

"Salem is a fine town; it's the best town for its size on the Pacific coast."

"Salem is my town; I've been in business here for 48 years and I owe the town something; I like my town."

"Biddy Bishop is a fine boy; he's dreamed of a baseball club such as this for years, and now he has his chance; he'll make good."

Those, Mr. and Mrs. Baseball Fan, are reasons given your correspondent yesterday by George H. Waters, Salem's baseball benefactor, angel of the diamond and grandfunder of action, for setting the Cherry city up with a Western International baseball league franchise.

The 69-year-old tobacco and candy wholesaler has no visions of building a baseball business on the lines of those erected by the late Colonel Jake Ruppert, Phil K. Wrigley or Cy Sponack. In his own words, he doesn't give a damn if the Salem club doesn't make a nickel. "If it anywhere near breaks even, it's okay by Mr. Waters."

"If the people like the club, that's all I care," Mr. Waters said. "I know that Salem wants a baseball club and I'm giving it to them. Some of the people no doubt think I'm crazy. And, come to think about it, what business HAS a 69-year-old jumping into the baseball business?"

Mr. Waters had already answered the latter question, however, when he said: "I like baseball."

Neat Number.

In speaking of the park he plans to erect on a 10 1/2 acre tract in southeast Salem, near the present trapshoot grounds, what do you reckon the new boss of the Bellingham club emphasized?

Seating capacity? Dimensions? Architectural design? Parking facilities? Accessibility?

Nope, none of those vital factors—all of which have yet to be ironed out. Cleanliness, that is the number one consideration to be given the park by Mr. Waters.

"It's going to be a clean park," he said, and the look that accompanied the statement gave the deep impression that it will be just that.

Mr. Waters is firmly convinced in his own mind that professional baseball will go in Salem. He doesn't share in the least the pessimism evinced by no few local baseball bugs. Of course, he had to have an optimistic outlook to be able to lay out the ground for a \$40,000 or \$50,000 expenditure.

One thing is certain: The club will have a much better chance of success with a straight-shooting local man such as Mr. Waters back of it than if a major league had installed a club here with a stranger at the controls.

Bringing in Manager.

Biddy Bishop, whom Waters has installed as business manager, hit Salem yesterday after completing the deal for the Bellingham franchise. Full of hustle and bustle, he rattled off more plans and promotional schemes for Salem's Western International league edition than Heinz has varieties.

Bishop will handle the business end entirely. He plans to hire a team manager, hoping to get a "name" manager on his trip east in search of a major league connection. "While I will work with the team manager, he will have the run of the club," Bishop stated.

Seven Bellingham contracts were taken over, Bishop revealed. They are those of: Pitchers Herman Clemence, Gordon Mann and Ole Solnita, Outfielders Allen Wray, William "Bucky" Harris and Al Lightner and Shortstop Jimmy Robertson. Harris, who is hitting .301 for the season, is one of the loop's leading hitters, while Clemence and Mann, new men in the Bellingham fold, are both excellent mound prospects, Bishop believes.

Biddy's right bower will be another Bishop, his nephew, Dick Bishop, Dick, who finished up with Payette, Idaho, after playing for the Portland Babes most of the summer in the State League, will be on the payroll as a utility player and assistant manager. Dick, who caught for Dea Moines in the class A Western association in 1937, where he hit .353, is a former University of Oregon baseball and football player.

Spokane Longest Jump.

There will be 65 league home games on the Salem club's (and hadn't we just as well get started calling 'em the Senators?) 1940 schedule, according to Bishop. Besides these, the club will play numerous Monday tilts with Coast league teams, being so situated that they will be easy to obtain, and will also play most of the touring teams such as the House of David, etc.

Longest jump for the Senators will be to Spokane, 425 miles. Next is Vancouver, 394; Wenatchee, 326; Yakima, 249; and closest, Tacoma, 500. A streamlined bus, that will carry plenty of Salem advertising, will transport the club.

Biddy not only believes Salem will go for the class B professional ball that will be dished up here next summer, but believes Salem will go hog wild for it. "We expect to break the national attendance record for towns the size of Salem," he said.

The minimum season attendance at which a club can break even is figured at 70,000 in the WI circuit. This year Spokane broke its own minor league record, hauling 218,000 through the gate.

Referee Exams Set

Examinations for football officials will be conducted at Salem high school from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, it was announced yesterday by Principal Fred Wolf. All men expecting to officiate in this territory must carry A.A.U. officials' cards, and will not be able to work games without them, it is warned.

WI League to Enter City Sports Life

Legion Ball to Be Boosted, School Teams to Use Park

Enthusied Biddy Bishop Arrives With new Plans; Highly Modern Ball Park to Seat 5000; Waters to Own Club and Franchise

Not only will Salem's American Legion, Salem high and the Willamette university baseball teams be allowed to use Salem's new Western International league park free of charge, but the Salem entry in the WI loop hopes to take over and directly sponsor Legion ball here, announced Biddy Bishop, bubbling with enthusiasm, as he arrived on the Salem scene yesterday after concluding purchase of the Bellingham franchise for Salem in Seattle last Friday.

Full of more ideas and expectations than the war is rumors, Bishop stated work would begin on the new park in southeast Salem just as soon as an architect's plans have been adopted. Tentative plans call for a highly modern, illuminated plant with a seating capacity of between 4000 and 5000.

Team and Park Gift
"Mr. Waters (George E. Waters) will own the complete plant, club and franchise," Bishop declared, "and he wants it known that Salem merchants will not be asked for one dime in support of the club. He is giving the team and park to Salem, and means to put a high calibre club in the field."

"It is to be our policy, in accordance with Mr. Waters' wish," said Bishop, "to assist the cause of baseball not only in Salem but also throughout Marion county and the whole state. To further this aim we expect to allow the Legion, high school and Willamette teams to use the plant free of charge whenever we are not ourselves making use of it, and to hold special nights for youngsters from surrounding towns."

To Give Kids Boost
It is also the hope of Waters and Bishop that the whole northwest Legion program can be taken over by the Western International league and directly sponsored by it.

"We're going to cater to kids right straight through," Bishop emphasized. "We intend to form a 'Knobbs' club, under sponsorship of a local merchant. Youngsters will be given pledged cards that will admit them to certain games free of charge."

Bishop, after a short size-up of the situation here, will go east in search of a big league connection for the Salem club, he said. He will interview most of the managers and owners of major league clubs, some of whom are personal friends, and intimate he would give careful consideration to every offer before accepting any.

New Team Berths Open
"I have but seven players under contract," Bishop declared, "and am therefore wide open for talent. We took the best of the Bellingham club and expect to fill up with the best talent we can find."

"We were exceedingly lucky to get the Bellingham franchise," he said. "Four others were bidding for it. Highly instrumental in our success was Arthur 'Monty' Montgomery, business manager of the Spokane club, and well known here in Salem. Both Mr. Waters and I wish Montgomery's assistance made known."

Bishop, highly optimistic, not only predicted success for Salem's initial professional baseball club, but also forecast the club would set a new national attendance record for towns the size of Salem in its first year of operation.

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SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The Washington state branch of the A. A. U., will support Portland in its bid to stage an American some minor edition of the Olympics in case the games are cancelled because of the European war.

Roscoe "Torchy" Torrance, A. A. U. representative in this state, said however, it would be necessary to have definite word of the Finnish cancellation first.

League Baseball

COAST LEAGUE (Before Night Games)
W. L. Pct.
Seattle 35 69 .507
Los Angeles 30 55 .545
San Francisco 29 55 .519
Sacramento 25 54 .463
San Diego 21 48 .438
Hollywood 22 51 .432
Portland 22 51 .432
Oakland 24 55 .438

NATIONAL LEAGUE
W. L. Pct.
Cincinnati 79 50 .612
St. Louis 77 55 .583
Chicago 72 62 .541
Brooklyn 69 61 .531
New York 65 62 .512
Pittsburgh 67 71 .485
Boston 57 72 .442
Philadelphia 41 88 .318

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W. L. Pct.
New York 36 39 .711
Boston 30 35 .590
Chicago 27 35 .579
Cleveland 23 61 .545
Detroit 20 64 .522
Washington 19 78 .437
Philadelphia 18 87 .356
St. Louis 16 97 .271

Spokane 10, Tacoma 8.

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Seattle Rainiers Clinch Coast Pennant

Football—Here
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Late Stickwork Wins for Reds

Timely Clouts in Tenth Aid Cincy to Come From Behind, 3-2

CINCINNATI, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Some late but timely clouting by Billy Myers and Buck Marzullo enabled the Reds to come from 'way behind for a ten-inning 3-2 decision over the Brooklyn Dodgers today to maintain their 3 1/2-game pace at the head of the National league.

Brooklyn 2 5 1
Cincinnati 3 10 1
Hamlin, Crouch (10) and Todd, Hershberger (10); Walters and Lombardi.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The Cardinals remained on even footing with the leading Cincinnati Reds today by defeating the Philadelphia Phillies, 4 to 3, in the first game of their final home stand.

Three of the Redbirds' five hits off Oke Pearson were home runs. The first one was by Joe Medwick in the second inning; the second by Johnny Mize in the fifth and the big one by Terry Moore with one on in the seventh.

Philadelphia 3 7 1
St. Louis 4 5 1
Pearson and V. Davis; McGee, Bowman (7) and Padgett.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Hank Leiber and Rip Russell hit homers, Leiber with the bases loaded, and Billy Herman stole home today to help Bill Lee score his 17th triumph as the Chicago Cubs trounced the Boston Bees, 8 to 3.

Boston 3 8 1
Chicago 8 15 1
Posedel, Barnicle (6), Earley (7), and Lopez, Mast (2); Lee and Mancuso.

(New York at Pittsburgh postponed, rain).

Olympic Games in Portland Possible

Northwest AAU Considers W. Hemisphere Event if Finns Cancel

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35 Answer Call To Linfield Grid

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Sept. 12.—(AP)—Thirty-five men answered the first football practice call at Linfield college here yesterday and Coach Wayne Harn put them through a stiff warmup.

Linfield's first game is with Humboldt State at Eureka, Calif., September 23.

Sammy Danzuka at fullback, other boys who will see a lot of action in the Hood River game are: John Jackson, Richard Woods, Alfred Whitford, Stanley Williams, Harold Joseph and Alfred Clark.

In a practice game held last weekend, the regulars defeated the seconds 14 to 7 in a brisk battle. There is not a regular left from last year's team and the boys this year are young and small.

Two Other Irishmen Rank Next; Bud Ward in but Far Down List

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—(P)—Faith and begorra, 'twas a great day for the Irish!

Three sons of old Erin—Tom Sheehan, Maurice McCarthy and B. Patrick Abbott—made the 22nd of the world's golf championship's windup qualifying program their own party today.

Sheehan, a husky 22 year old youth who is learning the gear mechanics business in Detroit, came out of the scrap on top with a great 36-hole total of 139.

He gave him medalist honors and clipped two shots off the all-time 36-hole qualifying record for the 43-year-old championship, which tomorrow will send 64 players in to match play.

McCarthy, a copper pipe salesman from Cincinnati and longtime amateur star, was the kingpin most of the day with a 142 total before Sheehan took command.

Abbott, a movie extra who was a finalist last year against champion Willie Turnesa, was third at 143.

Turnesa, with a 74 today for a 149 aggregate, was well within the qualifying field.

Harry Haverstick of Lancaster, Pa., who had a pace-setting 68 yesterday, fell off to a 78 and was in the 144 bracket with Ross "Sandy" Somerville, former champion, who had 73 today.

Another ex-champion, Johnny Goodman, who won the national open title here in 1923, was at 145, a stroke ahead of such well known as Marvin "Bud" Ward and Dick Chapman.

25 Badgers Turn out

FOREST GROVE, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Twenty-five Pacific university football players turned out for the opening workout today, led by Capt. Ernie Naef. Eight returning lettermen, six experienced reserves and 11 first year men were included.

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Bobby Riggs and Alice Marble Take National Tennis Matches

By GAYLE TALBOT

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Sept. 12.—(AP)—The two Wimbledon champions, Bobby Riggs and Alice Marble, each clipped off another slight sector in the national tennis tournament at Forest Hills today, as the communiques would say.

Bobby didn't remove his sweater until the second set in administering a brisk 6-4, 6-2, 8-6 spanking to young Edward Allou of Berkeley, Cal., while Alice popped jelly Betty Nuthall of London, 6-0, 6-2, before a chilled stadium crowd.

This placed the pair of them in the quarter-finals, along with approximately half the championship field. One women's match, between Dorothy Bundy of Santa Monica, Cal., and Mrs. Fred James Hamersley of England was postponed until tomorrow because of Mrs. Hamersley's illness.

Grimes' Homer Beats Champs

Tenth Inning Clout Leads off Indians Scoring for 4-3 Triumph

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Young Ossie Vitt hit a home run to lead off the tenth inning today, giving the Cleveland Indians a 4 to 3 victory over the Yankees and snapping the world champions' eight-game winning streak.

The defeat, coupled with the Boston Red Sox victory, sliced the Yanks' American league lead to 16 games, and still left them needing four more decisions to clinch the pennant.

Joe DiMaggio, unable to hit in five batting chances, dropped below the 400 batting mark for the season, but became eligible for the loop's hitting championship by boosting his times-at-bat for the year to 402, two over the required minimum.

New York 4 13 0
Cleveland 3 9 1
Harder and Hemsley; Gomes and Dickey.

Ilaki Gets Nod Amid Fans' Ire

Arab Prince Retains His World's Belt by Win From Cummings

They didn't like it, the faithful 400 who sprinkled around Salem's rascally arena last night, but Prince Ilaki nevertheless retained a world's bust-em-beak title.

The Arabian high muckmuck not only carried away the same hunk of hardware he carried into the pit, but also the distrustful wrath of the meagre crowd. He defended his title in no lordly manner, ringriders thought, and made known their thoughts will vociferous vituperations.

After each had gained a fall, Ilaki by use of a common, ordinary choke hold, and Bob Cummings, his challenger, by use of a fist to the chin, the Prince lowered the boom on the Moroccan with a loosely loaded left hook for the third and deciding fall.

Cummings had the folks with him, but Ilaki still has the belt—or had, at 10:55 1/2 o'clock last night.

The opener, a tame tussle, was taken by the meane combine of George Kitmiller and Rod Fenton. Fenton and Kitmiller took the first and third falls from Ernie Pluso and King Kong Klayton, getting the first in 16:15 and the deciding issue in 7:09.

Bowling

STATE LEAGUE (Men)

COMPUTING DEPT.
Payne 155 186-479
Harrison 109 117 109-339
Rohde 80 62 98-240
Holshier 106 106 107-318
Loofis 133 184 144-461
Totals 607 587 647 1841

TABULATING DEPT.
Rogers 131 232 143-306
Young 141 169 143-452
Kingwell 129 168 127-364
Busby 167 107 155-429
Totals 683 763 725 2191

BENEFITS DEPT.
Vallereux 124 169 177-471
Dashner 114 117 127-358
Doerflinger 112 131 105-348
King 87 139 125-351
Evans 142 168 144-474
Totals 674 744 688 2106

ADJUSTMENTS DEPT.
Harvey 124 155 124-403
Buckholz 143 161 167-471
Mark 104 101 113-318
Joon 87 139 125-351
Falkenberg 96 114 108-318
Totals 554 609 609 1858

STATE LEAGUE (Ladies)

FIVE THREATS
Arlene Krutz 90 75 241
M. Leppacher 120 101 125-346
Bartholman 69 80 127-286
L. Carlton 61 62 96-219
G. Fort 84 101 108-320
Totals 370 340 300 1210

QUALITY QUINETS
M. Alford 108 137 154-397
M. Leppacher 120 101 125-346
B. Lacey 54 60 123-168
T. Ladden 58 40 68-161
Kay Meyer 72 71 69-129
Totals 220 264 418 1009

PUNCHNETTES
Betty Woodruff 66 64 63-193
Jean Bullis 85 85 85-255
Rose Tanner 123 77 99-299
T. Ladden 58 40 68-161
Kay Meyer 72 71 69-129
Totals 406 345 378 1189

U. C. QUINETS
Gladine Godfrey 120 101 124-355
T. Bouffleur 179 103 108-390
Ann Rose 108 102 160-370
M. Hixon 87 98 98-283
Kay Binge 63 70 78-200
Totals 586 474 560 1560

Touchdowns

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Coast Champ To Be Decided

Games Here Thursday and Friday to Be Girls' Title Contests

It's for an unofficial Pacific coast championship that the local Pacific coast softball league will be battling Thursday and Friday nights, it was revealed yesterday by Gurnee Fleisher, manager of the Salem Softball association.

The winner of the Pade-Barick-Seattle Brown Bombers game Thursday night, which will open at 8 o'clock, will play the Vancouver, B.C. Sparlings for the unofficial coast title Friday night at the same hour.

Southern Champs Beaten
It all came about this way: The Pade-Baricks had already walloped the Stockton, Calif., girls, champions of their native state, and had beaten the Yuba City girls, runners-up for the California state title, so it was decided to invite the best Washington and best British Columbia teams to Salem for an unofficial Pacific coast championship tournament.

Bombers Are Stronger
The Seattle Bombers, composed of colored girls, were beaten out here last season, 8-7, by the Pade-Baricks, but since have reportedly strengthened and improved. As the Salem girls have already conquered practically the entire state of California, the local management believes a tournament between the P-B's and the best of Washington and British Columbia will provide a coast championship.

Saturday night will wind up the local softball situation, when Waits and Square Deal will each play a seven-frame tilt against the colored Ghosts, who wowed a near capacity throng here earlier in the year.

Kentuckians Take Softball Throne

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The Covington, Ky., boosters hit timely behind the superb pitching of Norb (Cyclone) Warken tonight at Soldier Field to defeat Columbus, O., 5 to 1 in the finals of the national men's softball tournament.

Alameda, Calif., scored its second successive national women's softball championship by knocking the Louisville, Ky., girls, 1 to 0 on the no-hit pitching of Beanie Johnson.

Wenatchee Wins WI Playoff Start

WENATCHEE, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Wenatchee's champion Chiefs started after another Western International league title by taking the Vancouver Capitanos 6 to 1 in the opener of the post-season playoff here tonight.

Vancouver 1 11 0
Wenatchee 6 10 0
Mills and Volpi; Pintar and Niemiller.

Cross Word Puzzle

1-Who explored the Mississippi with Marquette?
2-Swords
3-French article
4-What is the first name of the statesman who became Lord Protector of England in 1653?
5-Where did the Renaissance what island was "not far on this