

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

First Lt. Maxine Irons, army nurse, recently returned from England, is spending her leave at the home of her parents in Union. Yesterday she was a business visitor in La Grande. At the termination of her leave she will report for further overseas duty.

Pic. Clifford Alstott is in La Grande on a convalescent furlough, visiting his father, Ray Alstott, and his grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Alstott. He will return soon to Brigham City, Utah, where he will enter Bushnell General hospital. He wears ribbons for the Purple Heart, good conduct, the American theater and the European theater, and four battle stars.

M Sgt. Ernest G. Keltz, 23, flight chief of a heavy bomber crew with the 15th army air force in Italy, arrived in La Grande Wednesday for a 30-day furlough at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keltz, his parents. Sergeant Keltz was inducted into the army in September, 1942, and went overseas to a base in Italy a year later. He has been awarded the air medal and five bronze battle stars for his European theater ribbon.

At the conclusion of his leave here he will report to Fort Lewis and go from there to Baer field, Fort Wayne, Ind., for reassignment.

Sgt. William M. Wiese, jr., at an 8th air force bomber station in England, has been awarded the air medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in bomber combat operations over Germany and enemy occupied Europe. At present, Sergeant Wiese, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wiese of La Grande, is in France.

James D. Houle, 26, electrician's mate, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Houle, 1306 M ave., La Grande, has reported to the submarine base, New London, Conn., after extensive action in the Pacific with our undersea fleet. He went there for assignment to a new ship. Because of his battle experience, he will be a key man in the crew.

Lawrence Edward Markham, 21, S 2 c, 1411 T avenue, is stationed at the Atlantic fleet's motor torpedo boat squadron training center located at Melville, R. I., where he is undergoing training before joining a PT squadron. He married the former Virginia Irene Hutchison, of La Grande, and they have three children: Lawrence, 4, Winslow, 3, and

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Ronald Dell Nelson, 19, second c, son of William J. Nelson, route 1, Elgin, who serves aboard a destroyer. He attended elementary school at Tieton, Wash., and high school in Elgin. Before enlisting in the service June 30, 1944, he was engaged in farming.

Babetta Kay, 1. His parents, Lawrence C. Markham, of Palga, Calif., and Mrs. Maxine Smith, of 1910 Fourth street, have another son, Francis, who is in the service.

He received his boot training at the naval training center, Fanning, Idaho, and then attended cooks and bakers school at Navy Pier, Chicago.

A former high school student in Willows, Calif., before joining the navy, he was employed at the Nook cafe, here.

Today's Sport Parade

By JACK CUDDY

NEW YORK, July 13 (UP)—Old Sam Langford, fat and blind, didn't have to move from his dingy half bedroom in Harlem to find "green pastures." Instead, that little cubicle became "a hit of heaven" for him during the past 18 months.

In January, 1944, the sightless old gladiator thought the world had become a "cold hell" as he sat penniless and shivering and hungry in his frigid quarters. He was "way back" in his rent, and only the kindness of his poor landlady prevented him from being tossed out into Harlem's merciless streets.

It was there that Al Laney of the New York Herald Tribune found Langford—deserted and alone—living only in his memories. Gone was the roar of the crowd that accompanied his amazing performances during 642 professional fights. Gone was the golden harvest that meant so little to him when fair-weather friends were flocking around and slapping his broad back.

When sports-writer Laney discovered the blind Negro in abject poverty on that bitter January day, old Sam had no complaints. He admitted he was cold and hungry, but "Ah's used to that." He regretted only that he had no money to buy "bacon" for his pipe.

What had happened to place him in such plight? "Ah don't know exactly, guess Ah didn't figger th' world out jus' right."

Buy Annuity
Laney sat down at his typewriter and told New York about the fate of Boston's legendary "Tar Baby." Other newspaper men joined Laney, and the story was carried throughout the nation. A group of kind-hearted New Yorkers organized a fundraising committee. Contributions were received from many areas. Newspapers in Denver and New Orleans, for example, appealed to their boxing fans and sent in heartening checks.

This committee functioned until last April. By that time, \$10,000 had been collected from about 2,000 contributors throughout the country. April 11, the committee bought Sam an annuity with the Union Central life insurance Co. The annuity isn't large—about \$75 a month. But it assured the old fighter that he will be fed and housed for the rest of his life—in fact, Laney still has to arrange with the New York sports ally how for money until a year to buy clothing for the 60-year-old Negro.

When the annuity was established, some of the committee members suggested to Langford that he move to better quarters—out into the country. But old Sam, said, "N—, ah better stay here. Ah can't see a thing, you know, but ah've heaint to feel mah way aroun' heah wid mah cane. Ah' this heah room is heaintin' to feel sorta lak heaven—now ah got plenty of haccy and good vittles—and fren's are comin' ter see me ah talk of times. It' jus the best place in th' world foah me."

Bobo Threatens To Pitch A's Into Pennant

Pairs With Flores to Shut Out Browns Two Games

By CARL LUNDQUIST
NEW YORK, July 13 (UP)—King for a day at least, Louis (Bobo) Newson of the Athletics mustered temporarily sympathetic listeners today for his claims Louis (Bobo) Newson is the greatest pitcher he ever saw.

Folks will listen to Bobo as long as he is winning, but they haven't been bothered much of late because until yesterday he had dropped 12 games in a row. It's an ordeal to listen, especially when he starts talking about himself in the third person, coming up with such fantastic claims as "now watch ol' Bobo pitch the ol' Athletics to the pennant." He still insists he can do it, and fans can't deny he was on the right track yesterday.

Browns Drop
Bobo finally won a ball game, a four-hit, 4 to 0 shutout over the Browns, and it was a mighty sweet victory. Coupled with a second game, 11 to 0 three-hitter by Jess Flores, the Browns were provided with the worst one-day humiliation suffered in many a season by a pennant defending club. The double shutout at the hands of the tail-enders, who are 19½ games off the pace, dropped the Browns into a seventh place tie with the impotent Indians.

For the ending of streaks, the Cubs-Braves double bill at Chicago was an even better proposition. Tommy Holmes of the Braves, who had gone 37 games without failing to get at least one hit, had the misfortune to encounter crafty Hank Wyse of the Cubs on one of his best days. Wyse gave up only three hits in all in beating the Braves, 6 to 1, and Holmes didn't get any of them. That gave the Cubs a string of 11 straight victories, but Boston put a stop to that and to a 10-game winning streak by hurler Claude Passeau in winning the second game, 3 to 1.

Dodgers kept pace with the Cubs by splitting at Cincinnati, beating the Reds, 11 to 5, after losing the opener, 4 to 3. The Reds made all their first game runs in the seventh inning to give Joe Bowman his seventh victory in eight starts.

Detroit's lead in the American was reduced to three and a half games when Tiger ace Hal Newhouse lost a 2 to 1 duel to rookie Jim Wilson at Boston. It was Wilson's third win over the Tigers.

Leonard Wins
Emil (Dutch) Leonard won his 10th game for the Senators, a 4 to 2 homecoming triumph over White Sox southpaw ace Thornton Lee. That gave the Senators undisputed second place.

A three-run homer by Jeff Heath of the Indians beat the Yankees at New York, 7 to 4, and dropped them to third. Relief pitcher Marvin Center beat hard leaguer Ernie Bonham, who dropped his eighth game.

The Pirates got off to a good start at home as Nick Strincevich shut out the Phillies, 4 to 0. It was his sixth straight victory and his fourth straight at night.

The Giants upset the Cards in 10 innings at St. Louis, 9 to 7, when Danny Gardella scored two runs with a double after Mel Ott hit a three-run home as a pinch hitter. The Cards tied it in the ninth when Johnny Hopp singled home Debs Garms. Relief pitcher Ace Adams won his sixth game.

You can't have bananas on your cereal and not have berries, for bananas are berries.

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Baseball Standings
By United Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	43	29	.597
Washington	39	32	.549
New York	39	34	.534
Boston	38	35	.521
Chicago	39	37	.513
St. Louis	34	37	.479
Cleveland	34	37	.479
Philadelphia	24	49	.329

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	43	29	.597
Brooklyn	44	32	.579
St. Louis	42	32	.568
New York	42	36	.538
Pittsburgh	38	36	.514
Boston	37	37	.500
Cincinnati	34	38	.472
Philadelphia	20	60	.250

PACIFIC COAST

	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	63	42	.600
Seattle	59	42	.584
Sacramento	53	50	.515
San Francisco	54	52	.509
Oakland	49	54	.476
San Diego	49	54	.467
Los Angeles	44	58	.431
Hollywood	43	60	.417

Chandler to Stay In Senate to Vote On Peace Charter

WASHINGTON, July 13 (UP)—Sen. A. B. (Happy) Chandler, baseball's new commissioner, said today he will not resign from the senate until it has voted on the world security charter and other world peace measures.

"I want to stay in the senate," he told the United Press, "until I have fulfilled my obligations to the people of this country in casting my vote on these important matters."

World issues before congress include the Bretton Woods monetary proposals and the United Nations charter. The senate is expected to take up the former next Monday and the latter July 23.

Chandler formally became baseball czar yesterday when major league club owners approved a contract giving him authority to rule the national pastime after the fashion of his predecessor, the late Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

After meeting with representatives of the 16 big clubs at a summer conference here, Chandler said the owners made "no suggestion" that he quit his post in the senate. He told reporters, however, he had decided not to take a penny of the \$50,000 annual baseball salary until he quits the senate, where his salary is \$10,000.

Marchildon Wants To Lose 10 Pounds

PHILADELPHIA, July 13 (UP)—Pitcher Phil Marchildon of the Philadelphia Athletics, who spent nine months in a German prisoner of war camp, said today he wanted to trim 10 pounds from his weight before he goes back to mound duty. He now weighs 180 pounds.

Marchildon, one of the most promising young pitchers in the major leagues in 1942 before he enlisted in the Royal Canadian air forces, won 17 games with the last place A's.

Seattle 2 Games Behind Beavers In Coast Race

Sacramento Drops Scrap to Acorns; Beavers Split

By JACK DAILEY
A 17-0 triumph over the cellarite Hollywood Stars today brought the Seattle Rainiers within two games of the leading Portland Beavers.

The third place Sacramento Solons went down a half-game as the Oakland Acorns last night snapped out of their five-game losing streak to eke out an 8-7 victory. In other games, the San Francisco Seals and the Portland club split a twin bill, the Seals winning the opener, 5-4, but dropping the nightcap 10-3, and the San Diego Padres beat the Los Angeles Angels 10-6.

5 For 5
Carl Fischer, veteran Rainier southpaw, gave up only three hits while he shut out the Stars for his 12th victory of the season. Bob Garbould got five hits and a base on balls at six times up for the Suds. He registered three singles, a double and a triple and crossed the plate four times.

After piling up an early lead, the Oaks saw their victory chances fade when the Solons tied the score in the ninth. But they salvaged their chances when Chet Rosenlund singled; Tom Hatley was safe on a fielder's choice. Les Scarsella walked and Rosenlund scored on Frankie Hawkins' fly.

Score Early
Bob Joyce, San Francisco hurler, and Beaver pitcher Jack Tising kept up a duel in the opener with Joyce giving up eight hits and four runs and Tising losing the decision by allowing the Seals seven hits and five runs.

San Diego got all its runs in the first five stanzas. In the fourth inning, the Padres loaded the bases after Lou Vezlich, Dick Gyselman and Prout singled for two runs. Angel outfielder Lou Novikoff dropped Del Ballinger's fly and Rupert Thompson walked. Vallie Eaves' single brought three home.

Talbert, Cooke Still In Running

MENASHA, Wis., July 13 (UP)—National clay courts champion Bill Talbert and navy veteran Elwood Cooke of Los Angeles remained very much in the running today as both advanced to the quarter-final round of the western senior tennis tournament. Talbert, top-seeded of the tournament and ranking second nationally, meets Mexico City's Francisco Arcocha in today's play, while Cooke is pitted against Jim Livingston, San Francisco.

Scheduled matches between Bernard Barzen, Williamsburg, Va., and Bren Macken, Montreal, and Harry Buttmer, San Francisco, and Jack McManis, Fort Worth, Tex., completed the field of eight.

Joyce Favored To Defeat Ruffin

NEW YORK, July 13 (UP)—Lightweight Willie Joyce of the classy left jab is favored at 9-5 to beat durable Bobby Ruffin tonight in their 12-round bout at Madison Square Garden.

Joyce, slender Negro of Gary, Ind., is favored because of his speed and cleverness he displayed while beating young Ike Williams twice at the Garden. Williams now is recognized as N. B. A. lightweight champion.

Snells Back From Governor Meeting

SALEM, July 13 (UP)—Gov. and Mrs. Earl Snell returned from the governors' conference in Michigan today, after an absence of nearly a month. The duties of governor have devolved on senate president Howard C. Belton and speaker of the house Eugene Marsh during Snell's trip east.

The governor will take up residence in his newly acquired house next week. He was forced to move recently when the house in which he was living was sold.

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Nelson Wins On Mike Turnesa Last Hole From

By WALTER BYEBS
DAYTON, O., July 13 (UP)—Byron Nelson's victory over Mike Turnesa of White Plains, N. Y., in the second round of the 27th national PGA tournament was hailed today as the most rousing comeback in the history of golf.

Before teeing off against Nelson in the quarter-finals of the PGA today, Denny Shute of Akron, O., twice winner of this tournament, himself said, "I doubt if anybody can beat that guy now."

Turnesa, playing the 40p tournament golf of his long career, was two-up on Nelson going into the last four holes of the Moraine country club course. Nelson had been trailing for 19 holes and time was running out.

Then the Toledo, O., star made his bid. He fired two birdies in a row and climaxed his drive with an eagle 3 on the 35th hole to go one-up on Turnesa. They halved the 36th and it was over as quick as that.

Musical Show Is 'Belle of Yukon'

A debonair con-man who plans to defraud the citizens of an Alaskan gold town unwittingly gets the fun in "Belle of the Yukon," International's lavish technicolor musical extravaganza playing today and Saturday at the Liberty theater.

Starring Randolph Scott, Gypsy Rose Lee, Dinah Shore and Bob Burns, the film concerns two hectic romances and includes a wealth of songs and dance routines to add merriment to a fast, furious and funny plot.

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