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Rainiers Move Up With Twin Victory As Beavers Lose

The Pacific coast league baseball race that two weeks ago threatened to become a runaway, has developed into an old-fashioned, knock-down, drag-out battle with the leaders slipping and the challengers closing in for the kill.

After holding a sixgame edge over second-place Seattle as of May 7, the Portland Beavers have been shoved all over the lot and finished this week by dropping a 4-2 series to the once-lowly San Francisco Seals.

Yesterday the Beavers played only one game, due to wet grounds, and they dropped that to the Seals, who finished on a high note by scoring five runs in the ninth for an 8-4 win.

Meanwhile Seattle was plastering Los Angeles twice, 6-2 and 8-2; Oakland split with San Diego, winning the first, 4-3, and dropping the nightcap in two extra innings 9-8; and Hollywood and Sacramento divided, 6-2 for the Stars in the first and 3-0 for the Sacs in the second.

And close on the heels of the Rainiers are the Oakland A's, just four games from the top.

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Table for Pacific Coast league standings, listing teams like Portland, Seattle, Oakland, etc.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADING BATSMEN

Table listing leading batsmen for National League and American League, including names like Cuccinello, Stephens, Eiten, etc.

Special Communication

of La Grande Masonic Lodge Tuesday Evening at 7:30 May 29th Work E. A. Degree. By Order of the W. M. C. M. Humphrey, Sec'y.

Cooper Hurls Shutout In Debut With Braves

NEW YORK, May 28 (UP) — Morton Cooper's American league jinx still plagued him today — his four-hit shutdown debut with the Braves rated only second billing in Boston because the incredible Dave Ferriss of the Red Sox topped the performance with a one-hitter.

Cooper always has had trouble with the American league in world series and all-star games, so it was no surprise that even with a 4 to 0 triumph over Cincinnati he was hexed out of the headlines by Ferriss, who gave the White Sox just one dinky single in winning, 7 to 0. Ferriss faced only 28 men.

O'Neill Gets Two-Hitter Team mate Emmett O'Neill gave Ferriss a run for his money, holding the White Sox to two hits in a 2 to 1 second game victory. The defeats ran Chicago's losing streak to six.

Only one Cincinnati player reached third base and Cooper struck out eight. Bucky Walters countered Cooper's fine work, winning the second game, 5 to 0, and holding the Braves to three hits.

Champions Are Humbled It was a rough Sunday for last year's champions, both the Cards and Browns losing double headers. The humiliation was worse for the Cards, who lost to the last place Phillies at St. Louis, 2 to 0 and 3 to 2.

The Yankees ran their winning streak to seven games and increased their league lead to a game and a half by besting the Browns twice in the rain, 10 to 9 in 14 innings, and 3 to 1 in an eight inning second game called because of darkness.

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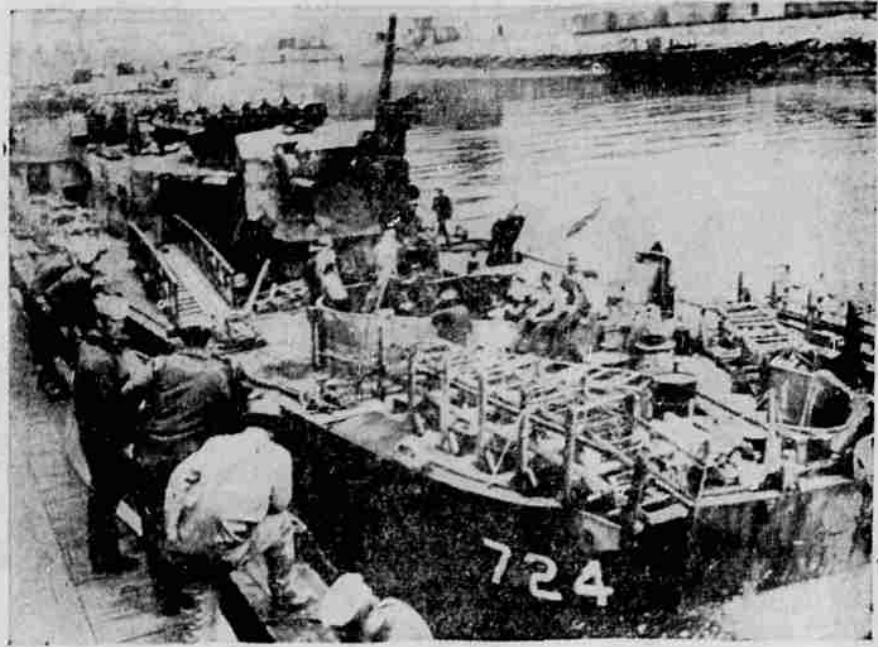
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NEW HERO WORSHIP LIMPS INTO WEST COAST PORT—Her hull and superstructure grotesquely twisted by impact of six hurtling Jap suicide planes and two bombs, the heroic U. S. destroyer Laffey slides into Seattle Wash. harbor under her own power to a shipyard to patch her gaping battle wounds. In the most savage and spectacular action in which an American destroyer has participated in the entire war, 31 of her officers and men were listed as killed or missing in action, another 60 were wounded.

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Captain James W. Leslie today is visiting friends and family in La Grande and Union county on his first trip home since he left with the local national guard unit for Fort Lewis in September, 1940.

Leslie landed with his regiment in Australia in April 1942, and since that time, until his return home a few days ago, has been in the south Pacific area with a 41st division infantry unit. In Australia, he attended officer candidate school and has risen to his present rank. When he left here (he was employed at the First National bank) he was a sergeant in the local guard.

He speaks disparagingly of his military activities, declaring his experiences are "much the same as everyone else has had."

Since a year ago last April, however, the 163rd infantry has participated in assaults and amphibious landings on Actape in New Guinea, Toem in Dutch New Guinea, Biak, Zambouanga, Mindanao and Jolo.

Jolo he describes as "the beauty spot" of the Philippines, lush in nature and clean, with American built hospitals, paved roads, sanitary facilities. Natives there are Moros.

Since the local guard unit was split up, he has seen little of other men from this area, although Lt. Don Pyle of La Grande has been assigned to the 163rd infantry for 10 months, he said.

After his leave expires, he will go to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and expects to be assigned in the states. His wife, Marguerite Leslie, is a La Grande resident, employed by the Union Pacific.

Technical Sergeant George F. Taylor, 32, of Island City, engineer-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, was recently awarded a second oak leaf cluster to the air medal at an Eighth air force bomber station in England. He won the decoration for "courage, coolness and skill" and for his outstanding performance of duty during a number of Eighth air force attacks on German military and industrial targets.

Before entering the army air forces in March, 1942, he was employed by the Boeing aircraft corporation in Seattle as a sheet metal worker. Sgt. Taylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Taylor of Island City.

The gunner won his wings at Kingman field gunnery school in March 1944. He is now a member of the 486th bomb group, a unit of the Third air division, which was cited by the president for its England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg, Germany.

Cat F. Gilmer, 29, electrician's mate, third class of Elgin, recently arrived at the naval training station at Norfolk, Va., to train for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic fleet.

He wears ribbons for the American area and Asiatic-Pacific area campaigns.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gilmer of Elgin, and the husband of the former Betty Lou Murphy of La Grande, Ore. Before enlisting, he attended high school at Elgin.

Staff Sgt. Donald D. Severns, 22, of 1415 W. Ave., son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Severns, is currently assigned to the AAF.

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Ethel Mae Pumphrey, 26, vee-man third class, WAVES, who is stationed at San Francisco.

The daughter of Mrs. L. M. Zimmer, 1906 Second street, Mrs. Pumphrey attended Greenwood and La Grande high school, and entered the WAVES in April 1941.

She was married June 1, 1942, to Staff Sgt. Jack W. Pumphrey, who was a prisoner of war in Germany. Mrs. Pumphrey is a member of the Lady Firemen and Neighbors of Woodcraft.

redistribution station No. 4 at Santa Ana army air base. Sgt. Severns, formerly gunner on a B-17 of the 8th air force, overseas will be reassigned to domestic stations of the army air forces.

Marine Corporal Eugar Neer, Jr., of La Grande, a veteran of the battle of Iwo Jima, is home on furlough. A member of the third marine division he also served in the Bougainville and Guam campaigns.

Corporal Neer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Neer, 104 Greenwood street.

Bob Hyde has enlisted in the U. S. navy and is awaiting his call to active duty.

William Peterson, fireman first class son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Peterson, is home today for a one-day leave with his parents. He has been in the Pacific area, participating in both the Philippines and Okinawa campaigns.

City News In Brief

Olaf Anderson, La Grande, was arrested Saturday night on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and was released on \$25 bail.

Fred J. Patton, superintendent of schools, and Ralph Jones, high school principal, will attend a meeting in Pendleton tomorrow for instructors and the public, when the army forces will present demonstrations of methods of G. I. instruction.

Bob Quinn, coach at Eastern Oregon college since the founding of the institution in 1929 returned last evening from New York where he attended Columbia university during his year's sabbatical leave.

A public meeting of the Union county veterans' employment committee will be convened in the city hall in La Grande at 8 o'clock this evening.

Aluminum Workers Are Back On Jobs

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 28 (UP)—Members of the aluminum workers union, AFL, who were on strike for two days, were back at work along with other employees of the Aluminum company of America's plant at Vancouver today.

No agreement has been reached, according to Larry Evans, business agent of the union, who said the case is still pending and the "workers are returning as a patriotic duty."

A back to work vote was taken nine hours after Charles Wheeler of Portland arrived at the plant to arbitrate the dispute.

Quakers Propose Work for Objectors

SEATTLE, May 28 (UP)—The American Friends service committee, a Quaker organization, today announced it had appealed to President Truman for better use of conscientious objectors.

Athor G. Barnett, local chairman, said 3,000 skilled objectors now in government camps and prisons could work "for the benefit of the nation."

The group's resolution asked for appointment of a civilian board to assign the objectors to work.

First Line of Offense

Advertisement for Vernon Stephens featuring a cartoon illustration of a man in a military uniform and a speech bubble saying "YOU TELL 'EM, JUNIOR... IF THEY WANT IT, LET 'EM COME AND GET IT!". Below the illustration is the text "VERNON STEPHENS" and "HURLED BACK FIRST YANKEE CHALLENGE WITH HIS HOME RUN AND AUSTRIAN BOMB AT SHORTSTOPS".

Lee G. Miller Wily Jap Makes Going Tough at Balete Pass

By LEE G. MILLER WITH THE 25th DIVISION AT BALETE PASS Luzon (By Wireless)—The men of this division are piqued because somehow people seem to regard the campaign for Balete Pass as part and parcel of the recent drive for Baguio, the Philippine summer capital.

Baguio is only 35 miles away as the crow flies, but tactically speaking it might almost be on another island. Baguio fell weeks ago. Balete Pass wasn't pronounced officially secured until the day I arrived here, when a pocket of Japs still commanding a highway was cleared out.

I was to learn firsthand later that "secured" doesn't mean exactly what you might suppose.

This is mountain fighting, ridge by ridge, against a Jap who is a master at defensive exploitation of such terrain. The Jap is Col. Hayashi, the same Hayashi who when the first cavalry trapped him in Santo Tomas internment camp at Manila Feb. 3, used American hostages to bargain a safe exit for himself and his men.

And now he is believed to have flown the coop again, leaving scattered nests of machine guns and mortars as a suicidal rear-guard while he prepares another defense line a few miles north beyond the crossroads hamlet of Santa Fe.

The 25th division is scornful of Jap strategists, but it does no sneering at the tactical skill of Colonel Hayashi. It was a sharp disappointment when it became evident he had escaped to conjure further devilments.

The 25th division had been in contact with the enemy 119 days when the fall of Balete Pass was announced.

It was no hayride for the Japs though. The 25th, which was in Hawaii on Pearl Harbor day and learned Jap fighting on Guadalcanal and New Georgia, gave the defenders of Luzon a preliminary pasting at Binalonan and another at San Manuel—names that mean nothing back home but plenty to these veterans.

Lieut. Col. John W. Ferris of Abingdon, Ill., a West Pointer commanding the 89th field artillery, recalled that Company E of the 161st regiment had five successive company commanders killed and a sixth wounded in the four-day San Manuel action. Ferris himself was slightly wounded there—and lost all his gear at Binalonan when a Jap shell hit a gasoline can on his jeep.

Then there were sharp fights at Lapao and Uningan. But this Balete Pass action in the Caraballo mountains, stiffer more than a month before the pass fell, has been the toughest. It has been in and above the clouds and recently in rain and mud. The Japs have dug in on the reverse slopes of every ridge and their guns have commanded every approach.

But since the division moved up from the town of San Jose to tackle this formidable task it has counted 7,000 Jap dead. It estimates the total Jap casualties at that time at 20,000. So, while Hayashi is clever, there are some Americans around who know a thing or two about terrain.

Well, I thought I'd better go forward and see how it was with the guys who do the dirty work. We set out up the highway, turned into a sideroad newly gouged by bulldozers, and dropped in first at the command post of Col. Victor L. Johnson, Jr., commanding officer of the 161st infantry.

ATTORNEY DIES

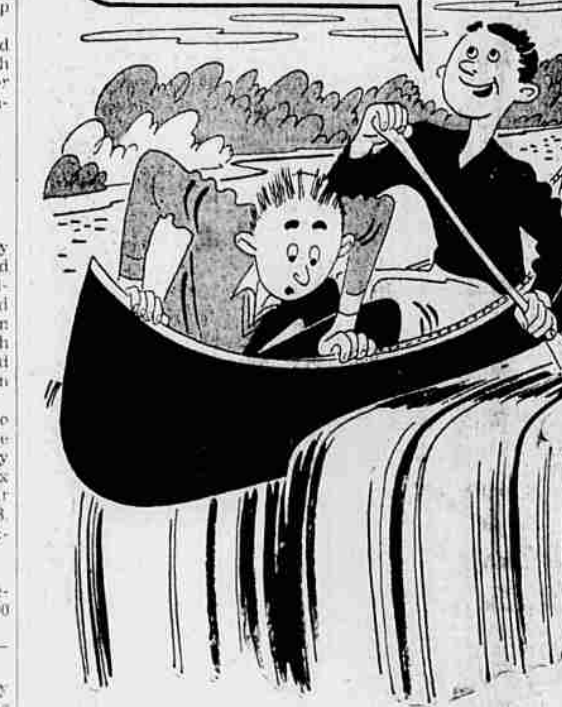
WALLACE Ida, May 28 (UP)—John H. Wourms, 73, prominent northern Idaho mining attorney, died of a heart attack late Saturday at a local hospital where he had been confined for five months with a broken hip.

Freshen your walls with Velduro

Advertisement for Velduro paint featuring a can of paint and the text "NEW WESTERN TONES FOR WESTERN HOMES". Below the can is the text "Quick and easy. One coat covers any surface, including wall-paper." and "BUY MORE BONDS Van Petten Lumber Co."

Advertisement for tires featuring the text "TIRE RE-CAPPING, RE-CANIZING, P. K. Motor Co. 1415 W. Ave. Phone 600."

THIS REMINDS ME — "It's the Water"



UNTIRING patience in striving for the ideal . . . a knowledge dating back to the "world's first brewing school" . . . processes developed through three generations . . . a famous brewing water that improves every process of brewing . . . all these precious things contribute to the distinctive character of OLYMPIA . . . America's Original Light Table Beer.

Advertisement for OLYMPIA BEER featuring the text "OLYMPIA BEER 'It's the Water'" and "OLYMPIA BREWING COMPANY Olympia, Washington, U.S.A. BUY WAR BONDS and KEEP THEM".

Advertisement for Granada featuring the text "Granada TONITE and TUESDAY THE BIG RONANZA" and "NEWS and COMEDY".

Advertisement for LIBERTY featuring the text "LIBERTY TODAY and TUESDAY" and "GENE TIERNY, DANA ANDREWS, CLIFTON WEBB, Laura, VINCENT PRICE, JUDITH ANDERSON".