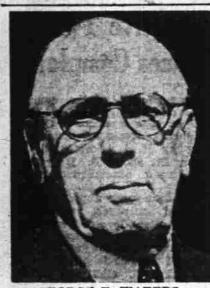
# Salem's new Baseball 'Boss' Is old One--of '91

# Waters Tells Of Old Team

Douglas Minto Is Only Living Player of Squad of 1891

By RON GEMMELL Baseball boss in 1891 and baseball boss in 1940, that's to be the record of George E. Waters, 69year-old Salem clgar and confectionery wholesaler, whose recent



GEORGE E. WATERS

acquisition of a Western International, class B professional baseball league franchise for Salem places him squarely in the Doubleday business for the second time in almost half a century.

For back in 1891, 48 years ago as the crow flies, Waters was coowner of a Salem baseball team that played on a location near the present fairgrounds. He lost \$1,-500 in the venture, which even in those days the boys didn't refer to as hay, but, as he says, "I had a barrel of fun and what the heck is this life for anyway!"

'91 Brings Memories Fond memories flicker through Waters' still young eyes when he talks about his team of '91. He becomes almost as effusive as does he about his prospective team of because "Salem is his town and he likes Salem and Salem people."

State street office. Waters can al director, announced. tell you something about each of The branch office, Godwin

Waters, at the same time remembering that Henry Cornoyer, now was the "butcher" boy or "hawker" for the ball park of 1891. Cornoyer Peddled Lemonade

"Henry," laughingly remembers Waters, "peddled lemonade in the grandstand and among the buggies. We fined him his commission if he didn't bring back the piece of lemon peel served in each glass."

The 1891 team, composed of five Salem boys and four itinerants, two of whom were brought here from San Francisco, teaveled by horse and buggy to play surrounding teams, including Silverton, McMinnville, Dallas and Portland clubs.

Mitts Awkward the first baseman and catcher made use of anything that in the least resembled the gloves of today, and they were awkward, fullpadded affairs. The catcher, though, had need for a mitt only on the third strike, for in those days he'd take the first two on the hop, away back from the plate. After two strikes, the receiver would hold the game up while he nonchalantly donned mask and pretector, and moved up to the plate to receive the third strike.

Third Baseman Josh Riley was the last of the eight boys of the team to die, according to Waters. Riley, up to the time of his death two years ago, was employed in the San Francisco tax assessor's office, where Waters visited him upon two or three occasions. Frank Cross Recalled

Among the Salem members of the club was Frank Cross, uncle of the late Curtis Cross, who practiced dentistry in South America after leaving Salem. Cross played an outfield position. Other Salem boys, besides Outfielder Minto and Cross, were Outfielder Jay Smith. whose home was situated where the state liquor store is now; Shortstop Sammy Booth, whose family owned and operated a livery stable, and Clifford Melon, first baseman. Matt Stanley, who later was

with Seattle in the Coast league, caught for the '91ers. He was brought here from San Francisco. Other out-of-town players included Pitcher Joe Levque, Second Baseman "Pop" Collet and Shortstop Billy Levan.

Sees Profits This Time While he lost money on that hard-playing, hard-drinking team of '91, Boss Waters isn't of the opinion he'll have to dig into a reserve fund for his 1940 Sena-

"I think Salem and the Salem territory will support a team of the class we are going to put in here," he says. "I don't care if I never make a dime out of the team. I know that Salem has long wanted a ball park and team. Now it's going to have it, with no strings attached."

"Keep this in mind," he warns, "It's going to be a good team."

#### Come to Take Ostenreider

EUGENE, Sept. 23-(A)-Two Des Moines, Ia., officials arrived here Friday to return Fred Ostenreider, 21, for trial on a charge

Coming of WI League Recalls Salem Club of 1891



## Branch of PWA Kept at Portland

Northwest Regional Office Closed but City Gets Secondary Office

The regional office of the public works administration at Port-'40, a team he's "giving" Salem land officially closed yesterday, but a branch office will be maintained in Portland as headquar-Pictures of the mustachioed ters for PWA traveling engineer members of the club today adorn inspectors assigned to the norththe walls and desks of his lower west, Kenneth A. Godwin, region-

those hearties of yesteryears dia- stated, will serve as a point of monds. With the exception of contact for project owners, con-Centerfielder Douglas Minto, who tractors and public officials who today resides at 821 Saginaw may wish to discuss construction street, all of the boys of that club problems with PWA representa-

The closing of the Portland names regional office is the final step great variety of in the consolidation of region plants, I am ina prominent local hop merchant, No. 7, comprising Oregon, Wash- clined to believe ingtor, Idaho and Alaska, with that when he is region No. 6, which embraces away from his region No. 6, which embraces away from his California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. Godwin, director of region No. 6, with headquarters in San the botanist. Francisco, has assumed jurisdiction over the combined regions.

Merger Was Order The merger of the two regions was in compliance with instructions from Federal Works Administrator John M. Carmody, who recently ordered a 50 per cent reduction in PWA personnel throughout the country.

"Since congress did not authorize an appropriation at its last large fruit. This would certainly session to continue PWA construction activities, it is neces-That was in the days when only sary to close out the present program as efficiently as possible tively cold ones, and just comwithin the budgetary limitations mon ones all during the past 15 that already have been set," Director Godwin explained. "Work on projects under construction interest in Dr. Clements' garden will continue until the job is finished, but nearly all the projects in this region will be completed pawpaws are native in Michigan during the next three months.

against the closing of the region- I saw at Salem, they do very al office at Portland indicates there has been a slight misapprehension as to the effect of the as a shrub. The foliage is handregional merger on the PWA pro- some and the flowers in spring gram in the northwest. It is not rather attractive. I find the fruit anticipated that any delay in the transaction of business will be caused by the amalgamation of ories of my native Michigan or the two regions. Matter requiring whether it is really good I am immediate attention can be for- no judge to say. There are a numwarded to San Francisco by airmail or airmail special delivery, not care for its peculiar flavor. which usually is delivered on the same day as posted."

Consolidation of the two regional offices, originally announced for September 15, was delayed a week to give C. C. Hockley, director of region No. 7, additional time to wind up the affairs of the Portland office.

#### More Mouths to Feed But Still Haven't Job

PORTLAND, Sept. 23-(A)-Mr. and Mrs. George M. Merriman of Bristol, Conn., arrived here today on a motorcycle with their pets - two ducks, two monkeys, two dogs and a par-

Merriman said he and his wife had ridden 24,000 miles this year looking for a job. Their fondness for animals accounted for the sidecar full of

#### State Newspapers Favor Pay and Take It Plan

PORTLAND, Sept. 23-(P)-Oregon daily newspapers, polled on the neutrality issue by the Portland Oregonian today, voted 70 per cent for the "cash and carry" amendment as advocated by President Roosevelt. Twelve favored the amendment,

five opposed it and four did not cast votes.

Portland Marks 39th

George E. Waters' first baseball venture was this Salem team of 1891, < which played on a location near the present state fairgrounds. Front row—Outfielder Jay Smith, Salem; Pitcher Joe Levque, itinerant; Outfielder Douglas Minto, who today lives at 821 Saginaw; Catcher Mat Stanley, who went from Salem to Seattle in the Coast league; and Third Baseman Josh Riley, who died two years ago in San Francisco- Back row-Second Baseman "Pop" Collet, ttinerant; Shortstop Sammy Booth, Salem; First Baseman Clifford Melon, Salem; Shortstop Billy Levan, itinerant; and Outfielder Frank Cross, uncle of the late Curtis Cross, Salem.

## **How Does Your** Garden Grow?

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Clements' gardens at Salem. Dr. Clements tells me that he was a botanist before he was a medical man, and judging from the

ease with which he recalls the

is carrying on some interesting Miss Madsen experiments which eventually produced. should furnish interesting results. Much of his experimentation is beyond the stage of uncertainty. There is, for instance, the Japa-For 15 years it has grown in indicates that Persimmons can withstand Oregon winters. We

have had rainy winters, compara-Another tree I found of great "The number of protests states. But judging from those well here also. The tree grows phate. small and one thinks of it almost delicious, but whether that is because it carries childhood member of people, I know, who do Its seeds are large, but, I am told, grow readily. They germinate rapidly, and under proper conditions come into bearing be-

#### best in rich and moist soil where drainage is perfect. Grows Camelias

fore very old. The pawpaws grow

Another experiment which Dr. Clements was making and which found particularly interesting was that of growing camelias by seed. Very few camelias produce seeds in this community, I find. Dr. Clements himself said he knew of only one at Calem. He has obtained seeds from this and some of the seedlings are about found out. The bushes look strong

But there were other camelia seedlings in the doctor's experimental beds. I was surprised to learn that we have an agent in Oregon from whom one can obtain seeds from the Kobe, Japan. house, "The Chugai Nursery." From seeds thus obtained, Dr. Clements had scores of little camelias, rhododendrons and azaleas. In the camelia bed were three varieties. There were the broad-leaved more common varieties such as the japonicas. Then there was a smaller-leaved variety, sasanqua. I had never seen any of these in bloom, and Dr.

Seed of camelias will germinate in about two months. It is best PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 23-(P) to start them in flats and pick

none around here.

during the dry season keep the moss is best for this. Half-shade football. is essential for good flowers. The seeds of camelias are almost the size of hazel nuts.

#### Others From Seeds

It is all very well to buy shrubs about the home grounds, but if ber of commerce, tentatively that is your only pretense at gar- scheduled for the Multnomah ho- tion," Governor Sprague said. dening you miss half the fun. tel. In every garden there should be a space for experiments. I was surprised at the great variety of shrub and tree seeds one can get. It is only through experimentation that new varieties are Answers to inquirles:

Peonies should be planted now. Move your old ones (Mrs. G. B. C.) if they need it and set out nese Persimmon tree full of fruit. new ones. There are some very fine new varieties which will give his garden and it is loaded with you what you are after, I believe. There are some that are almost yellow. There are some that are really fragrant, there are double ones and single ones. Don't crowd your peonies. Be sure they are in the sun and give them years and yet the tree grows on. plenty of room. Don't plant them too deeply (two or three inches below the surface of the soil is was the pawpaw (asimina) which enough) and insure good drainhe had grown from seed. The age. Do not fertilize the first year of planting. Peonies which and Indiana and neighboring have been in one place for two or three years may be given some greatest trek of history, along the bonemeal or some potassium sul-

E. E. D .- Don't crowd your young shrubs. In setting out new plantings, select young, strong, shape. Depend upon annuals and to take care of them.

#### Aster Trouble

L. W. I .- Asters "yellows" is likely the cause of your aster trouble. This disease distorts the plants and the flowers do not develop. It is said this disease is not in the ground but is transmitted from weeds by leaf hoppers. Destroy the diseased plants at once. Keep all weeds cut down and burned in the vicinity of the asters. In preparing the bed for next year put some ground limestone into the soil and give it a good dose of bonemeal. Spade this well in early in the spring. Spray with a poison spray.

Dr. D. R .- Brown rot is a disease common to flowering almonds. The dying of leaves and branches in late spring is one of 15 inches high. What type of the indications. Now cut out all bloom they will have is yet to be dead branches and burn. Spray with bordeaux. In early February spray with lime sulphur and when the bushes have flowered repeat the bordeaux spray.

C. R. W .- Your maple tree is likely suffering from anthracnose which shows in irregular dead areas beginning in the margin of limate mixed with sand and the leaves. It does somewhat resemble sun scald. Cut out the dead branches and spray with bordeaux. You should spray the tree again early in spring, and bent lawns. After the "cure" apyou may have to repeat during the summer season.

D. H .- Bordeaux will control the geranium disease to which

### Check Brown Spot

tilizer, and thorough watering the use of two ounces of calomel place them in spring.

# Challenge to Be

Salem Delegation to Take Invitation October 5 for Football Here

Plans are underway here for the Salem junior chamber of commerce to arrive in Portland at noon, October 5, to challenge Portlanders to come to the capital During the week I had the bushes vigorous. They should city to see Willamette university pleasure of again visiting Dr. H. have a mulch around them. Peat and Portland university play

Tommy Hoxie, general chairman of the caravan, said more than 200 Salem folk would ride

Many special entertainment features are being planned, including and plants "ready-made" to set land Lions club and junior cham- toward promoting state-wide in-

> Last year the Portland Lions came to Salem and challenged the local citizens. This year's is a return engagement of an event which probably will become annual.

> The trek to Portland will serve notice on the citizens there that Salem is 100 per cent behind the university football team. A parade through the city and special street corner stunts will round out the plans of the committee in charge.

#### Bits for Breakfast

(Continued from page 4) Lee mission, at a meeting which

adjourned from one invoked by Jason Lee. All this brought settlers. Soon the ox wagons were heading the Old Oregon Trail. American government was on the march.

But California slept on. Captain Sutter, who was to establish a medium small specimens of good headquarters which became the rendezvous of American advanceperennials to fill in the gaps un- ment, came over the Old Oregon til the shrubs are large enough Trail; he rode up to the "old" mission, on his way to the beginnings which realized his dreams of empire.

> coverers of gold in California on January 24, 1848.

Oregon settlers furnished, from

the Salem district, the three dis-

And Oregon furnished the first gold rushers. She sent the men who broke California as a state into the Union, without undergoing a territorial form.

She sent her provisional government supreme judge, Peter H. Burnett, to be California's first governor, and he took with him Oregon's enacted laws, which became in turn some of the first statutes of California.

So, Salem is the highest point of history on the Pacific side of the Americas, as related to American government; as related to Protestant Christian civilization. Salem has a franchise for the celebrations of 1940 and 1942. And we should be on our way, and

and one ounce of corrosive subspruce over 1000 square feet of lawn. The same bulletin also says that blue grass lawns are not as subject to the disease as are the plication, the lawn should be well watered.

well on our way, right now.

Mrs. A. K. C .- Very likely your soil is too acid for your climatis. you refer. Are you sure that your Dig in some lime and bonemeal. 20 and who was the daughter of Cut out the majority of the Edward VII, on a new Cherity Clements admitted he knew of Geraniums are much more sub- growth. Crowded growth tends to series of stamps. Like all Norject to disease in a damp, sour cause mildew. There is little use way's stamps, the new series is soil. Liming the soil also helps of spraying now as your blooms plain with only the queen's bust R. D.—Don't destroy the prim-value below.

# Committee to **Boost Sports**

State Group Is Named to Fan Interest in Athletic Events

Governor Charles A. Sprague has announced appointment of members of a statewide commitmittee to cooperate and assist in the stimulation of interest in intercollegiate football and other



DOUGLAS McKAY

athletic events in Oregon. Aaron M. Frank, Portland, is chairman. Other members are:

Roland Davis, E. C. Emmons, Tom Stoddard, Allan Rinehart, R. Earl Riley, P. L. Jackson, E. P. Hoyt, Paul B. McKee, Ross Mc-Intyre, Robert Eaton, A. B. Graham, all of Portland; William Tugman, Eugene; C. E. Ingalls, Corvallis; J. A. Murray, Pendle-ton; Charles Reynolds, LeGrande; Handed Portland | ton; Charles Reynolds, LeGrande; Dr. Ed Durno, Medford; Theodore Cramer, Jr., Grants Pass; Henry Fowler, Bend; Frank Holmes, Klamath Falls; Merle Chessman, Astoria; Ben Chandler, Marshfield; Douglas McKay, Salem; George Wernmark, The Dalles; George Scott, Baker, and Lars Bladine, McMinnville.

More Games Wanted

The function of the committee is to devise ways and means of assisting the athletic representatives of the various schools in securing the maximum number of games for Portland, Salem, Corvallis, Eugene and other centers, Governor Sprague said.

Suggesting ways and means of in the caravan. Sheriff A. C. stimulating interest looking to- stepped the bachelor tax by mar-Burk will lead the group of cars ward maximum attendance at all rying during July, as against 20,which will include a bus carrying athletic events held in Oregon, 446 in June. Dr. Clements also proved how the Willamette university band. also is a function of the commit-

> "It is felt that appointment of a luncheon meeting of the Port- this committee will go a long way privilege of remaining unmarried. journey to the Willamette valley, terest in major athletic competi-

## Woodburn High Elects Officers

WOODBURN - Class meetings were held this week at the high school and the following officers were elected:

Seniors: Patty Smith, president; Paul Halter, vice president; Edith Pelto, secretary; Ray Gillis, treasurer; Ada Claire Renn, inter-

class rivalry chairman. Juniors: Jack Beck, president; Grace Lindeken, vice president; Betty Jo Otterstrom, secretarytreasurer; and Doris Jones, inter-

class rivalry chairman. Freshmen: William Bentley and Grace Warwick were elected interclass rivalry chairmen. Other freshman officers will be elected in the near future. At a student body meeting this week, Jack and Frank Beck (twins) were elected yell kings and Helen Yoder and Maxine Richmond were elected song queens for the coming year.

### About Stamps

Hello, Fellow Collectors: After a rather topsy-turvy summer, I hope that this column will be a regular feature this winter if you readers enjoy and wish it. The latest first-day cover notice of a US stamp announces that to him for collecting even though a special three-cent stamp com- in reality, he may not have been memorating the 300th anniversary of the first printing in colonial America will be on sale beginning September 25. The design is of the first printing press used at that time and is of special delivery size, purple in color. New York city received the honor of being first-day city for the new stamp's issuance.

At long last the Union of South Africa is honoring the arrival of some particularly brave and adventurous Hugenots who set foot there in 1688 after the Edict of Nantes' appearance in 1685. The stamps say 1688-1938 but are appearing on the scene in a slightly detained manner. The designs are as follows:

1/2 dx 1/2 shows the Old Vicarage at Paarl, the headquarters of the original settlement.

1dx1d representing the Reformation and Hugenot sacrifices made; symbolized on the stamp in the form of a cross above the rising run. 1 % dx1 % d showing a scene in

Drakenstein mountain valley, original home of the refugees. Norway has ushered in the appearance of their late Queen

of murdering Harold Dreher, 48, last July 27.

Ostenreider confessed complicity, Sheriff C. W. Swaria said, in the alaying of Dreher, but declared a companion, Francis

Welch, fired the fatal shot.

—Portland recorded its 39th traffic fatality of the year Friday acquired their first change of leaves. Camelias, as most of you lea ntil you are sure they will | Reports are that war covers lectors.

# Long Wagon Trip to Gold Country Rewarded Pioneer Brooks Farmer With Fabulous Price for Apples

Fruit trees of many kinds and especially apple trees were planted in the Willamette valley at a very early date. Soon the young apple trees were heavily bearing many varieties of perfectly sound apples, there being no pests in Oregon at that time to injure fruit. Samuel Ramp and family had settled at Brooks, rented land and engaged in wheat farming. They had harvested their grain one autumn and stored 3000 bushels of wheat in their barn, waiting for the wheat buyer who rode florseback through the valley each fall, from farm to farm, buying wheat. But there was no sale for apples. There was no way to ship them to market. Farmers were giving them away by the wagon-

good wagon and a strong yoke of oxen. He built an extra high quantities of straw from his wheat field, and carefully picked apples from his own and other orchards and carefully packed every apple in straw so that it would not bruise in hauling over rough roads, until he had accumulated a great wagonload of apples. With a frying pan, a side of bacon and some flour he voked his oxen for

## **Bachelor Tax** Aids Bambinos

Celibates Are Forced by State to Take Role of Godfather

By LLOYD LEHRBAS ROME-(Correspondent of the Associated Press) -Italian bachelors are financial godfathers to thousands of the "bambinos" demand for a higher birthrate. Since the bachelors are not contributing children to fascist Italy. they are especially taxed to pay for the births, care and upbringing of babies of needy families which provide future citizens and soldiers for expanding Italy.

Number Marrying Declines Official statistics issued today, however, show only 17,683 back-

thers" now pay approximately on their journey to Oregon and

marked for maintenance of "the national institution for the protection of motherhood and infancy," national organization founded to assist women in childbirth and infants and children who would otherwise do without special, scientific care.

In addition to the special bachelor tax, the unmarried males of the country pay a supplementary tax over and above the normal income tax paid by all males. The tax is levied on all unmar-

ried males at the rate of \$5.75 for those between 25 and 30; \$7.75, between 30 and 55; and \$4.25, between 55 and 65. Foreigners Excepted

Exempted are all foreigners, Catholic priests, war veterans, military persons whose marriage is subject to certain conditions, incompetents whose marriage is forbidden by law, permanently disabled, or those confined to poor houses or hospitals provided they do not have an income exceeding \$7.50 a year.

Also exempted are men who although not having contracted regular marriage have one or more children recognized as legitimate by royal decree. Employers are obliged to with-

hold the tax from laborers' pay. Fathers must pay the tax for sons who have no income of their Collector Posts Bond

The collector must collect from each bachelor in his jurisdiction or lose money since he posts a bond binding him to pay the state the mounts of taxes turned over able to collect from the taxpayer.

(Editor's note: This story of pioneer transportation was written by Carey F. Martin. A son of these pioneers. B. F. Ramp, who was born July 23, 1850, and a daughter, Emma Ramp Sturgis, are the only living members of the original family in the price of the original family. said: "Mother, when the price of wheat comes up to \$1.20 per bu-

shel, sell all the wheat." As it was necessary each day to drive to a place where the oxen would have good pasture, the journey was very slow besides the roads were not much more than mere trails and he had to drive carefully to protect the anples. If, after 10 or 12 miles, he came to a place with good water and good open grazing for his oxen, he camped for the night.

Gold Dust for Apples After a very long time he reached Jacksonville at the very height of its great mining boom Thousands upon thousands of people were simply "milling" in the streets and when they discovered this great wagonload of nice fresh apples, they almost mobbed our Brooks farmer. Each man had A Way Out

Mr. Ramp had an idea. He had

dust and gold nuggets. They

were so anxious to get the apples a leather or buckskin sack of gold were so anxious to get the apples that they would not wait to weigh bed on his wagon, gathered up out the gold dust. Frequently a man would offer a good sized gold nugget for two or three nice apples. The apples went so fast that Mr. Ramp was unable to even estimate the price per bushel as they were sold a few at a time. He had struck a gold mine without turning a spade full of dirt.

With a great leather bag full of gold dust and nuggets as his only load he slowly and happily made his way home. So far as careful inquiry goes it is believed that neither he nor his family ever revealed the value of that leather bag of gold. It is safe to say that those apples brought fabulous

Wheat Brings High Price His first question upon reach-

ing home was to ask if "Mother" had sold the wheat. Her answer was that she had sold it, but without saying at what price. "Well, did you get \$1.20?" he asked. Her answer, was her usual answer, "I did better than that, I got \$1.25 per bushel." She was always able to drive a bargain at a little higher price in making a Italy is begetting in its unceasing she was proud of and one that sale than her husband, a fact that her good husband enjoyed. Some people were unkind

enough to say that "Uncle Sammy" was "hen-pecked" by his energetic wife, but the real truth is that he greatly loved and admired her for her wit and cleverness in business dealings.

By their own joint efforts they amassed in their lifetime a considerable fortune, without a single dollar of capital upon their arrival in Oregon. Their original ox team and wagon were gone by the time they reached The Dalles The special bachelors tax is ear- the energetic wife and mother carrying her baby on her back as she walked. She was a pioneer fighter for woman suffrage and prohibition in Oregon. Her name was Mary A. Ramp.



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