

Crowd of 1,500 Gives Legion Kids Big Welcome

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Whooping, hollering and as proud as a mother hen over her newly born chicks, a throng estimated at 1,500 welcomed home Salem's Capital Post No. 9 American Legion junior baseballers at the Southern Pacific depot last night. The train carrying the red-jacketed lads who won their way to sectional finals at Hastings, Neb., was over half-an-hour late. But it made no difference to the mothers, dads, sisters, brothers and general congratulators. Not one left until the kids rolled in. Not even Governor Douglas McKay, whose schedule usually does-

not permit him to linger in one place too long.

A huge roar went up as the tired but happy kids and their Coach Vince Genna stepped off the southbound train exactly two weeks to almost the hour after they had left the same station for Yakima and Northwest playoffs. The team was escorted by Legionnaires and Salem Cherrians to a hastily erected platform of baggage wagons which also bore the big sign, "Welcome Home Oregon and Northwest Champions."

Each member of the team was introduced by Bruce Williams,

who "enacted" the welcome. A band was on hand and also were such notables as Mayors Al Loucks of Salem, R. V. Colby of Gervais, M. J. Martin of Stayton, Hugh Webb of Turner, Jim Garvin, representing Capital Post No. 9, Burr Miller, representing the team sponsoring Valley Motors Co., and Mark Hatfield, state representative who was in charge of Coach Genna, who received no pay for coaching the team and lost much time from his work, was presented with a check for \$250 by the Legion Post, and \$250 in cash by the Valley Motors Co. Vince was so overtaken by the huge acclaim that he could scarcely

ly speak. Mrs. Genna and sons Mike and Chris were among the first to welcome daddy home also. The governor, Loucks, Garvin and Miller had turns at the "mike" and heaped much deserved praise on the team members.

The team is to be publicly honored next Tuesday night at Waters Field, just before the regular Senators-Tri-City game. More gifts will be dispersed at that time.

Last night's turnout at the station was one of the finest ever registered for an event of its kind in Salem annuals.

Cardinals Sign Hood River Lad

HOOD RIVER (AP)—Bob Smith, 19-year-old star pitcher-outfielder from Hood River high school, has been signed to a bonus baseball contract by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Tony Governor, Cardinal scout, announced the signing Friday. He said Smith will report to the Fresno, Calif., team next March.

There was no indication of the size of the bonus, although Governor said it was much smaller than the reported \$86,000 paid to Eddie Urems of The Dalles, a pitcher purchased by the Boston Red Sox.

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100-Mile Walk To Start Here

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Smith holds the 100-mile walking record from Salem to Portland and back again, in shortly over 16 hours. He'll be out to crack that mark in the forthcoming event and keep his own large trophy, which is to go to the winner of the race.

Campbell, Bouchev Reach Links Finals

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Tall Billy Campbell and a yellow-haired bear of a man from Inglewood, Calif., Larry Bouchev fought off a couple of serious challengers to win their 36-hole semi-final matches Friday in the Canadian Amateur golf tournament.

Mushrooms contain about 90 per cent water.



Chiefs to Hold WI Franchise

WENATCHEE (AP)—Rumors are again flying that there will be shifts in Western International League baseball franchises, but Wenatchee will not be one of the clubs moving.

A spokesman for a fans' group aiming to overcome a \$14,000 deficit in the local club's operation, said Friday Wenatchee would definitely retain its franchise for 1953.

The Canadian cities of Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta, are being talked for possible entry into the WIL, the spokesman said.

BIG CARS SET

PORTLAND (AP)—100-mile big car automobile race is scheduled at Portland Meadows this Labor Day. More than 30 cars from the West coast and Canada have entered the race.

Look and Learn

- By A. C. Gordon
1. Who was the author of each of these famous novels: (a) Dombey and Son; (b) Ivanhoe; (c) The Three Musketeers; (d) Don Quixote?
 2. What electrical condenser is named for a university town in Holland?
 3. What is a "Pollyanna"?
 4. What is the great vein of the neck called?
 5. In what famous novel are Cathie and Heathcliffe the leading characters?
- ANSWERS
1. (a) Dickens; (b) Scott; (c) Dumas; (d) Cervantes.
 2. The Leyden jar.
 3. A person who always looks on the bright side of things.
 4. The jugular vein.
 5. "Wuthering Heights."

Carl Hande Again Named Supervisor

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—The 1953 national non-pro baseball tournament—the 19th annual—will open in Wichita Aug. 14, the National Baseball Congress said Friday.

Appointment of 27 of the 48 state commissioners to supervise state programs next season was announced. They include Carl Hande Jr., Silverton, Ore.; Wallie Lindsley, Bellingham, Wash.

Indeps Slate Boat Racing

INDEPENDENCE — (Special)

—An open outdoor racing meet, for any amateur, is scheduled for Independence and the Willamette River Sunday, it has been announced by local officials. Time trials are to start at 10 a.m., with regular races for all entered craft at 1 p.m.

Independence merchants have donated prizes for winners. The Independence group is in hopes of forming a club to join the In-City League now containing Salem, Corvallis, Albany and Lebanon.

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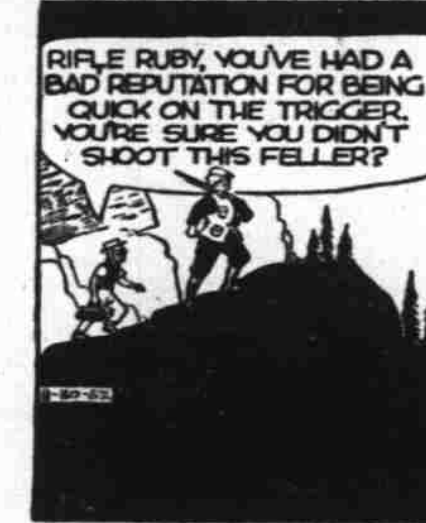
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