

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Bob Whitmore of Enterprise stopped in La Grande yesterday to visit friends yesterday. He is enroute to Santa Ana for reassignment. He has had 30 months overseas service.

Cpl. Ed Hunter attached to an engineers corps at Walla Walla air base, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Payne. Hunter, a flight engineer on B-29, is from Newport News, Va. He will return to his base Saturday.

Marine Lt. Norman West arrived in La Grande yesterday for a pre-embarkation leave with his wife, the former Beth Fross. He will report to Camp Pendleton July 28. Lieutenant West is a guest at the home of Mrs. Charles Fross, Mrs. West's mother.

Pfc. Vernon Tall, formerly of La Grande and Union, is a guest at the home of his cousin, Lester Peach, after having received an honorable discharge from the army with 96 points to his credit.

Tall left the United States Aug. 20, 1944, landing in England, and in November of that year went to Africa with the 48th surgical hospital for the invasion and the Algerian-French-Moroccan campaign.

His company then went to southern Tunisia, was at Kasserine pass and numerous other points of bitter fighting; then on to northern Tunisia, where his outfit was streamlined and re-named, acting as an entire battalion. They went on to Sicily July 23, 1943, crossed to the northern shore near Palermo, to St. Stephano, to Castle LeMar

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Orville Webber, seaman first class, the 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Webber, route 1, La Grande. He attended Greenwood and La Grande high schools, and worked at Boeing's in Seattle prior to induction August 18, 1942. He was stationed at Bremerton for awhile. He married Nov. 2, 1944, Helen Shoemaker whose address is Anacortes, Wash.

and to Palermo and from there to England.

His battalion landed on Utah Red Beach, Normandy, June 10, 1944, crossed Normandy, northern France and then was sent to Belgium for the evacuation of the Rhineland.

In October of that year Private Tall received injuries to his back and was sent to England where he spent the winter in an army hospital. Upon his return to this country Feb. 2, he was sent to Hot Springs army-navy general hospital.

Tall said that his first furlough was granted in March of this year when he was called to Pendleton by the illness of his mother.

He received his release, under the army point system last week at Fort Lewis separation center. He is the son of W. T. Tall of Portland and Mrs. Margaret Tall of Pendleton. He plans to go to the neighboring city next week.

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By JACK CUDDY
UP Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, July 20 (UP)—Could Dave (Boo) Ferriss, the pitching paragon of the Boston Red Sox, win as many games with a good National league team as he has against opponents in the American this season?

Evidence compiled today with the help of comptometers, calipers and a fugitive from a summer school mathematics class, indicates he probably would have had his troubles.

Tradition Broken

By the same token his brother Bostonians, Tommy Holmes and Chuck Workman of the Braves might have had difficulty in rapping out 15 homers apiece had they been doing their swinging all season in the American league.

An add transformation is taking place in the majors, one which has ended, at least temporarily, the tradition that the American league is the power circuit and the National the pitchers' loop.

The trend began the first season after Pearl Harbor but this year it is more apparent than ever. And if some of the new stars in both leagues make good in peacetime competition, it may continue.

Fewer Homers

Showing the efficiency of American league pitchers in cutting down on the long range hits, a check of the records reveals that there have been 26 fewer home runs hit in the circuit this season than at the corresponding time a year ago. But what is even more striking is the fact that the National league has hit 52 more homers from the beginning of the season through yesterday's games than for the same stretch in 1944.

To date there have been 327 homers in the National compared with only 210 in the American, a margin of 117. Every National league club either is even with 1944 or ahead. The Braves with Workman and Holmes pacing the league are up 21 from their 1944 pace with 60 this year against 39 then. The Giants and Phillies are up nine from last year, the Pirates and Dodgers show an increase of six each, the Cubs are up one and the Cards and Reds are exactly even.

Others Short

In the American only the leading Tigers show an increase over last year and they are only up three. The Red Sox are even and the Athletics are short one, the White Sox two, the Senators three, the Browns five and the Indians and Yankees nine apiece.

But the evidence on the pitching side is all in favor of the American league. Led by young Daven Ferriss, who has won 16 games and lost only two, there are a number of outstanding records including those of Hal Newhouse of the Tigers (14-6), Dutch Leonard of the Senators (10-3), Russ Christopher of the Athletics (11-6), Steve Gromek of the Indian (11-5), Thornton Lee of the White Sox (10-7), and Hank Borowy of the Yankees (10-5).

No Men Discharged For Occupations

WASHINGTON, July 20 (UP)—Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson says the war department has flatly turned down all requests to discharge men from the army solely on occupational grounds to fill civilian needs.

"If we authorized the discharge of all those for whom requests have been received, we would have to release in response to this demand at least 1,000,000 men," he said. "We would then be forced to abandon the present system of discharging soldiers on the merit system."

Conchie Discharge Measure Held Up

WASHINGTON, July 20 (UP)—Selective service announced today contemplated discharge of 850 conscientious objectors under a point system would be held up pending congressional action on a bill to prohibit such a program. Selective service originally planned to put its discharge plan in operation next month. It provided for release of COs over a period of a year. The house military affairs committee has approved a measure to prohibit such releases.

Pine Lumber Orders Reduced This Week

PORTLAND, July 20 (UP)—Orders for western pine lumber for the week ending July 14 based on comparative figures on lumber orders, shipments and production from 100 identical mills totaled 68,040,000 feet as compared with 43,437,000 feet for the previous week and 75,620,000 feet for the corresponding week last year.

Similar comparisons of shipments are 56,986,000 feet, 27,330,000 feet and 77,065,000 feet and of production are 66,806,000 feet, 34,023,000 feet and 79,566,000 feet.

Beavers Run Lead To 5½ Games By Trimming Seals

Seattle Splits Doubleheader With Seals

By United Press

The Portland Beavers ran their hold on the Pacific coast league up to a 5½ game lead today following their defeat last night of the Hollywood Stars 8-6 for their third straight series win.

The second place Seattle Rainiers split a double-header with San Francisco Seals, the Seals grabbing the opener 5-1 but dropping the nightcap in a resounding 10-4 defeat. The third place Sacramento Solons broke a six-game winning streak by the Los Angeles Angels with a 6-4 triumph while the Oakland Oaks defeated the San Diego Padres 6-3.

Wins 16th

Hollywood batsmen came to life in the last two innings to tag Portland hurler Don Pulford for six hits. The Stars came through with three tallies in the eighth and two in the ninth but failed to overcome a one-run Portland lead. Pulford was credited with the win, his 16th of the season.

In the first game, San Francisco opened the scoring in the second when Charley Peterson scored on Roy Nicoley's single to left. Right-hander Frank Seward hurled his ninth win for the Seals. In the second game, the Rainiers jumped into an eight run lead in the first inning on five hits and four walks.

Hits Homer

The Solons-Angels game was a seesaw affair with the lead changing hands five times in the struggle. Sacramento took an early lead in the fourth when George Mandish walked, went to third on Ed Zippy's single and scored on Lilio Marceuil's grounder. The Solons made their last two runs in the eighth when Mandish walked, moved to third on Zippy's single and tallied on Jess Landrum's grounder. Mandish barely beat the throw to home on a close play. Zippy scored on Al McElreath's fly to center.

Tom Hefey hit a homer for the Oaks in the third inning of their game with the Padres. Pitcher Floyd Stromme hurled a no-hit, no-run game for the first five innings but then lost their stuff and yielded seven to the Padres.

Greco Favored to Beat Tony Janiro

NEW YORK, July 20 (UP)—Hart-punching Johnny Greco of Montreal was a 13 to 10 favorite today to spoil the main-event debut of young Tony Janiro of Youngstown, O., at Madison Square Garden tonight.

Although the fight was scheduled for only eight rounds because Janiro is only 18, there was made advance betting than on any bout in months.

Shaping up as a "natural" between a clever boxer and a knockout puncher, the exponents of both types of ringcraft have plunged heavily on the outcome.

Janiro, defeated only once, has 38 professional victories. His supporters believe he will "box the cars off" Greco, a slow and deliberate workman.

Owners Plan to Ship Horses By Barges

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 20 (UP)—A plan to save the Florida winter racing season next year by shipping race horses south from northern tracks via barge was outlined today by H. G. Williams, head of the Gulf Atlantic Transportation company.

Williams said that barges could accommodate all of the horses usually shipped by railroad. The office of defense transportation has banned handling horse baggage cars.

He said the trip along the inland waterway could be made in 10 days from Trenton, N. J., to Miami and that the barges could be stepped frequently to permit the horses to be exercised ashore. The ODT has been asked to approve the plan, Williams said.

Fan Says Umpire Blacked His Eye

CINCINNATI, O., July 20 (UP)—Thomas J. Longo, a Cincinnati Red fan from Dayton, O., charged today he had been attacked by National league umpire George Magerkurth after last night's double header with the Boston Braves.

Swearing out a warrant for Magerkurth's arrest, Longo said the umpire reached over a field box railing from the playing field to punch him in the eye, which was blackened.

He told police a companion yelled at Magerkurth during the game and the umpire hit the wrong man when he hit me."

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Cubs Revive Hopes With Return of Wyse

By CARL LUNDQUIST

NEW YORK, July 20 (UP)—The Cubs thought Henry Washington Wyse was packing up their pennant chances in his bag when he went to Tulsa, Okla., last month to take his military draft examination.

How right they might have been if Uncle Sam hadn't waived his option on right-hander Hank Wyse was evident today after he had won his seventh straight game, a five-hit, 3 to 1 victory over the hard-hitting Brooklyn Dodgers.

Not Kidding

Six of those games have been won since Wyse dispatched a telegram from Tulsa to Manager Charley Grimm in which he stated the army couldn't use him and he was coming back to help the team win the pennant. Apparently, he wasn't kidding.

At that time, the Cubs were in fifth place, six and a half games out of the lead. Today, they are leading the league, three and a half games ahead of the second place Cardinals and Wyse has been a major contributor to the rise.

One more victory and he will tie the season's high for wins in a row, eight straight by Bill Voiselle of the Giants and Dave Ferriss of the Red Sox.

Sets High

Yesterday, he set a high for the season with 19 of his put-outs handled by first baseman Phil Cavaretta on infield plays. In Wyse's streak of seven wins, Cavaretta handled an average of 14 put-outs per game. He had a shutout against the Dodgers until two were out in the ninth.

Then Dixie Walker singled to increase his runs-batted-in-lead in the majors to 74, sending home pinch hitter Morris Aderholt with the only Dodger run.

The Cards made seven runs in the eighth to break a 2-all deadlock and win the second game against the Phillies, 9 to 4, after the celebrities won the opener, 3 to 2. Ken Burkhardt gained the victory and Oscar Judd won his first game of the season for the Phils in the opener.

Split

The Braves and Reds divided at Cincinnati. Frank McCormick

'Angel' Arrested In Street Brawl

PORTLAND, July 20 (UP)—Police rushed in where "The Angel" didn't fear to tread last night when "The Angel"—the Frenchman, Maurice Tillet—and another wrestler, Ben Sherman of Portland, tangled in an impromptu match in front of the civic auditorium.

The bout followed a bona fide match inside the auditorium in which Tillet won from Pvt. Louis Thesz, a match Sherman witnessed very critically.

Tillet posted \$25 bail and Sherman \$50, his ante being raised because he sassed the police as well as Tillet. Both were charged with disorderly conduct. Tillet gave his age as 42 and Sherman, a former Portland amateur now a professional, billed himself as 37.

MOTT TO VISIT PACIFIC

SALEM, July 20 (UP)—Rep. James Mott, R. Ore., will spend part of the congressional recess at his Salem home, it was learned here today. Later he will visit the Philippines and other parts of the Pacific.

Dick Metz Tries Golf Comeback at St. Paul Open

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 20 (UP)—Slender Dick Metz, wiry and tough after punching cattle for three years on his Kansas ranch, tees off in the \$10,000 St. Paul open today, a sentimental favorite as he tries for one of the strangest comebacks in golf.

About 110 of the nation's top pros and amateurs are here to begin the first 18 holes of the 72-hole match play championship, yet the crowd has flocked to Metz.

A Ryder cup star of 1939, when he was among the greatest linkers, Metz quit golf at the peak of his game in 1942 to devote full time to his cattle ranch near Arkansas City, Kas.; to be forgotten by the sporting world.

Now 37, Metz wants one more fling before Father Time says it is too late. Two weeks ago he sold two carloads of steers, hung up his blue denim pants and, after finally finding an extra hired hand, set out to bid again for fame.

For the last 10 days, Metz has practiced eight hours daily over the rolling Keller country club course, site of the open.

If he passes sports' toughest test and makes a successful comeback, Metz plans to play two solid then retire—for good—to live in the heart of Kansas' bluestem pastureland.

TRANSFER COLLEGE

PORTLAND, July 20 (UP)—Disclosure was made today of the imminent transfer of the North Pacific college of optometry to Pacific University, Forest Grove. Dr. C. C. Carkner, chairman of the Oregon optometric school committee, said the transfer would be made Sept. 1.

Baseball Standings
By United Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Club	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	50	31	.617
St. Louis	48	36	.571
Brooklyn	47	37	.560
New York	45	42	.517
Pittsburgh	42	41	.506
Boston	40	42	.488
Cincinnati	36	40	.487
Philadelphia	24	66	.267

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Club	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	46	32	.590
Boston	42	38	.525
New York	41	36	.532
Washington	40	36	.526
Chicago	41	40	.506
St. Louis	37	28	.569
Cleveland	37	39	.487
Philadelphia	26	51	.338

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Club	W	L	Pct.
Portland	69	41	.627
Seattle	63	46	.578
Sacramento	55	55	.500
San Francisco	55	56	.495
Oakland	53	56	.486
Los Angeles	50	59	.459
San Diego	50	61	.450
Hollywood	45	66	.405

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