

DUCK TRACKS

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Mother was down for the past big weekend. She's no different from all other mamas, bless 'em, who just love to watch the wonderful floats, lilac blossoms, tour the new dorm, use a tea cup for an excuse to talk, and that sort of thing. There were just oodles of these wonderful opportunities Saturday afternoon, so many thrilling events on the program! So, being as Sunday was Mother's Day, along with the fact mother doesn't know a blessed thing about baseball, we spent Saturday afternoon at Howe Field watching the Webfoot jockeys booting 'em (the Beavers) home.

An infield error in the second inning by one of the home boys brought some remarks from behind us colored with words we're sure mother never expected to hear from the youngsters at school.

"Goodness," she exclaimed, "they shouldn't talk like that! How would they do in his place? Don't they realize he's doing his best?" As we said before, she isn't what you would call a real baseball fan.

But doggone, we began to wonder if mom didn't have the right idea after all, as most of us always do. The infielder in question was near the end of a rather poor season in his first year with a Webfoot monkey suit. There are few who'll deny he had thrown several games down the drain, for which he had received considerable abuse.

The Howe-ling Wolves

We wondered then what good that abuse had done, except to express feelings for another losing season in another Webfoot sport. There was little reason to suppose this infielder was deaf, so it wasn't hard to imagine the amount of pressure upon him as he faced each grounder, pop fly, or throw to first.

Don't get the idea this is a "oh, well, do better next time" plug. It isn't. We've heaped our share of mean words upon the pile this spring. The errors weren't liked then and they aren't now. But what good did the nasty phrases do? Don Kirsch would be happy to talk with anyone who has a worthwhile remedy.

One thing, the squad is pulling fewer and fewer mental errors. There's no excuse in the world for bad base-running or throwing to the wrong base; junior high baseball has no place at Howe Field. The club has come a long way since the first of the season, although there's still a right long way to go. That split in Washington and Idaho certainly was nothing to be ashamed about.

—and Carry a Big Stick

The Ducks will have a chance to show themselves Friday and Saturday in the last chapter against the Beavers. They need a sweep over the weekend not only to climb from the ND cellar but also to show reason why we should expect good things next year. They can do it.

An exchange of letters in the Emerald's Junior Weekend edition mentioned the name of one Buck Buchwach. The letters were from "bh" to "ds," or was it from "bs" to "dh"? Makes no difference, the point being the mention of Buchwach—who was one of the better writers on the Emerald when it still held an All-American rating. The recollection of the short Beaver-baiter brought with it a recollection of the fine Oregon ball clubs during his years shortly before the war.

Then we wondered how many times the Ducks have finished on top since the start of the ND's 16-game schedule in 1929. It seems that the Eugene clubs in claiming eight pennants have done the best of the lot. The WSC Cougars are next with six, including this year's flag. Then comes Washington with four, Oregon State with two, and Idaho is at Moscow.

Give It to the Beavers

How often have the Webfoots finished in the basement? If we don't beat the Aggies twice this weekend it will be the first time an Oregon nine has finished at the bottom during those 21 years. So there's another incentive for Friday and Saturday.

As for those two clashes, Kirsch plans to use Mel Krause and Swede Johnson on the mound. Right now it's likely that Krause will get the call Friday at Corvallis and Johnson will work here Saturday.

The two games will end the 1950 conference warfare for Oregon but they won't be sending most of the club out of action until next year. Most of the boys who'll be back next season will play through the summer with Kirsch, who again will manage the Miller Lumbermen as Eugene's representative in the State League.

It certainly points toward better baseball next year, although Kirsch will have to find jobs in this area for some of his players. It'll also be an opportunity for Eugene employers who consider themselves Oregon rooters to bring a pennant winner one year closer.

U.O. Fire Protection System Near Completion, Wright Says

The University's fire protection plan is "substantially" completed, I. I. Wright, superintendent of the physical plant, said Wednesday.

"With the present fire protection system," said Wright, "there are at least three hydrants within 500 feet of every building on the campus."

According to the Eugene Fire Marshal's office, the city pumper trucks can use efficiently any hydrant within 1000 feet of the fire.

The latest addition to the University fire protection system is an eight-inch pipeline running south from 13th Ave. to Susan Campbell Hall, and then west to the Library on 15th Ave. Work began on the line in January.

Commenting on the new pipeline, Wright said, "The new fire

line has been completed except for the connection to the city main at the 13th Ave. outlet."

Wright did not know when to expect the Eugene Water and Electric Board to make the connection. In the event of an emergency, he said, the new line could be used as it is, by backfeeding from two connections on 15th Ave. and University St. and 15 Ave. and Kincaid St.

The new unit has three hydrants, located by Chapman Hall, Susan Campbell Hall and the library.

Tri Delta Tea, Pansy Ring Set For Sunday at 3

Delta Delta Delta will present its annual pansy ring and tea Sunday at 3 p.m. in honor of engaged senior women on campus.

Each engaged senior will step through a large ring covered with pansies as her name and the name of her fiance is announced.

A style show sponsored by a local store will be a feature of the afternoon.

The ring ceremony, a tradition with every Tri Delt chapter, is being planned by Elizabeth Erlandson and Sue Clement.

Shirley Peters, invitations chairman, has announced that all townspeople and students are invited to the ceremony. Miss Peters has requested that any engaged senior woman who has not received an invitation to the pansy ring call her at the Tri Delt house.

Social Security Steps Shown

The Social Security Administration Wednesday outlined the procedure by which those who engage in summer vacation employment will receive proper credit for work covered by the Social Security Act.

Credits are based on name and the Social Security account number.

Those who do not have a number may obtain one by writing to the Eugene Social Security office, 1247 Willamette Street.

Lost cards may be replaced at the same address by asking for duplicates. The original account number is always retained.

Wrong names on the cards also will be corrected by the office.

Defense Wins Opening Trial In Moot Series

The first case in the Moot Trial Series held by the Law School each spring term was decided in favor of the defendant, John Gilbertson, Tuesday evening.

The Moot Trials are part of the regular curriculum of the law school. All court officers, attorneys, and witnesses are composed of law students. The jury, on the other hand, is picked at large by the clerk and is composed of townspeople as well as students.

Attorneys acting on behalf of the defendant were Ed Clark and Jim Vanderstoep; for the plaintiff, Ed Dick, Dale McKenzie, and Sam Shoemaker. The case involved an automobile accident.

A case involving two law students and a practicing attorney will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Lane County Circuit Court Room.

Curtis Cutsforth, the defendant, was accused of giving information detrimental to Ed Clark's receiving a position as a lawyer. As Clark was unable to acquire an equally favorable position, he is filing action against Cutsforth.

The attorneys for Clark will be Tom Brownhill, Dovy Carlos, and Sidney Nicholson; for Cutsforth, Jack Caldwell, Jim Goodwin, and Jerry Vawter.

An Illinois man was sued by the husbands of two women for stealing the wives' affections. It's dangerous to play with matches.

Future Teachers Discussion Tonight

Future Teachers of Oregon are sponsoring a symposium - discussion hour at 7:30 tonight in 4 Education.

The subject will be "Are Public Schools Doing Their Jobs?"



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