STRANGE STORIES FROM CLEARWATER

Dazzy Vance Pumps Legs Bicycle Fashion — Jack Quinn Does Calisthenics

By Alan Gould
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

CLEARWATER, Fla., Mar. 2 (AP)—Strange sounds and even stranger stories have been emanating from this little town on the gulf coast since the Brooklyn ball club arrived to substitute Carey calisthenics for the Robinsonian philosophy.

At first the natives showed some tendency to be alarmed. Not in the memory of the oldest inhabitants had Dazzy Vance, the hotel keeper of Homosassa, been known to hoist himself on his broad shoulders and cast dignity to the winds by pumping his legs bicycle-fashion. No citizen could recall previously having seen the ancient Jack Quinn grasp desperately for his shins, in lieu of mass exercise.

The rollicking Robins have flown the old nest. Many faces are still familiar. But in place of the one joviality of the happiness boys has been substituted an ordered, well-regulated regime calculated to develop a pennant contender from as curious a collection of talent as any major league club ever assembled.

"Say, I'm beginning to like this bicycle act of mine," remarked the red-headed, florid faced Mr. Vance, speaking of the exercises that each day precede the workouts at the ball park. "I'm getting so good that I can teach my stuff to some of these young fellas, like Joe Shaute and Jack Quinn."

The talk of the camp just now, however, is Waite Hoyt, the one-time "boy wonder" of the Yankees. Hoyt trimmed at least 25 pounds of excess weight off his frame, promised Carey he will stay in condition and pitch as often as desired. He thinks he can win 20 games for Brooklyn, his home town, this year, even though he will have to worry about Pepper Martin oftener than he did last season.

LEFTY GROVE SIGNS

FORT MYERS, Fla., Mar. 2 (AP)—Lefty Grove puts on his working clothes today for the first time this season and goes to work with the rest of the Athletics, leaving to Rube Walberg, the distinction of being the A's only holdout.

Battalino Returns To Good Standing

NEW YORK, Mar. 2 (AP)—Christopher (Bat) Battalino of Hartford, Conn., former world's featherweight champion, once more is in good standing in New York state.

Suspended when he came in ten pounds overweight for a scheduled title defense against Lewis Feldman here some weeks ago, Battalino was reinstated by the state athletic commission when he formally relinquished all claims to the 126-pound crown.

The commission declined, however, to reinstate the Hardford boy's manager, Hy Malley.

Battalino is matched with Billy Petrolle at Madison Square Garden March 11.

This Game of Golf

By O. B. Keeler

Remember what this column had to say a few weeks ago, concerning the advisability of keeping an eye on Gene Sarazen, when the serious golf events of the summer season came on?

Gene went over to New Orleans the other day and played four rounds on the long and not too simple course of the Metairie Golf club in 69-76-73-72 for a total of 290, thereby adding the New Orleans open championship to his winter string, and a check for $1000 to his bank account.

Gene shot his sub-70 round first instead of last, in this tournament, too, which shows an ability to hold a lead as well as to flash into one at the wire—perhaps a harder job, by the way.

Denny Gets 67

It was Denny Shute, former amateur, who shot the best round of the tournament; a 67, five better than par, in the third round, to move up to a tie with Gene. But Denny failed to match Sarazen's par 72 card in the last round, and his finishing 74 also put him behind Galloping Harry Cooper.

Harry started the last round a couple of strokes back of Sarazen and came to the 72nd green with a birdie 4 to tie, which he barely missed.

Among those breaking 300—the select group—I notice young Dick Metz of San Angelo, Texas. I've been hearing a lot about this youngster, and in tournament after tournament he is living up to some rather extravagant praise by his friends, like Clarence Hubby, from the Lone Star state.

Metz's 298, a good score on any real golf course—such as Metairie certainly is—tied him with the veteran Willie Macfarlane, open champion of 1925, and put him a stroke ahead of Craig Wood, the fair-haired boy from New Jersey.

Other youthful phenoms did not fare so well. Ray Mangum, another Texan, who showed a lot of stuff in California, finished with 308, and at that beat out another young favorite, Ralph Guldahl, St. Louis, by two strokes.

Goliath Gets His

Fred Lamprecht, who won the national intercollegiate some years ago after playing for it several times, or, so it seems to me, was around in a tie with Guhldahl at 310, and whenever Fred appears I recall a funny coincidence of eight years ago, when the southern intercollegiate championship was organized, and I covered the first tournament, at Knoxville.

Fred was, and is, a big, powerful golfer with a fine style, and he was easily the favorite. But he was beaten in the finals by Jack Crenshaw of Alabama, who weighed a little more than half what Lamprecht, a football star at Tulane, scaled. And next year at East Lake, Atlanta, Fred again was the big favorite — and Jack's brother, Files, who weighed about 112 soaking wet, took him again.

Fred kept at it and finally won a southern intercollegiate title, but I think it was after the Crenshaws had disappeared from the picture.

Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

This matter of free tickets or "Annie Oakleys" for sporting events appears to have become a pressing and perhaps embarrassing problem to a number of our bigger athletic business firms.

So shocked were the major league baseball magnates upon learning, for example, that the New York Yankees distributed passes equivalent to the admission of 250,000 persons during last season, that it was solemnly moved, seconded and decided that no club may henceforth issue more than 500 season pass tickets or books.

This is the equivalent of 37,500 individual admissions and means, if the Yankees live up to the letter of the resolution, that only one free customer will see Babe Ruth in 1932 for every four "deadheads" in 1931.

Metropolitan boxing and wrestling promoters, too, have caught the spirit of retrenchment, now widely manifest, and pared down the output of Annie Oakleys, so named because the complimentary ducats look as though they had been used for targets by the one-time celebrated trick-shot artiste.

Of course, all this has been accompanied by squawking of the violent sort, especially from those chiselers and hangers-on who consider the day lost when they have failed somewhere, somehow to extract a brace of free pasteboards to something or other.

The complimentary ticket racket has grown and flourished, as a result of boom times. Denial comes hard now, especially to the boys who have nothing much to look forward to at all, outside the obtainment of the headhead ducats. The situation is, indeed, very distressing.

Chance To Strut

It is a curious fact everywhere that these punched pasteboards have a fascination, even among those who can afford to buy their tickets to the various sporting events. Outside the newspaper offices, where the free tickets are more of a hazard than a benefit, there seems to be a feeling of distinction attached to possession of "Annies." They flavor perhaps of being "on the inside." It's like the "drink on the house," not perhaps necessary but highly acceptable and gratifying.

I have known prominent men in the Big Town for years who would go to unusual lengths to obtain free tickets, or chisel their way into the press box. At the big baseball parks, the situation reached a point where guests of the management so crowded the press boxes that it was impossible for many of the working journalists to squeeze in.

Now the Baseball Writers' Association of America controls all press boxes and repels the non-working, non-paying gentry with a firm hand.

'Noes' Come Hard

Still the evil persists and I will be surprised, if not astonished, if the baseball magnates actually live up to their own agreement. They will find it hard to say "no" to the boys who have been used to getting their passes for years and will expect them particularly in such depressing financial times as these.

To the newspapers goes a relatively small portion of the free tickets in the Big Towns. Officials, politicians and friends absorb the bulk of Annie Oakleys. The office boy, the elevator boy, the barber, the boolegger all look to the sporting editor (popularly supposed to go around with a pocket full of tickets at all times) or to the sporting magnate for aid and comfort.

Ah Wing Lee And Benny Pelz Box To 6-Round Draw

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 2 (AP)—Ah Wing Lee, Portland's fast coming lightweight and Benny Pelz, rugged Jewish battler, went six great rounds to a draw here last night before a crowd that packed the civic auditorium. Hundreds were turned away.

Every round was a thriller. The first two were even, but full of action. Both boys slugged freely, trying for a haymaker. Pelz was willing to take Ah Wing's savage lefts to the jaw for the privilege of sinking his right into the Chinaman's mid-section. This punishment soon told and Pelz dominated the third and fourth rounds and seemed in a fair way to win by a knockout. And then suddenly Ah Wing came back. Fiercely he charged Pelz, lashing his dynamic left to Benny's jaw and in a twinkling the role was reversed and Ah Wing dominated the fifth and most of the sixth rounds. Three successive pokes to the jaw at the end of the fifth had Pelz wobbly, almost out on his feet. Pelz revived in the sixth and came back to stage a great rally. The bout ended with the boys slugging toe to toe. The referee's decision met the approval of the great throng.

Nels Ferguson, Calgary welterweight, was no match for Johnny Hansen, Portland, went out in the first round.

Tony Portillo, Seattle welter, won a six round decision over Johnny Spencer, Seattle; Roy Ockley took a four round decision over Kim Alberson; Al Mustola outslugged Chuck Carnera to take a four round decision and Tony Pecarara decisioned Harold Westover in the curtain raiser.

The gross receipts were $3871.75, a record for the reduced priced bouts.

SENATE GROUP PUTS O. K. ON INTERIOR BILL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1 (AP) — The senate appropriations committee approved the interior department appropriation bill Tuesday carrying an increase of $4,424,322 over the amount carried in the bill as passed by the house.

The senate committee added $2,000,000 for the Boulder canyon project; $1,000,000 for roads and trails in national parks; $674,000 for the Vale project in Oregon and $500,000 for the Yakima project, Washington.

The total in the bill as approved by the committee is $54,870,754 as compared with $50,446,432 as passed by the house.

Salem Noses Out Eugene High, 17-15

SALEM, Mar. 2 (AP) — Salem High school basketball team last night nosed out a 17 to 15 victory over Eugene High school here in a contest witnessed by the largest crowd of the season. During the entire third quarter the score remained unchanged while both teams fought frantically to get the ball in scoring territory.

Salem led 12 to 11 at half time, and it remained at this figure until the start of the last quarter, when Eugene took the lead. With the score 14 to 15, Salem tied with a free throw and John Bone made a long shot for the winning points.

COVE PERSONALS

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin
(Observer Correspondent)

COVE (Special) — The revival services held at the Baptist church for the past three weeks closed Monday evening and the evangelist, Rev. Mr. Hunderup, left Tuesday for Hermiston where he will begin a series of meetings. The revival meetings have attracted much interest here and the congragation has grown daily, 148 people being present at the last meeting. Rev. W. A. Green, of Milton, came over Monday and remained all night taking Mr. Hunderup Tuesday morning to Hermiston.

The Dorcas society of the Baptist church will meet Thursday at the church parlors to finish quilting a quilt which they are making for Mrs. Gerald Dryden.

The data furnished the correspondent for the Ladies Aid anniversary was incorrect in that it should have said the society was organized in 1896, and this was the 36th anniversary instead of the 40th. Another error in the write-up was probably an error of the correspondent, for instead of Mrs. L. M. Laird being one of its charter members, the honor goes to Mrs. O. Lund.

The sick at Hot Lake are all on the high road to recovery. Frank Conley is so far convalescent that he will soon be able to return home. O. B. Robinson expects to return home the last of the week. Mrs. Sam Malone who was taken suddenly ill about ten days ago is recovering nicely. The report that she was suffering from a stroke was a mistake. Alvin Orton who has been receiving treatment for an injury to his left hand is recovering slowly. The skin has been grafted in place but the recovery is uncertain.

Mrs. Stuart French and small son, Roderick, have gone to North Powder, to join the other members of the family, who are taking care of the lambing.

Rev. Mr. Hunderup took his "Sunshine Choir" out for a hike in the mountains Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Goyette who returned a couple of weeks ago from the hospital at Hot Lake is so far recovered that she is able to go about the house.

Mrs. G. E. Barker will entertain the Ladies Guild at a quilting party at her home Thursday. This is to be an all day party and the guests are invited to come early.

Ven. S. W. Creasey, of Pendleton, came here Sunday afternoon and conducted services in the Ascension Episcopal church.

A survey of the Missouri river from Boonville, Mo., to its mouth will be made by army engineers for flood control data.

Tips on CONTRACT

BIDDING MORE THAN NECESSARY

By Tom O'Neil

The forcing takeout in contract is most useful, and at times highly essential, in reaching a slam contract. And it is a successful slam that gives players some of their greatest thrills.

The forcing takeout, a bid in another suit higher than necessary, indicates to the first member of the partnership to bid that the responding hand is better than normal. In fact, the minimum requirements for a jump are three honor tricks with top card strength in the suit bid.

After a jump by partner, if the first hand to bid has more than the minimum necessary for his original bid, there are probably slam possibilities. There is an illustrative hand:

With such strength divided in two hands there probably would be no

NORTH	
♠	Q
♥	K 9 2
♦	K J 10 9 8
♣	K Q
SOUTH-DEALER	
♠	A 8 4
♥	A Q J 10 7
♦	2
♣	A 5 4

bidding from opponents. South would open with one heart.

North, with more than normal support in the suit bid by partner, would fail to reveal the great possibilities if he should assist the hearts immediately. Furthermore it might be possible that some other suit than hearts would best fit the two hands.

North has 3½ honor tricks, 1½ for the king, knave and ten of diamonds, one in clubs and half a one each in hearts and spades. Therefore he bids three diamonds, one more than necessary to overcall his partner's heart.

South now revalues his hand. From the strength shown by his partner's hand he knows that there is game, with the possibility of more, if the best contract for two hands is reached.

The hearts are strong. South cannot support the diamonds. A mere game bid in hearts would be insufficient to picture the strength of the dealer's holdings. So she bids five hearts. North then shows his willingness to play hearts, his ability to support them, by bidding six hearts.

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ENTERPRISE PERSONALS

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—Mrs. John Jenkins and daughters, Jacqueline, returned recently from an extended visit in Portland.

Mrs. R. J. Campbell, of this city, has been in Portland the past week taking a course in fountain and luncheon service.

Mrs. Earl Caton and daughter, Jean, Mrs. Guy Skaggs and daughter, Shirley May, were in La Grande Saturday on a shopping trip.

Mrs. Guy Cayott, of Portland, is visiting at the home of her cousin, Mrs. I. E. Snyder.

Mrs. James Rosewall is reported recovering from a serious illness.

Elwin Kernan, of Joseph, has just returned from Chicago where he has been receiving treatments in the Veterans hospital.

Essays from students of the Enterprise High school were presented to the Lions club last Tuesday evening. Wesley' Steel was awarded first prize.

Mrs. James Scully, of La Grande, is registered at a local hotel.

O. Walker Franklin, who was seriously injured a few weeks ago in a fall, has recovered sufficiently to be moved to his home where he is steadily improving.

Charles Buchanan, of the Enterprise High school, was awarded first place in the F. F. A. speaking contest held at Halfway, Ore., last Saturday.

City Officials Of State Make Plans At Eugene Meeting

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, (Special) — Plans for establishing a strong organization of municipal officials which will have a leading part in state affairs were laid at the annual session of the League of Oregon Cities, held at the University of Oregon February 26 and 27.

Angus McAllister, the city manager of La Grande, was at the meeting, where he took an active part in the discussions.

William H. Briggs, city attorney of Ashland, was re-elected president of the organization. Other officers elected were J. W. McInturff, city attorney, Marshfield, vice president; J. L. Franzen, city manager of Oregon City, secretary, and Bert L. Harvey, mayor of Baker, treasurer.

The league will meet again at a special session in Salem in December and at that time will outline a legislative program, citing new laws and changes in present statutes they believe should be made. The results of the meeting will be submitted to the legislature which meets in January.

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TOWNER, N. D., Mar. 2 (AP) — Signs designating claims now dot bleak stretches of ranch lands hereabouts where a chicken is credited with starting an impromptu gold rush.

The romance of the prairie country threatens to be rekindled. The rush began after a native chicken, mascketed in Chicago, was found to have gold in its gullet, and now has reached that realistic stage in which participants are swinging fists in the best claim-jumping fashion.

Several syndicates are in action ballyhooing the alleged gold content of earth, which, they declare, runs as high as $4.80 per ton.

More than 30,000 acres of land has been leased or bought outright, not including a considerable quantity of government land on which claim-stakes have been driven down.

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