



Threatening Disapproval Wearing appropriate placards, Umpire Bill Stewart (left) and Augi Donatello clench their fists in threatening disapproval as they view an automatic umpire device tested at the Brooklyn Dodgers' spring training camp in Vero Beach, Fla. The electronic umpire is reportedly very accurate. (Acme Telephoto)

# No Intention to Retire Says 87-Year-Old Mack

By LEO H. PETERSON (United Press Sports Editor) West Palm Beach, Fla., March 17 (AP)—A lot of people are under the impression that Connie Mack, win or lose in his 50th year as manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, is going to quit baseball at the end of the 1950 season. But it just isn't so, the lean, stately, 87-year-old owner and leader of the A's said today. "Mark my word, I have no intention of retiring," he states emphatically, "it's the last thing I'll ever do." And from the way he said it, you know that it will take serious illness to force him to give up the reins of his beloved Athletics. There was sentiment in his high-pitched voice and a school-boy gleam in his eyes as he assayed the pennant chances of his 1950 club. Not "because I want to win one more pennant, but because I want to reward the fans of Philadelphia and the surrounding territory," he said. "I am going to have very

# Golf 'Widower' May Come from New Idea

By OSCAR FRALEY (United Press Sports Writer) New York, March 16 (AP)—The golf "widower" was the new order of the fairways today as the ladies of the links lined up a drive which would put such alleged sluggers as Chick Marble and Sammy Snead to bitter shame. The gals are all set to tee off in California, hit their second shots in Chicago, play their approach in Cleveland and hole out in New York. It's a par four layout for a \$5,000 first prize and the Weatherlane trophy and the men haven't ever had anything like it. This four-city tournament, a 144-hole medal play affair, is the first move of the women's professional golf association to corral all the customer dollars once the exclusive property of the male pros. The women pros aren't just seeking the prize money. They're set to throw the book at the male pros—and the male golfer. No more "golf widows." Mama is going to be invited to try her shots against the experts with such added attractions as fashion shows and golf clinics. The drive starts at California's Pebble Beach course April 29 and 30 with the second 36 holes at Chicago's Skycrest C.C. May 6 and 7, the third at Cleveland's Ridgewood C.C., May 13 and 14, and the windup at New York's Knollwood C.C., May 20 and 21. There will be \$3,000 top prizes at each city with 10 amateur prizes, and the cup and the \$5,000 prize for the lass who does best over the entire four tournaments. The ladies will draw the crowds, too, if their winter swing is any indication. One day at Tampa, Fla., they played to 5,000 fans and another afternoon at Orlando, Fla., drew 4,000 people. The women's P.G.A. points out that women compose 60 per cent of all golfing galleries at

## Cardon Named Albany Coach

Albany—Albany high school's new basketball coach, chosen from a list of 29 applicants is Lee Cardon, Albany junior high school coach last season, replacing Bob Buchanan, who resigned late this season. It was announced by L. R. Halsey superintendent of Albany's public schools. Cardon, a graduate of Utah State Agricultural college, at Logan was also a star in basketball. He also played football in high school and college at Logan, and was a three-year letterman in track, where he broke the state record in the 200-yard low hurdles. He formerly coached high school basketball at Box Elder high at Utah and took his team to the state tournament, placing third. He served in the Alaskan and European war theaters during World War II. He came to Albany last year and his junior high teams won ten and lost two games, both to Oregon City.

## Capilanos to Get \$300,000 Park For 1951 Season

Vancouver, B. C., March 17 (AP)—A new \$300,000 stadium, seating 7,000, was assured for the Vancouver Capilanos yesterday. Construction will begin July 1 and the field will be ready for the 1951 Western International league season. An agreement signed yesterday by the city and officers of Sick's Capilano Brewery Ltd. sells the present \$150,000 stadium to the city for \$50,000. The brewery company will buy up the bonds necessary to finance construction of the new field.

## Mulligan Plans Double Barreled Opening in April

Portland, March 17 (AP)—The Portland Beavers of the coast league plan two separate opening-day baseball games here April 4. General Manager Bill Mulligan, worried over the overflow of fans who sometimes turn away from the jammed park, came up with this solution: One game to start at 2:15 p.m., the other at 8 p.m. against the Oakland Oaks. Customary first-game ceremonies will be repeated at the night contest, Mulligan said.

## Basinski Ends Holdout, Signs With Portland

Portland, Ore., March 17 (AP)—Second baseman Eddie Basinski of the Portland Beavers baseball club was back in the fold today after he and general manager Bill Mulligan reached an agreement on a 1950 contract. No terms in the contract were made public, but Basinski said earlier he would hold out until he was offered a more substantial pay raise. Basinski was expected to rejoin the Beavers in their Riverside, Calif., training camp this week-end.

## Gehrmann-Wilt Duel Saturday

Chicago, March 17 (AP)—Don Gehrmann and Fred Wilt, indoor track's "dead-heat kids," will try to settle their feud in the Bankers' Mile, main event of the 14th annual Chicago Daily News relays in Chicago stadium tomorrow night. Gehrmann, the slim Wisconsin senior, and Wilt, the galloping G-man from the New York Athletic club, will square off for the first time since the Wanamaker mile in Madison Square Garden. Even photos failed conclusively to show which of the two won that race. Wilt eventually, and after much dispute, was ruled officially the winner by the New York A.A.U., which reversed a decision of the judges. Gehrmann, however, has the

Succor for Seagulls—The Misses Ollie Sharp, Millie Wiggins and Pepper Lygo toss food to Jacksonville Beach, Fla., seagulls whose supply of east-off fish and shrimp from incoming trawlers disappeared when the shrimp fleet took off for a new fishing base at Key West.

## S. P. Meets Diversion Problem Of Business to Subsidized Lines

New York, March 17 (AP)—Southern Pacific Co. is meeting with some success in efforts to solve the problem of "diversion of freight and passengers to subsidize or inadequately regulate competitive transport," stockholders were told today. President A. T. Mercier in the annual report said freight ton-miles dropped 10.7 percent in 1949 and passenger-miles were off 14.7 percent, but both "remained at a high level in relation to pre-war volume." Prospects were unchanged, he said, by continued spectacular growth in the territory served, with population of the eight states traversed by Southern Pacific system lines up 34 percent since 1940, against a gain of 9.5 percent in the other 40 states. Inauguration of the "Shasta Daylight" and "Starlight" streamliners improved the railroad's position in competition with buses and the coach service of airlines, Mercier reported. Freight rate increases provided a measure of relief from higher operating costs, he said, and substantial savings resulted from the practice of strict economy, increased use of diesel power and reductions in the price of fuel oil. But the net railway operating income for 1949 declined to 2.8 percent on net property investment, against 3.6 percent in 1938. Consolidated net income of Southern Pacific transportation system and solely controlled affiliates for 1949 was \$32,675,618 equal to \$8.66 a share compared with \$43,770,280 or \$11.60 a share in 1948. Of \$99,694,488 invested in 1949 in improvements, the system spent more than 85 percent for purchase and construction of new rolling stock. Acquired during the year were 135 new diesel locomotives, 6017 freight cars, 80 cabooses and 61 passenger train cars.

## Officers Elected By Band Boosters

Scioto—At a specially called meeting of the Band Boosters the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ralph Badger, Vice president, Mrs. Marvin Long, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Zeller. The three will meet soon and make plans for an event to help raise money for band uniforms, or, at least, coats and hats. There is some money in the treasury at present, but not enough for uniforms.

## Son of Slave, 101

Carbondale, Ill., March 17 (AP)—The Rev. James E. Smith, son of a slave, celebrated his 101st birthday Thursday with his 37-year-old wife and six children who range in age from five to 16. "If I had not been a Christian," Smith said, "I would not have lived so long."

## Babe Returns to Competitive Golf

Augusta, Ga., March 17 (AP)—Babe Didrikson Zaharias, the angular and fabled female who has entered—and won—more than 700 athletic events, took a long, first strike today on golf's \$17,000 trail. The Babe whizzed in at dusk yesterday with a men's par 72, topping Claire Doran, the Cleveland school teacher by three strokes. It was the Babe's first serious tournament effort since she won the all-American open at Chicago last summer, for she has played exhibitions and fulfilled public appearance dates in Florida all winter. "I knew I had to get back into competitive golf to get my game back," she grinned. "I'm going to hit \$3,000 tournaments in California, Chicago, Cleveland and New York—and try for that \$5,000 they're giving for the best 144-hole score." Wanamaker trophy and intends to appeal.

## Lebanon Decided On Festival Dates

Lebanon — The 39th strawberry festival will be held on June 9 and 10, according to announcement of the fair board. Lebanon's strawberry celebration, now one of the oldest local product-fairs in the state, was first held in June, 1909. It has been an annual event ever since, with the exception of the war years. As has been the custom for the past 20 years, the 5000-pound strawberry shortcake will be cut on the first day of the fair and served free to all comers. Officers elected by the board for the 1950 festival are: Kenneth Sims, president; L. E. Arnold, manager; J. C. Mayer, treasurer, and Oliver Larson, secretary. It was decided to hold the fair on the streets, plus carnival attractions.

Gervais—Emil Ronner, official registrar for voters has announced April 15 as the closing date of voters registering, who live within a radius of ten miles of Gervais. Registrations are made at his store, Ronner's grocery.

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## France and Connecticut Sever Boxing Relations

By OSCAR FRALEY (United Press Sports Writer) New York, March 17 (AP)—France and Connecticut severed diplomatic relations today and if Ray Famechon can fight like his old man it might be permanent. Famechon is the European featherweight king who tries to knock the world crown off Nutmegger Willie Pep's curly black locks tomorrow night in a 15-round title go at Madison Square Garden. It's probably all publicity Hokum, but Famechon with a straight face declared that, for him, is a diplomatic mission of honor. "Connecticut has three featherweight champions," he explained, referring to Pep

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