

Pea green, sun-kissed orange—or even a sickly shade of violet, that is what sports in general need around Oregon's outstandingly backward sports city, Salem, Ore. C-O-L-O-R. Spell it with a capital "C," spunk it out in lower case, pronounce it "kuler," or if you'd rather, "kaloor," but the'veaver's sake let's get some of it. Just where or when, it doesn't make any difference. Perhaps it'd be possible to whisk a job out of the first spring m'orrow that arches o'er the valley; maybe a quart of the vividness that it takes could be holed out of Mrs. O'Flarethy's flaming petticoat; or, (you never can tell) there may be a carpenter in town who has the perspective to build it in, like the k't-t-hen sink.

Communicable. There isn't anybody ill-titled enough to rear up on his haunches and twist his scapula; cut of shape in an attempt to tell you just what color in athletics is. It's about as indescribable as the gleam in a gopher's eye. Sometimes it crops out as an individual; sometimes it is a daet; it can be a whole team that provides it; or, it can be the direct-acting genius, or as individual sports performer, or a team of performers. Whatever it is, it's as catching as the measles in an orphanage, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry and Susie Fan—and all the little Fan-nies, are as susceptible as is Mt. Hood to a snow storm.

It's Heretical. Above all, it speaks—may, it shouts, of the northward; it can be as gaunt and ugly as a grist mill, as a tumbledown in a bed of geraniums, or a bathing suit on the circus fat woman; it can be as beautiful and alluring as Rebecca at the well, the sunset on the beady ebble of the Bay, or the green hillside dotted with three gray-old lambs in the middle of March. There is nothing set about its pattern. It can't be bottled, like castor oil, and dispensed when and where it will do the most good—at the dispenser's direction.

Rut Ramblings. Until greater spectator interest in sports is created around Salem, football will not doubt continue to be played in the collegiate and prep school baseball will continue to be viewed only by oldtime diehards, constant attempts to revive the fistic parade will be made—only to culminate in the same old headache of how to pay off the dues, basketball will pick on the same percentage of attendance it should, and track will continue to be something to read about in the papers only. Last fall, Salem high school had a football team that doffed helmets to no other prep organization in the state. The way it DIDN'T pack in patrons would make the Italian "boot" look like a Norwegian "pac."

Needs Noted. If that Viking team had had a halfback on it whose arms were as long as pinfork handles, who jumped like a kangaroo instead of running, who was just as apt to run to a touchdown for the adversary as he was for his own team, and confused not only opponents but teammates by slinging forward passes from behind his back with either hand—well, if team had had such, no stadium this side of Soldier field would have been able to hold the crowds. What "Spec" Keene needs on his Bearcat diamond team this spring is a first baseman who can schack. Al Schacht himself. Some long, lean, lank galoot with a face as dour as a door-knob, a frame that has a faculty of becoming "unhinged" at exact spots where all physiologists tell you there are no joints, and a particular aptitude for sliding on his back with both legs twined around the base.

Must Be a Goon. What that Irish matchmaker, McCarthy, needs to stuff the armory full of vibrant spectator flesh is something that faintly resembles a man; whose anatomy would make Farmer Brown's perennial scarecrow look as obese as an elephant; whose eyes are as crossed as the Hudson river; but who, nevertheless, carries lethal legends in either hand. If this fistic creation had spots like a leopard, and could chnge them from one bout to the next—that too would be a highly acceptable asset or affliction, as you will.

Plap!!! The End. In semi-conclusion, let us once more point out that what Salem sports are direly in need of is COLOR. In conclusion, let us further point out that what we needed worst today was something to write about—but that problem is over now.

Sir Oracle Wins \$3000 San Mateo Track Event

SAN MATEO, Calif., April 2.—(AP)—Closing with a rush on the inside, Sir Oracle won the \$3000 added Stockton handicap at Bay Meadows track today. It was a six-furlong dash, closed in 1:11.1-5.

Linfield Netmen Win Over Pacific Flyers

MEMPHISVILLE, April 2.—(AP)—Linfield college netmen won five singles and two doubles matches Friday to open the tennis season with a clean sweep over the Badgers of Pacific university.

Beavers Lose To Seals 6-4

Seattle Drubs Champion Padres 4 to 1 While Angels Winning

(By the Associated Press) Nearly 40,000 baseball fans helped usher in the 1938 Pacific Coast league season today in games that saw three home town teams chalk up victories.

The largest turnout of the day, 15,000, saw a revamped Los Angeles team nose out the new Hollywood club (last year's San Francisco Missions), 6 to 5, with a ninth-inning rally. First Baseman "Rip" Russell was the hero of the game, clouting a single that broke the deadlock.

At San Francisco, some 12,000 rooters watched the Seals bludgeon three solid hits for as many runs in the fourth inning and take advantage of Pitcher Ad Liska's wildness for three more in the next frame to chalk up a 6 to 4 win over Portland. Sam Gibson, lanky righthander, pitched tight ball for the Seals until the ninth, when he weakened to fill the bases on a hit, error and two walks, forcing in one run.

San Diego, winner of the 1937 championship playoff, got off to a losing start as Seattle punched two Padre hurriers for 13 blows and a 4 to 1 finale. The crowd of 5,000 was slightly under pre-game estimates.

World 120 High Hurdle Mark Set

AUSTIN, Tex., April 2.—(AP)—Tow-headed Fred Wolcott, Rice Institute's six-foot, two-inch sophomore, bettered the accepted world's 120-yard high hurdle record with a downwind burst of 13.9 seconds at the 11th annual Texas relays today.

Training Camps

BRADENTON, Fla., April 2.—(AP)—The Boston Bees climbed aboard Brooklyn pitching in three big innings today to wallop the Dodgers 15 to 1 in an exhibition game.

LAKE CHARLES, La., April 2.—(AP)—The New York Giants whitewashed Cleveland's Indians 3 to 0 today behind the combined five-hit pitching of Hal Schumacher and Dick Coffman in a grapefruit league game.

LAKELAND, Fla., April 2.—(AP)—A three-run attack in the first inning at the expense of Dizzy Dean enabled the Detroit Tigers to defeat the St. Louis Cardinals 3 to 2 in an exhibition baseball game today.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 2.—(AP)—Behind the three-hit pitching of Al Williams and Bud Thomas the Philadelphia Athletics today shut out Atlanta, of the Southern Association, 2 to 0.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 2.—(AP)—The galloping St. Louis Browns won their third consecutive game from the Toledo Mudhens today, 3 to 0, their 13th straight victory in the grapefruit league.

TUCSON, Ariz., April 2.—(AP)—First Baseman Phil Cavarretta's home run with the bases loaded in the eighth inning gave the Chicago Cubs a 10 to 6 victory today over the Chicago White Sox—the sixth in nine exhibition starts against their city rivals.

ORLANDO, Fla., April 2.—(AP)—Washington broke its losing streak in the grapefruit league today by beating Minneapolis, 18 to 8.

SPORTS

Bearcat Nine Polishes Bats

Works out Against Mixed Team, Prepares for Oregon Contest

Bearcat Coach "Spec" Keene poured baseball practice on in large doses yesterday afternoon as his Willamette university squad spent nearly the whole afternoon in a practice game with a "make-up" team of Townies, ex-Cats and reserves.

No attempt was made to keep a score card on proceedings, Mentor Keene taking advantage of the opportunity to look over his aspirants with wary eyes taking in the shortcomings and spots that will need the most "polishing" before the opening encounter of the season, with the University of Oregon at Eugene next Friday.

St. Mary's Team Defeats Hubbard

MT. ANGEL—St. Mary's graders took their second straight win in the Marion county league games here Friday afternoon to successfully rout the Hubbard boys 10 to 7 and the Hubbard girls 36 to 11.

The two games began simultaneously at 2:30 p. m., Felix Skonietz umpiring for the boys and Joe Schatz for the girls' game.

Washington Open, Amateurs Are Set

SEATTLE, April 3.—(AP)—The Washington state open and amateur golf championship tournaments will be held at the Wenatchee Golf club, Wenatchee, during the week of July 4 to 9, E. L. Mann, president of the Washington State Golf association, announced here today.

Mann, of Wenatchee, set the dates after conferring with his fellow-directors. The open tournament will take up the first two days, July 4 and 5, and the amateur will be held the rest of the week.

Salem Bowlers to Enter at Seattle

SEATTLE, April 2.—(AP)—Garnet Hudson, secretary of the Northwestern International bowling congress, today predicted a record entry of 200 five-man teams or a total of 1,000 pin-smashers in the 26th annual tournament here April 27 to May 8.

Eighty-eight out of town teams already were entered from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia and California.

Sun Egret Wins BOWIE, Md., April 2.—(AP)—Sun Egret, nervous three-year-old chestnut colt with eyes trained on the Kentucky derby, splashed through southern Maryland mud and mist today to a length and a half victory in the \$5,000 Rowe memorial handicap.

YM Natators Take Second

Earn 30 Points to NE's 37, Central's 28 in Portland Meet

Salem YMCA swimmers took second place in a three-way meet at Portland Friday night. Local splashers took firsts in the 40-yard free style and 100-yard free-style events, scoring a total of 30 points to 37 for Northeast Y and 28 for Central.

Results: 100-yard free style relay—Northeast, first; Salem, second; Central, third. Time 1:30. 100-yard breast stroke—Grant, Central, first; Morrison, Northeast, second; Ruecker, Salem, third; Hoffman, Salem, fourth. Time 1:15.5. 40-yard free style—Burris, Salem, first; Hiatt, Central, second; Blank, Northeast, third; Mulkey, Salem, fourth. Time 22 flat. 100-yard back stroke—Nelson, Northeast, first; Mulkey, Salem, second; Woodward, Northeast, third; Lester, Central, fourth. Time 1:18. 100-yard free style—Hoffman, Salem, first; Allen, Northeast, second; Stone, Central, third; Hiatt, Central, fourth. Time 1:04. 220-yard free style—Grant, Central, first; Burris, Salem, second; Davison, Northeast, third; Young, Central, fourth. Time 2:41.5. 180-yard medley—Northeast, first; Central, second; Salem, third. Time 1:56.

Bulldogs Defeat Hubbard Tossers

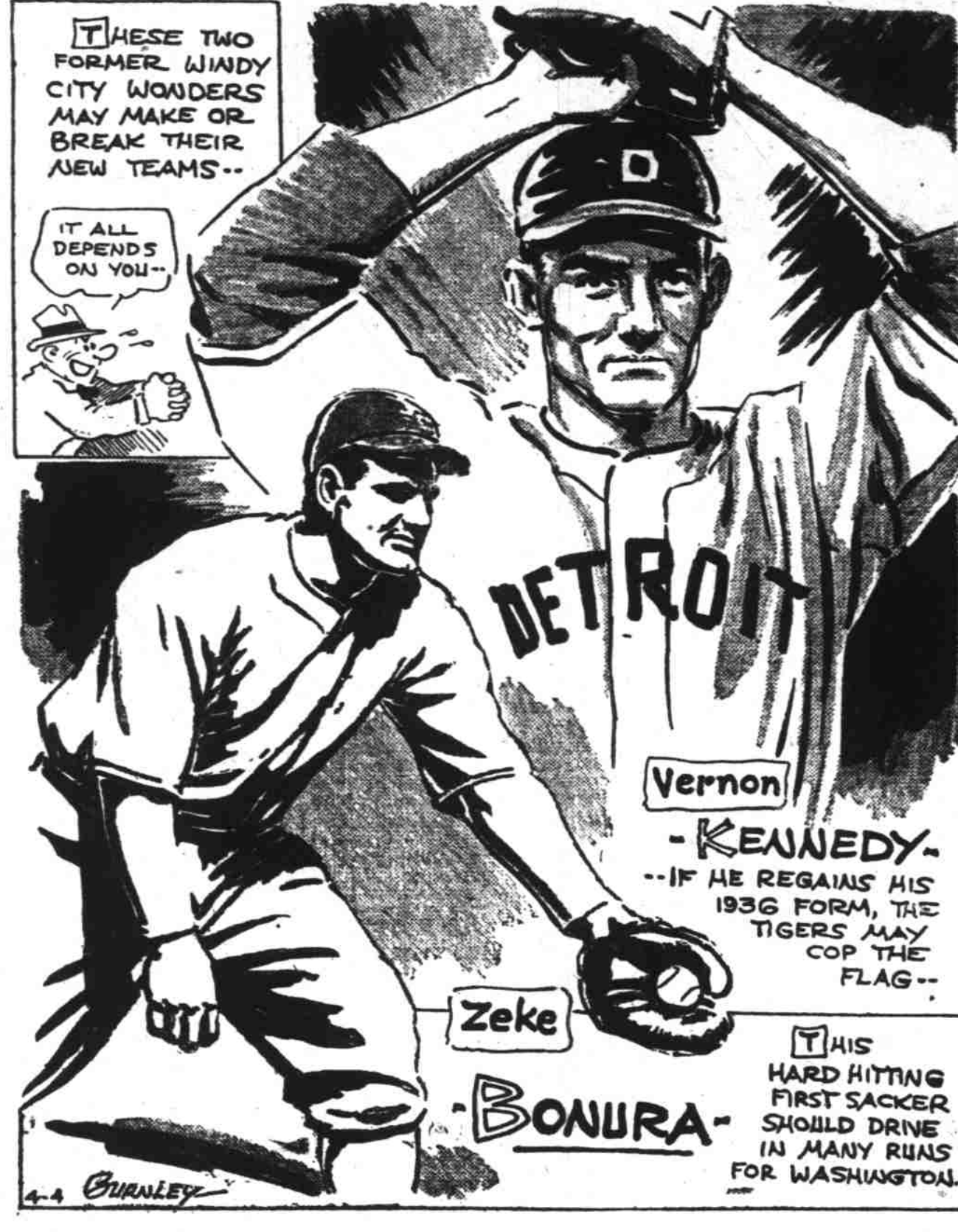
HUBBARD—The Woodburn high school Bulldogs defeated Hubbard high 11 to 4 in a baseball game Friday afternoon.

Woodburn scored eight runs in the first four innings, featured by two home runs by Stetter and Dick Whitman. Hubbard made a rally in the eighth inning when they scored three runs featured by Yant's triple to center field.

Clearlake Wins Tilt

ELDRIDGE—The school softball team met Clearlake school there Wednesday. The score was 12 to 10 in favor of Clearlake.

Ex-Sox Stars in Spotlight



IN the American League, the Chicago White Sox appear to be one team that isn't afraid to make a trade. There were very few swaps of importance made during the off-season, and the Pale Hoos figured in two of these major deals.

strength to overtake the Yankees. Kennedy didn't fare so well in 1937, according to the record books, but he's a top-notch hurler.

Pale Sox, Zeke "Bananas" Bonura, is touted as the man who will lead Washington out of the depths. "Bananas" was acquired by the Senators recently in exchange for Joe Kuhel. Both are first sackers, but Bonura is the better hitter, and Clark Griffith wanted to add power to his batting order.

Six Meet Records Broken as Bear Track Squad Troupes Br'er Bruin Aggregation on Los Angeles Field

LOS ANGELES, April 2.—(AP)—California's blue-jerseyed track and field aggregation trounced all over the Bruins of University of California at Los Angeles today, piling up a 95 to 36 victory in a dual meet that opened the Pacific Coast conference season here.

meet record, and a third negro Bruin star, Tom Berkeley, clipped a 10th of a second off the meet record in winning the low hurdles in 23.7 seconds.

Grimes, Keifer, Calleri and Young in 1937. The pole vault was won by McCarthy of California, 13 feet. Second was Ford, California, 13 feet (great number tries). Third, Moore, California, 12 feet 6 inches.

The big brother Bears from Berkeley scored clean sweeps in six events and the one-mile relay, and broke four of the six meet records that went down during the afternoon.

Here's California's contribution to broken meet records: High jump—Bob Law, 6 feet 3 3/4 inches. Old mark, 6 feet 2 inches set by Law in 1937.

CHICAGO, April 2.—(AP)—No site for the world's heavyweight championship battle between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling will be named until after Schmeling engages Steve Dudas in Hamburg, Germany, April 16. Promoter Mike Jacobs announced tonight.

The performance of giant Woodrow Wilson Strode, in winning the shotput with a heave of 51 feet 5 1/2 inches and the discus throw at 145 feet, and Bill Laceyfield, another negro star, in taking the broad jump and high hurdles, were the highlights of the day.

Strode's shotput mark set a

Jacobs said he would return to Chicago after the forthcoming Illinois statewide election 10 days hence to pursue negotiations for Soldier Field.

Advertisement for Goodrich Safety Silvertown tires. Text includes: 'EASY to buy! EASY to pay!', 'The New Goodrich Safety Silvertown', 'SAFEST THING ON WHEELS', 'Goodrich Silvertown QUALITY Stores SERVICE', '198 South Com'l Walter H. Zosel Phone 9156', 'NO RED TAPE', 'NO DELAYS'.

9th Term Rule Hurts Foxes 9

Rod Oster, Don Kuenzi Go out; Molalla Game Set for Friday

SILVERTON—The ninth semester rule, just inaugurated, has removed two of Silverton high's best baseball players and prospects for the Silverton team, which has been the Willamette valley interscholastic champion since the league was first organized six years ago, look pretty gloomy for the season.

The two men who are out are Rodney Oster and Donald Kuenzi. Among the lettermen who are back are Simmons, Pettyjohn and Johnson, Busch and Grace. The only promising transfer, who may make the first team, is Strickland. The rest of the 30 men who are out for practice are very nearly equal in ability, says Guy DeLay, local coach, who has brought home so many victories for the Silverton team.

Silverton has been handicapped in lack of place to practice. The new ball diamond in Silverton was needed to grass early but because of the cold weather and rain of the past few weeks turf has been slow in forming. Grass is just coming up and playing cannot be done on it as yet. Molalla's game Friday, the first of the season and scheduled for the home field, may have to be played at Molalla or some other nearby diamond.

Oxford Oars Victors LONDON, April 2.—(AP)—In bunpy water, Oxford's gigantic crew rowed to a two-length victory over Cambridge in their 90th annual boat race before a half million spectators today.

THE ZOO AUTO PARK WISHES TO BUY CUB BEARS Ph. 2712 Hubbard, Ore.

WRESTLING Three Red Hot Matches See Tuesday Statesman for Details Salem Armory, TUESDAY APRIL 5 8:30 Lower Floor 50c, Balcony 40c, Reserved Seats 75c (No Tax) Students 25c, Ladies 25c Tickets, Cliff Parker's and Lytle's - Auspices American Legion Herb Owen, Matchmaker