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## GOOD BASEBALL SEASON

By Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg has shown itself a real baseball town during this season. Fans have turned out well in support of the semi-pro games by the Umpqua Chiefs, as well as exhibitions, Legion contests, etc. The Pee-Wee games Saturday night drew a large audience. Softball also has had a liberal following from fans.

The tough luck experienced by the Chiefs may hurt attendance. If efforts by Manager Earl Sargeant to bolster the draft-ridden team succeed, however, fans will see plenty of good baseball during the remainder of the season, despite the fact that the Roseburg team is eliminated from a chance at top place.

The Chiefs were the surprise team of the League when the season started. The Southwest Oregon League is, without question, the best semi-pro league in the state. Bitter rivalry between communities resulted in contributions of large sums of money from "angels" sponsoring their respective teams. Financial offers attracted the best players from semi-pro ranks, together with several outstanding veterans from the Coast League.

While contributions to the Roseburg team were liberal, Manager Sargeant was unable to meet the high prices being paid by some of the communities with virtually unlimited bank accounts. He exhibited uncanny skill, however, in picking out a few college and semi-pro athletes to augment his nucleus of local players. The Chiefs furnished unexpected competition.

### The Penalty Of Success

But success carries penalties. Performances turned in by brilliant prospects Sargeant gleaned from the "bushes" brought immediate attention and interest from pro leagues.

While other teams, with one exception, despite all their high priced talent, are going through the season with their original rosters, "Sarge" has lost four of his best players. Medford has lost one, a bonus player belonging to Boston. From the Chiefs, Dave Mann went to the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast League; Ernie Velasquez is playing with Wenatchee of Western International; Dwane Helbig, signed by the Portland Beavers of the Coast League, is doing farm duty with Vancouver, B.C., of WIL, and Bob Bonebrake, belonging to the Dodgers, is with that club's farm team at Great Falls, Mont.

The manner in which the Roseburg team has been riddled by the drafting of its players gives conclusive evidence that "Sarge" had a keen eye in picking his talent, but it has been a heartbreaking season for the Roseburg manager and this area's red-hot fans, who had built up high hopes as a result of early season play.

### Still In Competition

Sargeant is still "pitching." While his patched-up team has been floundering against the League's top contenders, Roseburg is not yet to be counted out of competition. The manager has been scouring the country for replacements and has come up with several likely prospects for the remainder of the season. If his judgment is as good on the newcomers as on those originally brought into Roseburg uniform, the Chiefs still may be counted on for strong competition, although first place is out of reach.

Win, lose, or draw, the Chiefs are deserving of the greatest possible support during the remaining games of the baseball year.

And while we're tossing a bouquet in Sarge's direction, we'd like to pass out orchids as well to all those responsible for the Pee-Wee program which, in our opinion, is one of the finest projects any community can sponsor. When one sees the turnout of youngsters learning the fundamentals of baseball, and observes the enthusiasm, earnestness and sportmanship they display in their contests, he can be grateful to those who sponsor this activity and to the coaches and helpers who have turned in such an excellent job. The same goes for the sponsors of Legion Junior baseball, provided for an older group of boys.

The softball leagues also are contributing their part to the community's sports program, furnishing participation opportunity for scores of older boys and young adults—and some not so young—while providing entertainment for hundreds of fans.

Altogether, the Roseburg community can be very proud of its baseball programs of the season and the achievements of its teams. It is to be hoped that fans will continue their support during the few weeks remaining in the season and have their enthusiasm geared for even higher endeavors next year.



**MENDING BASKET**  
 by Wahnett Martin, P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

There's nothing like having a nice quiet weekend at home planned, with oodles of time in which to write a column etc., and then—just like that—find yourself juggling things into a suitcase, juggling down a shopping list for a few things, so we can stop in a shady spot and enjoy scenery and a snack by the road. Along with it, the "visiting" with my mother that never gets caught up. And on top of everything, wondering frantically what on earth I'll write about for the Mending Basket before I leave. All because friends have asked us for the 10th, which made us switch our coast plans to this week.

Well, instead of the leisurely jog up coast NEXT weekend we'll be there any minute now. Soon as EJ can clean up his desk and get loose from the office, "First of the month" and all that. Mother and I both love the ocean so we hope to be sleeping tonight where we can hear what the wild waves are saying, and see them, too, in the moonlight if any. (The other evening it was hot enough to fry eggs outside this unshaded house, so we went down to the coast for a fish dinner, and found fog and COLD. I felt silly and looked it in a thin dress!)

Speaking of driving up the coast makes me think of a letter that came from Seapooose on the Columbia. Mrs. P.J.S. (who was "raised in Yoncalla.") said nice things about the Mending Basket and then asked about the Centennial souvenir plates mentioned here recently. . . . There is much interest in the Centennial. There should be a gathering of the clans then all right!

At the Old Timers Picnic in Drain recently (R.F.P. was telling me) "Three Lane sisters were here who hadn't been back since 1902." And there was an elderly man who hadn't been here in almost that long. Incidentally someone happened to ask RFP a question, direction as to how to get there to the picnic grounds, and

## An Explanation of Those Washington Saucers



## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The propaganda campaign to relieve Alger Hiss of the burden of 10 years in prison for spying for Soviet Russia has reached an all-time high in inanity.

At the cost of \$7,500 and after a year's work by mechanical experts a typewriter was constructed purporting to prove Whittaker Chambers could have built one himself, typed the incriminating Hiss documents and planted the machine where Hiss could find it in time for the sensational trial that ended in conviction and prison for the former State Department official.

Federal Judge Henry Goddard tossed the mechanical contraption back into the laps of the Hiss lawyers in denying a motion for a new trial. U.S. District Attorney Myles J. Lane described the bid for a new trial as "frivolous."

There is much more to the new Hiss bid for freedom than this, however.

At the close of the second Hiss trial the government produced a witness, a colored maid named Edith Murray, who testified she had worked for Chambers when he lived with his wife at 903 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1934. She said she saw the Hiss and Chambers families together there.

Hiss, in the motion for retrial attempted to impeach Miss Murray's testimony with witnesses who stated the Chambers family never had a maid, that a colored maid was never seen on the premises and that the maid was primed by the FBI to make an identification of the Hiss family. His lawyers also said they had no time for proper cross-examination of her and were surprised by the prosecution when her testimony was presented.

Judge Goddard, in denying the motion, pointed out that Edith Murray was cross-examined at length by the defense. In fact, there are 29 pages of cross-examination questions and answers in the printed record on appeal.

No objection was noted by the defense at the time the maid testified.

The defense for Hiss also has produced a janitor, Louis Leisman, who swears that he "knows from my own observations that Chambers never employed a colored maid." He says he spent most of his time, summer and winter, in the basement of the apartment building where he could observe whoever arrived or departed. Never once did he see a maid go into the building he asserts.

Leisman's testimony is not creditable. U.S. Attorney Lane, in his successful rebuttal of the retrial motion, points out why:

"To date, the government has discovered records of two criminal convictions against this person (Leisman), but because of positive evidence of the use of aliases by him I hesitate to state that this is the sum total of his prior relations with police authorities."

On January 7, 1923, Leisman, then using the name of Louis J. Smith, was convicted in Buffalo, New York, of criminally discharging a firearm. On November 7, 1931, Leisman was convicted in

RFP recognized him as an old school friend he hadn't seen since 1918. Imagine that! Name was Harold Otis.

There is a fascination about such gatherings. Down in Long Beach (Calif.) as you probably know, they have state picnics each year in Bisby Park, wide boulevards of trees for each state where people sign, and also see who else is here. Some rare stories come out of those picnics. 'Bye now!

## In the Day's News

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It occurred off the Russian Siberian coast, it was an international incident.

Watch it: If it was an International Incident (as it would be if Russian pilots flew the attacking Russian, built MIGs it would mean that Russia doesn't want a truce that would take the pressure off us in Korea and will probably go on provoking international incidents, truce or no truce.

Speaking of truces, the modern Olympic games have just ended—with American athletes finally victorious. For a while, we were scared pink lest the Russians win. That would have been bad (for us) for the Russians obviously entered with the idea of using a victory (if they won) for propaganda purposes.

So far, the cold war is largely a propaganda war—in which the Russians have proved quite adept. An Olympic victory would have provided them with a lot of new (and pretty good) material. Let's give thanks to our able athletes for delivering us from that.

WHEN did the Olympic games start?

It was a long time ago. In 776 B.C., the Greeks began reckoning time by them. They were held every four years. This four-year period was known as an Olympiad. The beginning of the first year of the Olympiad was determined by the first full moon of the summer solstice (the longest day of the year).

The first year of Christ was the first year of the 195th Olympiad. So we know they were at least 780 years old then. But they had been going on a long time when the first historical record was made of them.

Why were they held? There were MANY reasons. Among other things, the ancient Greeks were sports-minded. If they had had newspapers then, the sports page would have been hot stuff—as it is now.

But ONE reason was the belief that clean sport would STOP (or at least greatly reduce) war among the city-states of the Greek world. With that idea in mind, a GENERAL TRUCE was called and enforced during the time when the games were being held.

There is room here only to report that the idea DIDN'T work. In spite of the Olympic games and their truly TREMENDOUS significance in the Greek world, WARS WENT ON. The quarrelsome city - states quit fighting while the Olympic truce was on, but resumed their fighting when the truce ended.

In the end, sad to relate, these constant quarrels and the wars that resulted from them DESTROYED the Greek civilization.

Anyway, they taught us that truces don't end wars. Oddly enough, in these days, the Russians, who are at the moment the chief promoters of war, seized upon the modern Olympic games as a device to promote nationalistic propaganda, which in its turn is a great PROMOTER of war.

RECRUITING AID  
 M Sgt. Wallace Louis Baljo will arrive in Roseburg Thursday to assist in recruit duties at the local Marine recruiting office. Recruiter James A. Larriue announced today.

Sgt. Baljo was in charge of the Kelso, Wash. Marine recruiting office until it closed last week.

## Start Tightening Up On Those Coins, Cost Of Living Has Reached New High

By WADE JONES  
 In the unlikely event that you hadn't already noticed it, the cost of living has hit a new all-time high.

As reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of living index for average-income folks in towns and cities had risen on June 15 to 139.6 of the 1935-1939 base on which living costs are figured.

Food, rent, and some highly costly items lumped under miscellaneous goods and services were largely responsible for the new cost-of-living record.

The index for food rose to 231.5. That was 2 per cent higher than a year ago and 14 per cent above the figure two years ago. Meat, fish, poultry and eggs were primarily responsible for pushing up the food index.

Under miscellaneous goods and services, which also showed a big jump, were listed doctors' fees, hospital rates, street car fares, movie tickets and laundry service.

At about the same time the Labor Department made its cost-of-living announcement, the Commerce Department came forth with the news that national production — all goods and services turned out — hit \$329 billion last year. That was a 16-per-cent gain over the year before.

Only about half of this gain, though, was real in the sense of more goods and services produced. The other half was due simply to higher prices last year over the year before.

In its analysis of the situation, the Commerce Department said the biggest factor in the 16-per-cent increase was government buying, mostly for the expanding national defense program.

Government expenditures were \$62.5 billion last year as compared with \$42.1 billion in 1949.

Corporations boosted their profits, before taxes, to \$42.9 billion last year as compared with \$27.1 billion in 1949. But taxes took a big chunk. After taxes, corporate profits last year were \$18.7 billion. They were \$16.3 billion in 1949.

Personal income last year was 12 per cent more than in 1950, and personal savings were \$17 billion last year, as compared with \$11.2 billion in 1950 and \$6.7 billion in 1949.

Income and savings were large-

## Reds Plan Five-Year Manchuria Migration

HONG KONG — Communist China is considering a mass movement of population to meet state needs in Manchuria.

Ko Kang, ruler of Manchuria for the Peiping government, in a prospectus for Manchuria industrialization called for "a five year plan of immigration."

Kao said it will be necessary to move part of the people from South Manchuria and China proper to North Manchuria for reclamation, tabulating new villages and establishing state and collective farms.

## Delicate Weighing Device Developed

NEW YORK — The Bell telephone laboratories have added to their testing equipment a micro-balance so sensitive that it can determine the weight of a fragment of lint caught floating in the air. It is an intricate device, and can show changes as minute as 250 millionths of a gram.

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COPTERS FINISH HOP  
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