

Landis Secretary Gets Notice as Possible 'Czar'

By Walter Byers
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Chicago, March 20 (UP)—Baseball, preparing for its toughest season, searched everywhere for a new commissioner today except in the commissioner's office where a former lawyer is handling the job with quiet efficiency.

He is Leslie M. O'Connor, one-time secretary to the late commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis. Since Landis' death last November, O'Connor has been handling the commissioner's duties competently while major league baseball beats the bushes for a likely successor to Landis and has even dispatched a four-man special committee to examine possible candidates.

Czar Held Needed

Now the big leagues are in the midst of their 60th training season and their need for a commissioner seldom has been greater. Probably not since Pop Anson led his Chicago Colts to Hot Springs, Ark., in 1886 has the big leagues' future seemed so bleak.

But while baseball hunts for a commissioner, the man best qualified for the job is helping America's favorite pastime through troubled waters.

O'Connor, as chairman of the major league's temporary advisory council, has handed down several decisions, advised various club owners on their problems and run the commissioner's office since Landis' death.

He steadfastly refuses to comment on whether he would accept the commissionership if offered it.

Unknown Figure

O'Connor, 56, father of a son and four daughters, has been an unknown figure in baseball's spotlight existence.

For 24 years, he served as secretary to Landis. During the Judge's last few years, O'Connor, a shrewd lawyer, wrote most of the decisions Landis signed and handled the office routine.

When Landis went south for long winter vacations, which became longer and longer as the Judge became older, O'Connor ran the office. When Landis took the commissionership, he selected O'Connor as his assistant and he relied on his "protégé" with full confidence.

O'Connor has many of the fam-

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By J. R. Williams

Iowa University Gets Clem Crowe

South Bend, Ind., March 20 (UP)—Clem Crowe, head basketball and assistant football coach at Notre Dame, has signed a contract as head grid coach at the University of Iowa.

Crowe, on leave of absence from Xavier university, Cincinnati, will replace Edward P. (Slip) Madigan, who served with the Hawkeye team for the past two years in the absence of Maj. Edward Anderson, now with a medical detachment overseas.

Crowe said he would assume his new coaching duties April 1, and hoped to hold two weeks of spring practice before completion of the current semester.

Although neither Crowe nor officials at the university would disclose the length of the contract or salary terms, it has been reliably reported that the position has a two-year tenure.

Is Third Coach

The new Hawkeye mentor becomes the third coach to fill in for Anderson since he entered the army. When Anderson left after the 1942 season, line coach Jim Harris was appointed to the post. Harris was drafted shortly thereafter and Madigan, former St. Mary's coach, was named as "duration" coach.

Madigan, after coaching the western conference team last season, said he planned to return to "private business" on the west coast.

Notre Dame has lost four members of its football coaching staff since the close of the 1944 season, three of them taking head coaching jobs at other universities.

As Irish basketball coach, Crowe guided Notre Dame to one of its most successful seasons, with his team breaking all previous school scoring records.

Coasting Along in the Sport World

By Robert Welde
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Los Angeles, March 20 (UP)—The pickings are slim out Univ. of South. Cal. way this season, but caged Dean Cromwell, the maker of champions, figures he can round up a track team that will take the measure of any collegiate outfit in the country.

"I've only got one boy who could make a Trojan team in peacetime," the venerable Dean opined, "but some of those teen-aged kids are showing the stuff it takes and they'll do all right."

The Dean's critics have been saying for years that any coach who gets the material that floats Cromwell's way could turn out a championship team every year. This'll be the foxy mentor's chance to show his stuff.

Not that the Dean has to. In his 35 years as track coach at Southern California he's won the NCAA meet 12 times, the ICAA contest nine times and turned out 12 Olympic champions who won 15 Olympic crowns.

To top this phenomenal record he hasn't bowed to a collegiate foe since 1932 when colorful "Dink" Templeton of Stanford beat him for the last time.

The 64-year-old Dean's success secret is his psychological approach. He's the world's champion

flatterer. Every boy on the team is "Champ." Pretty soon an athlete, who a week ago was a mediocre performer, begins to believe it—and before long he's making sports headlines.

Cromwell's training methods are unique too. He never tries to change a man's style and seldom lectures him on eating.

But he's a bug on speed. Boward field rail sitters are still amazed when they see 15 or so athletes sprinting and practicing quick getaways from the starting line. Probably only one or two of them will be sprinters, the others being everything from shot putters to pole vaulters.

"It's speed in a track athlete that counts," says Cromwell. "A pole vaulter needs it in his run. A shot putter has to have it in his short run before heaving the pellet."

So the man who coached Frank Wykoff, Earle Meadows, Charlie Paddock and Kenneth Carpenter to Olympic titles finds himself with an A-1 job to do this spring. The only sure thing he's got on hand is bulky Earl Audet, the two-time AAU shot put king, who's capable of flitting with the 55-foot mark.

But everyone expects him to pull his usual miracle and come up with several national champs. He's just the guy to do it too.

Billy Southworth, killed in a bomber crash there recently.

Wilmington, Del., March 20 (UP)—Manager Freddy Fitzsimmons, who expects to put emphasis on youth this season, focused his attention on three new arrivals today. They are pitchers William Porter, a 22-year-old semi-pro from Kansas City, Mo.; Leland McCrory, a recently discharged from the army, and catcher Andy Seminick, who was with the team briefly last year before being farmed to Buffalo. All are considered good prospects.

Pitcher Al Gerheuser still was a holdout but was in camp and working out.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 20 (UP)—Spring training is a little hard on rookie catchers, at least in the Chicago White Sox camp, it was evident today. Two young backstops, Paris Thaxton, who has a split finger and Art Michalski, laid up with a charley-horse, are the only ailing members in camp.

Bill Nagel, a 307 hitter with Milwaukee last year, reported yesterday and started working out at third base, the job he is expected to land as a regular. The Sox now have 20 players in camp.

Lafayette, Ind., March 20 (UP)—The Cleveland Indians made preparations today to get along without infielder Ken Keltner, who is scheduled to take his pre-induction physical examination at Milwaukee.

Keltner, who left a war plant job last year to play baseball "because it is my profession and that is where I belong," is 28 years old and has two children. If the Indians lose the brilliant third baseman, it will be their most serious vacancy since pitcher Bob Feller enlisted in the navy before the 1942 season.

Snead and Nelson Meet in Playoff

Charlotte, N. C., March 20 (UP)—Sammy Snead, who missed clear-cut victory in the \$10,000 Charlotte golf open by an inch, hoped his putts would have more "oomph" today when he meets Byron Nelson in an 18-hole playoff for first money.

Snead missed holding a 15-foot putt on the 18th green by an inch yesterday and had to settle for a 72-hole tie of 272 with Nelson, necessitating an 18-hole playoff for first money of \$2,000.

The West Virginian, who came out of the navy to become the year's top golfer, is bidding for his seventh victory in 12 tournaments. He had a two-under-par 70 yesterday. Nelson was a shade better, finishing with a 68 to pick up the two strokes he needed for a tie.

Kunes Trails

Seven strokes behind in third place was Gene Kunes of Hollywood, Fla., whose final round of 69 gave him a total of 279. Sammy Byrd of Detroit was next with a total of 280 after a final round of 69.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, of the Sanford, Me., veteran, who was tied with Nelson in second place yesterday, blew sky-high with a five over par 77 and finished with 281.

Nelson went out in 35, one under par, and came home in 33. He made three birdies and missed several more by inches on the back nine.

Snead, hitting his shots almost perfectly off the tee, ran into trouble on the fairways and occasionally on the greens, missing several putts that would have clinched victory. He went out and back with 35's.

Beaver Regulars Defeat Rookies

San Jose, March 19 (UP)—The Portland Beaver regulars yesterday defeated the Rookies 8-4 in a nine-inning intra-squad game featured by the long-distance flouting of veteran Ted Gullie.

Gullie gave the regulars their first run in the second inning with a homer over left field fence. He also hit a double and a triple in three times at bat.

Syd Cohen went the distance on the mound for the regulars, Jack Tising and Charlie Sousa both pitched for the Rookies.

The Beavers play the Roma Wine team of Fresno here tonight.

FIGHT RESULTS
(By United Press)

San Francisco — Joe Keyes, 149½, Los Angeles, outpointed Kenny LaSalle, 154, Los Angeles (10); Pedro Jimenez, 154, Vallejo, outpointed Charlie Catos, 163, Oakland (6); Al McDonald, 153½, Los Angeles, outpointed, Billy Mayfield, 151, Oakland (4).

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- 7:30—Red Ryder
- 8:00—Treasury Salute
- 8:15—Johnny Long's Orchestra
- 8:30—Deep River Boys
- 8:45—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra
- 9:00—Glenn Hardy News
- 9:15—Felix Miller
- 9:30—Mysterious Traveler
- 10:00—Rulon Lewis, Jr.
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8:50—Western Music
8:55—Lanny and Glinger
9:00—William Lang and the News
9:15—Morton Downey
9:30—Rationing News
9:35—Old Family Almanac
10:00—Glenn Hardy News
10:15—Luncheon With Lopez
10:45—News of Prineville
11:35—Lady About Town
11:40—News
11:45—Traffic Safety
12:00—Rythm Five
12:10—Sport Yarns
12:15—Bert Hirsch Novelty Orchestra
12:30—News
12:45—Farmer's Hour
1:00—Country Agent
1:15—Ask Jane Porterfield
1:30—Tommy Harris Time

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7:00—News
7:15—LeAnn Sisters
7:30—Maxine Keith
7:45—Morning Melodies
7:55—News
8:00—Lee Castle's Orchestra
8:15—News
8:30—Take It Easy Time
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board

T. Lorie 179 152 169—500
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Totals 749 785 915 2449

Peters to Battle Turner on Friday

Portland, Ore., March 20 (UP)—Paule Peters and his manager, Joe Herman, arrive in Portland from San Francisco today, giving promoter Joe Waterman the entire cast for his Friday night's boxing show.

Peters will meet Leo (The Lion) Turner in the 10-round main event, while the six-round semifinal spot is reserved for "Moose" Kennedy, giant negro boxer, and Dave Johnston. Winner of the Kennedy-Johnston go probably will get a shot at Navy Joe Kahut, the next time he gets a leave to visit Portland.

Other bouts: Eddie Wharton, Portland, will battle Jimmy Hogan, Seattle. Both are welterweights. Norm Finch, Vancouver, Wash., and Lil' Abner, Vanport City, will meet in a four-round bout. Leo Sherlock and Glenn King are slated to battle in the four-round opener.

Son of Mickey Cochrane Dead

Lake Forest, Ill., March 20 (UP)—Pvt. Gordon Cochrane, Jr., son of Lt. Cmdr. Gordon (Mickey) Cochrane, former manager of the Detroit Tigers, died of wounds Feb. 25 in the European theater, the war department has informed his mother.

Pvt. Cochrane was a student at Iowa State college before entering the service in January, 1944. He was sent overseas last October.

"Mickey" Cochrane is on duty in the Pacific.

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By V. T. HAMLIN

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