

Feller Admits
Loss of Fire Ball

EUGENE, Aug. 11—(P)—Bob Feller, who has been ragged by the loss of his fireball, admitted today that he had lost his fireball.

In an exclusive interview with the Register-Guard here, the former major league pitcher sounded a note of resignation with this statement: "I don't know what happened to the ball as hard as I tried to throw it. It just doesn't seem to be as fast as it did a few years ago."

Feller was deadly serious when he said that some of the old-time pitchers who had been ragged by the loss of their fireball, which enabled them to throw a new American League record of 248 strikeouts in 1946, were the throes of his worst season as a major leaguer. Feller was explaining further the cause of his pitching woes.

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SHERIFF'S PLANES ON PATROL—Planes of a sheriff's aero squadron fly over Lake Mead and Boulder Hoover Dam. Formed last March by Deputy Sheriff John V. Lytle of Las Vegas, Nev., squadron patrols more than 3,000 square miles in the Southwest, over some of country's most desolate areas. The planes have sought rustlers and people lost in desert.

Fares Better
Life Is Violent

EUGENE, Cal. — (U.P.) — Last night Jimmy Duta, 2, fell 30 feet from a porch and bounced off concrete pavement with only a bruise on an arm.

When he was in the hospital, he was in a plaster cast and walked into a door in his home and broke his collar bone.

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Here It Is — a Pen Portrait
Of 'Ole Satchmo' Himself

By WILLIAM HERBERT

HOLLYWOOD — Louis Armstrong, known to jazzophiles as "Satchmo," can best be described by a quote from Walt Whitman: "Hark, some wild trumpeter, some strange musician, hovering unseen in air, vibrates capricious tunes tonight."

Born in New Orleans in 1900, Louis picked up knowledge of musical instruments at Wal's Home for boys where he was placed at 13 for firing a gun on July 4. Tremendous drive and vitality of his music was reflected immediately.

At 15, his single, piercing notes could be heard clear across the Mississippi. At 48, on set of "A Song Is Born," Louis' drive, power and vitality caused him to claim he could "blow clear across the Pacific." At 16 was playing the river boats with King Oliver, Fate Marable and Kid Ory. Then to New York with the great Fletcher

Henderson Orchestra, followed by a stint with Ollie Powers and Erskine Tate, growing in musical stature the meanwhile.

Impeccable Taste

Today, in 1948, his musical stature is no greater than in 1924 because even then, in the roaring 20's, musicologists recognized his impeccable musical taste.

Then, as now, Louis wasn't influenced by trends and fads. No claim can be made that Louis play "Dixie," "Chicago," "Kansas City," "Barrel House," "Swing," or "Be-Bop."

There is only one thing that Satchmo plays—"Music." Even with his world famed guttural vocals Louis hews to the melodic line. No wild flights of improvisational fancy for him. He plays the melody and his greatness lies in the phrasing worthy of any of the legendary classical musicians.

Trumpet - Teeth

Louis has two hobbies—his trumpet and his teeth. The latter, gleaming across the footlights, has become a trademark. Constantly polishes both—teeth and trumpet. His favorite music is played by Louis Armstrong.

He has earned more money than virtually any living musician, yet has been stranded and broke more than any ditto. That's because he likes to give money away to indigent musicians. Plays a speaking role in Samuel Goldwyn's Technicolor comedy "A Song Is Born." Dorsey, Barnet, Hampton and Goodman, in the film with him, have one word for Louis—"Greatest."

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No Compromise

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standard bearer told a meeting of Young Republicans in Albany, N. Y., that the Democrats have grown "fat" in office and have depended on "quack solutions" to the country's problems. He also criticized Henry Wallace's Progressive Party as one that "would like to place this country in chains like much of the rest of the world."

Wallace — The Massachusetts Ballot Law Commission has taken under advisement an appeal to rule Henry Wallace's Progressive Party off the ballot in the bay state. Patrick J. McDonough, Democratic member of the governor's council, charged "wholesale fraud" in connection with signatures on the third party nomination papers.

GOP — Republican National Chairman Hugh Scott, Jr., accused the Truman administration of giving the people "the most costly peacetime government in all human history." Scott said the administration has been feeding the nation "economic humbug." He made his remarks to an audience in Albany, N. Y., the first stop on an 11-day cross-country swing to "get acquainted" with Republican campaign workers.

Schools Urged to Join
Fight Against Cancer

IOWA CITY, Ia. — (U.P.) — The head surgeon at the University of Iowa hospitals believes the nation's schools and colleges are not doing enough in the fight against cancer.

Dr. N. A. Womack contends that cancer thrives as the second greatest killer because of the public's fear and ignorance. "Fear, coupled with lack of education on the subject of cancer, are the two greatest handicaps in the medical profession's battle against it," he said. "If an individual knows the basic elements of human physiology he is a more health-minded citizen."

Employer Rushes Season
Plays Santa in July

HUMBOLDT, Neb. — (U.P.) — Christmas came six months early for the 300 employees of a flour and feed company in this little southeastern Nebraska town.

O. A. Cooper, owner of the company, turned Santa Claus on his employees, their wives and children and invited them to a picnic. After the feast, he gave each wife of an employee a \$5 bill, each child a \$5 bill, announced that the company will take over the life, accident, hospitalization, medical and sickness insurance policies of all employees, and granted a five cents an hour pay increase.

Kids Get Wet Feet
By Own Initiative

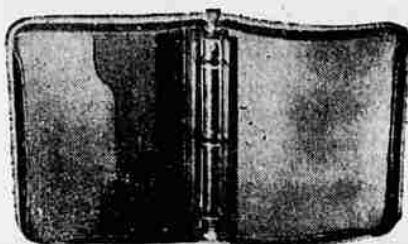
OKMULGEE, Okla. — (P)—Kids of Okmulgee got their feet wet in politics but really won't take the real plunge until sometime next summer.

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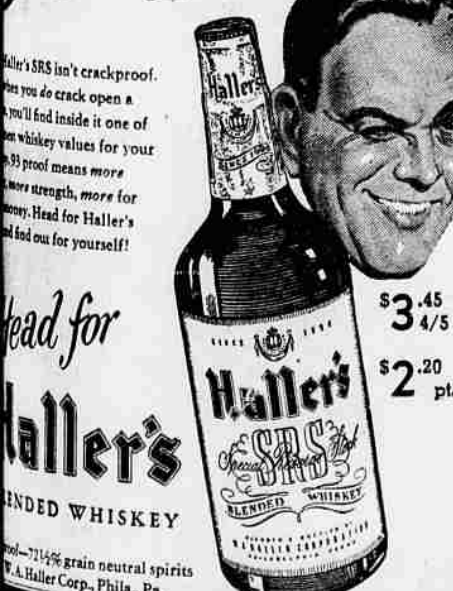
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