

From the BLEACHERS By AL LIGHTNER

Now that our Senators have signed themselves a manager, (Charlie Petersen will make a good one too,) and have announced when spring training will start, we can expect to see some fur a flyin' on Salem's baseball front for long.

Hard telling just who will be taking the field in Senator suits when the bell rings on April 25, but the ground work has been laid now; so the acquisition of players and who's going to play who, when and where, are all that remains to be done before setting the campaign sails.

As to the selection of Pete as the skipper—this corner told you what it thought of that idea last Tuesday—his background and character, plus his leadership ability, are well established to those who know the new boss.

There's no question that Pete has the qualities and personality necessary to teach and lead baseball players.

Sure, it's his maiden voyage as a baseball manager, and he's never played in the major leagues. He was in the Coast wheel for a while, but was no marvel there either. But there have been and still are successful sports managers and coaches everywhere that have had little, if any nationally renowned playing experience, whether in baseball, football, track or tiddy-winks.

Major and minor league strategies are much the same, and upper and lower class players use the same plays, run the same way around the bases and bat either right or left handed. The only difference between the boys up there and the young fellows down here is the proficiency with which they upstairs go through their respective chores. And we can name you any number of ex-league and even double-A players who have made lousy leaders when given the reins as a manager.

Leadership and the ability to be a smart teacher do not come naturally just because Joe Bloke was once the tenth best hitter in the National League.

Athletic leaders are the boys who learn quickly and never forget—the boys who hustle and fight with that never-give-up spirit and raise Cain with those around who show signs of "oh, what's the use" when the going gets tough. They're the gents who use common sense for judgment, fighting for the breaks, and for every inch that could be theirs. And they're the guys who, no matter how rough the road is for them, will take the time to benefit others less learned with their experienced advice, instilling it firmly but tactfully.

We know Pete, and he's that kind of a guy. He's been around, knows baseball and what makes it tick regardless of his never having been in the "big show." And we know that he meant his first words after becoming manager—"no predictions, but our club will be fighting, aggressive team that will be hustling ALL the time."

To the "doubting Thomases," (should there be any,) don't forget—in this great land of ours no one is found guilty until proven so by a jury after a fair trial.

Look Out for Lemmon

Add a feather to those already crammed in the crown worn by Bill Lemmon, ex-Willamette basketball player who took to the coaching ranks, and has been doing right pretty too. Word comes from Tacoma that Bill's Clover Park hoopsers "up and did it again," knocking off Bremerton high 33 to 31 to win the West Central district laurels in Washington tourney-bound hoop play. And Bremerton, winner of the state title last year, was scheduled to repeat this year, too!

Bill's the boy whose Bellfountain bucketers started the state tournament world in Oregon a few years back by entering as a class B quint and proceeding to take both the B and A titles to the amazement of hoop circles.

Looks like Lemmon's "Warriors" are at it again, only in the Washington tournament this time.

Ted Williams To Finish Season With Sox, Then Join US Forces

Says Financial Commitments When 3-A Force Decision; Will Probably Enter Navy

MINNEAPOLIS, March 5—(AP)—Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox slugger, and American league batting champion, decided Thursday to play one more season of baseball, and then enlist with Uncle Sam's forces in the war.

After conferring by telephone with Red Sox officials at the team's spring training camp at Sarasota, Fla., Williams announced his decision, and prepared to leave for the south. His draft classification, "recently" was changed from 1-A to 3-A.

Colonel J. E. Nelson, Minnesota selective service director, said Wednesday that Williams had sought deferment because of his dependent mother, and that he was reclassified last week by a presidential appeal board which changed his rating to 3-A.

Williams Wednesday visited the Great Lakes, Ill., naval training station. "Just to look around," he said. Returning here Thursday he telephoned Red Sox officials at Sarasota.

Later, Williams said: "While deferred from the draft in a 3-A classification, I made certain financial commitments. I must carry through with them. Therefore, despite a strong urge to enter the service now, I have decided to play ball with the Red Sox this summer. That will enable me to fulfill my obligations to my family and make everything right all around."

Late Thursday Williams, having finally made up his mind, drove 60 miles to Princeton to bid farewell to his girl friend and his cronies at his winter home there.

Williams then left Princeton, said Frank Gagen, hotel manager, with a partner: "Good-bye, boy, I'm on my way to Florida."

Mill City Group Aids Stayton Lodge Group

MILL CITY—Mabel Needham, worthy matron, and Donald Sheythe, worthy patron of Marilyn chapter 145, OES, accompanied by officers and members of the chapter, motored to Stayton Saturday night to confer the initiatory degrees upon La Von Kriever, Mill City candidate, at the district meeting, held there.

H. Faye Ambrose, Portland, grand worthy matron, and Phil Sweitzer, Independence, grand worthy patron of Oregon, were honor guests of the three participating chapters, Stayton, Turner and Mill City.

Jack Johnston was selected as power of attorney for the Church of Christ in accordance with the new law governing church corporations.

Verne Clark, Louis Verbeck, Alice Smith, Edith Schroeder and Georgia Shane attended a meeting of the Red Cross in Salem recently.

Agnes Booth, county school superintendent, visited in Mill City Tuesday.

Registration of all people above the seventh grade, is being carried on through the high school to determine how much labor will be available for seasonal crops. This is being handled through the state unemployment office.

Lebanon Quintets Win, Close Season

LEBANON—Coach Roy Helser's Lebanon high Warrior varsity and B basketball quint wound up the hoop season with a double win at Sweet Home Tuesday night. The varsity subdued the Sweet Home A's 34 to 29, and the B's tripped the host team's seconds 38 to 31.

It was a clean sweep for Lebanon in the series against the Loggers this year, the Warriors having won both games played here earlier in the season.

Sam Angott, Montgomery Battle Tonight

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, March 5—(AP)—Sammy Angott, boxing's one-man quiz program, tangles with Bob Montgomery in Madison Square Garden Friday night, and don't be surprised if he stumps the experts again.

Sammy's world lightweight championship isn't on the line, but his title as the No. 1 confuser of bedding odds is. Montgomery, the fast, coddling Philadelphia negro generally regarded as the top 135-pounder contender, has been installed a 5 to 13 favorite. This is a situation which suits Sammy like an extra ten per cent cut of the gate.

Throughout his career, the pleasant little Italian from Washington, Pa., has been the world's free-styled record holder at making the know-it-all's faces red. Lots of the boys and girls have even referred to him as a cheese champ, and few have given him any kind of credit against better-than-fair flailers.

Yet Sammy just goes along putting them in their places and wondering what a guy has to do to get pats on the back.

Even in his last meeting with Montgomery, late in 1940, he was on the short end. He won that one, too, although he finished up fighting the last four rounds with a badly injured hand. The wise guys along the 49th street beach argue that Montgomery's a considerably improved nose-smasher with all the answers for Sammy's weaving, crouching style. But how much will Montgomery have to be improved to make up for the difference between himself and an Angott with a broken hand?

West Salem B's Larrup Liberty

WEST SALEM—The West Salem high school B squad won an easy 21-11 victory over the Liberty high five on the maple court here Wednesday afternoon. High scorers were Trumbly of West Salem 8, and Dasch of Liberty 7.

West Salem (21) (11) Liberty
Dosen 7 7 Dasch
Doe Denver 4 2 Kubler
Trumbly 8 Sprigs
E. Denver 2 2 Kliever
Gordon Johnson
Subs: WS—Funk 4, Goffrier 2.

Westport Wins in First Round B Tournament

EUGENE, Ore., March 5—(AP)—Westport's defending state champion B class high school basketball team came through the first round of the state tourney Thursday night, beating Arlington 46-41.

Harrisburg registered a mild surprise in the second game, defeating Dayton 31-24. The winners led throughout the second half after a see-saw contest in the first two quarters. The score was 14-13 for Harrisburg at the half.

Harrisburg 31 24 Dayton
D. Burke 3 3 French
V. Burke 5 4 Groth
Isom 8 10 Todd
J. Pearce Little
C. Pearce 12 7 Duzan
Subs: Harrisburg, Jennings 3.

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Slammin' Sam Leads St. Pete Open; Hogan, Two Others, Disqualified

By JUDSON BAILEY

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 5—(AP)—Samuel Jackson Snead, the grand slammer of golf, ignored the elements Thursday to fire a three-under-par 69 and take the lead at the half-way point in the 72-hole \$5000 St. Petersburg open, from which Ben Hogan and two others were disqualified at the height of a rainstorm.

A hard rain enveloped the Lakewood Country club in the midst of the second 18-hole round and threw everybody into confusion except the long-driving star from Hot Springs, Va.

Somehow the rain lent magic to his putter and he put together six birdies for one of his finest rounds of the winter, breezing home with a full-blooming smile to overtake Lord Byron Nelson and others who had set the pace Wednesday.

The torrent of rain which fell shortly after noon disrupted the whole tournament and caused many players who already had high scores to withdraw.

Hogan, twice winner of the Garden trophy and currently the leading money winner of golf, was playing with Henry Picard of Oklahoma City, former PGA champion, and Tom Mehan of Beverly, Mass., when the rain began. They made the turn at the clubhouse and played the 10th hole.

Then Hogan suggested that they return to the clubhouse and complain that the course was unplayable. Fred Corcoran, tournament manager for the Professional Golfers' association, inspected several holes and found that other contestants were continuing play and instructed the trio to return.

The threesome did set out again, but not until they had consumed some coffee and waited out part of the storm itself. Corcoran notified them they were disqualified for unnecessary delay.

Former WU Star Changes Jobs

WALLA WALLA, March 5—(AP)—W. G. Ledbetter, Pendleton, high school basketball coach, Thursday was appointed to a similar position at Walla Walla high school to succeed Armand R. Jeffs, who recently resigned. City School Superintendent W. A. Lacy said a football mentor will be named later, thus splitting the work formerly handled by Jeffs.

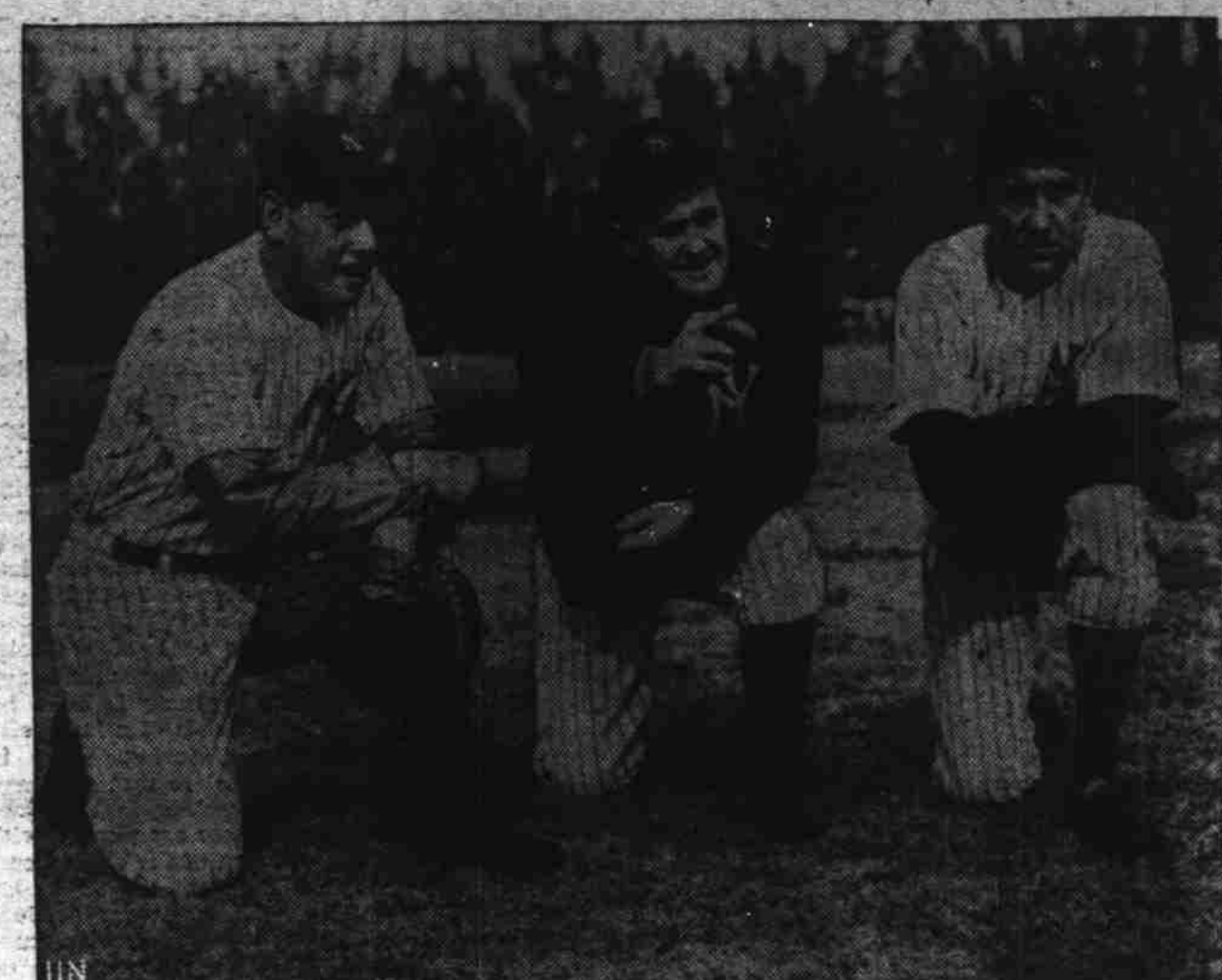
A former Willamette star, Ledbetter has had considerable success in coaching at Pendleton and previously at Salmon, Idaho.

Fenske Works Out



Charles H. (Chuck) Fenske, Wisconsin track ace, who has run in three continents and every axis country, worked out recently before one of the planes he wanted to fly—but couldn't on account of his eyes. Fenske is now an assistant physical trainer for the US army flightjags at Randolph Field, Texas.

Where Are the Rest of 'Em, Joe?



One of the two Yankee rookie catchers in camp at St. Petersburg, Fla., Ken Sears, (left) up from Newark, and Vernon "Lefty" Gomez, ace left-hander of the Yank mound staff, look over the situation at camp with Manager Joe McCarthy. Unable to hold an intra-squad practice game because most of his players are holdouts, maybe "Marse" Joe is pointing to where the DiMaggios, Ruffings and Gordons should be but aren't.

Annual Faculty Country's Schools All Eye Frosh Eligibility Vs. Parrish At 8 Tonight

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK, March 5—(AP)—The move to permit freshmen to participate in varsity sports is rapidly spreading over the country with several major conferences due to settle the problem at spring meetings.

Generally speaking, the smaller schools were the first to approve the playing of freshmen on varsity teams but four members of the Ivy league—Dartmouth, Harvard, Yale and Princeton—rescinded their rules shortly after the United States entered the war. Since then they have been joined by another of the circuit's members, Cornell, and such ranking eastern universities as Georgetown, Boston College, Holy Cross, Brown, Rhode Island State, Wesleyan, and Carnegie Tech.

The Western conference has the subject up for discussion this week. The Pacific Coast conference will take action at its spring meeting in Portland, March 23, with the major independent west coast schools due to adhere to whatever rule is passed by the circuit. The California College Athletic association, an organization of smaller schools, already has dropped the fresh rule, while the Southern California conference will consider it shortly.

The southern conference has twice voted down the matter but Football Coach Carl Voyles of William and Mary said Thursday he planned to ask permission to play freshmen next fall against Dartmouth, Harvard, Navy and Oklahoma. The Southeastern conference has the matter on the agenda for its meeting this month. The SIAA with some 30 members, has dropped the rule. The Ohio conference meets March 31 to consider the question.

No major school in the southwest or Rocky Mountain areas has dropped the freshman rule, although the Big Seven may consider it at its May meeting. In the east, Duquesne has deferred action, Syracuse expects to decide one way or the other within a few weeks, and the matter will be submitted to the Colgate athletic council with a decision within a week. Pittsburgh officials said it would only drop the rule if it is done on a nationwide basis. West Virginia also

is waiting on action taken by its next fall's football opponents.

Columbia's athletic heads said the Lions definitely would not use freshmen this spring and probably not this fall. New York university, which recently dropped football, also will not permit freshmen to play on spring sports' varsity teams.

The first team included Al Marr, Whitman, and Tom Cross, CPS, forwards; George Herrin, Whitman, center; Eldon Dietrichs, College of Idaho, and Enoch Jungling, Linfield, guards.

Don Hansen, conference scoring leader of the champion Linfield club, was placed on the second team as forward with Jim Robertson, Willamette. Center was Doug Bourland, College of Idaho, and guards were Dutch Sherman, College of Idaho and Don O'Dell, Whitman.

Robertson Makes Second String on Pacific All-Star

FOREST GROVE, March 5—(AP) Pacific university's basketball squad Thursday named its Northwest conference all-opponent team, placing two men from Whitman and one each from Linfield, college of Puget Sound and College of Idaho.

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, March 5.—(AP)—The first international open downhill and slalom championships ski meet will be held on the slopes of Mt. Baldy March 28-29 along with the sixth running of the Harriman cup races, officials of this resort announced Thursday.

Southworth Names White for Yanks

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 5.—(AP)—Manager Billy Southworth indicated he would call on Edmie White, a southpaw, for duty Thursday against the New York Yankees in the opening of the St. Louis Cardinal exhibition series.

Benton, Trout Sign LAKELAND, Fla., March 5.—(AP)—Big Alton Benton, top Detroit Tiger pitcher last year, agreed to salary terms Thursday and there was sound evidence that the club's bitter holdout battle was breaking up.

Benton's signing, following the acceptance of terms last night by Paul (Dizzy) Trout, reduced the Tiger holdout contingent to eight players.

Vince DiMag Signs SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., March 5.—(AP)—Vince DiMaggio patched up contract differences Thursday with President William Benenwanger and participated in the first regulation practice frolic at the Pittsburgh Pirates training camp. He got a "substantial" boost over his 1941 pay, he said.

Dom DiMag Inks Pact SARASOTA, Fla., March 5.—(AP) Outfielder Dom DiMaggio came to terms with the Boston Red Sox late Thursday and saw the tag-end of his teammates' workout from the stands. Neither the player nor Manager Joe Cronin would reveal the salary agreed upon but previously DiMaggio had said "the club and I are about \$1000 apart."

2 More Brownies in DELAND, Fla., March 5.—(AP)—Two more veteran pitchers, Denny Galehouse and John Niggeling, have joined the ranks of satisfied St. Louis Browns. They signed their contracts Thursday and took part in the afternoon workout.

Spinning The Sports Dial:

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, March 5—(AP) Don't snicker too loudly at Billy Myers' announcement that he plans to give up baseball for railroading. There's a guy who knows what he's doing. He's going to fulfill the two major ambitions of every kid—a baseball player and ride on a steam engine.

Far be it from us to discourage this Chattanooga choo-choo ambition, but we have a hunch that when the call-boy hammers on Billy's door about 3 a.m. of a stormy morning the retired shortstop will wish he was back short-stopping. Even with the Phils, it's necessary. Three hours of work and 21 hours of rest is a pretty fair schedule.

From the financial angle, Billy possibly figures what with the talk of doubling the income tax and one thing and another, he

would be better off drawing a fireman's wage.

Headline—Schoolboy Rowe has teeth pulled to aid comeback. There's a guy who isn't afraid to face the yanks.

And speaking of Joe Louis Barrow, his sacrifice in donating his share of the purse of the Buddy Baer fight, as well as of the coming Abe Simon fight, makes that of ballplayers who agree to take 10 per cent of their salaries in gift-edged defense bonds seem like a fellow sacrificing his hair in a barber shop. He'll get the hair back eventually.

Joe won't get the hair, or the purse back. It's gone, and to worthy causes.

What makes the sacrifice the more pronounced is that Louis, being in the army for a war of

undetermined duration, may never be able to fight for personal profit again. He might, heaven forbid, be too old when he gets out, and he is running the soldier's risk of injury or even death.

At a time when he is at his peak as a drawing card, and with his ring future hidden behind a haze of uncertainty, he donates what might conceivably be his last two big purses to worthy funds.

We don't know just how much Joe gathered in as his own from the couple of million dollars in purses he has drawn, but when his manager's cut, training expenses and taxes are figured in it probably wasn't so much that he never would want any more.

Yet he gives away what might be the last money he earns with his fists.

What a man!