

DUCK TRACKS

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May the time-honored soul of Abner Doubleday rest in peace.

It couldn't have started in any other baseball community—it had to be Hollywood—. If Doubleday's spirit could have been granted two and a half hours on earth the day that the Stars launched their campaign to ruin the majestic old national past-time, it would have shriveled up and slid under the door of a lost and found bureau.

Since everyone doesn't slide right, there will be a surplus on the "strawberry" market if the "panties" idea catches on—. Some one is almost sure to pick up the new fad and capitalize on it.

The manufacturers of athletic uniforms and gear would love that; but maybe this ridiculous affront on baseball's dignity will be confined to its birthplace. That would be okay—since lack of dignity seems to be prevalent in the Hollywood area.

Men and Boys

Another possibility for the "new look" would be to adopt it for all the minor leagues. Leave the majors in conventional garb—that way it would be easy to tell the men from the boys.

Let's just imagine for a moment that all the great stars of the past were clad in shorts—. Rotund, spindly-legged Babe Ruth, idol of the baseball world, would have been comical rather than colorful. What if that old Murderers' Row would have appeared in the ball park in short pants—; even if some of them did have less-than-gruesome knees.

All the majestic splendor that is baseball's would be lost—.

Arguments for the outrageous innovation are—more freedom of action, less suffering from the blazing summer sun. The idea is that after a while the fans would get used to it—.

The Dimple's the Thing

But just imagine a baseball great posing for a Hall of Fame picture—"Be sure and take me from the left side; that knee has the dimple."

At any rate, it would ruin things for the youngsters. They go through childhood in shorts—and work up to the point where they can wear long pants—and baseball suits. That's not progress—is a bloodless revolution.

Just as the ladies' new look gains full acceptance, and millions of sloppy knees that should be hidden are sloppier ones. The concessionaires ought to squawk too—an outfit such as Hollywood's is bound to ruin the appetites of the millions who love to gorge themselves on hot dogs and soda pop at the ball park.

Speaking of concessions, the new establishment at Howe Field is slated to open for business this afternoon for the UO-Portland University game.

Professional Raiders

The American Association of College Baseball Coaches failed to push through either one of their two proposals designed to curb professional baseball's raiding of college rosters. They wanted (1) either to have the college ball players protected until their class had graduated, similar to the one now in effect in professional football, or (2) a plan whereby college players could not be signed until they had registered for their sophomore year.

At the last annual meeting of the Association, in January, Brooklyn's Branch Rickey suggested to college baseball coaches that it would be a good plan to try for an agreement whereby organized baseball would not tamper with college players after the beginning of their sophomore year.

...Sport Shorts...

LOS ANGELES—(UP)—Kenny Washington, negro college and pro football star, today signed a professional baseball contract with the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League.

The 31-year-old outfielder worked out with the New York Giants during spring training but was not signed by Manager Leo Durocher who said he felt Washington needed more grooming.

LOS ANGELES—(UP)—Manager Fred Haney said Monday these new-fangled shorts his Hollywood Stars played in Saturday and Sunday are "no joke" and the team will play all afternoon games in the new uniforms from now on.

"We're deadly serious about this," Haney said. "We think it will improve the efficiency of our players." Haney's comment was contained in a message to a luncheon meeting of Los Angeles sports writers.

Women to Hold Business Meet At University

The Third Annual Women's Business Conference, sponsored by Phi Chi Theta, national women's business honorary, will be held here Apr. 14.

Features of the conference will be addresses by business women in the personnel, accounting, and retail merchandising fields.

All interested persons, including former Phi Chi Theta members in Portland and Eugene, local business women, and women employed on the campus may attend.

Victor P. Morris, dean of the School of Business Administration, will open the conference with a welcome address at 1:15 p. m. in Alumni Hall, Gerlinger.

A dinner in the Anchorage Cafe at 5:30 will feature a talk by Mrs. Vera Berney, women's personnel supervisor for Crown Zellerbach Company. Other conference speakers will be Miss Betty Robb, Buyer for Charles F. Berg of Portland, and Miss Hilda Freed of the Price Waterhouse Company, also of Portland.

Oregon State business and technology faculty and members of the OSC Phi Chi Theta chapter have been invited.

Corrections...

All-Campus Vodvil workers were showered with questions yesterday as the result of an Emerald error giving Friday, Apr. 7, as the date for the show. The correction date is Apr. 14.

Monday's Emerald also incorrectly stated that petitions for Emerald editor and business manager would be accepted up to Apr. 8 with selections to be made Apr. 12.

Petitions will be accepted by the Student Union Office until noon, May 13. Interviews will be held May 17.

Washington Plans Geology Conference

Four faculty members and approximately 15 senior and graduate students will attend the annual meeting of the cordilleran section of the American Geological Society, Apr. 7 and 8, at the University of Washington.

L. W. Staples, E. M. Baldwin and J. E. Gair, professor of geology; and J. A. Shotwell, natural museum preparator, will represent the University. Scientific papers will be presented by Staples, Shotwell, and Ellen James, a graduate student in geology.

Teaching Jobs Open In Canal Zone Post

Two one-year positions for teaching are open in the Canal Zone Junior College in the next year.

Requirements for the positions are M.A. degree in physics or engineering and chemistry and three years' teaching experience in high school or college.

Salaries for the year are \$4,412.50 for a nine-months' school year, plus free transportation from New York City for the accepted applicant and low rates for his family. Low-cost government quarters are provided.

There is also a possibility of being rehired if the professors on leave do not return, with a top salary of \$5,500 in ten years. Applications are to be sent to the Superintendent of Schools, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone.

Wesley Director Attends Salem Conference

The Rev. David Seaman, director of Wesley Foundation, will participate in a Christian Vocations Conference on the Williamette University campus in Salem this weekend.

Methodist youth of high school age from the entire state will attend the conclave.

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