

SENTINEL SPORTS

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Pee Wee Baseball Rapidly Nearing

Pee Wee baseball is rapidly approaching and Coach Frank Divers urges all boys 12, 13 or 14 after June 1 to show up for the first scheduled practice on the new, improved Kelly Field, June 9.

Registration for the team will be at Jefferson school Monday. Divers explained that the \$1 fee will be for a complete insurance coverage.

A "Junior" Pee Wee, or intracity baseball group, will also be under the coaching of Divers, and all boys between 9 and 11 are eligible to play. Four teams will be organized for this.

Pee Wees will play on Tuesdays and Saturdays, with the first game set for June 11 with Junction City.

Evergreen League Baseball Season Will Open Sunday

Evergreen League baseball season opens Sunday afternoon when defending league champ Cottage Grove travels to Roseburg and Riddle takes on Myrtle Creek in the inaugural baseball tilt.

This year's league members number only half of 1954's, but games will prove to be just as interesting. Oakland, Yoncalla, Glide, Winston and Sutherlin dropped from the league, while Riddle hustled up a ball club for the 1955 battle for the Evergreen baseball crown.

First half schedule for 1955 is as follows:

June 5 - Roseburg, there.
June 12 - Riddle, there.
June 19 - Myrtle Creek, there.
June 26 - Myrtle Creek, here.
July 10 - Riddle, here.
July 17 - Roseburg, here.



LONE HUNTER, Raymond Sloan of London has rid the Cottage Grove area of 15 predatory animals during the past year, plus other small game too numerous to mention. Pictured above is Sloan and his pack of hounds, which recently brought home a Bobcat. During the past year he has bagged seven Bobcats, two Lynx cats, two Brown Bear, two Black Bear and a cougar. The cougar was killed about a month ago and measured over eight feet long.

Baseball Is Very Important In Combatting Juvenile Problem

The Emerald Empire ball team is more important to the people in Cottage Grove than most folks realize. It is the final rung in our ladder to benefit the players who are interested in climbing the ladder of baseball fame to the utmost height of their individual ability as a player of this great American game.

Prior to 1948, there was little, if any, interest in baseball in the Cottage Grove community. About this time, the American Legion and Floyd Githens worked out a plan to promote Junior Legion ball in Cottage Grove and Drain and were able to develop considerable interest with the players and a limited number of supporters and workers. The boys who played ball on these early teams are still enthusiastic about baseball and many are today playing ball on the town teams of both Drain and Cottage Grove.

Within the two communities in the early years of Junior Legion ball, there were many good ball players developed, some who had the ability to make major league baseball. However, they were handicapped for lack of a place to play ball after graduating from the Junior Legion team. Here was also noted two other weaknesses in the local program:

1. We had many young boys who were not of Junior Legion age, who would like to play ball.
2. We had not been able to develop family interest to support the players, and this was very disheartening to the boys who were trying hard to do their best.

It was decided to support a team of midget players who could start at any age, but be limited to the age of 13, which is the beginning age of Junior Legion. It was reasoned that by training these young players, there would be new material coming up each year for replacement on the Junior Legion and town teams, and at the same time, develop family interest in support of all teams, knowing that friends and relatives would show more interest in the very young ball players than in the older boys and this interest would, in most cases, follow through as long as the boy played ball.

These ideas have been reasonably successful. There are six groups totaling more than 200 players. These start with the minimum age up to and including 11 years old. The 12 to 13 year olds and the 14 to 15 year olds. The Junior Legion up to 18 years, the Cottage Grove and town team and three groups of high school players; varsity, JV's and freshmen teams.

It may be said that the local high school and grade school boards and superintendents have worked hard to help promote baseball in this area and have done their work with very little cost to the taxpayer. In the beginning, Legion teams at both Drain and Cottage Grove and the midget teams, were financed by Floyd Githens. In the past two years,

Jr. Legion B. Ball Play Starts Soon

Junior Legion baseball season opens soon and Coach Homer Parks urges that all boys, whether they have played ball previously or not, who are interested in baseball this summer, turn out for the first practice at 2 p.m. Sunday on Kelly Field.

Age maximum for Junior Legion baseball is 17, after September 1, 1954, according to Coach Parks.

In Cottage Grove's district, No. 1, there will be four teams; Eugene, Springfield, Roseburg and CG. The locals will begin the first half of the season June 15, when they play host to Springfield.

Assisting Anderson in organizing the games were Bob Anderson, athletic manager for the local Legion and Dwight "Doc" Near, district chairman for Jr. Legion baseball.

A schedule of games will appear in next week's issue of The Sentinel.

is being put into condition for all groups use.

It has been the idea to give you the information we have outlined so the citizens may know what is being done with baseball in the community. The first and most important ambition is to combat juvenile delinquency, with more than 200 boys and men taking interest in this great American game, it appears to be a step in the right direction.

This is a program where any young man, who is old enough to pick up a bat, can become a member of this project and follow through the Midget team, the Junior Legion, the town team, and the Emerald Empire baseball league into the Pacific Coast league and finally big league ball if he has the ability. There are several boys in this area who could have made big league players if they had been able to climb the ladder step by step. Therefore, the Emerald Empire league is a very important rung in the ladder of baseball.



HAROLD LANDERS is shown holding a 37 pound Spring Chinook Salmon, caught two weeks ago on the Rogue River. The fish measured 44 inches in length. In the fishing party with Landers was his wife and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, who claims to have taught his son-in-law to fish.

Rod and Gun Club Shoot on June 2nd

The Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club will sponsor a benefit shoot tonight, June 2, for the Junior baseball. Anyone wishing to join the shoot is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Midget Season Opens Soon

First practice for the summer Midget baseball program begins June 6 at 9 a.m. on the high school field, according to Coach Mel Fox.

Any boys, ages 14-15 or who will reach 16 AFTER June 1, interested in making the team, are urged to show up for practice.

The first game is scheduled for June 11.

Grove Hi Golfers Attend State Meet

Cottage Grove's golf team participated in the state golf meet on Glendover Fairways in Portland last Monday and Tuesday, but didn't walk away with any ribbons.

Eugene won its second consecutive state high school golf championship, with a two-day score of 601. Next came four Portland schools, Franklin, Central Catholic, Grant and Jefferson, with respective scores of 612, 624 and 627.

Cottage Grove's group consisted of Duane Olinger 40-39, 79-87-186; Gary Anderson 47-45, 92-97-189; Gordon Kingsley 44-45-89-98-187; Jerro Sears 44-47-91-96-187.

QUICK RESULTS FROM THE SENTINEL WANT ADS

Orlo Bagley Buys Partner's Interest In Piling Concern

Orlo Bagley has bought the interest of Norman Richards in the Daugherty Piling Co. It was disclosed Tuesday. Bagley, with Richards, bought the Daugherty Piling Co. from W. H. Daugherty in 1943.

Bagley started work for the Daugherty Lumber Co. in 1936 at a time when both the lumber and piling business was a wholesale concern. On January 1, 1937, the Daugherty Piling Co. was formed with Orlo Bagley as manager. The business was bought by the two partners in 1949 and has been operated on a partnership basis since then.

The retiring partner has announced no plans for the future.

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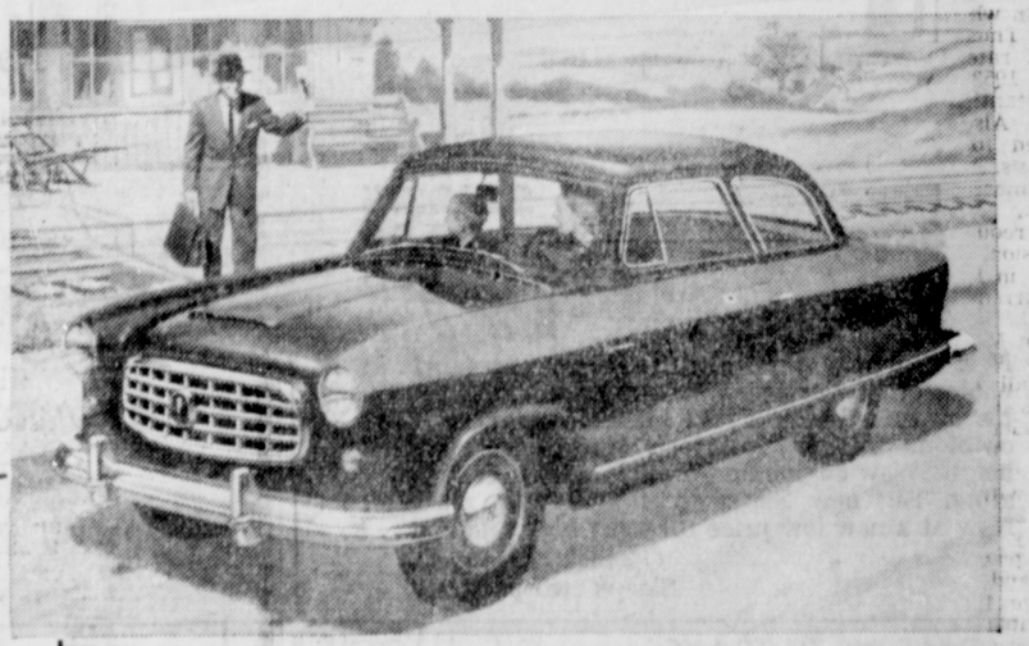
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