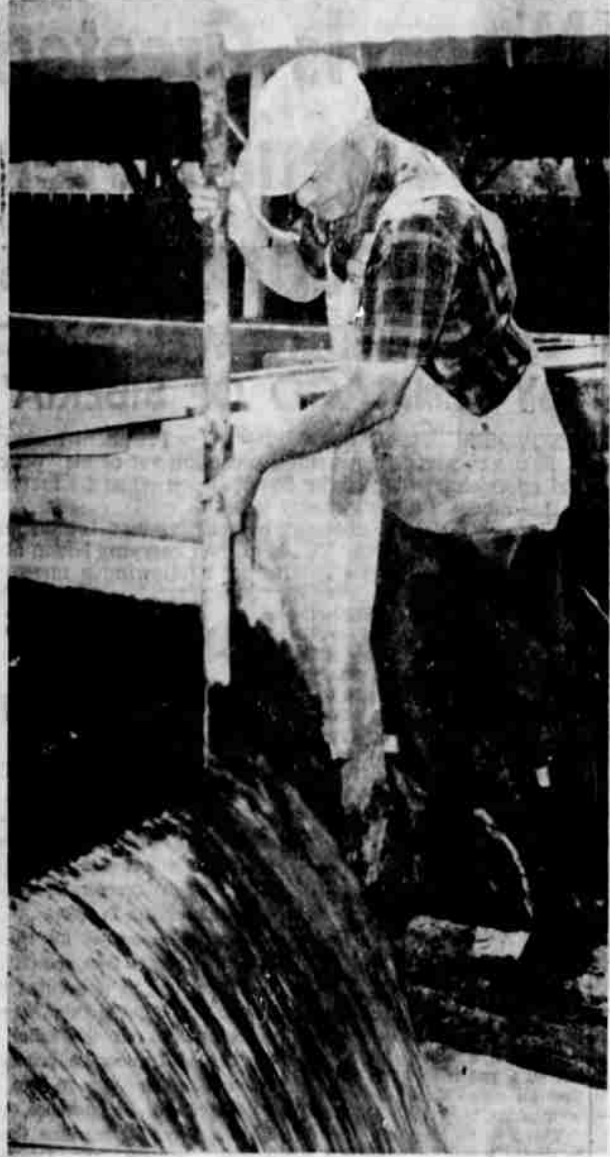


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FISH STORY — Virgil Wagner of the Wallowa trout hatchery opens the gates on one of the tanks prior to cleaning it at the hatchery. The trout tanks are cleaned twice a month. (Observer Photo by Joe Diehl)

Rickey Will Be Offered League Job

NEW YORK (UPI) — Branch Rickey, 78-year-old elder-statesman of baseball, will be offered the job as first president of the newly-formed Continental major league, it was learned today by United Press International.

"Branch Rickey is the most logical choice for the position," a source close to the situation told UPI. "I don't know whether he will accept the job but I am sure that he will be offered it."

William A. Shea, the New York attorney who led the drive to create the new league, emphatically eliminated himself as a candidate.

"I cannot and will not take the job if it is offered to me," he said. "When the third major league goes into operation in 1961, I will not be an official, I will not have one single cent invested in the league and I will return to being just a lawyer—like I ought to be."

Rickey's name rarely is mentioned publicly by Continental League officials but it is known the man who created baseball's farm system and broke its color line, has been a key advisor behind the scenes.

"There are other candidates, of course," UPI's informant said. "But Mr. Rickey undoubtedly will be offered the job first. He has been the most far-sighted individual connected with baseball during this entire operation. The new league could not have been formed without his counsel."

"We may need a man conversant with the ins and outs of major league ball to negotiate with American and National League officials," he continued. "And we are sure Mr. Rickey would be an able representative in such negotiations."

Rickey currently is chairman of the board of the Pittsburgh Pirates and has said repeatedly over the last two years that major league baseball should expand by the creation of a new league.

Mounts, Bees Split; Sacs Lead By Point

United Press International
Up and down the Pacific Coast League they're saying big Willie McCovey in the guy who's going to knock Orlando Cepeda off first base for the San Francisco Giants.

The 21-year-old McCovey is leading the PCL in every major batting department. He's hitting .377, has 29 homers and 93 RBIs.

"They're going to have to move Cepeda to third or the outfield," says one veteran PCL scribe. "McCovey's that good. He's too big, and a little too awkward to play anywhere but first."

The 64, 190 pound McCovey cracked his 29th homer Monday night as Phoenix won the opening game of a twin bill with Spokane, 5-4. Spokane won the second tilt, 7-5. The only other action saw Vancouver and Salt Lake split a pair of 2-1 games.

By reason of Vancouver's split, the Sacramento Solons took back sole possession of first place by one percentage point.

Jim Baumer delivered a two-run single in the fifth inning to give Salt Lake its opening game victory over Vancouver. The blow broke up a tight pitching duel between Salt Lake's Ed Bauta and Chuck Estrada. Both teams collected only four hits in the seven inning contest.

Estrada came back in the second game to pick up the win in relief. Estrada, who is now 8-3, pitched only the ninth inning in relief of starter Fred Besana. But the Mounties scored in the top of the 10th when Marv Breeding singled in field and went to third on losing pitcher Jim Umbricht's error. Ray Barker then singled home Breeding. Connie Johnson set the Bees down in the bottom of the 10th.

Wind Aid Giants
A wind-blown double by third sacker J. Van Noy gave Phoenix the opener against Spokane. Marshall Renfro went the route for the Giants, and Bob Speake and Al Stieglitz hit homers for Phoenix along with McCovey.

A ninth-inning homer by Tony Roig gave Spokane the second game. Phoenix made five errors during the loosely played contest. The Giants got homers off the bats of Roger McCardell, Owen Friend and Bill Wilson, but the errors were more significant than the distance belting.

Bud Watkins was charged with the loss, only his second in nine decisions since joining the Giants. Lloyd Merritt was credited with his first PCL win while working in relief for the Indians.

Standings

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Major League Standings			
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National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	55	43	.561
Milwaukee	52	43	.547 1/2
Los Angeles	55	46	.545 1/2
Chicago	49	48	.504 3/4
Pittsburgh	49	50	.495 6/7
St. Louis	47	51	.480 8
Cincinnati	44	54	.449 11
Philadelphia	40	56	.417 14

Monday's Results			
Milwaukee 5 Pittsburgh 2	Cincinnati 8 St. Louis 3 (night)		

American League			
Cleveland	56	40	.583
Chicago	56	40	.583
Baltimore	50	49	.505 7/8
New York	48	49	.495 8/9
Kansas City	47	49	.490 9
Detroit	46	52	.480 10 1/2
Washington	43	55	.439 14
Boston	41	55	.427 15

Monday's Games			
Baltimore 5 Detroit 2	Boston 4 Cleveland 0 (night)		
Kansas City 7 Wash 6 (night)	(Only games scheduled)		

Pacific Coast League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Sacramento	55	48	.534
Vancouver	56	49	.533
Portland	51	48	.515 2
Salt Lake	54	51	.514 2
Phoenix	53	52	.505 3
San Diego	49	56	.467 7
Seattle	47	57	.452 8 1/2

Monday's Results			
Salt Lake 2 Vancouver 1 (1st-10 innings)	Vancouver 2 Salt Lake 1 (2nd-10 innings)		
Phoenix 5 Spokane 4 (1st)	Spokane 7 Phoenix 5 (2nd)		

INTERSECTIONAL GAMES SET
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (UPI) — The 1959-60 Wake Forest basketball team will play inter-sectional games against Ohio State, Toledo, Dayton, Villanova and St. Francis (Pa.), it was announced today by athletic director Bill Gibson.

Giants Blank Beavers 5-0

PORTLAND (UPI) — The San Francisco Giants scored an effortless 5-0 exhibition baseball victory Monday night over the Pacific Coast League Portland Beavers before 18,061 fans in Multnomah stadium here.

The Beavers never seriously threatened the National League leaders as they picked up three runs in the second inning and single tallies in the sixth and eighth.

Al Worthington and Gordon Jones shared the San Francisco pitching chores, allowing seven hits. Jones struck out eight men in the last four frames.

In the second stanza, Felipe Alou was walked by Marty Kutyna, and Ed Bressoud hit a line drive before catcher Bob Schmidt hit a triple into deep center for two runs. Danny O'Connell scored Schmidt with a single.

Willie Mays hit a triple in the sixth and went home on Hank Sauer's sacrifice fly.

In the eighth inning, leadoff man Hobie Landrith smacked an inside-the-park homer.

In last year's exhibition contest here, San Francisco won 12-5.

Faye Throneberry couldn't save the Senators from their ninth straight defeat.

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Braves Take Fifth From Pitt 'Cousins'

United Press International
The Cincinnati Reds are refusing to play dead for the Milwaukee Braves any more, but the Braves have found a brand new bunch of "cousins"—the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Remember how the Braves marched to the National League pennant in 1957 by rolling up an amazing 114 mark against the Reds in their season series? And repeated last year by beating the Reds 17 times against only five losses?

Now they're doing the same thing to the Pirates. A 5-2 Milwaukee triumph Monday that boosted the Braves back into second place was their 10th in 13 games with Pittsburgh this year, the last five wins in a row.

Braves Sweep Five
This win on Joey Jay's five-hit pitching climaxed a five-game series sweep that really saved the Braves' bacon. The champs stumbled into this series with eight losses in their last 10 games but a visit from the new "cousins" got them healthy again quick.

Now they're only a game-and-a-half behind the league-leading San Francisco Giants.

Bonnie Kline of the Pirates had the Braves blanked, 2-0, until Milwaukee scored all its five runs in the seventh inning in a rally that featured Bobby Avila's two-run triple. The loss was the seventh straight for the Pirates, who now

have skidded into the second division.

In the only other National League game Monday, Cincinnati downed St. Louis, 8-3. In the American League, Boston blanked Cleveland, 4-0, to drop the Indians back into a first-place tie with the Chicago. Gene Woodling's slugging led Baltimore to a 5-2 win over Detroit, and Kansas City scored its eighth straight win, 7-6, over Washington.

Johnny Temple's three-run homer led the Reds' 11-hit attack as they beat the Cards. Bob Purkey scattered nine Card hits to gain his ninth win.

Rookie Jerry Casale pitched a three-hitter for the Red Sox to beat the Indians, snapping the Red Sox' six-game losing streak and the Indians' five-game winning streak.

Woodling drove in all of the Orioles' five runs with a single and the first grand slam he's hit in 14 years in the majors. His bases-full blast off Jim Bunning of Detroit in the third inning was the 27th homer served up by Bunning this year.

Roger Maris hit a grand-slam homer for the A's in their win over the Senators, but actually Kansas City's pair of winning runs in the eighth inning were unearned, thanks to an error by Ken Aspromonte. Harmon Killebrew's 33rd homer (tops in the majors) and a grand slam by

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