

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Pvt. Murvin O. Patrieks, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson of East X avenue, La Grande. He served with the U. S. infantry and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in France Aug. 3, 1944. He was hospitalized in England. Before entering the service March 2, 1943, he was a student.



Richard (Dick) Bramwell, 1/2 left this afternoon for Seattle after spending a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Bramwell in La Grande. Bramwell has been in the navy three years and has just returned from 13 months duty in the south Pacific. At Seattle he will be reassigned for further duty. He visited with his wife and baby in California before coming to La Grande.

Orville Bowers, carpenter first class, Seabees, is home from duty in the Pacific and is spending his leave in La Grande with relatives.

First Lt. Douglas M. Hone, signal company, who is on detached service from the Fifth army, and is now stationed in Franciole, Italy, with the Brazilian expeditionary force, was recently presented the "Medalhas De Bronze, De Campanha" or the bronze medal of the campaign of the army of Brazil, for participation in combat with the Brazilian expeditionary force.

The medal was awarded on behalf of the president of Brazil for services rendered during the campaign beginning Sept. 14, 1944, through the end of the war on May 8, 1945, "in appreciation of the work in coordinating communications problems between the first division and for the harmonious way of bringing about a smooth friendly relation among the soldiers and officers of the two armies."

Lt. Hone was also given a written commendation from Gen. Masquerianos De Marias, C. G. B. E. F., through channels expressing his personal appreciation for the job done as liaison communications officer and for the manner in which diplomatically, he was able to bring about friendly understanding between the two foreign speaking forces.

This award was issued for the first time in Europe at this par-

'Spit on Chub's Nose For Luck,' Advises George Collins, Blind Fisherman and an Old Guide

By JACK H. BIRNBAUM
NEA Staff Correspondent
GRAYLING, Mich. — Spitting on the nose of a chub for luck is an unusual way to start an evening's fishing, but then George Collins is an unusual fisherman.

For George Collins, you see, is blind.

A former guide and resort operator for most of his 54 years, Collins began to lose his sight some years back and went completely blind about 18 months ago.

Although this stopped him from hunting it hasn't stopped him from fishing. Knowing by heart the general width of the seven streams in and around Grayling, he is as much at home on the water as he ever was.

Collins' sense of touch is acute and it is no trick for him to put his fly rod together, thread it, tie the leader and bait the hook.

He thinks nothing of the feat and wants to demonstrate to blind war veterans how easy it is to fish and enjoy themselves although handicapped.

Still possessing a robust sense of humor and a keen perception that comes to the blind with time, he began to teach this writer how to fish from a rowboat on Lake Margarethe.

"First, let's spit on his nose for luck," Collins said as he hooked a chub (an oversized minnow) on his line. He was seeking pike but using a trout rod.

"When using live bait," he spoke while demonstrating, "be careful not to injure the minnow or chub when it strikes the water. Fish don't like dead bait."

"These pike like to dwell in the vegetation at the bottom of the lake, so we'll try 'em there." Lets go out further where the water is about 17 feet deep. It's only fifteen here."

Collins gauges the depth by the length of the line he brings in and coils in the palm of his hand. His acute hearing can detect the groan of oarlocks nearly 100 yards away and he is careful not to get too near other boats.

While Collins cast and trolled he commented on the plight of the blind. "You're heartbroken at first, but that feeling passes. My advice to those who have lost their sight is to take up studying, take up Braille and soon you won't notice your blindness."

"It's not so bad after once seeing. You still have a perspective on how things should look."

Collins is studying Braille and typing in Saginaw.

"The blind learn to work but there is not enough emphasis on teaching the sightless to play and relax."

Collins is married, has two grandchildren, Colleen, 8, who already has several years of fishing behind her, and John, seven months.

This would be a better story if we could relate that Collins caught his limit of pike but after an hour of rowing and casting with no results, the writer gave up and came to shore.

But not Collins. He rowed out again. Figured we just didn't hit the right places.

Particular presentation. Following the ceremony cocktails were served in the general's mess and personal congratulations were extended. Nine enlisted men were similarly decorated.

Lt. Hone is the husband of the former Alladeen Ayars, and the father of the two and one-half year old Sandra Kay Hone, whom he has never seen. His home is in Pendleton.

Clinton Lowe of Cove has been advanced from the rating of private to that of private first class. He is now in Hawaii.

Lowe has been awarded the purple heart for injuries sustained at Iwo Jima. His regiment and battalion was the one to raise the flag there. Lowe is the son of Mrs. Everett Williams of Cove.

Elery John Thielon, F 1 c, returned to San Diego last night after a 10 day leave spent here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Thielon, and with other relatives and friends here and at Baker. Thielon, 18, joined the navy last December.

Clayton Case, boatswain second class, and his wife, Jeanette Case, are guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Case, in La Grande.

Case has returned from 18 months duty in the Marshall islands, and prior to that time spent 12 months in the Aleutians. At the termination of his 30-day leave he will report to Bremerton for further duty, and Mrs. Case will return to Echo.

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George Collins . . . blindness doesn't curb his fishing.

Portland Creamery Wallops Albany

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (UP)—Challenge Creamery of Portland walloped Albany 12 to 5 last night in the second round game of Oregon's American Legion junior baseball tournament here.

Coming from behind in the fourth inning, the Challenge players went into action, chalking up two runs in the fourth, three in the fifth, six in the seventh and a final tally in the last inning.

Albany's five runs were made in the second and third innings. Earlier in the evening the Lind-Pomeroy team defeated Salem 16 to 5. The setback was Salem's second in the three-day tourney and eliminated Coach Al Lightner's boys from further play. The florists will now play Albany.

'Alaska,' Fine Yarn By Jack London, On at Liberty

"Alaska" takes its place as one of the most thoroughly interesting dramas of the far north to reach the screen for a long time. This lavish Monogram film, which opened a three-day engagement at the Liberty theater last night, qualified as outstanding entertainment through a combination of many factors, including an unusually competent cast, a virile story by Jack London, scenic beauty, direction and general production values. The plot is a succession of absorbing situations and fast-moving action, and the atmosphere of the entire picture is convincingly maintained.

Featured players in the principal roles are Kent Taylor, Margaret Lindsay, John Carradine, Dean Jagger and Nils Asther. All are excellent.

Westfir Mill Sold To Hines Company

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (UP)—Edward Hines Lumber company has purchased the Westfir Lumber company mill at Westfir from Blythe & company. It was revealed today.

T. J. McHugh, senior vice president, said the new owners will operate with the same personnel. Present crew numbers 240 men. The Westfir mill has a capacity of about 50,000,000 to 70,000,000 board feet of lumber a year.

Fiske O'Hara, Tenor, Playwright, 67, Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 3 (UP)—Fiske O'Hara, for 30 years a lyric tenor of stage, screen and radio, died yesterday at his home after an illness of a year. He was 67. Best known on the stage, O'Hara played a leading part in the light opera "Robin Hood" and starred for years in plays he wrote himself.

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Cubs Fight Hard For Charlie Grimm

By WALTER BYERS
CHICAGO, Aug. 3 (UP)—The Cubs never fought harder for a National league pennant than they fought today to vindicate their manager, Charley Grimm, who risked his career to be a "good guy."

This fun loving, banjo strumming Dutchman with the amazing gift for mimicry once lost his job as the Cubs' manager principally because he was too easy going on his players.

When the Cubs began to skid toward the bottom earlier this year, it appeared his players once again were going to let down a manager who had given them the breaks on everything, the kind of guy who always had gone to bat for them in a dispute.

But Capt. Phil Cavarretta, who succeeded Grimm at first base for the Cubs and has always been one of his strongest friends, sparked his teammates to a winning streak. They've been going ever since in a determined effort to prove their manager doesn't have to be a bawling, hard-boiled boss, such as John McGraw, to build a winning team.

The Cubs, who gained notoriety a few years back for their lazy play, have come to life. They are a spirited, hustling bunch of players and as third baseman Stan Hack, who has been through both Grimm regimes, said:

"You can't help playing ball for that kind of guy."

Judge Says Angel Not Street Bum

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (UP)—A possible international complication was deftly sidestepped in municipal court here the other day when Judge J. J. Quillin held, in effect, that Maurice (The Angel) Tillet, of France, was not a bum given to street fighting.

What Quillin literally ruled—as if mindful of what an aroused La Belle France does to persons in disfavor — was that Tillet, a well-known wrestler, did not provoke a street brawl with a certain Benny Sherman. Tillet's \$25 bail was refunded.

Although the meetics of protocol were largely lacking, an air of mystery hung over the whole affair, chief mystery being why Benny, a mete light heavyweight rasser, would tackle the 270-pound Angel on the street.

Why anybody would wrestle 'The Angel for nothing when he didn't have to is in itself a mystery. From ringside, wrestling 'The Angel appears akin to tangling with the missing link, Gargantua and King Kong, all rolled into one.

Pauline Betz On Way to Victory

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 3 (UP)—Pauline Betz, national women's tennis champion, was well on her way to winning the Delaware state woman's grass court championship as she breezed into the quarter-final round with an easy 6-2, 6-0 victory over Margaret Varner of El Paso, Tex.

Miss Betz advanced into the quarter-finals yesterday along with Doris Hart, Miami, Fla., who scored a 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 victory over Barbara Kruse of San Francisco, Kay Winthrop, South Hamilton, Mass., who defeated Nancy Chaffee, Ventura, Calif., 6-2, 6-2, and Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke of Boston, victor over Dorothy Head, Alameda, Calif., 6-2, 8-6.

Grand Slam

Pat Seerey, whose specialty is "grand slam" homers, delivered one to highlight an eight-run third inning for the Indians, who beat the White Sox, 13 to 7, at Cleveland. The victory moved Cleveland into fifth ahead of Chicago. The Indians made 17 hits and the White Sox 15 in the batting mele.

Chicago's Cubs went five and a half games ahead in the national with a "reverse" 1 to 0 victory over the Pirates to counter their defeat by the same score on the day before. Big Paul Derriinger, pitching his best game of the season, gave up only three hits, two to Frank Colman. Harry Lowrey produced the only run with a double which scored Don Johnson in the sixth. It was Derriinger's 12th win.

There were no other national games scheduled.

Pitchers Returned From Army Make Good Records

Benton, Ruffing Come Through For Wins

By CARL LINDQUIST
NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (UP)—If the record of eight pitchers who have returned from military service to the majors this season is any criterion, it's time to quit worrying about G. I. Joe making the grade when he doffs khaki and dons flannel.

Each of the eight was in the service last year and some came back after the current season began. Six of them have won more games than they have lost and collectively they have picked up 54 victories against 27 defeats for a .667 percentage. That's better than the first place percentage of the Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers in their respective leagues, and it isn't unreasonable to assume if they were all on the same club they could win the flag without difficulty.

Win Two

The four in the American league are Dave (Boo) Ferriss of the Red Sox (17-4), Al Benton (10-2) and Les Muller (3-4) both of the Tigers, and Charley (Red) Ruffing of the Yankees (2-0). The national league returning mound vets are Van Lingle Mungo (11-5) and Jack Brewer (4-3) both of the Giants, Jack Kraus of the Phillies (2-2) and Vic Lombardi of the Dodgers (5-7).

Two of them came through again yesterday.

Benton, the Tiger right hander, who may set a new major league earned run mark, gained his 10th victory and his fifth shutout, 6 to 0, over the Browns at Detroit. Eddie Mayo's two home runs gave Benton all the margin he needed to fashion a seven-hit game. He has not yielded more than two runs in any of the games he has pitched. Out for more than a month with a broken leg, he appears to be as effective as ever now.

Hits Homer

Ruffing, the lion-hearted red-head of the great pre-war Yankees, won his second straight game since coming back from two years in the army by beating the Red Sox at Boston, 3 to 1. Nick Etten set up the victory with a three-run first inning homer. The only Boston run was unearned. It was New York's eighth victory in 11 games.

The Washington Senators, winning their second straight double header at home, moved into sole possession of second place with a couple of 2 to 1 victories over the Athletics. Mickey Haefner, pitching a four-hitter, broke up his own game by singling in the winning run in the ninth in the opener.

Pacific Coast

Portland . . . 78 45 4634
Seattle . . . 72 51 5305
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Today's Sport Parade

By CARL LINDQUIST UP Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (UP)—Within a month college kids all over the land will begin training for what may be the most interesting football season since Pearl Harbor. As soon as they get back to their campuses the national gambling syndicates will be ready to resume full-scale operations.

The 1945 season is almost certain to be a record-breaker for big-time betting because American pockets and purses are bulging with inflation dollars. Also the average home front citizen is a little jaded and seeks excitement.

Huge Business

The trend already has been established. Betting at race tracks is at record proportions. Each holiday or special event and baseball pool operators report almost double the volume of business they have handled in any previous year.

All of this wouldn't be alarming if there weren't the ever-present danger some gamblers, not content with the easy money certain on their long-odds cards, will try to make a "killing" by fixing a game.

The reminder of what happened last winter to the Brooklyn college basketball players, who were lured into accepting bribe money, should be fresh enough in the memory of every college of-

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit . . . 53 26 576
Washington . . . 48 41 544
New York . . . 48 41 539
Boston . . . 47 44 516
Cleveland . . . 45 45 500
Chicago . . . 45 46 495
St. Louis . . . 42 46 477
Philadelphia . . . 39 60 333

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago . . . 59 33 641
St. Louis . . . 56 41 577
Brooklyn . . . 53 39 576
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Seals Send Joyce Against Seattle In Final Game

Hope to Win One Of Series After Three Losses

By United Press

San Francisco will attempt to win at least one game from Seattle in the current series by sending lanky Bob Joyce, No. 1 pitcher in the Pacific Coast league and work horse of their mound staff, to the throwing station tonight in the first game of a doubleheader. Joyce's record now stands at 23 victories and 7 losses.

Thursday night the Rainiers made it three straight over the Seals by winning, 4-3, in an eleven-inning battle won on pinch-hitter Bill Matheson's two payoff hits.

Carl Dumler chalked up his 16th pitching victory for San Diego in the opener against Oakland by a score of 3-1. The scores won the night-cap, 8-6. Portland took its third game from Hollywood, 9-3, with Don Pullford winning his 18th game. Los Angeles ended a three-game losing streak against Sacramento with a 4-1 victory.

Catcher Mickey Kreitner's triple proved to be the blow that brought the brake back on the Angels' losing streak. Rip Russell contributed five-for-five, including a triple, to the Scraps' 13-hit attack.

It was all Dumler as he restricted Oakland to two hits. He gave up two hits and two runs to the Oaks in the first inning and from then on he doled out goose eggs to the visitors. Oakland gained a split in the finale by scoring three runs in the ninth inning.

Colleges to Begin Practice Sept. 8

CORVALLIS, Aug. 3 (UP)—Colleges in the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference will begin official football practice Sept. 8, Percy Lacey, Oregon State athletic director and chairman of the northern division Managers association, announced today.

The decision agreed upon by members of the northern division, affect University of Washington, University of Idaho, University of Oregon and Oregon State college.

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