

Phelan Checks On Grid Team With Movies

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NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Caught short: Jimmy Phelan is getting acquainted with his St. Mary's football squad through moving pictures, but he shouldn't kick about that. In some schools that's the only way the professors get to know the players. The major leagues should establish a bureau of missing players in Buffalo. First Buddy Rosar of the Yanks disappears and turns up there, then Huck Geary, scheduled to report to the Pirates, vanishes and shows up at Buffalo with a stomach ache. We didn't know the prospect of joining the Bucs would affect a guy that way. He must have had the club confused with the Phils.

Johnny Risko, the "rubber man" of the prize ring several years ago, has been taken into the army. That scrap rubber drive isn't overlooking a thing, is it? Maybe you could call Johnny a scrapped rubber scrapper. Noted in the news: "Mike Jacobs denied he will bring pressure on the army to force a Louis-Conn fight." Why don't they say an ant denies it is trying to push over a mountain and be done with it. Or "Look who's pushing whom?"

Griddler Gives Up

Ensign Dick Cassiano, former Pitt and Brooklyn Dodger backfield star, has given up the idea of playing for Lieut. Comm. Jim Crowley's navy pre-flight eleven. His knee is up to its old tricks. It was Cassiano who had a job washing windows on Pitt's towering cathedral of learning until Jock Sutherland found out about it. Jock wanted to put together 11 men on a field, not one man on a sidewalk. Meet A. A. "Wilkie" Willinson, Duke's official coach greeter. In 1924, as sports publicity man, he welcomed Howard Jones to Trinity, which that fall became Duke. In 1925 he welcomed Pat Herron, and the next year Jimmie De Hart. In 1931 he was the first man on the campus to greet Wallace Wade. Willinson then dropped out of sports publicity, but this year is back in time to welcome Eddie Cameron. Just a vicious circle, ain't it?

Ken Alyta of Waterbury informs us that Ken Tuckey, former Union City, Conn., athlete, now is a sergeant in—you guessed it—Kentucky. He also wants to know if Boston's nickname of "Bean Town" had anything to do with the recent bean ball demonstration there. Waddy Young, former Oklahoma U end and Brooklyn Dodger footballer, now is an observation group pilot of the first ground air support command, and subs trying to skirt his wing had better watch out. George S. May, the biggest Tam guy in Tam O'Shanter, is planning to make the 1942 "Tam" open at least a \$20,000 tournament. There's one fellow who believes in the future of our country.

Nova Quite a Dude

Ray Carlen's first promising heavyweight Lou Nova, got off to a fine start and ended up a bust. His latest hopeful, Hal Fiebeling, got away to a bad start in losing his first 10-rounder to Connie Narden, and will end up? Nova was a ringster at the bout, and took quite a razzing from Oakland fans who thought he was carrying the Palm Beach-Hollywood what the well-dressed man shouldn't wear get-up to extremes, if possible. If he could beat some of those sartorial night-mares we've seen climb through the ropes at Madison Square Garden, though, he's a champion. Which is the only way he'll win a title, at that. When the fighters take their bows it's just like a rainbow assuming its natural curve.

Sports

GOING UP

By Sords



TED WILLIAMS, BOSTON RED SOX OUTFIELDER, RAPIDLY KNOCKING HIS BATTING AVERAGE SKYWARD

IN FIFTH PLACE IN THE STANDINGS A SHORT TIME AGO, HE SOARED TO THE TOP AND IS NOW A STRONG FAVORITE TO RETAIN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING CROWN

Canadians in Dieppe Raid Tell Stories

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Aug. 20.—(P)—French-Canadian commandos who fought at Dieppe Thursday night told this story: Twelve French Canadian prisoners taken by the Germans at Dieppe were lined up, given an "about turn" order and then shot in cold blood by their Nazi captors.

Another big French-Canadian told this story: "A dozen of us were captured, herded into a courtyard and stripped of all clothes except our underpants. A single Nazi was left to guard us.

"How about a glass of water, I asked the Nazi over my shoulder. The guard lowered his rifle for one moment. That was enough. We were all over him. One of the boys found a handy piece of pipe and that ended that.

"And then the track meet began. We raced through the town's streets. Piles of dead Germans were lying there. But for every dead one there were ten live ones. The bullets were whistling all around, but we made it—in our short pants."

Derailment Hurts Roseburg Man

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 20.—(P)—Engineer Joe Eifert, Roseburg, was bruised in the derailment of a Southern Pacific locomotive in the rail yards here. It was the second derailment in the past few days. Several gondola cars loaded with limestone left the rails just south of the city recently. The accident was blamed on heat which spread the rails.

No-Axis-Aid Spirit Cuts Forest Fires

Determination of Oregonians to give no aid to the axis, together with the work of his organization and a favorable season have reduced considerably the number of fires in Oregon forests this year, Eugene McNulty, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green committee, declared Thursday as he addressed the Salem Lions club.

Every person in the state should be vitally interested in the program of the committee he represents since its success would make available to production of war materials a great store of manpower otherwise required to fight fires, he maintained.

The Oregon state green guard, comprised by more than 5000 boys and girls who have pledged to watch for fires and to expend efforts in eliminating fire hazards, was explained by McNulty.

Reports from the international convention at Toronto, Can., were presented by Monroe Cheek, president, and Harry Scott, secretary of the Salem Lions club.

Elevator Splits, Grain on Rails

DAYTON, Wash., Aug. 20.—(P)—An entire side of a Columbia county grain growers elevator gave way Thursday under the pressure of 73,000 bushels of bulked wheat, spilling about 40,000 bushels onto the Union Pacific tracks and causing \$4,000 to \$5,000 damage to the elevator, according to Maurice Roe, grain growers manager. He said virtually all the grain can be salvaged but where to put it now was the big problem.

Service Grid Team Schedule Is Abandoned

No Football for Air Corps Technicians; Move May Spread

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(P)—A possible first step toward eventual elimination of most "spectator sports" activities on the part of service athletes was seen Thursday in the cancellation of all competitive football schedules at schools of the air corps technical training command.

The cancellation order came from Maj. Gen. Walter B. Weaver, commanding general, who wrote the various commanding officers that competitive football would interfere seriously with the urgent program of training mechanics and other technicians for the air forces.

Disclosure of the order followed Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson earlier in the day by Patterson that constant study was being given to the cutting down of "spectator sports" which draw upon athletes in military training.

Patterson was replying to press conference questions about a recent statement by Commander Gene Tunney, navy director of physical training. The ex-heavyweight boxing champion had said that "you can't train a man to be a fighter by having him play football and baseball."

Although there was no official connection between the undersecretary's statement and Weaver's order, speculation immediately arose as to whether the grid cancellations might be the forerunner of a widespread movement affecting service sports.

There was no ban on intramural football or other sports.

Germans See New Weapon

BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 20.—(P)—A Berlin dispatch to Die Tat Thursday said Americans in the commando raid on Dieppe tried out for the first time a special weapon described as a one-man tank "containing high explosives in five separate compartments."

It said the tanks were directed toward important fortifications and advanced alone with explosives set off by an electrical timer. This was taken to mean that the operator left the tank before the explosion although the dispatch did not specify.

The Berlin report claimed many of the tanks were exploded prematurely by German gunfire.

ODDITIES

... in the News

CHICAGO—(P)—Chicago victory gardeners tend their crops with the assurance that the police will see them through to harvest.

The police commissioner sent all precincts copies of an ordinance providing a fine up to \$50 for trespassing on a victory garden and up to \$200 for pilfering vegetables or flowers, and instructed captains to see it was enforced. Not every backyard garden is covered by the ordinance, though. Gardens must be marked with the official office of civilian defense emblem.

WASHINGTON—(P)—Senator Brown (D-Mich) thought there was something familiar about Clifton Kolb of Cleveland when the latter appeared before the senate finance committee as a witness on taxes.

Comparing notes later, Brown and Kolb found they had last met when they played on opposing teams in a college baseball game 31 years ago.

Brown played for Albion college and Kolb for Detroit college of law. They recalled that they got together after the game to take a mutual girl friend for a walk.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho—(P)—Of 65 babies born last month at LDS hospital only 19 were girls. Supt. J. H. Trayner said the differences in sexes never before had been more than five or six—but he had no explanation to offer.

OKLAHOMA CITY—(P)—US Commissioner Paul F. Showalter, seeking an attorney to defend a man accused of forgery, telephoned one lawyer only to be asked in turn:

"Is the defendant's name—?"

"Yes," Showalter replied.

"Well," said the lawyer, "I can't act in this case because this person once forged a check on me."

MORRISTOWN, N.J.—(P)—Michael Naughton had a nest of bees in his house, and the pesky insects were giving him no end of trouble. So he decided to "burn them out."

You guessed it. Firemen confined the blaze to clapboards and a nearby window casing.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill.—(P)—When 70 employees of an oil refinery at Roxana, nine miles west of here, found transportation a problem, they contributed \$15 apiece and purchased a second hand bus.

Workers will take turns driving. Since they work in three shifts, the fact that the bus accommodates only 20 passengers doesn't worry them.

PARSONS, Kan.—(P)—There isn't a cab to be had in this town of more than 14,000 population.

Miss Lillian Sawyer, operator of the only remaining taxi service in Parsons, said she was quitting because of difficulty in obtaining tires and auto parts.

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