

# SPORTS LIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

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deal for the guy. He wishes to be remembered "to anyone who might remember me in Salem, and particularly to Mrs. George E. Waters." Mrs. Waters operated the Senators club as owner in 1941-42, taking over for her husband, who died shortly after the 1940 campaign, Salem's first in the WIL.

Some of the older Senators patriots will recall Johnson as the dashing and hard-hitting third baseman whose greatest claim to local fans was perhaps his ability to steal home against Pitcher Hub Kittle of the Yakima club of that period. Johnson accomplished this feat no less than four times at terbacery-crown Kittle's expense, and twice in the same game here one afternoon.

Bill is now working at Bandon, and were it not for an ailing back would still be playing for Leininger's potent Lumberjacks. Softball Director Jim Dimit is giving serious thought to switching one of the City League playoff games to Waters Field August 4 to help make that evening a big one for the softballers here. That's the night the Lind Florists of Portland go against the Arizona Ramblers of Phoenix in their local clash, and Dimit has been presented with the idea of holding the City League playoff mix as the first game of a doubleheader that night. It's been a long time since the softballers have had their inning in the big ball yard.

### Accolade for Williams Was Surprising

We suppose you were one who either watched via TV or listened to the All-Star game Tuesday. If so you no doubt noticed the thunderous accolade the Cleveland fans handed Ted Williams when the Boston Red Sox came up as a pinch-hitter. It was the most lusty of the day. We were very much impressed by its impetuosity, as it was for a guy who (1) usually played against the home-favorite Cleveland and (2) a guy who has been raked time and again by the press for his alleged insults to baseball crowds.

To our way of thinking, it was great display of sportsmanship by the Tuesday crowd, to one of the game's greatest hitters, and one who will some day be voted into the Hall of Fame by some of the same guys who have been guilty of stabbing Williams with their pens.

If you were watching closely, you also noticed that Leo Durocher, third base coach for the National Leaguers, at one point whispered words of wisdom to Jackie Robinson just before he went to bat, and closed out the short confab by giving Jackie a friendly pat on the lower anatomy.

Weren't these two the same guys who a year or so ago were firing verbal blasts and accusations at one another in the public print?

### Two Homers, Too . . .

## Junior Ball Pitchers Get Two No-Hit Games

Pitching stole the show in the C League Junior baseball games Wednesday as Jackson Jewelers blanked the 20-30 Club 9-0 and Legion Post 136 slammed out 12 hits to humble Nameless Market 21-2.

Jack Bettes, Jackson Jeweler hurler, turned in one of the best performances by a pitcher so far in the season as he hurled a no-run, no-hit game while getting errorless backing from his teammates.

Doug Ritchie also pitched a no-hitter for the Legion Post in their top-sided victory over Nameless.

The Jewelers nine collected five runs in the first inning on seven walks and a two-run single by Howard Ediger. In the second they added three more on singles by Ken Neuberger and Ediger and a double by Bill Gentzkow. Their last run came in the third when Butch Hill scored on John Whitfield's single.

The Legion Post had a hitting spree but also got help in scoring on errors and walks delivered by Nameless Market. Two homers, one by Willie Christiansen and the other by John Jones, were the big blows for the Legion team. Christiansen got his in the second and Jones followed with his in the third.

Only other extra base hit by the Legion Post was a double by Rhett Partee, catcher. Those who collected singles for the Legion were Christiansen, Jones, Dennis Gregg, Herbie Hollingsworth, Klaas Schenk, Ben Jones, Vernon Drung and Ritchie.

Junior Legion games tonight are between West Salem Steel and Masters Service Station on Barrick Field and Four Corners Merchants and Berg's Market at Leslie Field, both games to start at 8:15.

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## Osborne Falls In Golf Meet

DENVER (AP) — Defending champion Joe Conrad and medalist Ernie Vossler pointed the way through the first round of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Tournament Wednesday with victories.

Conrad, on leave from San Marcos, Tex., Air Force Base, shot par golf over the 6,888-yard course to trim Bob Morris of Denver, 4 and 1.

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### Manakiki Howls . . .

## Middlecoff Withdrawal Blasted by Officials

CLEVELAND (AP) — Angry tournament officials, crying "temperamental" and "a lousy trick," let loose a bitter blast Wednesday against former National Open champion Cary Middlecoff for suddenly withdrawing from the \$25,000 Manakiki Golf Open.

"It's a lousy trick," said tournament co-chairman Bob Shave. "He gave no excuse whatsoever. He didn't even say anything to me. It stinks."

Middlecoff, winner of the tournament last year, arrived in town Monday night. He checked in with officials at the Manakiki Country Club Tuesday and then suddenly packed his bags and left, said Shave.

Play in the competition opens Thursday and most of the nation's top golfers, including 1954 National Open champion Ed Furgol, will participate.

Middlecoff, leading 1954 money winner so far, could not be reached for comment. He was believed en route to St. Paul, scene of the annual PGA tournament next week.

"Middlecoff has a reputation for being temperamental and I think he's getting even worse," Shave protested. "He knew we had advertised that he would play."

He said he was sure nothing involving the playing conditions provoked Middlecoff, but it might have resulted from a motel room mixup.

A total of 150 are entered for

## Young Dodger Fan Gets Thrill of Life

By ARTHUR EVERETT  
NEW YORK (AP) — Heaven, as measured in boyhood, is a thing of modest joys. And Tuesday 13-year-old Danny Gawronski of Brooklyn wore a bit of leather on his left hand.

Danny's the lad to whom the Brooklyn Dodgers gave a brand new \$20 baseball glove. He broke it in by working out with Preacher Roe and other Dodger players.

"I've been a Dodger fan all my life," exulted Danny from the vast pinnacle of his 13 years. "It was a real thrill."

All this started last April when Danny was given some Easter chicks. They grew up into noisy, rolicking roosters and gave the neighbors fits with their early morning crowing.

So a summons was issued and Monday Danny stood before Magistrate Charles Murphy. By way of a fine, Danny offered \$3 in pennies, nickels and dimes in a paper sack. He had saved the money for three months toward a new baseball glove.

Magistrate Murphy, touched, declined the money, complimented Danny on his ambition and dismissed the complaint.

The Dodgers, also touched, arranged for Danny to pick up a big league glove at Ebbets Field. Bright and early Danny got his glove. Then he went home to get up a game of ball.

It is, of course, the type of glove used by the Dodgers?

"Well, no," conceded Danny. "It's a Mickey Mantle type."

Mantle is the centerfielder of the New York Yankees, a team not accorded diplomatic recognition in Brooklyn.

### FISHING ABOVE PAR

Two Salem couples returned home with a total of four dozen rainbow trout Monday after five days of fishing at Lake of the Woods in southern Oregon. The fishermen were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mitchell, 1565 Norway St., and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Roome, 233 E. Salem Heights Ave. Most of the trout were between 12 and 16 inches long.

### FISH QUOTA SET

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Fish Commission Tuesday set 1954 silver salmon quotas for five coastal streams. The quotas: Ailsa River, 120,000 pounds; Coquille, 70,000; Nehalem, 220,000; Stuslaw, 60,000; Yaquina, 80,000.

## Main, Ayala Draw Matches

TORONTO (AP) — Lorne Main of Canada and Luis Ayala of Chile, their countries' top-ranking tennis players, Wednesday were drawn to oppose each other in the opening singles matches in the first round American Zone Davis Cup competition starting Thursday.

Bob Bedard, 23-year-old French-Canadian from Sherbrooke, Que., and ranked No. 2 in Canada, will meet Richard Babblers, Chile's captain, in the second singles.

Main and Ayala were also named to play in the doubles Friday. Laird Watt of Montreal, Canada's non-playing captain, picked Main to team with Paul Willey, 23, of Vancouver. Babblers selected Andres Hammarsley, 34-year-old veteran of tournament play in the U. S. and Europe, as Ayala's partner.

## Portland May Get New Golf Course

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland may have a new 18-hole municipal golf course late next year.

The City Council will take an option Thursday on a 155-acre tract near Progress, between Beaverton and Tigard, for a course to replace the nine-hole West Hills links on which a new 200 will be built, it was learned Wednesday.

Opening of the new course would be facilitated by installing the West Hills greens intact.

The city now operates two other 18-hole golf courses.

## Trabert Gets Clay Net Win

CHICAGO (AP) — Top-seeded Tony Trabert of Cincinnati, had to extend himself for a third-round triumph over Sammy Giammaiva of Houston, Tex., 6-4, 8-6, in the National Clay Courts Tennis Tourney Wednesday.

Meanwhile, four seeded players reached the quarterfinal round, headed by third-rated Art Larsen of San Leandro, Calif. Other lower seeded victors were Allen Morris of Atlanta, Ga., Jack Frost of Monterey, Calif., and Dan Sullivan, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Larsen whipped Conrad Woods of Urbana, Ill., 6-1, 6-1. Frost ousted another Californian, Jon Douglas of Santa Monica, 6-4, 6-2. Sullivan defeated Lt. Dave Hoene Jr., naval officer stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., 6-0, 6-2.

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## Major League Attendance Up

NEW YORK (AP) — Attendance at the major league ball parks has been on the upswing this season as compared to the turnstile figures a year ago.

A mid-season survey by The Associated Press revealed Wednesday that 11 of the 16 major league teams are ahead of their 1953 attendance pace and combined they show an increase of 854,028 paid admissions over last season. Figures include games through last Sunday.


The American League has drawn 4,368,584 fans and 4,248,197 customers have watched the National Leaguers for a grand total of 8,616,781. The same number of home dates attracted 7,822,753 last season.

The shifting of the St. Louis franchise to Baltimore has proved beneficial to American League attendance. The Orioles already have played to 661,746 fans to exceed the final St. Louis total for 1953. Baltimore showed a jump of 452,696 over the corresponding Brownie figures of a year ago.

Iroquois was the only American-bred horse ever to win the Epsom Derby in England.

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