

Cardinal Hurlers Maulied ... The vaunted St. Louis Cardinal pitching staff went haywire, yielding 11 hits, two wild pitches, eight walks and a hit batsman in losing to Pittsburgh, 6-4. Starter Johnny Beazley was clouted early and often but reliever Harry Brecheen led the verdict to Fireman Ken Heintzelman.

Chicago's National League champs had to rally with four runs in the ninth to stave Cincinnati, 4-3, after Joe Berge had held them to one hit in the first eight innings.

A muffed fly by Brookie Outfielder Hermanski and a boof by Shortstop Reese enabled Boston to score two unearned runs and a 5-3 win over Brooklyn.

Kahut Scores 7th Round TKO Over Fitzpatrick ... LOS ANGELES, April 17.—(AP)—Joe Kahut, Woodburn's fighting farmer, defeated Hilton (Fitzy) Fitzpatrick, Oak Hill, W. Va., in the seventh of a ten-round fight last night on a technical knockout. Kahut weighed 179; Fitzpatrick, 171.

Fitzpatrick's eye was cut in the fourth. The cut widened under Kahut's steady blows in the sixth and seventh, until Referee Bill Kirschner stopped the fight. Kahut was well ahead on points, having taken every round after the second.

QUEER EASTER CUSTOMS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The modern slapstick comedy feature of slapping someone in the face with a custard pie may have had its origin in an old Easter custom in which men and women were grouped into opposing sides and pelted one another with eggs and apples.

A summary of Easter customs of former years is contained in a recent informational release by The Greeting Card Industry, which points out the value of present day practices of sending sentimental cards instead of stealing shoes, a once popular Easter pastime.

Floppy-eared bunnies, chicks and eggs, so commonly used as symbols in Easter art, are traced back to the dawn of civilization, we are told.

The bunny and the egg were regarded as symbols of springtime fertility and were a part of the annual festival in honor of the pagan goddess of spring, Eostra, from which the word Easter is derived.

According to ancient legend, the rabbit, being the only animal children did not fear, was selected by the fairies to inform the children that spring had come. The rabbit conveyed this message by leaving on the doorstep a basket filled with flowers and colored eggs from the various wild birds.

Earliest Easter greetings took the form of colored eggs, offered as gifts during the pagan springtime festivals. Early Christians dyed eggs a deep red to symbolize the blood of Christ. Eggs exchanged by royalty, clergy and middle classes ranged from crudely decorated boiled eggs to elaborate gilded ones, often adorned with jewels.

An ancient account of Easter festivities held in Cheshire, England, describes how the bishop and dean took eggs into the cathedral and, at a certain stage in the service, engaged in an egg-throwing contest with the choristers.

Instead of donning a new spring suit and joining the Easter parade, the young Englishman of the 12th century went out upon the Thames River in an oarless boat, to tilt with a lance at a ceremonial shield mounted on a strong pole sunk in the bed of the river. If he succeeded in breaking his lance against the shield without toppling into the water, the young man was considered to have hit the equivalent of today's jackpot. But if his lance glanced off the shield and he lost his balance—well, the Thames was still pretty cold at that time of year.

Another ancient English custom made it possible for churchgoers to enjoy the luxury of a free shave in the churchyard on Easter Sunday.

A custom which prevailed until the latter part of the 19th century, when it had to be abolished because of the rough-and-tumble nature it eventually acquired, was that of "lifting." One record, dated 1290, relates how Edward I, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, was "lifted" by the ladies of his court.

In London and other cities young men would go about carrying a chair decorated with streamers and ribbons, and lined with white satin or silk. Each girl they met was obliged to take a seat in the chair, the young men lifting her three times as high as they could. The next day the tables were turned and the girls lifted the men.

The small fry had their ways of celebrating Easter, too. Small boys, singly or in groups, would dart about on Easter relieving little girls of their shoes. The girls would retaliate by snatching the boys' caps. Lost possessions were redeemed by making a small payment.

American colonists, the Greeting Card Industry reports, continued the custom of exchanging eggs as gifts during the Easter season. But as colonies spread out, it became increasingly difficult to insure a rival of the Easter gift intact when sent by the crude postal methods of the day. So the practice of Easter cards was invented.

Seals Boost Lead By Blanking Oaks

(By the Associated Press) San Francisco's baseball club today has a lead of three and a half games in the Pacific Coast league. For eight innings Oakland had the San Francisco team struggling for a score Tuesday, but in the ninth the Seals rallied on Pinchhitter Knox' single and shut out the third-place Aacorns, 3 to 0.

The Portland bottom rung Beavers snapped their losing streak in their first appearance before home fans, with a 5-2 victory over the Hollywood Stars. The other coast leaguers were inactive.

At Portland, Southpaw Helser limited the Stars to seven hits, and the Beavers drove Ruslegro, Hollywood hurler, to the showers in the fifth inning. He was replaced by Messers. The fifth frame netted the Beavers three tallies fashioned out of Barton's double, Reich's single and Adams' one-base bingle with the bags loaded.

Team Standings ... Team W L Pct. San Francisco 15 3 .833 Los Angeles 11 6 .647 Oakland 11 8 .579 Hollywood 9 8 .526 Sacramento 7 10 .412 Seattle 6 11 .353 San Diego 6 12 .333 Portland 5 12 .294

RHS Baseball Team Swamps Elkton, 16 to 1. The Roseburg High School baseball team demonstrated exceptional hitting power Monday in a game played at Elkton, defeating the Elks 16 to 1 in a 7-inning contest.

The Indians, after scoring one run in the second inning, went on a batting spree in the third and pushed eight runs across the plate. Elkton's lone run was scored in the fifth as the result of a hit and a Roseburg error.

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No Meat for Large Section of Nation

(By the Associated Press)

A large section of the nation remained on a meatless diet today as the government waged a fight to break illegal dealings in meat and to restore more equal distribution of supplies.

The shortage in meat, acute in many metropolitan centers, was reported in nearly every part of the country. Conditions worse than in wartime when meat was rationed prevailed in many cities, large and small. Some sections said the situation was "getting worse."

Butcher shops opened their doors but weary customers didn't have much to choose—fowl and cold cuts—if any.

Union Protest Stated ... The CIO United Packinghouse Workers Union, claiming that 25,000 members have been laid off throughout the nation because of the slaughtering and packing curtailment in organized plants, arranged a protest demonstration at the Chicago stockyards. Union officials estimated 20,000 workers would walk out of plants in the Chicago yards at noon for a 45-minute demonstration with placards, sound trucks and speeches.

New York and Chicago felt the pinch of the falling off in supplies. Counsel for the National Meat Industry Council predicted an acute shortage of meat and bankruptcy of "about 75 per cent of the slaughtering houses" in the New York metropolitan area.

Sun Life Agency Taken Here by Don Forbes ... New representative of the Sun Life Assurance Co. in Roseburg is Don Forbes, 28, whose home was Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, before he entered the Air Corps three years ago.

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FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY, PUBLIC BUILDINGS ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF THE DIVISION ENGINEER, 838 U. S. APPRAISERS BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO 11, CALIFORNIA. April 3, 1946. Sealed bids, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 2 P. M., May 3, 1946, and then publicly opened, for furnishing the materials and performing the work for new heating boiler, etc., at the U. S. P. O. building, Roseburg, Oregon, in strict accordance with the specifications dated PB-Div. 7 Jan. 24, 1946, and drawings (if any) mentioned therein; and the general conditions dated Sept. 15, 1942 and addendum thereto dated May 15, 1944. Specifications and other data may be had at the office of the Custodian of the building or the office of the Division Engineer, J. E. Stanton, Division Engineer.

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY, PUBLIC BUILDINGS ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF THE DIVISION ENGINEER, 838 U. S. APPRAISERS BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO 11, CALIFORNIA. April 5, 1946. Sealed bids, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 2 P. M., May 6, 1946, and then publicly opened, for furnishing the materials and performing the work for interior painting, new wood flooring, new exterior entrance doors and miscellaneous repairs, at the U. S. P. O., Roseburg, Oregon, in strict accordance with the specifications dated PB-Div. 7 Jan. 17, 1946 and drawings (if any) mentioned therein; and the general conditions dated Sept. 15, 1942 and addendum thereto dated May 15, 1944. Specifications and other data may be had at the office of the Custodian of the building or the office of the Division Engineer, J. E. Stanton, Division Engineer.

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