

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Sunday series:
Cuban Contreras Perez, due to check in for his third campaign with the town Senators any day now, should be a much happier ball-gamer this season, which could be a good omen for the Legislators. During his first two semesters with the Senators, Connie left his wife and daughter at home in native Cuba. He was quite often a lonesome lad. But this time he's bringing mamma along to spend the season in Salem. If his batting average swells a few dozen points, you'll know why.

And have you seen the new home uniforms the Senators will sport this year? New York Yankee style striped flannels, with solid blue cap and socks. Real sharp, and you can see one in the window of Wicklind's Sporting Goods emporium. Village visitor the other day was George Emigh, who for five years (1946-50) was big boss of the local ball club. George is now associated with a Portland firm which distributes school supplies ranging from athletic bleachers to chalk for the classroom blackboards, and has no less than 14 Oregon counties to solicit and serve.



SHORTY TEMPLEMAN
Has eyes on big '500'.

Portland auto racing enthusiasts will be giving veteran driver Shorty Templeman a sendoff today in the midge racing program at the Portland Speedway. It's to be officially "Shorty Templeman Day," honoring the fearless little pilot who then heads for the east and some of the bigger tracks in that area. He'll then land at Indianapolis for the Memorial Day "500" classic and hopes to have a mount in it. Shorty will be sponsored by the Barons people at Indianapolis, and if he can qualify to race the Northwest will have additional interest in the big event. The wee gent who is the only auto racer we know who defies the "green superstition" has a large following in this area. As for the superstition, it is taboo in racing circles to even mention the color of green. Most drivers shudder at the sight or sound of it. Yet Templeman purposely has his buzz buggy painted a brilliant green, and wears green colored racing shirt and helmet to boot. In view of his successes as midge racing champion of the Northwest year after year, the superstition works in reverse for him.

Giants Provide Salem With Choice Plum

Our village has its ups and downs as a sport town. That we all know. But what a fine plum it picked for itself when it was announced that the New York professional football Giants will do their 1954 training at Willamette University. Having the pay-for-play boys around, many of them former collegiate All-Americans, will add much prestige to ye olde capital city's sports pike. After all, not many cities in the USA can boast of possessing a major league athletic team in its training period.

When it was learned that the Giants were coming, many of the local pop-offs quipped such as, "Why couldn't it be one of the top outfits — like Cleveland, or Detroit, or San Francisco?" These are the same gents who would find something wrong with inheriting a million dollars.

The Giants will provide plenty of very interesting events during their McCulloch Stadium sojourn, and by some very interesting touch-downs.

The old master of Oregon State basketball, having just completed his 27th season as the Beavers' coach, makes a Salem visit Monday morning when he'll address the Salem Breakfast Club gathering at the Senator Hotel. The session is open to the public, and particularly so to that part of it which second-guessed Slats so severely during the recent campaign.

Not during his entire career at Oregon State had Gill undergone the verbal ridicule by fans as he did this last season. They couldn't figure out why he didn't play Vlastelica more, why he changed his starting lineup so often, why he did this and why he did that. All apparently figured that since he had the 7-3 Halbrook, he should beat everyone he played.

Now's Chance to Have Questions Answered

Slats will no doubt be very glad to answer any questions Monday visitors care to ask of him. So this is their chance to get the real low-down on Slats' methods, right from Slats himself. They'll be ashamed of themselves when they hear some of the answers.

The Oregon race boss owners vs. Cecil Edwards rumpus comes to a head Monday when the Oregon Racing Commission holds its hearing to listen to and act upon the beefs the owners have against Steward Edwards.

As we see it, said owners have their heads protruding much too far for their own good, and may lose 'em entirely. They say they want Edwards removed because of his strictness in policing the horse racing game in Oregon. Thank goodness a man like Edwards is around to help keep racing in line. Two-thirds of the interested public believe the racing game is crooked the way it is.

Edwards' record as a steward speaks for itself. He's tough with faulty owners, jockeys, etc., and should be. Asking his removal could amount to a confession that they, the owners, don't want a tough cop around who might detect too much.

The commission will no doubt stick by Edwards, which is good. And if the boss owners do as threatened — refuse to race their nag — said commission might laugh at them and invite them to drop around to see the dogs run on the Oregon tracks which used to boast boss races.

Midgets Roll At Speedway

PORTLAND (Special) — The midget auto racers take over the Portland Speedway Sunday for an afternoon program of speed events, starting with time trials at 1:30 p.m. A 50-lap main event around the half-mile saucer will climax the program.

It is to be "Shorty Templeman Day" in honor of the veteran driver who has been Northwest midge racing champ the past couple of years. Templeman will soon leave for the East and a number of races there.

About 30 of the roaring runts, which can go 90 miles an hour on the half-mile oval, and 14 of them Offenhausen powered, will compete in the inaugural for the midgets here. All the Northwest "name" drivers will be on hand.

Bearcat Netters Defeat Raiders

ASHLAND — The touring Willamette tennis team racked a 6-1 decision over Southern Oregon Saturday in the first of five matches to be played on a trip to the south.

Golden Poles Ski Race Set

The 16th annual Golden Poles giant slalom ski races for both class A and B men and women, and sponsored by the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce, is to be run off today at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood starting at 1 p.m.

The Golden Poles event usually provides some of the top ski competition in the Northwest each year.

Today's course will be set by Nap Rocque, skiing expert from Salem. He will start at the 8,000-foot level and descend some 2,000 feet to the finish line, which is near the lodge.

Andrade Defeats Percy Bassett

WASHINGTON — Cisco Andrade of Los Angeles, unbeaten in about two years of professional fighting, won a unanimous decision over Percy Bassett of Philadelphia, the interim featherweight champion, in a 10-round non-title fight here Saturday night.

Bassett weighed 129½, Andrade 133.

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Seven Relays Records Fall

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High School 100-Dash Results:
1st race—Ron Janssen, Lowell; Alan Vail, Gates; Art Keith, Gates. Time 10.4; 2nd race—Roger Richards, Canyonville; Duncan, Moro; Robbins, Jefferson; 3rd race—Harris, Smith; Monroe; Davis, Jefferson; Combs, St. Joseph's (Pendleton); Time 11.3; 4th race—Fred Charles, Chemawa; Gretchen, Creswell; Seeger, St. Joseph. Time 11.5; 5th race—Braun, Vernonia; Da. Hart, Burns; Rice, Lowell; Time 10.8; 6th race—Franks, Vernonia; Mieber, Taft; Willison, Columbia Prep. Time 11.9; 7th race—John Yost; Corvallis; Brown; Lovvick; Rogosh; Drain. Time 10.8; 8th race—Gene P. Cok, Woodburn; Vickerman, Estacada; Gibson, Burns; Time 11.9; 9th race—Don Endres, Secret Heart; Hawser, Burns; Myers, Corvallis. Time 11.4; 10th race—LeMaster, Newport; Bowsby, Elmira; Schafer, Cascade. 11th race—Dick Swenson, Oakridge; Aitchison, Cottage Grove; Harry; Columbia Prep. Time 11.9; 12th race—Jim Betty, Oswego; Bourland, Newberg; Bessy, Redmond. Time 11.1; 13th race—Terry Smith, Corvallis; Machamer, Madras; Williams, Oakridge. Time 11.0; 14th race—Don Hayes, Centralia; Skinner, Redmond; Higginbottom, Cottage Grove. Time 11.1; 15th race—Jim Norval, Salem; Crouch, Gresham; Parker, Parkrose. Time 11.2; 16th race—Hayes, Centralia; Salisbury, Salem; Yost, Corvallis. Time 10.8; 17th race—Scriber, Salem; Da. Hart, Burns; Krieger, Lowell; Time 11.0; 18th race—Hillvater, Beaverton; Warren, Gresham; White, Springfield. Time 11.2; 19th race—Bradley, Seaside; Wash, Hoag; Vancouver; Toyooka, Gresham. Time 10.8.

Pepper Pot



PEPPER GOMEZ
'Poppy' his mat target.

Pilots Secure Art McLarney

PORTLAND — Portland University Saturday named Art McLarney, 45, former University of Washington coach, to become basketball coach here next season.

McLarney, former Washington State College athlete, who later played professional baseball, gave up the University of Washington job several years ago because of his health and the pressure of a head coaching job.

McLarney took a job as assistant to Jim "Mush" Torson here two weeks ago. Torson resigned last week.

Gomez to Try Poppenheim In Mat Main

Pepper Gomez, the dynamic bundle of wrestling energy, sorties against Proud Prussian Kurt von Poppenheim Tuesday night at the Armory in Maesro Elton Owen's weekly grappling main event. It's an important matter for the vastly popular youngster, for if he wins it over the hissable veteran he will have established himself as a real, first-cabin top-notch for future dates in the Northwest.

Gomez got in a few well-aimed licks at "Poppy" last week during the latter's mix with Johnny Henning here. In the final hectic minute of that match Poppenheim was roughing up the faltering Henning. Sitting at ringside, Gomez suddenly stormed in to the ring and rifled a couple of haymakers at the Prussian.

They did little good, for Poppenheim won over Henning. Gomez had earlier won a decision over Tommy Martindale in their match.

Henning will be back again Tuesday also, going against Mexican Juan Hernandez in the special event. Henning hopes to redeem himself for the loss to Poppenheim in this one, but is up against a big and rugged Mexican.

Martindale faces Chester Wallick in one of the two single-fall prelims, and in the opener Bustlin' Buck Weaver, onetime top favorite in these parts, makes a return to local action against Toronto Roy Wolfe. The veteran Weaver is one of the most clever of the junior heavies.

Tickets for the Tuesday card are available at Barb's Sporting Goods Store, directly across from the Elsinore Theater.

Softball Meet Wednesday

An important organizational meeting of local softballers will be held at the Senior High School Wednesday night, starting at 8 o'clock. City Director Jim Dimit stresses that all sponsors and managers of prospective league teams should try to be on hand for the session.

Items of business will include discussion of the makeup of the City and Industrial Leagues this season and starting dates for the campaigns.

Ex-Cubs Boss Shines, Drill

DALLAS, Tex. — Phil Cavarretta, the deposed manager of the Chicago Cubs, showed up here Saturday, worked out with the New York Giants, and drew raves from Giant pilot Leo Durocher.

"He looked great," enthused the Lip, "just great. He looked in real good shape. I like the guy. I always have."

Phil would like to hook on with the Giants as a pinch-hitter and utility first-baseman.

Cavarretta was let go as manager of the Cubs last Monday in a surprise move. He was accused of being a defeatist.

"They said I knocked the club," he said. "I didn't. I just told the truth. I told them we needed some players."

Calgary Okeh For '54 Play

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before being sold to the Beavers. Then again, he may decide to play out this season with the Senators.

Both Luby and Manager Harv Storey hope that Gene will decide to return to the Senators, as he was one of the league's top shortstops the past two seasons.

In returning Tanselli, General Manager Bill Garbarino of the Portlanders told that Pitcher Joe Nicholas, also sold conditionally to the Coast League club by the Senators, has been looking good enough to warrant a continuation of his trial with the Beavers.

Luby and Storey hope that the tryout camp for aspirants above high school age will be permissible today. Rain washed out both Friday and Saturday efforts, and if it continues today, the tryout camp will be held next weekend.

A goodly number of kids from

the various points in the valley have shown up for the tryout camp, and the Senators management wants to get a look at them in action. Today's workout, if held, will start at 11 a.m.

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