

# Skits and Scratches

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"Might as well admit it and make the best of it—Walt Cline, Jr., is the best golfer in Salem," commented a member of the pellet chasing fraternity as he discussed the outcome of the city-open championship tournament now under way at the Salem Golf club. This gentleman who was doing the talking said the prospect of an upset insofar as Walt is concerned, is extremely remote. "He would have to have one of his very infrequent off days, while his opponent was playing over his head, if Walt were to be in danger of losing the crown won last year." There's no denying that Walt is a competitor. Tough opposition doesn't make much difference—only makes him play all the harder. Now he can go out and lose his first match to Millard Pekar.

The YMCA has always been a pretty good "farm" for high school basketball teams and the record of at least one team—the Presbyterians of the "A" division, Church league, isn't far off the customary beam. The six members of the club won all of their games in league competition, a couple of them by extremely lopsided margins. None is a member of an inter-school team although most of them take part in intramural programs. "If they stay together another season, they will be harder than ever to beat," comments Vernon Merrick, who rode herd over them during the past season. The gang includes Bud Barnholdt, Bruce Boatman, Eldon Caley, Elton Lafky, Captain Jack McConville and John Westphal.

The second "Happy Hour" program—the navy's idea of a first rate entertainment—is scheduled for Willamette's gymnasium next Friday night at 7:30. Paste the date in your hat and be there, for the show will be worth witnessing. A similar show was presented a year ago by the navy boys on Willamette's campus and brought forth a lot of knuckle tossing, not to mention bits of better than average burlesque.

Floyd Bevans, New York Yankee pitcher, who yesterday spoiled Washington's home game opener, got his start in the diamond game as an American Legion junior moundsman with Woodburn. As we recall it, he was reared in the neighborhood of Hubbard and gave the appearance of being under-nourished until he started eating regularly after the Woodburn sponsors got him under their wing. He was a hard working kid, a characteristic that has remained with him during his professional pitching career. He is a good example of what persistent work, temperate habits and a desire to get along with his fellows can do for a man.

Bigwigs of the National Professional Football league appear to be taking a realistic attitude toward the formation of a rival loop and instead of fighting competition in what has been an exclusive field, may get together on a basis of understanding at least. This in spite of the curt statement of Elmer Layden, national commissioner, that "there is nothing for the National league to talk about as far as new leagues are concerned until someone gets a football and plays a game." There is the possibility, of course, that the backers of the American loop are trying to pull a fast one on their rivals and crawl under the tent without even saying "by your leave." Whether there's room for two big time pro leagues may be open for discussion. However, there's nothing to prevent a second group from trying their luck in the popular fall pastime. There may be a lot of money lost before dividends are collected.

## NCAA Considers Wide Publicity

Chicago, April 21 (AP)—The executive committee of the National Collegiate Athletic association, meeting here in an announced session, today may establish a statistical and publicity bureau to handle details of all college athletics on a national-wide base for publication. The committee yesterday discussed the proposal and apparently favored such a bureau to work in cooperation with the office of the secretary-treasurer, Kenneth L. (Tug) Wilson, western conference athletic commissioner.

Army engineers have approved plans for a 70-foot wharf to be constructed in the Willamette river by the Doernbecher Manufacturing company to provide water transport for its mill near Oregon City.

## Vikings Nose Axemen, 2 to 1

Partial revenge for the beatings Salem high absorbed in football and basketball from their upstate rivals was secured Friday in Eugene when the Vikings spouted out a 2 to 1 defeat of Coach Duane Mellem's Axemen. Prior to leaving for Eugene, Coach Gurnee Flesher declared, "We're going up there with the intention of beating them." The margin was close but no one would have the temerity to take away any of the credit due Joe Carroll for his three-hit pitching in the seven inning contest. Only one error was made behind him. He walked six and whiffed nine as compared with one base on balls and two strikeouts by Pitcher Walker of the Axemen.

The Viks tallied their two runs in the second frame. Don Farnum, left fielder was safe on first when Second Baseman Fulps dropped a pop fly for the only error turned in by Eugene. Jack Malmin came through with a single and Dick Allison worked Walker for a pass to fill the sacks. Farnum was thrown out at the plate when he attempted to go home after Carroll's infield fly, an automatic out, dropped safely to the ground. With two away, Bud McKinney, right fielder, got hold of a pitch to his liking and drove in the two tallies.

The Axemen scored in the fifth when Left Fielder Ekstrom connected for a single to put Hutchinson across the plate from second.

McKinney, Hendrie, Dasch, Farnum, Malmin, Allison and Carroll each got a single off Walker.

Salem 2 7 1  
Eugene 1 3 1  
Carroll and Allison; Walker and Radiger.

## Dallas Will Play Canby Tuesday

Dallas — The Dallas high school Dragons will meet the Canby baseball nine here Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 p.m. for their first home game of the season. James Brown, high school principal, has announced. The Dallas boys will be at full strength with the possible exception of Rohrs, catcher, who twisted his knee in the Lebanon game. The game with Lebanon, first of the season for the Dragons, resulted in a 5-0 win for Lebanon on their home diamond.

## Double Duty Job For Bob Quinn

La Grande, April 21 (AP)—Bob Quinn, on leave of absence this year to work on his doctorate at Columbia university, will direct the coaching program at both La Grande high and Eastern Oregon college next year. Through the plan—for the duration only—Quinn will have one major spot at the high school, where Clifford Exley, now in Colville, Wash., and Ron Walk, 1945 basketball mentor, also will coach. Quinn came here in 1929 from Pendleton.



Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon are co-starred in "Mrs. Parkington," Louis Bromfield's thrilling romantic novel, with Edward Arnold. Starts Sunday at the Capitol theater.



There's Danger Ahead for George Tobias, Tony Curuso, Errol Flynn and Buddy Yarus as they pursue the savage Jap in Warner Bros' latest dramatic film, "Objective, Burma," starting today at the Elsinore. Starring Errol Flynn, the film also features William Prince, James Brown, Henry Hull and Dick Erdman.

# SPORTS

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## Frick and O'Connor Favored For Top Spot in Major Baseball

By Leo Petersen  
New York, April 21 (AP)—The field for the successor of the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis as baseball commissioner has narrowed down to such an extent that it no longer is a question of whom the club owners want, but whom they can get.

The two men who could have had the job have turned it down. James A. Farley eliminated himself in the deliberations of the special, four-man committee which the major leagues set up to recommend Landis' successor. The money he is receiving as an executive with a soft drink manufacturing concern was too much more than the \$50,000 a year the commissioner pays.

And Edward Grant Barrow decided against the job because of his health and his advanced years. He soon will be 77.

So it looks like Ford Frick, president of the National league, is going to get the job after all. He has been the only campaigner for the post and he would have had the job now had it not been for opposition within his own league.

The situation is such that there seems to be doubt whether the major league club owners will be able to muster the majority of 12 votes necessary to select Landis' successor when they get together in Cleveland next Tuesday. The word from the pipe line department now is that the commission is going to recommend two men, Frick and Leslie J. O'Connor, who for years served as Landis' secretary.

A deadlock may develop since O'Connor is strong in the west, but has no support in the east. If Frick cannot be named as a compromise candidate, the majors may have to go through their fourth wartime season without a commissioner.

## Portland Wins 2 From Stars

(By the Associated Press)  
Pacific Coast league clubs were grouped today like racehorses breaking from the barrier. Seattle and Portland, deadlocked in first place, pulled four games ahead of the field by sweeping doubleheaders last night. Tied for third in show position were Oakland, Sacramento and San Diego. San Francisco, Los Angeles and Hollywood trailed in that order.

The Rainiers, after two successive losses to the Acorns, bounced back with two narrow victories, 3-2 and 2-0. Beating of Seattle's first baseman, Geo. McDonald, by Italo Chelini and Ted Norbert's second inning homer, his eighth of the season, highlighted the seven-frame opener. McDonald failed to regain consciousness until taken to a hospital. In the nightcap Glenn Elliott chalked up his fifth successive victory for the Rainiers.

The Beavers kept pace with Seattle by edging out the last place Hollywood Stars 1-0 and 7-6, the last game going 11 innings. Pitcher Jake Mooty broke into the win column for the first time this year in the opener. Johnny Intelkofer, Star hurler, lost his own game in the nightcap when he walked in the winning run with the bases loaded.

In Los Angeles the Angels evened their series with San Diego, winning 7-3. Lou Novikoff, Los Angeles outfielder, had a perfect night at bat with four hits in four trips to the plate. At the Seals stadium, Bob Joyce came through with his third straight victory as San Francisco crushed Sacramento 8-2. The win gave the Seals a 3-1 series edge.

San Diego 102 000 000—3 5 0  
Los Angeles 412 000 000—7 14 0  
Tucson, Trinidad, Bailey (6) and Ballinger, Cavalier and Heitner.  
Sacramento 010 000 001—2 5 0  
San Francisco 009 021 418—8 17 0  
Wilson and Marcucci; Joyce & Sprinz.  
Oakland 000 001 00—2 5 2  
Seattle 010 020 3—3 7 1  
Chelini and Raimondo; Fricker & Finley.  
Oakland 000 000 000—0 7 3  
Seattle 000 020 000—2 8 1  
Mason, Arala (8) and Fenech; Elliott and Finley.  
Portland 000 000 0—0 6 1  
Hollywood 000 010 2—1 5 4  
Mahaak and Hanson; Mooty & Adams.  
Hollywood 220 020 000 00—6 10 2  
Portland 000 050 001 01—7 9 0  
Intelkofer & Hill; Heider & Adams.

## Ball Attendance Satisfactory

New York, April 21 (AP)—The clicking of turnstiles, a sound that major league owners like even better than the crack of the bat, was highly satisfactory in the 1945 opening day games, a United Press attendance checkup showed today.

With returns in thus far on only seven games, the attendance this year for opening contests totals 184,488 as compared with 193,514 a year ago. When the St. Louis Cardinals, the world champions, open their home season today against the Cincinnati Reds, they may swell the total above the 1944 first day figures.

The fact that attendance remained about the same was considered an encouraging factor in view of the fact that cold and damp weather held down the crowds, particularly in the larger eastern cities.

## Woodburn Loses To Canby, 5-3

Woodburn—The Canby Cougars dropped the Woodburn Bulldogs, 5 to 3, in a Duration league baseball game Friday afternoon. Although Charley Sauvain fanned 12 batters, the Cougars got to him for a total of 11 safe blows. Ott whiffed 14 Bulldogs and held them to six hits. Woodburn was leading, 3 to 2, when Canby came to bat in the eighth. The Cougars batted across two runs in that frame and added another in the ninth.  
Canby ..... 5 11 3  
Woodburn ..... 3 6 4  
Ott and Mendenhall; Sauvain and Reed.

## Giants Surprise With 4 Wins

(By the Associated Press)

Extra base power by the New York Giants' oldsters kept the Polo Grounders in the National league lead today although Manager Mel Ott still hasn't seen a starting pitcher go the route.

The Giants surprised their fondest admirers in winning four of their first five games with a display of slugging that found more ardent boosters comparing the Phi Weintraub-Ernie Lombardi-Ott combination with the famous Yankees' murderers' row. The general impression is that the Giants will be tough to keep out of the first division if the pitching holds up.

Harry Feldman might have gone all the way in yesterday's 10-6 victory over Brooklyn before 12,640 at the Polo Grounds opener, but Ott took no chances. He derricked him for a pinch hitter although Feldman contributed a homer in the sixth.

Phil Weintraub sent two into the stands, each with a man on, and Ernie Lombardi drove home two more runs to up his R.B.I. total to 13. Mike Sandlock and Ed Stanky homered for the Brooks.

The New York Yankees took to the road for a delayed presidential game at Washington and earned their fourth straight victory, 6-3, at Mickey Haefner's expense. Floyd Bevans got credit for the win but needed help from rookie Al Gettel and three hits off Nick Etten's bat. A crowd of 24,494 watched speaker Sam Rayburn of the house throw out the first ball.

Chicago's surprising White Sox ran their streak to three in a row by edging the champion St. Louis Browns, 3-2, on Roy Schalk's double in the 10th. Ed Lopat did all the chucking and contributed two safe blows, one a homer. Only 3649 were present at Chicago.

Rip Sewell of Pittsburgh became the 11th active major league pitcher to hit the 100 victory mark by turning back the Chicago Cubs with nine blows, 5-4. Bob Elliott helped him along with a two-run homer to the delight of 9449 customers.

American League  
New York 6 11 4 Washington 3 5 1  
Bevans, Duhal and Haefner, Holbrook, Tiltch, and Compton.  
St. Louis 2 9 0 Chicago 5 11 2  
Hollinsworth and Lonax & Tresh.  
Cleveland 4 10 1 Detroit 1 6 3  
Gromek and Ruzewski; Overmire, Wilson and Richard.  
National League  
Brooklyn 6 10 0 New York 10 12 1  
Sext, Kline, Mathaway, Feldman, Adams and Owens; and Lombardi.  
Philadelphia 5 9 1 Boston 3 3 1  
Black and Haze; Bowman, O'Neill, Barrett & Heim.  
Boston 6 8 1 Philadelphia 3 9 2  
Hutchings, Gosart, C. Schantz & Peacock.  
Chicago 4 9 0 Pittsburgh 5 14 1  
Wise, Passanau and Sewell & Lopez.  
Livinston

## Jefferson Lions Wallop Lebanon

Jefferson—The Jefferson Lions let out a roar Friday afternoon and then went on to hand the Lebanon Warriors a 22 to 5 baseball wallop. Nine Lebanon errors proved costly although they were outthit by the Lions, 13 to 8. Jefferson picked up six runs in the first inning then really climbed on the merry-go-round as they scored 11 in the second.  
Lebanon ..... 5 8 9  
Jefferson ..... 22 13 1  
Cox, Moody, Elkins and Canby; Sjelton and Fish.

## Bill Protects Sacred Persons of Reporters

Tallahassee, Fla., April 21, (AP)—The Florida house of representatives Friday had been given two bills making it a felony to assault newspapermen and photographers.  
Drawn up by the Miami press photographers association, one of the proposals provides a one-year prison sentence or a \$1,000 fine for persons maliciously damaging a newspaperman's camera while the photographer is following his occupation in a public place.

The other provides the same penalty for assault on a reporter or photographer who is on lawful business.  
The MPPA said it would campaign vigorously for passage of the measures. Several Miami photographers have been beaten in recent years while taking news pictures.

## Ellensburg Man Director

Chicago, April 21, (AP)—J. Clifford Kaynor, publisher of the Ellensburg, Wash., Daily Record, was the only new director named Friday by the national editorial association.

## The Standings

(By the Associated Press)

Pacific Coast League	W	L	Pct.
Portland	14	4	.778
Seattle	14	6	.700
Oakland	10	10	.500
Sacramento	10	10	.500
Hollywood	5	15	.250

  

Friday's Results	W	L	Pct.
Portland 1-7	Hollywood 0-6		
Seattle 1-2	Oakland 2-0		
Los Angeles 7	San Diego 1-0		
San Francisco 2	Sacramento 2		

  

American League	W	L	Pct.
New York	4	0	1.000
Chicago	3	0	1.000
Cleveland	1	2	.333
Washington	2	2	.500
St. Louis	1	2	.333
Boston	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333
Brooklyn	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	1	2	.333

  

Friday's Games	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia 3	Boston 4		
Cleveland 4	Detroit 1		
Chicago 3	St. Louis 2		
New York 6	Washington 3		

  

National League	W	L	Pct.
New York	4	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	1	.500
Cincinnati	2	1	.667
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500
Chicago	2	2	.500
Brooklyn	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	1	2	.333

## 8 Infielders On Sidelines

New York, April 21 (AP)—Shortstops, or players who used to play shortstop, apparently are going to have a hard time of it in the current major league season.

With the season only four days old, eight infielders are on the sidelines for one reason or another, and they have one thing in common, they are all shortstops or ex-shortstops.

When Manager Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers came up with a Charley horse and elected to sit out yesterday's game with the New York Giants, he saved President Branch Rickey \$1,000. Rickey had promised Durocher a bonus of that amount if he could play the first 15 games on the schedule and Leo said at the time that "the money is as good as mine—tell Rickey to make out a check right now."

Durocher's injury probably won't be as costly to the Dodgers, however, as the injuries of some of the other infielders who had been slated for regular duty.

Manager Joe Cronin of the Boston Red Sox, one of the greatest shortstops of the past decade, probably is out for the season with a broken ankle suffered in a game with the Yankees.

Others on the shelf include Whitey Wietelman and Eddie Joost of the Boston Braves; Vernon Stephens, St. Louis Browns; Lou Boudreau, Cleveland Indians; Eddie Miller, Cincinnati Reds; Frankie Crosetti, New York Yankees.

## Rocket-Propelled Bomb Announced

London, April 21, (AP)—A new rocket-propelled "power bomb" which is faster than sound, was announced today.

A joint communique by the U. S. strategic air force and the British admiralty said: "Rocket-propelled bombs, conceived by the admiralty, were used by B-17 flying fortresses of the U. S. eighth air force in their attacks against E-Boat Pens at Ijmuiden, Holland, February 10 and March 14.

"The bomb was designed to penetrate the massive roofs of the pens and are believed to have caused considerable damage to facilities inside."

Rocket propulsion gives the bomb a much greater speed than would be attained by gravity alone. The speed of sound is 1,100 feet per second at sea level. The bomb is set to explode after deep penetration.

## Whitman Loses To Cougars, 10-5

Walla Walla, April 21 (AP)—Taking advantage of five Whitman miscues to score six runs in the first inning, Washington State college batsmen scored a 10-5 victory over the Missionaries yesterday in the victor's first game of the season.

## Regional Fairs May Be Banned

Washington, April 21, (AP)—State, regional and county fairs may be banned this year as a travel conservation measure, Transportation Director J. Monroe Johnson said today.

In a statement, Johnson cautioned fair managers against making elaborate preparations for such events during the summer and fall. Those who do so, he said, "are proceeding at their own risks."

## Pro Grid Loops May Collaborate

Chicago, April 21 (AP)—Possibility of two major professional football leagues, working in a manner similar to baseball's major league, was envisioned today as the all-America football conference moved toward conclusion of its final organizational meeting.

The all-America group, its postwar plans already past the blueprint stage, yesterday asked the National football league for an audience with a view toward paving the way toward collaboration, or an understanding, on schedules and player drafts.

The new organization received somewhat of a cold shoulder from Commissioner Elmer Layden of the 25-year-old

## Alsea Fishing Trip Successful

Independence—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hulbert returned Tuesday evening from a four day fishing trip on the Alsea river. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bittler of Sandy. Hulbert reports that the party caught over 100 cut-throat trout. A number of the fish were on display in the window of the Independence Hardware Wednesday.

Approximately 1500 different 4-H club exhibits were on display at the annual 4-H spring show.

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