

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
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The pendulum has swung back again and once more Dwight "Dutch" French finds himself in charge of the Klamath Falls high school basketball squad. French succeeds Marble Clark who pulled out of the Pelican metropolis after a few months' service by the big lake. Cook found it difficult to accommodate himself to the change between Portland and Klamath and decided to look for greener pastures. He was in Salem early in the week but we understand nothing of importance occurred between him and the local school board. French knows his way around on the basketball court since he taught the sport at Klamath during a 17-year stretch and brought his squad to the state tournament no less than 11 times. However, it was Wayne Scott, one time Silverton courtier, who was in charge of the Pelicans when the copped the pennant in 1943.

Marion county has been asked to provide a minimum of 50 fishing rods and reels for use of veterans who are stationed just outside of Klamath Falls where they are recuperating from a variety of diseases and injuries sustained during the campaigns in the South Pacific. The fishing tools are being sought on an outright gift basis and none will be returned. It seems the government has money for almost everything but fishing tackle. Regardless of that, if you have a spare rod, it doesn't have to be a \$50 piece, and an extra reel, call Lyle Leighton at the Boy Scout office.

It doesn't sound reasonable that Babe Ruth would develop an inferiority complex, but we have a feeling that is the reason why he has joined the humbug game of professional wrestling in the role of a referee. The Babe has always been in the limelight, or he was up until the time he retired from the Yankee baseball club. Now he feels himself shunted to one side with no more attention being paid him than any other former sports hero. If the Babe was down at the heels, in need of a few dollars to tide him over a spell of tough going, the fans would rally gladly. But Ruth is well fixed financially, thanks to Christy Walsh who became his business manager and insisted that a good hunk of his earnings go into a social security fund of his own providing. No, Babe doesn't need the money he draws down by making a fool of himself inside the wrestling arena.

Ruth, when he dropped out of active participation asked to be continued as a manager. He was offered the job of directing Newark, a Yankee farm, but he didn't want that sort of thing. He wanted the Yanks themselves or nothing. So he got nothing, insofar as Col. Jake Ruppert was concerned, who, having a lot of dollars at stake, preferred to trust them to someone who had more business acumen than the home run king. And, as Leo A. Peterson, U.P. sports writer comments, Ruppert didn't want "to trust his holdings to a man who didn't even know the first names of his teammates with whom he had been playing for years."

Challenger Hoppe Leads Cochran

Chicago, April 13 (AP)—Champion Welker Cochran of San Francisco and Challenger Willie Hoppe of New York yesterday again divided blocks in their transcontinental world three cushion billiard title match. Cochran won the afternoon event, 60 to 57 in 29 innings, while Hoppe took the night match, 60 to 39, in 29 innings.

The challenger now has a point total of 2,304 to Cochran's 2,135 as they go into the 43rd block of a series which continues here through Saturday.

Irishman Ryan Battles Turner

Portland, Ore., April 13 (AP)—A San Francisco Irishman named Jackie Ryan will attempt tonight to win from Leo (the Lion) Turner, Portland negro middle-weight contender, in the main event at the National Boxing club.

Ryan has a good California record while Turner is a hard puncher.

A semi-final match will match 200-pounders Moose Kennedy and Dave Johnson and the winner may get a shot at Sailor Joe Kahut.

Twenty thousand adolescents leave orphanages in search of employment each year. These youngsters have reached an age when they are no longer eligible for support by their respective communities or social agencies.

3 Hurlers Win Starting Spots

New York, April 13 (AP)—Three hurlers apparently won the honor of pitching next week's opening games for their respective clubs as a result of stellar performances in yesterday's exhibition contests.

Sig Jakucki of the St. Louis Browns gave the Cardinals five hits in seven innings as the American leaguers prevailed by 8 to 3, taking a 4-1 lead in the seven-game city series.

Big Paul Derringer of the Chicago Cubs went five innings and allowed two hits in his team's 15-3 triumph over the White Sox.

Brooklyn's Curt Davis showed up well as the Dodgers trimmed the New York Yankees, 3-1, going seven innings and giving six safeties. This was a Red Cross benefit affair which netted \$22,390.50.

Due to President Roosevelt's death, several scheduled games have been cancelled, including today's Yankees-Dodgers clash; the Cubs-White Sox contest today and tomorrow and the Red Sox-Braves game of Saturday.

Other training items: New York Giants—Johnny Gee, whom Giants got from Pittsburgh for \$7,500 waiver price last season after Pirates paid \$75,000 for six-foot, nine-inch hurler in 1939, slated to make first start of training season Saturday against Newark Bears. Believes old arm injury disappeared.

Pittsburgh Pirates—Manager Frank Frisch said Frankie Zak will be at short for Pirates when season opens Tuesday.

Philadelphia Phillies—Big Bill Lee, 35-year-old pitcher, arrived at camp and promptly was hit on pitching arm by ball in first practice.

Leslie Ball Club Reduced by Half

Coach Bob Keuscher just about halved his Leslie junior high baseball squad Thursday in order to bring it down to a more workable size and will stress fundamentals as rapidly as weather conditions permit. At present he is working with six prospective moundsmen—Ken Adams, Bob Funk and Jerry McReel, southpaws, Ralph Blakley, Jim Moore and Doug Summich.

The squad is quite inexperienced.

Coast League to Resume Tonight

Los Angeles, April 13 (AP)—All sports events in Los Angeles were cancelled yesterday because of the death of President Roosevelt.

President Clarence Rowland of the Pacific coast league announced that the league schedule would be resumed today but that all parks in the circuit would fly the flag at half mast for 30 days. One minute of silence was to be observed at today's games.

Wrestling matches at Long Beach and Santa Barbara were cancelled but the Hollywood Legion stadium said its boxing card tonight would go on.

Dierickx to Join Portland Beavers

Portland, April 13 (AP)—Francis Dierickx, who won two victories over the Portland Beavers while hurling for Salem in the western International league, will join the Portland mound staff April 18, Secretary Gill Garbarino announced yesterday.

Boston Pucksters Defeat Ironmen

Seattle, April 13 (AP)—Boston held a one-game lead over the Seattle Ironmen in their best-of-seven series for the national amateur ice hockey title today by virtue of a nip-and-tuck overtime win last night, 5-4.

Neither team held more than a one goal lead throughout the contest.

The pay-off tally came on a fast break by Tom Brennan and Russ Kopak, with Fillion backhanding the puck into the twine from about 10 feet out in the sudden death extra period.

Dr. J. F. Hosh, mayor of Redmond for 14 years and owner of a 400-acre ranch near Scio, has resumed active medical practice in Albany.

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SPORTS

6—Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon, Friday, April 13, 1945

Salem Junior League Expanded To Take in All Marion County

Fourteen ball clubs and possibly two more, will face the barrier late in May when the curtain goes up on the second junior baseball program in Salem. Ten sponsors for "A" teams and four for the younger boys were on hand Thursday night when President Oliver Huston called the meeting to order at the Chamber of Commerce. And because it is evident there will be more boys in the 12 to 15 age group than those above, a call has been issued for a couple more sponsors.

Without opposition, at least when the vote was taken, the sponsors decided to throw down the bars in the matter of boundaries for participation, and agreed to include all of Marion county, West Salem and the territory immediately contiguous to that Polk county community.

The "A" division will be made

Salem High Noses Silverton, 7-6

Silverton high's baseball club got the largest number of hits but the Salem Vikings scored the most runs in the game played on the Silver Fox diamond Thursday afternoon. The Vikings won, 7 to 6, in seven innings and a spectacular catch by Doug Berwick, second sacker, in the last frame saved the contest for the Salem clan. There were two away and the tying and winning runs were on the sacks when Berwick pulled down Center Fielder Oster's hot smash.

Joe Carroll started for Salem and worked three innings. He struck out seven and walked two during that time and held Silverton to one run. Rod Province took over in the fourth and was immediately greeted with a barrage of hits and runs. But his mates kept up their end of the game and went into the last frame with a 7-4 lead. Silverton tallied twice before Berwick came through with his timely catch.

Bennett, C. Bier and Krug each got two hits for Silverton while Dick Allison got as many for Salem. Both were for two bases.

Salem 7 7 3
Silverton 6 8 4
Carroll, Province and Allison; Wickam, Beals and Stefan.

Powell First In Ruddles Contest

Thursday evening's ruddles match at the Salem Golf club was taken by Bob Powell who carded an even 36 for the nine holes. He carries a handicap of five. His score was good for 20 ruddles. Tom Wise and "Scotty" Marr tied for second, each with 19½ ruddles. Marr had a score of 42 and Wise 38. The affair attracted 25 contestants.

Qualifying play for the Elks tournament will be concluded next Sunday night. This affair is open to all.



SPEED TURN—Burt Porter of Rutland, Vt., who lost his left leg in a ski accident four years ago, does a high speed turn at Pico Peak, Vt. Since his mishap Porter has learned to ski all over again with an artificial leg.

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Famous Trainer History Given

The Lexington (Ky.) Daily Leader of Friday, April 6, carries a front page story of the death of Richard ("Dick") McMahon, famous trainer of trotting horses, who died last week in the Bluegrass city. The reinsman was a cousin of former circuit judge, L. H. McMahan and visited Salem a few years ago. The Leader sketch of the noted horseman:

Richard Dalton McMahon, 78, retired trainer of trotting horses and for many years a colorful figure in Grand Circuit racing, died at 10:45 o'clock today at his home near the main entrance to Calumet Farm, an establishment he managed until his retirement four years ago.

Although his health had been failing for a year or more, Mr. McMahon had spent the recent winter in Florida, returning to Lexington about a month ago. He entered St. Joseph's hospital March 16, but on April 1 was taken to his residence at Calumet. It was his custom to spend the winters at Longwood, Fla., near Orlando, where a number of leading Grand Circuit trainers maintain winter training quarters for their horses.

Born in Fredonia, Kan., Mr. McMahon was the son of John McMahon, a lawyer.

As trainer and driver for Mr. Wright he developed a number of prominent winners on the Grand Circuit. In 1931, the last year in which he drove in races, he won the Hambletonian stake at Goshen, N. Y., with Calumet Butler, and the two-year-old division of the Kentucky Futurity at Lexington with Calumet Chuck, both horses of Mr. Wright's breeding.

Shortly before the turn of the century Mr. McMahon came out of the west with a pacer named Major Muscovite and Citation, 2:01½, a pacing mare that attracted attention along the Grand Circuit. Much of his early success was with pacing horses, among them Ross K., 2:01½ and the famed brother and sister team, Hedgewood Boy and Lady Maude C., with records of 2:01 and 2:00½ respectively.

In 1915 Mr. McMahon won the Kentucky Futurity with Mary Putney, 2:05½. He began his career as a trainer in the employ of the Stewart Brothers of Kansas City, Mo. While located at the half-mile track at Libertyville, Ill., he trained for Capt. Robert W. Hunt and a number of other Chicago harness horse devotees.

Among horsemen he was recognized for his skill and courage as a race driver and he engaged in many spirited turf contests.

Four years ago Mr. McMahon retired as manager of Calumet Farm, but he maintained residence in the large house near the farm entrance. His wife died many years ago and he left few survivors, among whom are two cousins, Mrs. Addie Jardine of Long Beach, Calif., and Judge Leonard McMahon of Salem, Oregon.

Mt. Angel Preps Book 19 Games

Mt. Angel—The Preps at Mt. Angel college met the Molalla team here Friday afternoon. Alton Zollner started as pitcher and Frank Gaul as catcher.

Sunday the Preps will play Columbia Preps of Portland at 2:30 on the local diamond. April 17 at 2:30 p.m. the Canby Cougars invade Mt. Angel.

The Preps have a 19-game schedule to play this year. Coach Paul Reiling has boys who are playing baseball for the first time. All home games will be played on the college diamond.

Salem high beat the Preps 16 to 0 in their opening game.

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Champs Ready for Swim Meet—Four of the nation's top women swimmers work out in preparation for the national women's indoor A.A.U. swimming championships in Chicago. Left to right: Patricia Sinclair, New York City; Mrs. Jane Dillard Kittleson, Fort Worth, Tex.; Brenda Helser, Beverly Hills, Calif.; and Ann Curtis, San Francisco.

Baseball Loses Close Friend In Death of Chief Executive

By Carl Lundquist

New York, April 13 (AP)—When President Roosevelt, early in his first term, answered critics of his policies with the words, "I don't expect to make a home run every time I come to bat," the sports world knew it had a friend in the White House.

Without the provisional "green light" for baseball which he issued in one of his last press conferences there would have been little hope for continuation of the sport into its fourth wartime season.

Because few persons knew of his fatal illness, there had been hope to the last that he might follow up the "green light" declaration by throwing out the first ball at the presidential opener between the Senators and Yanks at Washington next Monday.

Now, in respect to the staunchest friend the major leagues ever had in the White House, the game may be cancelled, and there was a definite possibility that the opening of the regular season on Tuesday also might be delayed for a day or so.

Mr. Roosevelt, in urging the continuation of baseball for 1945, said he did not think the sport should use perfectly healthy men who could do something more useful in the war effort. The teams probably would be a little older and maybe not as proficient, he said.

Then he told the newsmen

Soldier Goalie Sets New Record

Toronto, April 13 (AP)—Frank McCool, 26-year-old Calgary sports writer who was discharged from the Canadian army because of stomach ulcers, is the first goal tender in hockey history to score three successive shutouts in Stanley cup play.

The quiet, soft-spoken McCool last night blanked the Detroit Red Wings, 1-0, for Toronto in the third game of the Stanley cup finals. In the first two games he registered 1-0 and 2-0 shutouts.

His three successive shutouts better the record of two by a former Detroit goal tender now in the RCAF, Johnny Mowers, who blanked the Boston Bruins for Detroit in the last two games of the 1943 Stanley cup finals.

Cotton clothing repaired monthly under the quartermaster reclamation program in the United States furnishes troops with 409,174 pairs of khaki trousers, 382,831 khaki shirts, 271,683 green twill work jackets, and 309,027 pairs of green twill pants.

Trout Season Opens Saturday

Portland, Ore., April 13 (AP)—Tomorrow is the day Oregon's fishermen have been waiting for.

Trout season opens! Weather conditions are generally good, with many streams still muddy from heavy rains. Anglers have their pick of some 15,000 miles of Oregon streams and hundreds of lakes. There are some 150,000 licensed fishermen and many small fry under 14 years so the fishing traffic will be heavy.

Favored along the coastal areas are the Wilson, Nestucca, Siletz, Yachats, Trask, Tillamook, Sixes, Pistock, Chetco, Siuslaw, Necanicum and Salmon rivers. Many Portland anglers will do their casting on Gales creek, Tualatin river, Molalla and Pudding rivers, Scoggins creek, Dairy creek and the Clackamas and the Willamette rivers.

The first day's fishing extends from one hour before sunup to one hour after sunset.

Most reports from eastern and southern Oregon indicate roily streams.

One of the most popular lakes will be South Twin on the upper Deschutes, since it has been closed two seasons and restocked with fall-spawning rainbows. The Deschutes river will be open from its confluence with the Columbia river to Sheep Bend, south of Bend.

Pratum Wins, Loses
Pratum—Pratum school softball team has played two games, winning one game from North Howell and losing one game Friday from Middle Grove.



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